AE2ADS: Algorithms Data Structures and Efficiency

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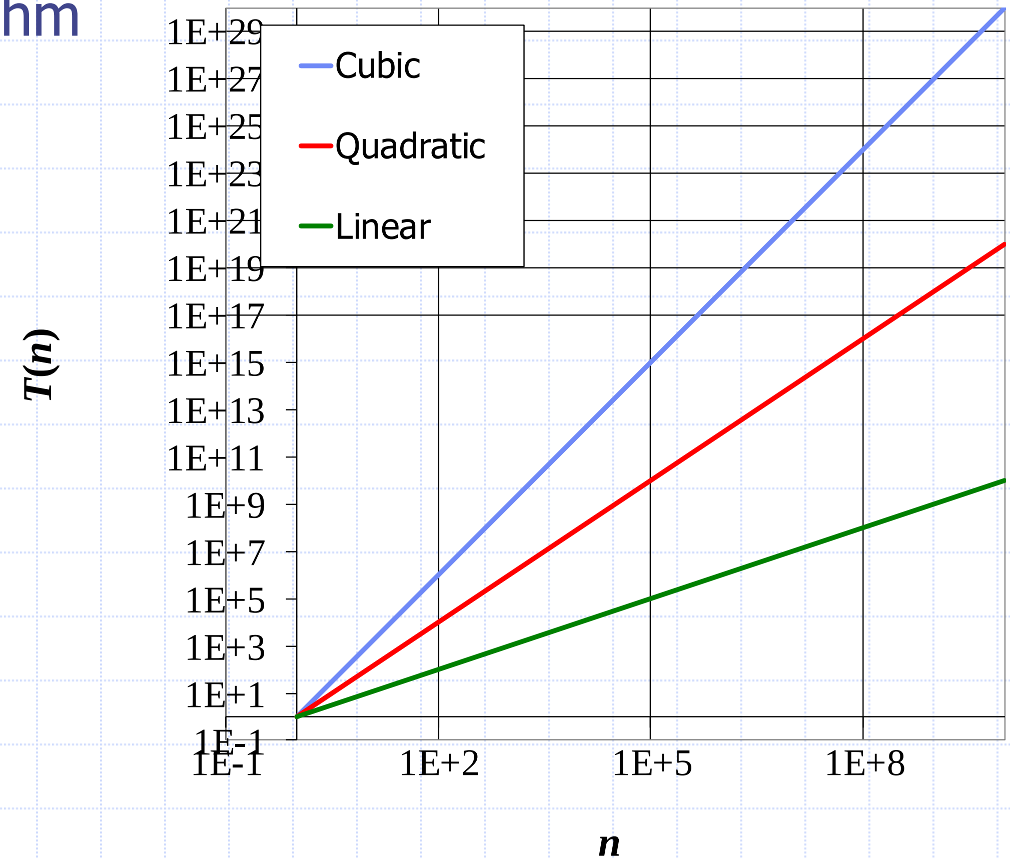
Seven Important Functions

- Seven functions that often appear in algorithm analysis:
  - Constant ≈ 1
  - Logarithmic ≈ $\log n$
  - Linear ≈ n
  - N-Log-N ≈ $n \log n$
  - Quadratic ≈ n^2
  - Cubic ≈ n^3
  - Exponential ≈ 2^n

- In a log-log chart, the slope of the line corresponds to the growth rate



Seven Common Functions

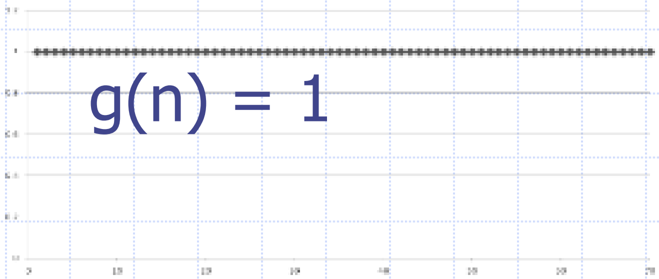
- Ideally, we would like data structure operations to run in times proportional to the constant or logarithm function
- We would like our algorithms to run in linear or n-log-n time.

Seven Common Functions

- Algorithms with quadratic or cubic running times are less practical.
- Algorithms with exponential running times are infeasible for all but the smallest sized inputs.

