

Logarithms: using

The idea of logarithms is to reduce multiplication and division into addition and subtraction respectively which are far more easier to deal with and to simplify the operations. Today methods of logarithms has become a significant tool for handling complex calculations involving 4 digit numbers. Theory & indices is essential to understand logarithms.

Meaning: If a is any real number other than 1 such that $a^x = n$ then x is called $\log(n)$ to base a .
$$= \log_a(n) = x \quad \log_n \text{ to base } a = x$$

Eg. $x = n$
 $b = n$
 $\log_n \text{ to base } a = x$

$$\begin{aligned} 2^4 &= 16 \rightarrow \log_2(16) = 4 \\ 2^5 &= 32 \rightarrow \log_2(32) = 5 \\ 4^{3/2} &= 8 \rightarrow \log_4(8) = 3/2 \\ 3^{5/6} &= 6 \rightarrow \log_3(6) = 5/6 \end{aligned}$$

Thus logarithm of a number to a given base is defined as index to which the base must be raised to obtain the number.

Note \rightarrow 1) Logarithms to base 10 \rightarrow Common logarithms.
2) Logarithms to base e \rightarrow Natural logarithms.

① It is noted that, Logarithm of any qty to same base = 1

$$\text{ie } 10^1 = 10 \rightarrow \log_{10} 10 = 1$$

$$2^1 = 2 \rightarrow \log_2 2 = 1$$

$$8^1 = 8 \rightarrow \log_8 8 = 1$$

In general $a^1 = a$ $\log_a a = 1$

1) Logarithm of 1 to any base is 0.

(2)

Eg $10^0 = 1 \rightarrow \log_{10} 1 = 0$

$3^0 = 1 \rightarrow \log_3 1 = 0$

in general $\boxed{a^0 = 1 \rightarrow \log_a 1 = 0}$

(3) Base is not taken as 0 or 1. $\because 0^x$ is meaningless.
 $1^x = 1$

(4) When Base is not mentioned it is implied that base is 10.

Laws of logarithms:

I law:

$\boxed{\log_a(mn) = \log_a m + \log_a n}$

II law:

$\boxed{\begin{aligned} \log_a(m/n) &= \log_a m - \log_a n \\ \log_a 1/n &= \log_a 1 - \log_a n \\ &= 0 - \log_a n = -\log_a n \end{aligned}}$

III law:

$\boxed{\log_a(m^n) = n \log_a m}$

IV law: $\log_a m = \frac{\log_b m}{\log_b a}$

Problems:

State the

following in logarithmic form:

1) $2^4 = 16$

$\log_2 16 = 4$

2) $2^5 = 32$

$\log_2 32 = 5$

3) $3^{-2} = 1/9$

$\log_3 1/9 = -2$

4) $5^{-2} = 0.04$

$\log_5 0.04 = -2$

(9) $3^3 = 27$ $\log_3 27 = 3$

(5) $3^4 = 81$ $\log_3 81 = 4$

(6) $3^{-5} = 1/243$

$\log_3 1/243 = -5$

(7) $(125)^{-2/3} = 0.04$

$\log_{125} 0.04 = -2/3$

(8) $(5\sqrt{5})^2 = 125$

$\log_{5\sqrt{5}} 125 = 2$

(10) $5^{-1} = 0.2$ $\log_5 0.2 = -1$

Express the following in index (exponential) form. (3)

$$\begin{aligned} 1) \log_9 81 &= 2 & 9^2 &= 81 \\ 2) \log_{10} 0.01 &= -2 & 10^{-2} &= 0.01 \\ 3) \log_2 \frac{1}{4} &= -2 & 2^{-2} &= \frac{1}{4} \\ 4) \log_4 1024 &= 5 & 4^5 &= 1024 \\ 5) \log_2 \frac{1}{256} &= -8 & 2^{-8} &= \frac{1}{256} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 6) \log_{10} 0.0001 &= \frac{1}{4} & 10^{1/4} &= 0.0001 \\ 7) \log_5 125 &= 3 & 5^3 &= 125 \\ 8) \log_2 \frac{1}{2} &= -1 & 2^{-1} &= \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

