Unit 3 (Chapter 3): Exponential, Logistic, & Logarithmic Functions

3.5 Equation Solving & Modeling

Target 3B: Know and understand the inverse relationships of exponential and logarithmic equations



Example:

 $9a^4 + 12a^2b^2 + 4b^4$

Which of the following is equivalent to the expression shown above?

A) $(3a^{2} + 2b^{2})^{2}$ B) $(3a + 2b)^{4}$ C) $(9a^{2} + 4b^{2})^{2}$

D)
$$(9a + 4b)^4$$

Solution

Orders of Magnitude and Logarithmic Models

Explain in your own words what **Order of Magnitude** means and give an example.



Read through *Example 5*, then find the answer to the following problem:

In January of 2010, the country of Haiti was hit by a disastrous 7.0 magnitude earthquake. In February of 2010, a 3.8 magnitude earthquake was recorded 45 miles northwest of Chicago. How many times stronger was the Haiti earthquake than the Illinois earthquake?

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- **1.** Expand using all properties of logarithms:
 - **a**) $\log_3 rt$ **d**) $\ln \frac{u}{7}$
 - **b**) $\log_f k^3$ **e**) $\log_4 \frac{3y}{gh}$

- c) $\log_5 2f^3h^4$ f) $\log_9 \frac{2d}{5w^3}$
- 2. Write as a single logarithm using properties of logarithms:
 - **a**) $\log_2 t + \log_2 6 + \log_2 k$ **d**) $\log_3 y - \log_3 6 - 2\log_3 t$

- **b**) $2\log_4 m + 5\log_4 n + \log_4 k$
- e) $2\log_6 t + 3\log_6 t + 5\log_6 t$

c) $\frac{1}{2}\log_8 a + \frac{1}{3}\log_8 b$ f) $\ln x - 3\ln x + 2\ln x$ **More Practice**

Orders of Magnitude

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Properties of Logarithms

https://www.khanacademy.org/math/algebra2/exponential-and-logarithmic-functions/properties-of-logarithms/v/introduction-to-logarithm-properties

http://www.algebralab.org/lessons/lesson.aspx?file=algebra_logarithmproperties.xml

http://www.regentsprep.org/regents/math/algtrig/ate9/LogPrac.htm

http://www.mathguide.com/lessons2/Logs.html

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SxF44olWTyk

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eLapHtvQbFo

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SAT Connection

Solution

Choice A is correct. If a polynomial expression is in the form $(x)^2 + 2(x)(y) + (y)^2$, then it is equivalent to $(x + y)^2$. Because $9a^4 + 12a^2b^2 + 4b^4 = (3a^2)^2 + 2(3a^2)(2b^2) + (2b^2)^2$, it can be rewritten as $(3a^2 + 2b^2)^2$.

Choice B is incorrect. The expression $(3a + 2b)^4$ is equivalent to the product (3a + 2b)(3a + 2b)(3a + 2b)(3a + 2b). This product will contain the term $4(3a)^3 (2b) = 216a^3b$. However, the given polynomial, $9a^4 + 12a^2b^2 + 4b^4$, does not contain the term $216a^3b$. Therefore, $9a^4 + 12a^2b^2 + 4b^4 \neq (3a + 2b)^4$. Choice C is incorrect. The expression $(9a^2 + 4b^2)^2$ is equivalent to the product $(9a^2 + 4b^2)(9a^2 + 4b^2)$. This product will contain the term $(9a^2) (9a^2) = 81a^4$. However, the given polynomial, $9a^4 + 12a^2b^2 + 4b^4$, does not contain the term $81a^4$. Therefore, $9a^4 + 12a^2b^2 + 4b^4 \neq (9a^2 + 4b^2)^2$. Choice D is incorrect. The expression $(9a + 4b)^4$ is equivalent to the product (9a + 4b)(9a + 4b)(9a + 4b) (9a + 4b). This product will contain the term $(9a)(9a)(9a)(9a) = 6,561a^4$. However, the given polynomial, $9a^4 + 12a^2b^2 + 4b^4$, does not contain the term $6,561a^4$. Therefore, $9a^4 + 12a^2b^2 + 4b^4 \neq (9a + 4b)^4$.