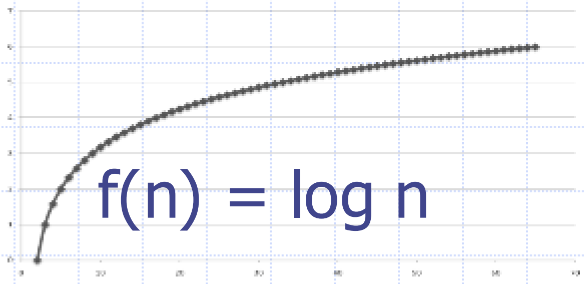
The Constant Function

- $f(n) = c$,
- where c is a fixed constant.
- e.g., $g(n) = 1$



The Logarithm Function

- $f(n) = \log_b n$,
- where b is a constant and b >1.
- $x = \log_b n$ iff $b^x = n$. The value b is known as the base of the logarithm.
- Convention in CS: $\log n = \log_2 n$



Review: Logarithm Rules

- Given real numbers $a > 0$, $b > 1$, $c > 0$, and $d > 1$, we have:
- $\log_b(ac) = ?$
- $\log_b(a/c) = ?$
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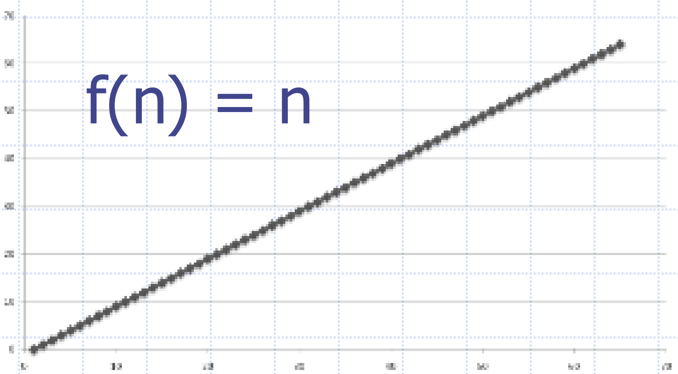
- $\log_b a = \log_d a \,/\, \log_d b$
- $b^{\log_d a} = a^{\log_d b}$

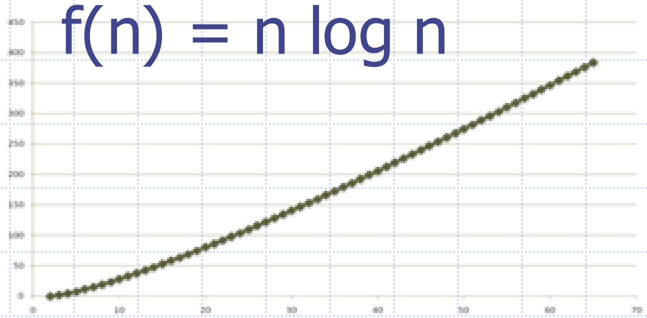
The linear Function

- $f(n) = n$,
- where n is a non-negative integer.



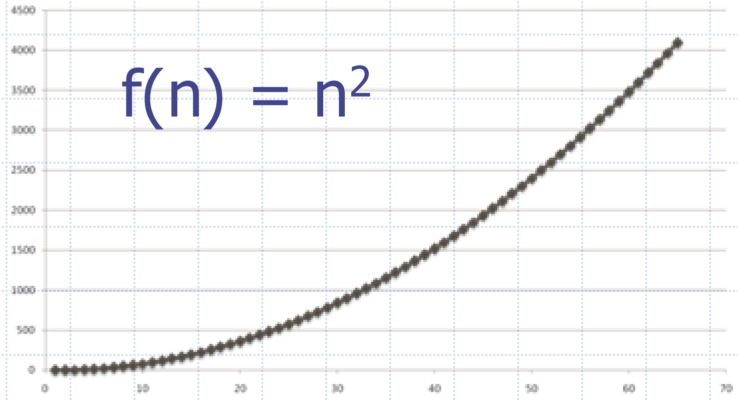
The N-Log-N Function

- $f(n) = n \log n$
- where n is a non-negative integer.



