

More solving equations

1. $\log 4 + 2 \log x = 6$

$$\log 4 + \log x^2 = 6$$

log form $\rightarrow \log_{10}(4x^2) = 6$

$$\frac{10^6}{4} = \frac{4x^2}{4}$$

$$\frac{10^6}{4} = x^2$$

$$\pm \sqrt{\frac{10^6}{4}} = x$$

$$\pm 500 = x$$

So $x = 500$

get single log on left side

What is the base?

go to exponential form

← check answer in ORIGINAL equation.

$$\log 4 + 2(\log(-500)) = 6$$

not possible!

so $x \neq -500$

$$\log 4 + 2 \log 500 = 6$$

$$6 = 6 \checkmark$$

2. $\log x = \log(2x^2) - 2$

$$\log x - \log(2x^2) = -2$$

$$\log\left(\frac{x}{2x^2}\right) = -2$$

$$10^{-2} = \frac{x}{2x^2}$$

$$\frac{1}{10^2} = \frac{x}{2x^2}$$

$$\frac{1}{100} = \frac{x}{2x^2}$$

$$2x^2 = 100x$$

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

$$2x(x - 50) = 0$$

$$2x = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad x - 50 = 0$$

$$x = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad x = 50$$

So $x = 50$

Get single log on left side

What is the base?

Go to exponential form

Cross products are equal

Check answers in ORIGINAL equation!!

not possible $\log(0) = \log(2(0)^2) - 2$
so $x \neq 0$

$$\log(50) = \log(2(50)^2) - 2$$

$$1.698970004 = 3.698970004 - 2$$

$$1.69897 = 1.69897 \checkmark$$

ANOTHER WAY

replace with $\log_2 2^1$

$$3. \log_2(x^2 - 8x + 40) = \log_2(3x - 4) + 1$$

$$\log_2(x^2 - 8x + 40) = \log_2(3x - 4) + \log_2 2$$

$$\log_2(x^2 - 8x + 40) = \log_2[2(3x - 4)]$$

$$x^2 - 8x + 40 = 2(3x - 4)$$

$$x^2 - 8x + 40 = 6x - 8$$

$$x^2 - 14x + 48 = 0$$

$$(x - 8)(x - 6) = 0$$

$$x - 8 = 0 \text{ or } x - 6 = 0$$

$$x = 8 \text{ or } x = 6$$

get single log on
BOTH sides

Use one-to-one prop.
and solve quadratic...

$$4. \log(x - 3) + \log 2 = 3$$

$$\log[(x - 3)(2)] = 3$$

$$10^3 = (x - 3)2$$

$$\frac{10^3}{2} = x - 3$$

$$\frac{10^3}{2} + 3 = x$$

$$x = 503$$