# Logarithm Problem 41-50

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**41.** If 
$$\frac{\log x}{q-r}=\frac{\log y}{r-p}=\frac{\log z}{p-q},$$
 prove that  $x^{q+r}y^{p+r}z^{p+q}=x^py^qz^r$ 

#### Solution:

$$\begin{split} \frac{\log x}{q-r} &= \frac{\log y}{r-p} = \frac{\log z}{p-q} = k(\mathsf{let}) \\ \Rightarrow \log x &= k(q-r), \log y = k(r-p), \log z = k(p-q) \end{split}$$

We have to prove that  $x^{q+r}y^{p+r}z^{p+q}=x^py^qz^r$ . Taking  $\log$  of both sides

$$\begin{aligned} (q+r)\log x + (p+r)\log y + (p+q)\log z &= p\log x + q\log y + r\log z \\ k(q^2-r^2) + k(r^2-p^2) + k(p^2-q^2) &= k(pq-pr+qr-pq+pr-qr) \\ 0 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

**42.** If 
$$y=a^{\frac{1}{1-\log_a x}}$$
 and  $z=a^{\frac{1}{1-\log_a y}},$  prove that  $x=a^{\frac{1}{1-\log_a z}}$ 

**Solution:** Given 
$$y=a^{\frac{1}{1-\log_a x}}$$
 and  $z=a^{\frac{1}{1-\log_a y}}$ 

$$\Rightarrow z = a^{\frac{1}{1 - \log_a a^{\frac{1}{1 - \log_a x}}}}$$
$$z = a^{\frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{1 - \log_a x}}}$$

Taking  $\log$  of both sides with base a, we get

$$\begin{split} \log_a z &= \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{1 - \log_a x}} \\ &= \frac{1 - \log_a x}{-\log_a x} = 1 - \frac{1}{\log_a x} \\ &= a^{\frac{1}{1 - \log_a z}} \end{split}$$

**43.** Let 
$$f(x) = \frac{1}{1 - \log_e x}$$
. If  $f(y) = e^{f(z)}$  and  $z = e^{f(x)}$ , prove that  $x = e^{f(y)}$ 

Solution:

$$\begin{split} f(y) &= e^{\frac{1}{1 - \log_a z}}, z = e^{\frac{1}{1 - \log_e x}} \\ \Rightarrow f(y) &= e^{\frac{1}{1 - \log_e e^{\frac{1}{1 - \log_e x}}}} \\ f(y) &= e^{\frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{1 - \log_e x}}} \end{split}$$

Following like previous problem

$$x=e^{f(y)}$$

**44.** Show that 
$$\frac{1}{\log_2 n} + \frac{1}{\log_3 n} + \frac{1}{\log_4 n} + \ldots + \frac{1}{\log_{43} n} = \frac{1}{\log_{43!} n}$$

#### Solution:

$$\begin{split} L.H.S. &= \frac{1}{\log_2 n} + \frac{1}{\log_3 n} + \frac{1}{\log_4 n} + \ldots + \frac{1}{\log_{43} n} \\ &= \log_n 2 + \log_n 3 + \log_n 4 + \ldots + \log_n 43 \\ &= \log_n (2.3.4. \ldots 43) = \log_n 43! = \frac{1}{\log_{43} n} \end{split}$$

**45.** Show that  $2(\log a + \log a^2 + \log a^3 + ... + \log a^n) = n(n+1)\log a$ 

#### Solution:

$$\begin{split} L.H.S. &= 2(\log a + \log a^2 + \log a^3 + \ldots + \log a^n) \\ &= 2\log a(1+2+3+\ldots + n) = 2\log a\frac{n(n+1)}{2} \\ &= n(n+1)\log a \end{split}$$

**46.** Find the number of digits in  $12^{12}$ , without actual computation. Given  $\log 2 = 0.301$  and  $\log 3 = 0.477$ 

**Solution:** We will make use of the fact that positive characteristics of n of a logarithm there are n+1 digits in the number.

Let 
$$y = 12^{12} \Rightarrow \log y = 12 \log 12 = 12 \log(2.2.3) = 12[2*0.301 + 0.477]$$

= 12.96

Thus, number of digits is 13.

**47.** How many positive integers have characteristics 2 when base is 3?

**Solution:** Number of positive integers having base b and characteristics n is  $b^{n+1}-b^n$ 

Thus, number of integers with base 3 and characteristics 2 is  $3^3-3^2=18. \\$ 

**48.** How many zeros are there between the decimal point and the first significant digit in  $0.0504^{10}$ . Given,  $\log 2 = 0.301, \log 3 = 0.477, \log 7 = 0.845$ 

**Solution:** Let 
$$y=0.0504^{10}$$
  $\log_{10}y=10\log_{10}0.0504=10\log_{10}(504*10^{-4})$   $=10\log_{10}[-4+\log(2^3.3^2.7)]$   $=-12.98$ 

Thus, characteristics is -13, therefore number of zeros after decimal and first significant digit =12

**49.** Find the number of digits in  $72^{15}$  without actual computation. Given  $\log 2 = 0.301, \log 3 = 0.477$ .

$$\begin{aligned} & \textbf{Solution: Let } x = 72^{15} \mathrel{\dot{\cdot}} \log_{10} x = 15 \log_{10} 72 \\ &= 15 \log_{10} (2^3 * 3^2) = 15 \log_{10} [3 \log_{10} 2 + 2 \log_{10} 3] \\ &= 15 [3 * 0.301 + 2 * 0.477] = 27.855 \end{aligned}$$

So characteristics is 27, therefore, the number of digits will be 28.

**50.** How many positive integers have characteritics 2 when base is 5?

**Solution:** Number of integers with base b and characteristics n is  $b^{n+1} - b^n$ .

 $\div$  number of integers is  $5^3-5^2=100$