III Find the value of $\log_2 1024$
Express in index form & simplify.

$$\begin{aligned} \log_2 1024 &= x \\ 2^x &= 1024 \\ 2^x &= 2^{10} \\ \therefore \boxed{x=10} \end{aligned}$$

$$2) \log_{10} 0.00001$$

$$\text{Let } \log_{10} 0.00001 = x$$

$$10^x = 0.00001$$

$$10^x = \frac{1}{100000}$$

$$10^x = 10^{-5}$$

$$\underline{x = -5}$$

$$(5) \log_7 x = 2$$

$$\begin{aligned} x &= 7^2 \\ x &= 49 \end{aligned}$$

$$(3) \text{ Evaluate } \log_{\sqrt{5}} 125 = x$$

$$(5\sqrt{5})^x = 125$$

$$(5\sqrt{5})^x = 5^3$$

$$(5 \times 5^{1/2})^x = 5^3$$

$$(5^{1+1/2})^x = 5^3$$

$$5^{3/2} x = 5^3$$

$$\frac{3}{2} x = 3$$

$$3x = 6$$

$$\underline{x = 2}$$

$$(6) \log_{\sqrt{2}} 4 = 2$$

$$(\sqrt{x})^2 = 4$$

$$(x^{1/2})^2 = 4$$

$$\underline{x = 4}$$

$$(4)$$

Find value of $\log_{\sqrt{3}} 27$

$$\text{Let } \log_{\sqrt{3}} 27 = x$$

$$(\sqrt{3})^x = 27$$

$$(\sqrt{3})^x = 3^3$$

$$(3^{1/2})^x = 3^3$$

$$3^{x/2} = 3^3$$

$$\frac{x}{2} = 3$$

$$\underline{x = 6}$$

11. Solve for x
 $\log_2 \sqrt{32} = x$

$$2^x = \sqrt{32}$$

$$2^x = \sqrt{2^5}$$

$$2^x = (2^5)^{1/2}$$

$$x = \underline{\underline{5/2}}$$

$$\log_{0.1} 10 = x$$

$$(0.1)^x = 10$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{10}\right)^x = 10$$

$$10^{-x} = 10^1$$

$$x = \underline{\underline{-1}}$$

$$\log_{\sqrt{5}} x = 6$$

$$(\sqrt[6]{5})^6 = x$$

$$(5^{1/3})^6 = x$$

$$5^{6/3} = x$$

$$5^2 = x$$

$$x = \underline{\underline{25}}$$

$$\log_6 625 = 4$$

$$x^4 = 625$$

$$x^4 = 5^4$$

$$x = \underline{\underline{5}}$$

$$\log_x 343 = 3$$

$$x^3 = 343$$

$$x^3 = 7^3$$

$$x = \underline{\underline{7}}$$

$$\log_x 243 = 5$$

$$x^5 = 243$$

$$x^5 = 3^5$$

$$x = \underline{\underline{3}}$$

$$\log_{10} x = 2$$

$$10^2 = x$$

$$x = 100$$

$$\log_6 x = 6$$

$$3^6 = x$$

$$x = \underline{\underline{729}}$$

Find m if $\log_3 m = 3$

$$\log_3 m = 3$$

$$3^3 = m$$

$$27 = m$$

$$m = \underline{\underline{27}}$$

Find the value of

$$\log 2 + \log 3 + \log 4$$

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$$= \log (2 \times 3 \times 4)$$

$$= \underline{\underline{\log 24}}$$

2. Simplify: $\log 0.1 + \log 0.01 + \log 0.5$

Law: $\log (0.1 \times 0.01 \times 0.5)$

$$\underline{\underline{\log 0.0005}}$$

3. $\log 5 + \log 8 + \log 6$

Law: $\log (5 \times 8 \times 6)$

$$\underline{\underline{\log 240}}$$

Show that $\log(1+2+3) = \log 1 + \log 2 + \log 3$ (5)

