Solving Exponential and Logarithmic Equations 1

Exponential equations are equations in which variable expressions occur as exponents.

Logarithmic equations are equations that involve logarithms of variable expressions.

Ex. 1 Solve by equating exponents

Solve:
$$8^x = 4^{x+1}$$

Solve:
$$\frac{1}{5}^{x} = 25^{x+2}$$

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Solve:
$$64^x = 16^{x+1}$$

Solve:
$$3^{7x-3} = \frac{1}{9}^{2x}$$

Ex. 2 Solve by taking a logarithm of each side

Solve:
$$8^{x} = 23$$

Solve:
$$7^{x-1} = 23$$

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Solve:
$$6^{x} = 27$$

Solve:
$$15 = 11^{2x+1}$$

Ex. 3 Solve by taking a logarithm of each side

Solve:
$$9^{3x+2} - 6 = 5$$

Solve:
$$3(2^x) + 2 = 11$$

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Solve:
$$2^{3x+2} - 2 = 7$$

Solve:
$$1 = 2(5^{x-1}) + 1$$