

Sample Problem

 $\log_4(2x) = 3 - \log_4 8$

Logarithmic and Exponential Equations

Strategies to solve equations:

Logarithmic

- 1. Get logs on one side of the equation.
- 2. Condense using log properties.
- Use the definition of a log to rewrite it in exponential form OR
 - exponentiate both sides to undo the log.
- 4. Continue solving.
- 5. Check all answers.

Ex 1: Solve these equations.

a)
$$\ln(2x-3) = \ln 11$$
 b) $2\log_4 x = 5$

Exponential

Sample Problem

- 1. Isolate the exponential. $4^{x+2} = 63$
- Use the definition of log to rewrite as a log equation OR take the log of both sides.
- 3. Continue solving.
 - Ex 2: Solve these equations.
 - a) $2e^x + 3 = 13$ b) $5^{x+6} 4 = 12$

Ex 3: Solve these equations.

a)
$$\log_3(2x) - \log_3(x-3) = 1$$
 b) $3^{2x} + 3^x = 20$

c) $\log(x^2) = (\log x)^2$ d) $\log(x^2 - x) + \log 2 - \log x = 1$