

# Logarithms

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## § 1 Problems


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Minimum is [32]. Problems with the  symbol are required.


“I just long for a world in which ordinary things are done in an ordinary way.”

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[1]  **Problem 1** (AIME II 2020/3) The value of  $x$  that satisfies  $\log_{2^x} 3^{20} = \log_{2^{x+3}} 3^{2020}$  can be written as  $\frac{m}{n}$ , where  $m$  and  $n$  are relatively prime positive integers. Find  $m + n$ .


[2]  **Problem 2** (AIME 1986/8) Let  $S$  be the sum of the base 10 logarithms of all the proper divisors (all divisors of a number excluding itself) of 1000000. What is the integer nearest to  $S$ ?

[2]  **Problem 3** (AIME I 2020/2) There is a unique positive real number  $x$  such that the three numbers  $\log_8 2x$ ,  $\log_4 x$ , and  $\log_2 x$ , in that order, form a geometric progression with positive common ratio. The number  $x$  can be written as  $\frac{m}{n}$ , where  $m$  and  $n$  are relatively prime positive integers. Find  $m + n$ .

[2]  **Problem 4** (AIME I 2007/7) Let  $N = \sum_{k=1}^{1000} k(\lceil \log_{\sqrt{2}} k \rceil - \lfloor \log_{\sqrt{2}} k \rfloor)$ .


Find the remainder when  $N$  is divided by 1000. ( $\lfloor k \rfloor$  is the greatest integer less than or equal to  $k$ , and  $\lceil k \rceil$  is the least integer greater than or equal to  $k$ .)


[3]  **Problem 5** (SMT 2020) If  $a$  is the only real number that satisfies  $\log_{2020} a = 202020 - a$  and  $b$  is the only real number that satisfies  $2020^b = 202020 - b$ , what is the value of  $a + b$ ?


[3]  **Problem 6** (AIME II 2013/2) Positive integers  $a$  and  $b$  satisfy the condition

$$\log_2(\log_{2^a}(\log_{2^b}(2^{1000}))) = 0.$$


Find the sum of all possible values of  $a + b$ .


[3]  **Problem 7 (AIME II 2010/5)** Positive numbers  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  satisfy  $xyz = 10^{81}$  and  $(\log_{10} x)(\log_{10} yz) + (\log_{10} y)(\log_{10} z) = 468$ . Find  $\sqrt{(\log_{10} x)^2 + (\log_{10} y)^2 + (\log_{10} z)^2}$ .


[3]  **Problem 8** (AIME I 2006/9) The sequence  $a_1, a_2, \dots$  is geometric with  $a_1 = a$  and common ratio  $r$ , where  $a$  and  $r$  are positive integers. Given that  $\log_8 a_1 + \log_8 a_2 + \dots + \log_8 a_{12} = 2006$ , find the number of possible ordered pairs  $(a, r)$ .

[4]  **Problem 9** (HMMT 2020) Let  $a = 256$ . Find the unique real number  $x > a^2$  such that


$$\log_a \log_a \log_a x = \log_{a^2} \log_{a^2} \log_{a^2} x.$$


[4]  **Problem 10** (AIME II 2007/12) The increasing geometric sequence  $x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots$  consists entirely of integral powers of 3. Given that  $\sum_{n=0}^7 \log_3(x_n) = 308$  and  $56 \leq \log_3 \left( \sum_{n=0}^7 x_n \right) \leq 57$ , find  $\log_3(x_{14})$ .


[4]  **Problem 11** (AIME I 2009/7) The sequence  $(a_n)$  satisfies  $a_1 = 1$  and  $5^{(a_{n+1} - a_n)} - 1 = \frac{1}{n + \frac{2}{3}}$  for  $n \geq 1$ . Let  $k$  be the least integer greater than 1 for which  $a_k$  is an integer. Find  $k$ .

[4]  **Problem 12** (AIME I 2010/14) For each positive integer  $n$ , let  $f(n) = \sum_{k=1}^{100} \lfloor \log_{10}(kn) \rfloor$ . Find the largest value of  $n$  for which  $f(n) \leq 300$ .

Note:  $\lfloor x \rfloor$  is the greatest integer less than or equal to  $x$ .


[6 ] **Problem 13 (AIME I 2005/8)** The equation  $2^{333x-2} + 2^{111x+2} = 2^{222x+1} + 1$  has three real roots. Given that their sum is  $\frac{m}{n}$  where  $m$  and  $n$  are relatively prime positive integers, find  $m + n$ .

[6 ] **Problem 14** (AIME I 2013/8) The domain of the function  $f(x) = \arcsin(\log_m(nx))$  is a closed interval of length  $\frac{1}{2013}$ , where  $m$  and  $n$  are positive integers and  $m > 1$ . Find the remainder when the smallest possible sum  $m + n$  is divided by 1000.

[7 ] **Problem 15** (hARMLess Mock ARML 2019/10) Compute the sum of all positive integers that can be expressed in the form

$$\log_b(404!) - \log_b(c),$$

where  $b$  and  $c$  are positive integers such that  $b > 1$  and  $b + c$  is odd.

[9 ] **Problem 16** (AIME I 2012/9) Let  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  be positive real numbers that satisfy

$$2\log_x(2y) = 2\log_{2x}(4z) = \log_{2x^4}(8yz) \neq 0.$$

The value of  $xy^5z$  can be expressed in the form  $\frac{1}{2^{p/q}}$ , where  $p$  and  $q$  are relatively prime positive integers. Find  $p + q$ .