

Question 2: If $3^x = 4^{x-1}$, then $x =$

Solution:

Given that $3^x = 4^{x-1}$

Take log on both sides

$$\log 3^x = \log 4^{x-1}$$

$$x \ln 3 = (x-1) \ln 4$$

$$= x \ln 4 - \ln 4$$

$$\ln 4 = x(\ln 4 - \ln 3)$$

$$\text{So } x = \ln 4 / (\ln 4 - \ln 3)$$

$$= 1 / (1 - \ln 3 / \ln 4)$$

$$= 1 / (1 - \log_4 3)$$

Hence the value of x is $1 / (1 - \log_4 3)$.