

Log Properties

Simplify the following expression using log properties.

$$\ln \left(5 \cdot \sqrt{\frac{x^2 - 1}{x^2}} \right)$$

Below on the left is the simplification process. On the right the next algebraic operation is indicated. The next operation is determined which, if any, log property can be used.

$\ln \left(5 \cdot \sqrt{\frac{x^2 - 1}{x^2}} \right) =$		$5 \cdot \sqrt{\frac{x^2 - 1}{x^2}} \quad \text{product}$
$\ln 5 + \ln \sqrt{\frac{x^2 - 1}{x^2}} =$		$\left(\frac{x^2 - 1}{x^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad \text{exponent}$
$\ln 5 + \ln \left(\frac{x^2 - 1}{x^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} =$		$(x^2 - 1) / (x^2) \quad \text{quotient}$
$\ln 5 + \frac{1}{2} \ln \left(\frac{x^2 - 1}{x^2} \right) =$		$x^2 \quad \text{exponent}$
$\ln 5 + \frac{1}{2} [\ln(x^2 - 1) - \ln x^2] =$		
$\ln 5 + \frac{1}{2} [\ln(x^2 - 1) - 2 \ln x] =$		
$\ln 5 + \frac{1}{2} [\ln[(x - 1) \cdot (x + 1)] - 2 \ln x] =$		$(x - 1) \cdot (x + 1) \quad \text{product}$
$\ln 5 + \frac{1}{2} [\ln(x - 1) + \ln(x + 1) - 2 \ln x].$		