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Getting Ready for Derivatives (Part 4)

Notes

Recall the following properties of logarithms:

$$\log_a(AB) = \log_a A + \log_a B$$

$$\log_a\left(\frac{A}{B}\right) = \log_a A - \log_a B$$

$$\log_a A^C = C \log_a A$$

(Note: A and B must be positive)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ex: Expand } \log_5 \frac{\sqrt[3]{x}}{25y^3} &= \log_5 \frac{x^{1/3}}{25y^3} \\ &= \log_5 x^{1/3} - \log_5 (25y^3) \\ &= \log_5 x^{1/3} - (\log_5 25 + \log_5 y^3) \\ &= \boxed{\frac{1}{3} \log_5 x - 2 - 3 \log_5 y} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ex: Expand } \ln \left(\frac{3x^2+15x+18}{e^5 \cdot \sqrt[3]{x} \cdot (2x+1)^3} \right) &= \ln \frac{3(x+2)(x+3)}{e^5 \cdot x^{1/3} \cdot (2x+1)^3} \quad 3(x^2+5x+6) \\ &= \ln 3 + \ln(x+2) + \ln(x+3) - \ln e^5 - \ln x^{1/3} - \ln(2x+1)^3 \\ &= \boxed{\ln 3 + \ln(x+2) + \ln(x+3) - 5 - \frac{1}{3} \ln x - 3 \ln(2x+1)} \end{aligned}$$

1. Expand each of the following expressions using the properties of logarithms.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a) } \ln \left(\frac{(x+1)\sqrt{2x-3}}{x^2-x-2} \right) &= \ln \frac{\cancel{(x+1)}(2x-3)^{1/2}}{\cancel{(x+1)}(x-2)} \\ &= \ln \frac{(2x-3)^{1/2}}{x-2} \\ &= \ln(2x-3)^{1/2} - \ln(x-2) \\ &= \boxed{\frac{1}{2} \ln(2x-3) - \ln(x-2)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{b) } & \ln\left(\sqrt{\frac{x(x-1)}{x^2+2}}\right) \\
 &= \ln\left(\frac{x(x-1)}{x^2+2}\right)^{1/2} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{x(x-1)}{x^2+2} \\
 &= \boxed{\frac{1}{2} [\ln x + \ln(x-1) - \ln(x^2+2)]}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{c) } & \ln(e^5 \cdot \sqrt[3]{x} \cdot (2x^2 - 9x - 5)) \\
 &= \ln[e^5 \cdot x^{1/3} \cdot (2x+1)(x-5)] \\
 &= \ln e^5 + \ln x^{1/3} + \ln(2x+1) + \ln(x-5) \\
 &= \boxed{5 + \frac{1}{3} \ln x + \ln(2x+1) + \ln(x-5)}
 \end{aligned}$$

Practice at home

2. Expand each of the following expressions using the properties of logarithms.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{a) } & \log\left(\frac{x}{\sqrt[3]{1-x}}\right) = \log\left(\frac{x}{(1-x)^{1/3}}\right) \\
 &= \log x - \log(1-x)^{1/3} \\
 &= \boxed{\log x - \frac{1}{3} \log(1-x)}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{b) } & \ln x^{\sqrt{x+1}} \\
 &= \boxed{\sqrt{x+1} \ln x}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{c) } & \log_2 \frac{x^3}{3(y-1)(z+2)^2} \\
 &= \log_2 x^3 - \log_2 3 - \log_2(y-1) - \log_2(z+2)^2 \\
 &= \boxed{3 \log_2 x - \log_2 3 - \log_2(y-1) - 2 \log_2(z+2)}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{d) } & \log_3 \frac{x^3+x^2}{x^2-4} \\
 &= \log_3 \frac{x^2(x+1)}{(x+2)(x-2)} \\
 &= \log_3 x^2 + \log_3(x+1) - \log_3(x+2) - \log_3(x-2) \\
 &= \boxed{2\log_3 x + \log_3(x+1) - \log_3(x+2) - \log_3(x-2)}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{e) } & \log \sqrt{\frac{10x^2-10x-60}{(x+1)^7}} \\
 &= \log \left[\frac{10(x+2)(x-3)}{(x+1)^7} \right]^{1/2} \qquad \begin{array}{l} 10(x^2-x-6) \\ 10(x+2)(x-3) \end{array} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{10(x+2)(x-3)}{(x+1)^7} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\log 10 + \log(x+2) + \log(x-3) - \log(x+1)^7 \right] \\
 &= \boxed{\frac{1}{2} \left[1 + \log(x+2) + \log(x-3) - 7\log(x+1) \right]}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{f) } & \ln \left(\frac{\sqrt{x} \cos^{-1} x}{2^x(x+1)} \right) \\
 &= \ln x^{1/2} + \ln \cos^{-1} x - \ln 2^x - \ln(x+1) \\
 &= \boxed{\frac{1}{2} \ln x + \ln \cos^{-1} x - x \ln 2 - \ln(x+1)}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{g) } & \ln \left(\frac{\sqrt[4]{x} \cdot (2x^3+1)^2}{e^{\tan^{-1} x}} \right) \\
 &= \ln x^{1/4} + \ln(2x^3+1)^2 - \ln e^{\tan^{-1} x} \\
 &= \boxed{\frac{1}{4} \ln x + 2 \ln(2x^3+1) - \tan^{-1} x}
 \end{aligned}$$

3. Determine whether each statement is true or false.

a) $(\ln x)^3 = 3 \ln x$

False (but $\ln x^3 = 3 \ln x$ is true)

b) $\log x^2 = 2 \log x$

True

c) $\ln \sqrt{x} = \frac{1}{2} \ln x$

True (since $\ln \sqrt{x} = \ln x^{1/2} = \frac{1}{2} \ln x$)

d) $\ln \frac{x}{yz} = \ln x - \ln y + \ln z$

False ($\ln \frac{x}{yz} = \ln x - \ln y - \ln z$)

e) $\sqrt[4]{\log x} = \frac{1}{4} \log x$

False (but $\log \sqrt[4]{x} = \frac{1}{4} \log x$ is true)