

Problem Definition

Problem 47. Write the expression as a logarithm applied to a single expression.

$$\frac{3}{2} [\ln(x(x^2 + 1)) - \ln(x + 1)]$$

Solution Step 1:

The next step is to use the fact that the difference of logarithms is equal to the logarithm of the quotient. The rule is

$$\log_b(x) - \log_b(y) = \log_b\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)$$

This allows use to write

$$\frac{3}{2} [\ln(x(x^2 + 1)) - \ln(x + 1)] = \frac{3}{2} \left[\ln \frac{(x(x^2 + 1))}{(x + 1)} \right]$$

Solution Step 1:

The first step is to use the power rule for logarithms defined as follows.

$$y \log_b(x) = \log_b(x^y)$$

This allows use to write

$$\frac{3}{2} \left[\ln \frac{(x(x^2 + 1))}{(x + 1)} \right] = \ln \left(\frac{(x(x^2 + 1))}{(x + 1)} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}}$$