

## Math 1090 ~ Business Algebra

Section 4.5 Logarithmic and Exponential Equations

Objectives:

- Solve equations involving logarithmic expressions.
- Solve equations involving exponential expressions.


## Logarithmic and Exponential Equations

Strategies to solve equations:

## Logarithmic

1. Get logs on one side of the equation.
2. Condense using log properties.
3. 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) $\ln (2 x-3)=\ln 11$
b) $2 \log _{4} x=5$
c) $\log _{7}(2 x+3)=\log _{7} x-\log _{7} 2$

## Exponential

## Sample Problem

1. Isolate the exponential.

$$
4^{x+2}=63
$$

2. 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) $2 e^{x}+3=13$
b) $5^{x+6}-4=12$

Ex 3: Solve these equations.
a) $\log _{3}(2 x)-\log _{3}(x-3)=1$
b) $3^{2 x}+3^{x}=20$
c) $\log \left(x^{2}\right)=(\log x)^{2}$
d) $\log \left(x^{2}-x\right)+\log 2-\log x=1$

