

5. Logarithm

FORMULAS

1. $\log_a(m \cdot n) = \log_a m + \log_a n$
2. $\log_a(m/n) = \log_a m - \log_a n$
3. $\log_a m^n = n \log_a m$
4. $\log_a a = 1$
5. $\log_a 1 = 0$; $\log_a 10 = 1$; $\log_a 100 = 2$
6. Change of base: $\log_b m \cdot \log_a b = \log_a m$
7. $\sqrt{x} = x^{1/2}$; $\sqrt[3]{x} = x^{1/3}$;
 $\sqrt[4]{x} = x^{1/4}$

1. Express the following relations in the logarithmic forms: (i) $3^4 = 81$ (ii) $5^0 = 1$
(iii) $\sqrt[5]{32} = 2$ (iv) $5^{-3} = \frac{1}{125}$ (v) $a^b = c$ [ans.: (i) $\log_3 81 = 4$ (ii) $\log_5 1 = 0$ (iii) $\log_{32} 2 = \frac{1}{5}$ (iv) $\log_5 \frac{1}{125} = -3$ (v) $\log_a c = b$]
2. Express the following logarithmic forms in the exponential forms: (i) $\log_2 64 = 6$
(ii) $\log_3 \frac{1}{81} = -4$ (iii) $\log_a 1 = 0$ (iv) $\log_{25} \left(\frac{1}{125}\right) = -\frac{3}{2}$ (v) $\log_Q P = R$
[ans.: (i) $2^6 = 64$ (ii) $3^{-4} = \frac{1}{81}$ (iii) $a^0 = 1$ (iv) $(25)^{-\frac{3}{2}} = \frac{1}{125}$ (v) $Q^R = P$]
3. Find the value of x: (i) $x = \log_2 128$ (ii) $\log_x 81 = 4$ (iii) $\log_5 x = -3$ (iv) $\log_x 243 = 10$
(v) $\log_{\sqrt{7}} 49 = x$ (vi) $\log_{10} (7x - 5) = 2$ (vii) $x = \log_{10} (0.0001)$ (viii) $\log_{\sqrt{x}} 0.25 = 4$ [ans.: (i) 7 (ii) 3 (iii) $\frac{1}{125}$ (iv) $\sqrt{3}$ (v) 4 (vi) 15 (vii) -4 (viii) $\frac{1}{2}$]
4. Find the logarithms of : (i) 625 to the base 5 (ii) 343 to the base $\sqrt{7}$ (iii) 0.1 is the base $9\sqrt{3}$ (iv) 1728 to the base $2\sqrt{3}$ (v) 2401 to the base $\sqrt[3]{7}$ (vi) 2^{-8} to the base (vii) 81 to the base $\sqrt[3]{9}$ (viii) $\sqrt{5}$ to the base 0.008 (ix) 1728 to the base $2\sqrt{3}$ (x) 0.000001 to the base 0.01. [ans.: (i) 4 (ii) 6 (iii) -4/5 (iv) 6 (v) 12 (vi) -4 (vii) 6 (viii) -1/6 (ix) 6, (x) 3]
5. Find the base when: (i) 3 is the logarithm of 343 (ii) 4 is the logarithm of 144 (iii) $-\frac{1}{3}$ is the logarithm of $\frac{1}{3}$ (vi) -1 is the logarithm of $\frac{1}{a}$ [ans.: (i) 7 (ii) $2\sqrt{3}$ (iii) 27 (iv) a]
6. Find the simplest values of : (i) $\log_3 5 \times \log_{25} 27$ (ii) $\log_8 27$ if $\log_2 3 = a$
(iii) $\log_{2\sqrt{2}} x$ if $\log_{\sqrt{2}} x = a$ [ans.: (i) $\frac{3}{2}$ (ii) a (iii) $\frac{a}{3}$]
7. Prove that, $\log(1+2+3) = \log 1 + \log 2 + \log 3$ [CU(H)'97]
8. Express M in terms of N: (i) $\frac{1}{2} \log_3 M + 3 \log_3 N = 1$ (ii) $\log_{10} N = 3 - 2 \log_{10} M$
[ans.: (i) $M = \frac{9}{N^6}$ (ii) $M = \sqrt{\frac{1000}{N}}$]

