

## Answer on Question #71854 – Math – Algebra

### Question

Write  $\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2$  as base  $\frac{1}{3}$  power.

### Solution

First of all let us note that  $\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{4}$ . So we must solve the equation

$$\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^x = \frac{1}{4}.$$

Then

$$x = \log_{\frac{1}{3}} \frac{1}{4} = \frac{\ln \frac{1}{4}}{\ln \frac{1}{3}} = \frac{-\ln 4}{-\ln 3} = \frac{\ln 4}{\ln 3}$$

(see <http://www.purplemath.com/modules/solvexpo2.htm> and

<http://dl.uncw.edu/digilib/mathematics/algebra/mat111hb/eandl/logprop/logprop.html>).

So

$$\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{4} = \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{\frac{\ln 4}{\ln 3}}.$$

**Answer:**  $\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{\frac{\ln 4}{\ln 3}}$ .