

Solving Logs + Exponentials

1.) $2^{3-2n} = 2^2$

One base 2 set = to one base 2

$$3-2n=2$$

$$-2n=-1$$

$$n=\frac{1}{2}$$

3.) $16^{2a} \cdot 16^a = 2^2$

$$16^{3a} = 2^2$$

Need like bases

$$16 \text{ is } 2^4$$

$$2^{4(3a)} = 2^2$$

$$2^{12a} = 2^2$$

$$12a=2$$

$$a=\frac{1}{6}$$

2.) $2^{2v+3} \cdot 2^{3v} = 2^3$

need one base 2
rules of Exponents

$$2^{5v+3} = 2^3$$

$$5v+3=3$$

$$5v=0$$

$$v=0$$

4.) $64^{2x+2} = \frac{1}{4}$

$$4^3(2x+2) = 4^{-1}$$

$$6x+6 = -1$$

$$6x = -7$$

$$x = -\frac{7}{6}$$

6.) $8^{b+8} + 1 = 16$

$$8^{b+8} = 15 \quad \text{Isolate}$$

$$\log_8(15) = b+8 \quad \text{Change to log}$$

Calculator

$$1.3023 = b+8$$

$$-6.6977 = b$$

5.) $9^{-10n} - 4 = 16$

no way to get like bases

So Isolate the Exponential

$$9^{-10n} = 20 \quad \text{*change to Log}$$

$$\log_9(20) = -10n \quad \text{*Calculator}$$

$$1.3634 = -10n$$

$$-0.1363 = n$$

$$7.) 8^{-10n-4} - 7 = 35$$

$$8^{-10n-4} = 42$$

Isolate
log
calculator

$$\log_8(42) = -10n - 4$$

$$1.7974 = -10n - 4$$

$$\underline{-0.5797 = n}$$

$$8.) 19^{1-4m} - 3 = 59$$

$$19^{1-4m} = 62$$

$$\log_{19} 62 = 1 - 4m$$

$$1.4017 = 1 - 4m$$

$$\underline{-0.1004 = m}$$

$$9.) \log 29 = \log(3x-1)$$

$$1 \log = 1 \log$$

$$29 = 3x - 1$$

$$30 = 3x$$

$$10 = x$$

$$10.) \log_{19}(2k-10) = \log_{19}(k-5)$$

$$1 \log = 1 \log$$

$$2k - 10 = k - 5$$

$$k = 5 \quad \text{No Solution}$$

DNE

Check would be taking
the $\log(0) = \text{DNE}$

$$11.) 9 + \log_8 4b = 13$$

$$\log_8 4b = 4 \quad \text{*only 1 log}$$

* use Exponentials

$$8^4 = 4b$$

$$\underline{b = 1024}$$

$$12.) \log_8(x+3) = 7$$

$$\log_8(x+3) = 1$$

$$8^1 = x + 3$$

$$\underline{5 = x}$$

$$13.) \ln 4 - \ln(-x) = 1$$

condense

$$\ln\left(\frac{4}{-x}\right) = 1$$

$$e^1 = 4/-x \quad \underline{x = -4/e}$$

or -1.4715

$$14.) \log_6 3 - \log_6(x-1) = 1$$

$$\log_6 \frac{3}{x-1} = 1$$

$$6^1 = \frac{3}{x-1}$$

$$6x - 6 = 3$$

$$6x = 9$$

$$\underline{x = 3/2}$$

$$15.) \log_2(x+4) - \log_2 7 = 1$$

$$\log_2\left(\frac{x+4}{7}\right) = 1$$

$$2^1 = \frac{x+4}{7}$$

$$14 = x+4$$

$$\underline{x = 10}$$

$$16.) \log x + \log(x+21) = 2$$

$$\log x(x+21) = 2$$

$$10^2 = x^2 + 21x$$

$$0 = x^2 + 21x - 100$$

$$(x+25)(x-4) = 0$$

$$x = \cancel{25} \quad \underline{x = 4}$$

Cannot take log of a neg.

$$\log(\cancel{25}) + \log(\cancel{25}+21) = 2$$