

$$\log_b y = x \rightarrow b^x = y$$

$$14) \log_9 3$$

$$9^x = 3$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$13) \log_{1/4} \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)$$

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

$$(1)$$

$$12) \log_6 (6^5)$$

$$6^x = 6^5$$

$$5$$

$$10) \ln 1$$

$$\log_e 1$$

$$e^x = 1$$

$$0$$

• large #  $\rightarrow$  small #  
- fraction exponent

• whole #  $\leftrightarrow$  fraction  
- negative exponent

## Exponential Functions 6 - Properties of Logarithms

Standards: F-LE.4, F-BF.5

### Learning Targets:

- How do you do logs in a calculator?
- What is the power property for logs?

### Power Property:

(let  $b$  and  $u$  be positive numbers such that  $b \neq 1$ )

$$\log_b u^n = n \log_b u$$

#### Example 1 - Evaluate:

a)  $\log_4 16^5$

~~$4^x = 16^5$~~  *weird*

$$5 \cdot \log_4 16$$

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$$4^x = 16$$

$$5 \cdot 2$$

$$\textcircled{10}$$

b)  $\log_9 \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^4$

$$4 \cdot \log_9 \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)$$

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$$9^x = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$4 \cdot -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\textcircled{-2}$$

c)  $\ln e^{1/5}$

$$\log_e e^{1/5}$$

$$\frac{1}{5} \cdot \log_e e$$

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$$e^x = e$$

$$\frac{1}{5} \cdot 1$$

$$\textcircled{\frac{1}{5}}$$

Logs with any base other than 10 or e can be written in terms of common or natural logs using the

### Change-of-Base Formula

Let  $u, b, c$  be positive with  $b \neq 1$  and  $c \neq 1$ . Then

$$\log_c u = \frac{\log_b u}{\log_b c}$$

In particular,

Base 10:

$$\log_c u = \frac{\log u}{\log c}$$

and

Natural Base:

$$\log_c u = \frac{\ln u}{\ln c}$$

Example 2:

evaluate  $\log_3 7$  using common & natural logs.

$$\frac{\log(7)}{\log(3)}$$

$$\approx 1.77\dots$$

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$$\approx 1.77\dots$$