9. Prove that, (i) $a^{\log_a x} = x$ (ii) $x^{2\log_x a} = a^2$ (iii) $x^{\log_a y} = y^{\log_a x}$ (iv) $\log_a m \times \log_b n = \log_a n \times \log_b m$ (v) $\log_2 3 \times \log_3 2 = 1$ (vi) $\log_a b \times \log_b c \times \log_c a = 1$ [CU(H)'93] (vii) $(\log x)^2 - (\log y)^2 = \log(xy) \log\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)$ (viii) $a^{\log_a 2^x} \times b^{\log_b 2^y} \times c^{\log_c 2^z} = \sqrt{xyz}$.
10. Find the values of : (i) $\log_3 \sqrt[4]{729 \sqrt[3]{9^{-1}} \cdot (27)^{-4/3}}$ (ii) $\log_3 \log_2 \log_{\sqrt{3}} 81$
 (iii) $\log_{\sqrt{2}} 16 + \log_{\sqrt{3}} 9$ (iv) $\log_a b \times \log_b c \times \log_c d \times \log_d a$ (v) $\frac{\log \sqrt{27} + \log 8 - \log \sqrt{1000}}{\log 1.2}$
 (vi) $\log_3 4 \times \log_4 5 \times \log_5 6 \times \log_6 7 \times \log_7 3$ (vii) $\log_6 \sqrt{6 \sqrt{6 \sqrt{6} \dots \infty}}$ (viii) $\log_5 \sqrt{5 \sqrt{5 \sqrt{5} \dots \infty}}$
 [ans.: (i) 1 (ii) 1 (iii) 2 (iv) 1 (v) 3/2 (vi) 1 (vii) 1 (viii) 1]
11. Prove that, (i) $\log 2 + 16 \log \frac{16}{15} + 12 \log \frac{25}{24} + 7 \log \frac{81}{80} = 1$
 (ii) $7 \log \frac{10}{9} - 2 \log \frac{25}{24} + 3 \log \frac{81}{80} = \log 2$ (iii) $7 \log \frac{16}{15} + 5 \log \frac{25}{24} + 3 \log \frac{81}{80} = \log 2$
 (iv) $\log \frac{75}{16} - 2 \log \frac{5}{9} + \log \frac{32}{243} = \log 2$ (v) $7 \log \frac{10}{9} + 3 \log \frac{81}{80} = 2 \log \frac{25}{24} + \log 2$
 (vi) $7 \log \frac{10}{9} + 3 \log \frac{81}{80} = 2 \log \frac{25}{24} + \log 2$ (vii) $x^{\log y - \log z} \times y^{\log z - \log x} \times z^{\log x - \log y} = 1$
 (viii) $\frac{1}{\log_{xy}(xyz)} + \frac{1}{\log_{yz}(xyz)} + \frac{1}{\log_{zx}(xyz)} = 2$ (ix) $\log_{b^3} a \times \log_{c^3} b \times \log_{a^3} c = \frac{1}{27}$
 (x) $\log a + \log a^2 + \log a^3 + \dots \log a^n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \log a$
 (xi) $\log_a x \times \log_b y \times \log_c z = \log_b x \times \log_c y \times \log_a z$
 (xii) $\log_{\frac{1}{y}} x \times \log_{\frac{1}{z}} y \times \log_{\frac{1}{x}} z = -1$ (xiii) $\log_{x^2} x \times \log_{y^2} y \times \log_{z^2} z = \frac{1}{8}$
 (xiv) $\log_b a \times \log_c b \times \log_d c = \log_d a$ (xv) $\log_2 \log_2 \log_2 16 = 1$ (xvi) $\log_2 10 - \log_8 125 = 1$.
12. (a) If $\log_{30} 2 = .3010$, find the value of $\log_8 25$. [ans.: 1.548]
 (b) If $\log_{30} 3 = a$ and $\log_{30} 5 = b$, find the value of $\log_{30} 8$. [ans.: $3(1 - a - b)$]
 (c) If $\log_{10} 2 = 0.30103$ find the value of $\log_5 32$. [ans.: 2.15 (approx.)]
13. (i) If $a^2 + b^2 = 7ab$ show that, $\log \left[\frac{1}{3}(a + b) \right] = \frac{1}{2}(\log a + \log b)$
 (ii) If $\log \frac{x+y}{5} = \frac{1}{2}(\log x + \log y)$ show that, $\frac{x}{y} + \frac{y}{x} = 23$.
 (iii) If $a^{3-x} \cdot b^{5x} = a^{5+x} \cdot b^{3x}$ show that, $x \log \left(\frac{a}{b} \right) = \log a$
 (iv) If $a^4 + b^4 = 14a^2 b^2$ show that, $\log_e (a^2 + b^2) = \log_e a + \log_e b + 2 \log_e 2$