w.k.f $\log m + \log n = \log(mn)$

so that $\log(1) + \log(2) + \log(3) = \log(1 \times 2 \times 3)$

$$= \log(1) + \log(2) + \log(3) = \log(6)$$

$$= \log(1+2+3) = \log(3+3) = \log(6)$$

$$\therefore \log(1+2+3) = \log 1 + \log 2 + \log 3$$

$$\log 6 = \log 6$$

Hence proved.

7) Simplify $\frac{1}{2} \log_{10} 25 - 2 \log_{10} 3 + \log_{10} 18$

$$= \log_{10} 25^{\frac{1}{2}} - 2 \log_{10} 3 + \log_{10} 18$$

$$= \log_{10} (5^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} - 2 \log_{10} 3 + \log_{10} 18$$

$$= \log_{10} 5 - \log_{10} 3^2 + \log_{10} 18$$

$$= \log_{10} 5 - \log_{10} 9 + \log_{10} 18$$

$$= \log_{10} \frac{5}{9} + \log_{10} 18$$

$$= \log_{10} \frac{5}{9} \times 18$$

$$= \log_{10} 10$$

$$= \underline{\underline{1}}$$

8) Find value of $\log_a a, \log_b b, \log_c c, \log_d d, \log_e e$ change of base 10.

$$\frac{\log a}{\log b} \times \frac{\log b}{\log c} \times \frac{\log c}{\log d} \times \frac{\log d}{\log e} \times \frac{\log e}{\log a} = \underline{\underline{1}}$$

$$\textcircled{9} \log \frac{26}{33} - \log \frac{65}{69} + \log \frac{55}{46} = 0$$

$$\log \frac{m}{n} = \log m - \log n$$

$$(\log 26 - \log 33) - (\log 65 - \log 69) + (\log 55 - \log 46)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (\log 13 \times 2 - \log 11 \times 3) - (\log 13 \times 5 - \log 23 \times 3) + (\log 11 \times 5 - \log 23 \times 2) \\
 & = (\log 13 + \log 2) - (\log 11 + \log 3) - (\log 13 + \log 5) + (\log 23 + \log 3) \\
 & \quad + (\log 11 + \log 5) + (\log 23 + \log 2) \\
 & \log 13 + \log 2 - \log 11 - \log 3 - \log 13 - \log 5 + \log 23 + \log 3 \\
 & \quad + \log 11 + \log 5 + \log 23 - \log 2 \\
 & = \underline{\underline{0}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 * \log 9/5 + \log 15/9 - \log 3/2 &= \log 2 \\
 \log 9/5 + \log 15/9 - \log 3/2 & \\
 (\log 9 - \log 5) + (\log 15 - \log 9) - (\log 3 - \log 2) & \\
 (\log 9 - \log 5) + (\log 3 \times 5 - \log 9) - (\log 3 - \log 2) & \\
 \log 9 - \log 5 + [\log 3 + \log 5 - \log 9] - (\log 3 - \log 2) & \\
 = \log 9 - \log 5 + \log 3 + \log 5 - \log 9 - \log 3 + \log 2 & \\
 = \underline{\underline{\log 2}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Prove that

$$2 \log 3/7 + \log 49/9 = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & 2 \log 3/7 + \log 49/9 \\
 & \log (3/7)^2 + \log 49/9 \\
 & = \log \frac{9}{49} + \log 49/9 \\
 & = \log \left[\frac{9}{49} \times \frac{49}{9} \right] \\
 & = \log 1 = \underline{\underline{0}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Prove that $\log_b a \times \log_c b \times \log_a c = 1$

Changing to base 10

$$\frac{\log b}{\log a} \times \frac{\log c}{\log b} \times \frac{\log a}{\log c}$$

$$\frac{\log a}{\log b} \times \frac{\log b}{\log c} \times \frac{\log c}{\log a} = 1$$

