



Precalculus

Topic: Exponential and Logarithmic Equations

Instructions

Solve the following exponential and logarithmic equations. Show all work clearly and check your solutions.

Practice Problems

1. Solve the following exponential equations:

(i) $2^x = 16$

(ii) $3^{x+2} = 81$

(iii) $5^{x-1} = 25$

(iv) $e^{2x} = 20$

(v) $10^{x+3} = 1000$

(vi) $4^x = 64$

(vii) $2^{x-1} = 32$

(viii) $5^{3x} = 125$

2. Solve the logarithmic equation for x :

(i) $\log_2 x = 5$

(ii) $\log_3(x - 2) = 2$

(iii) $\log_4 x = 3$

(iv) $\ln(x + 1) = 4$

(v) $\log_5(x + 3) = 2$

(vi) $\log_2(x^2) = 6$

(vii) $\log_3(x + 1) = 3$

(viii) $\log_7(x - 1) = 1$

(ix) $\log(x + 1) + \log(x + 2) = \log 20$

(x) $\log_2 x + \log_2(x + 3) = 1$

(xi) $\log_5(x - 5) + \log_5(x + 3) = 1$

(xii) $\ln(x + 1) + \ln(x + 2) = 1$

(xiii) $\log_2(x + 3) = \log_2(x + 1) + \log_2 3$

3. Solve the following combined exponential and logarithmic equations:

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| (i) $2^{x+1} = \log_2(x+7)$ | (v) $4^{x+2} = \log_4(x+4)$ |
| (ii) $3^x = \log_3(x+5)$ | (vi) $5^{x-3} = \log_5(x^2-3)$ |
| (iii) $e^{2x} = \ln(x+2)$ | (vii) $2^{x+1} = \log_2(x+3)$ |
| (iv) $10^x = \log_1 0(x^2+3)$ | (viii) $e^x = \ln(x^2+1)$ |

4. Use the change of base formula to simplify the following logarithmic expressions:

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| (i) $\log_2 16$ | (v) $\log_4 64$ |
| (ii) $\log_5 125$ | (vi) $\log_2 8$ |
| (iii) $\log_3 81$ | (vii) $\log_6 36$ |
| (iv) $\log_7 49$ | (viii) $\log_1 01000$ |

Multiple-Choice Questions

- What is the solution to $3^x = 81$?

A. 4	C. 3
B. 2	D. 5
- Which of the following is the solution to $\log_2(x+3) = 4$?

A. $x = 16$	C. $x = 1$
B. $x = 13$	D. $x = 7$
- What is the solution to $2^x = 32$?

A. 5	C. 3
B. 4	D. 2
- Which of the following is the value of $\log_5 25$?

A. 2	C. 1
B. 3	D. 5
- What is the value of $\log_2 32$?

A. 4	C. 6
B. 5	D. 3