- 14.(a) If $\frac{\log x}{y-z} = \frac{\log y}{z-x} = \frac{\log z}{x-y}$ prove that, $xyz = 1$
- (b) If $\frac{\log x}{b-c} = \frac{\log y}{c-a} = \frac{\log z}{a-b}$ prove that, (i) $x^a y^b z^c = 1$ (ii) $x^{b+c} \cdot y^{c+a} \cdot z^{a+b} = 1$
- (iii) If $\frac{\log x}{ry-qz} = \frac{\log y}{pz-rx} = \frac{\log z}{qx-py}$ prove that, $x^p y^q z^r = 1$
15. If $\log 2 = 0.3010$, $\log 3 = 0.4771$, $\log 7 = 0.8451$, find the value of (i) $\log 45$ (ii) $\log 108$ (iii) $\log 84$ (iv) $\log 294$ (v) $\log 21.6$
16. If $\log_{10} 2 = 0.30103$, $\log_{10} 3 = 0.47712$ and $\log_{10} 7 = 0.84510$, find the values of (i) $\log_{10} 45$ and (ii) $\log_{10} 105$. [ans.: (i) $\log_{10} 45 = 1.65321$ and (ii) $\log_{10} 105 = 2.02119$]
17. If $x = \log_a(bc)$, $y = \log_b(ca)$ and $z = \log_c(ab)$ show that,
- (i) $\frac{1}{x+1} + \frac{1}{y+1} + \frac{1}{z+1} = 1$ (ii) $x + y + z + 2 = xyz$
18. If $x = \log_{2a} a$, $y = \log_{3a} 2a$ and $z = \log_{4a} 3a$, show that, $xyz + 1 = 2yz$.
19. If $\log_p x = a$ and $\log_q x = b$, prove that, $\log_{\frac{p}{q}} x = \frac{ab}{(b-a)}$.
20. If $\log(x^2 y^3) = a$ and $\log\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) = b$, find $\log x$ and $\log y$ in terms of a and b . [ans.: $\log_x = \frac{a+3b}{5}$ and $\log_y = \frac{a-2b}{5}$]
21. If $x = \frac{e^y - e^{-y}}{e^y + e^{-y}}$ show that, $y = \frac{1}{2} \log_e \frac{1+x}{1-x}$.
22. If $\log_a b = 10$ and $\log_{6a}(32b) = 5$, find the value of a . [ans.: 3]
23. Solve: (i) $\log_{10} x - \log_{10} \sqrt{x} = \frac{2}{\log_{10} x}$ (ii) $\log_2 \log_2 \log_2 x = 1$ (iii) $\log_8 x + \log_4 x + \log_2 x = 11$ (iv) $\log_2 x + \log_4 x + \log_{16} x = \frac{21}{4}$ [ans.: (i) 100 or, 1/100 (ii) 16 (iii) 64 (iv) 8]
24. If a, b, c , are three consecutive positive integers, show that, $\log(1+ac) = 2\log b$

C.U. QUESTIONS

1. Prove that the $\log_2 \log_2 \log_2 16 = 1$ [2012,'14]
2. If $x = \log_a bc$, $y = \log_b ca$, $z = \log_c ab$ then prove that $\frac{1}{x-1} + \frac{1}{y+1} + \frac{1}{z+} = 1$. [1999,2013]
3. Solve: $\log_2 x + \log_4 x + \log_{16} x = \frac{21}{4}$. [ans.: $x = 23 = 8$.] [2013,'14]
4. Find the value of $\log_3 \log_2 \log_2 256$. [2013]
5. If $a^2 + b^2 = 23ab$, then prove that $\log\left\{\frac{1}{5}(a+b)\right\} = \frac{1}{2}(\log a + \log b)$. [2013]
6. If $x = 1 + \log_a bc$, $y = 1 + \log_b ca$, $z = 1 + \log_c ab$ then prove that $xyz = xy + yz + zx$. [2014]
7. If $\frac{\log x}{y-z} = \frac{\log y}{z-x} = \frac{\log z}{x-y}$ prove that, $x^2 y^2 z^2 = 1$. [2014]
8. Show that $7 \log \frac{16}{15} + 5 \log \frac{25}{24} + 3 \log \frac{81}{80} = \log 2$. [2015]

9. Find the value of $\log_6 \sqrt{6\sqrt{6\sqrt{6}\dots}}$. [2015]
10. If $\frac{\log x}{b-c} = \frac{\log y}{c-a} = \frac{\log z}{a-b}$ prove that, $x^{b+c} \cdot y^{c+a} \cdot z^{a+b} = 1$ [2015]
11. Prove that $\log_b a \cdot \log_c b \cdot \log_a c = 1$. [2015]
12. If $a^2 + b^2 = 23ab$, then prove that $\log \frac{a+b}{2} = \frac{1}{2}(\log a + \log b)$. [2016]
13. Find the value of $\log_3 \log_2 \log_2 2^{256}$. [ans.:1] [2016]
14. If $\frac{\log x}{1} = \frac{\log y}{2} = \frac{\log z}{3}$, prove that x, y, z are in GP. [2016]
15. If $a^2 + b^2 = 27ab$, then prove that $\log \frac{a-b}{5} = \frac{1}{2}(\log a + \log b)$. [2016]
16. Prove that $\log_3 \left(\sqrt[3]{\sqrt[3]{\sqrt[3]{3}\dots\infty}} \right) = 1$. [2017]
17. If $\log \left(\frac{a+b}{3} \right) = \frac{1}{2}(\log a + \log b)$, show that $\frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{a} = 7$. [2017]
18. If $x = \log_a(bc)$, $y = \log_b(ca)$ and $z = \log_c(ab)$ show that, $\frac{1}{x+1} + \frac{1}{y+1} + \frac{1}{z+1} = 1$. [2017]
19. Solve for x if $\log_x 2 + \log_x 4 + \log_x 8 = 6$. [2017]