

An A Level Maths Question on Logs

$$\text{Show that } \log_a b = \frac{\log_c b}{\log_c a}$$

$$\log_a b = k \Rightarrow a^k = b \Rightarrow k \log_c a = \log_c b \Rightarrow k = \frac{\log_c b}{\log_c a} \Rightarrow \log_a b = \frac{\log_c b}{\log_c a}$$

$$\text{Hence show that } \log_a b = \frac{1}{\log_b a}$$

$$\frac{1}{\log_b a} = \frac{\log_b b}{\log_b a} = \log_a b$$

$$\text{Solve } \log_3 x = \log_x 7$$

$$\log_3 x = \log_x 7 \Rightarrow \log_x 3 = \frac{\log_3 7}{\log_3 x} \Rightarrow (\log_3 x)^2 = \log_3 7 \Rightarrow \log_3 x = \pm \sqrt{\log_3 7} \Rightarrow x = 3^{\pm \sqrt{\log_3 7}}$$