Show that $\log\left(\frac{a^2}{bc}\right) + \log\left(\frac{b^2}{ca}\right) + \log\left(\frac{c^2}{ab}\right) = 0$

$$(2 \log a - (\log b + \log c)) + (2 \log b - (\log c + \log a)) + (2 \log c - (\log a + \log b))$$

$$= 2 \log a + 2 \log b + 2 \log c - \log b - \log c - \log c - \log a - \log a - \log b$$

$$= 2 \log a + 2 \log b + 2 \log c - 2 \log b - 2 \log c - 2 \log a = 0$$

show Simplify

$$\begin{aligned} & \log\left(\frac{81}{16}\right) - \log \frac{8}{9} + \log \frac{128}{243} \\ &= (\log 81 - \log 16) - [\log 8 - \log 9] + [\log 128 - \log 243] \\ &= (\log 3^4 - \log 2^4) - [\log 2^3 - \log 3^2] + [\log 2^7 - \log 3^5] \\ &= (4 \log 3 - 4 \log 2) - [3 \log 2 - 2 \log 3] + [7 \log 2 - 5 \log 3] \\ &= 4 \log 3 - 4 \log 2 - 3 \log 2 + 2 \log 3 + 7 \log 2 - 5 \log 3 \\ &= \log 3 \end{aligned}$$

Simplify

$$\begin{aligned} & \log \frac{75}{16} - 2 \log \frac{5}{9} + \log \frac{32}{243} \\ &= (\log 75 - \log 16) - [2 \log 5 - 2 \log 9] + [\log 32 - \log 243] \\ &= [\log (3 \times 5^2) - \log 2^4] - [2 \log 5 - 2 \log 3^2] + [\log 2^5 - \log 3^5] \\ &= [\log 3 + 2 \log 5 - 4 \log 2] - [2 \log 5 - 4 \log 3] + [5 \log 2 - 5 \log 3] \\ &= \log 3 + 2 \log 5 - 4 \log 2 - 2 \log 5 + 4 \log 3 + 5 \log 2 - 5 \log 3 \\ &= \log 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$5 \log 2 - 4 \log 2 = \log 2$$

without using log tables
simplify $\log_5 \frac{(125)(625)}{25}$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \log_5 \frac{(5^3)(5^4)}{5^2} = \log_5 \cdot 5^{3+4-2} \\ &= \log_5 \cdot 5^5 \\ &= 5 \log_5 5 = \underline{\underline{5}} \end{aligned}$$

Given $\log 2 = 0.3010$, $\log 3 = 0.4771$, find $\log 6$

$$\begin{aligned} \log(6) &= \log(2 \times 3) \\ &= \log 2 + \log 3 \\ &= 0.3010 + 0.4771 = \underline{\underline{0.7781}} \end{aligned}$$

0.3010
0.4771
0.7781

$$\begin{aligned} \log \sqrt[3]{36} &= \log(36)^{1/3} \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \log(36) \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \log 6^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \times 2 \log 6 \\ &= \frac{2}{3} \log(2 \times 3) = \frac{2}{3} [\log 2 + \log 3] \\ &= \frac{2}{3} [0.3010 + 0.4771] \\ &= \frac{2}{3} [0.7781] \\ &= 0.5187 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \log(0.125) &= \log(0.5)^3 \\ &= 3 \log(0.5) \\ &= 3 \log 1 - 3 \log 2 \\ &= 3(0) - 3 \log 2 \\ &= 0 - 3 \log 2 \\ &= 0 - 3(0.3010) \\ &= -0.9030 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 1 - 1 - 0.9030 \\ -0.9030 \\ \hline 0.0970 - 1 \\ = \underline{\underline{-1.0970}} \end{array}$$

(mantissa part should be > 1)
To make it true, take whole no. > integer part of mantissa