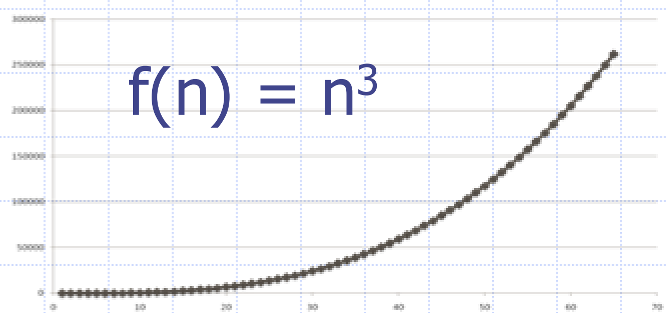
The Quadratic Function

- $f(n) = n^2$
- where n is a non-negative integer.



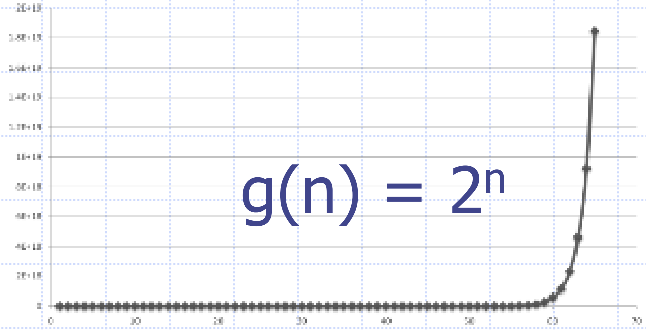
The Cubic Function

- $f(n) = n^3$
- where n is a non-negative integer.



The Exponential Function

- $f(n) = b^n$
- Where b is a positive constant, called the base, and the argument n is the exponent.
- e.g., g(n) = 2^n



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- Given positive integer a, b and c, we have
- $(b^a)^c = ?$
- $b^a b^c = ?$
- $b^a / b^c = ?$

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- $(b^a)^c = b^{ac}$
- $b^a b^c = b^{a+c}$
- $b^a / b^c = b^{a-c}$

Functions Graphed Using “Normal” Scale

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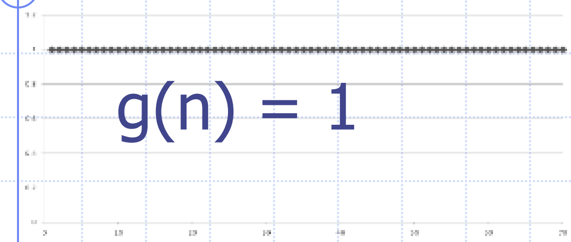

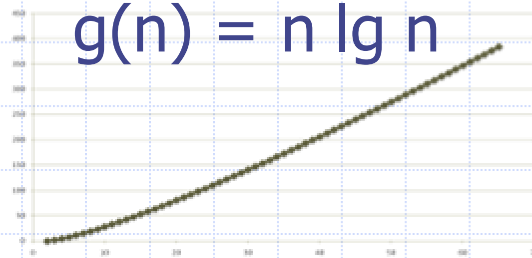

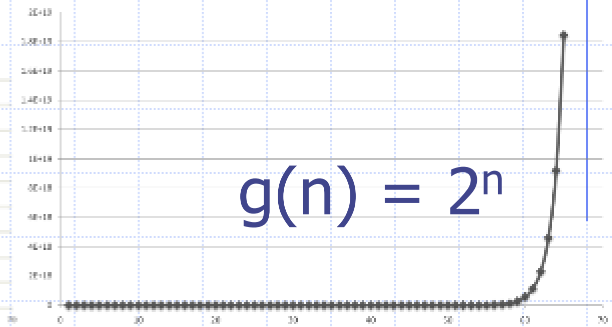

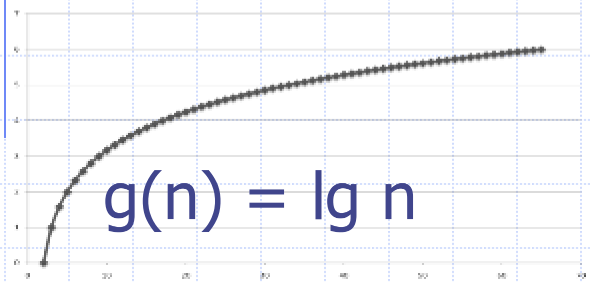

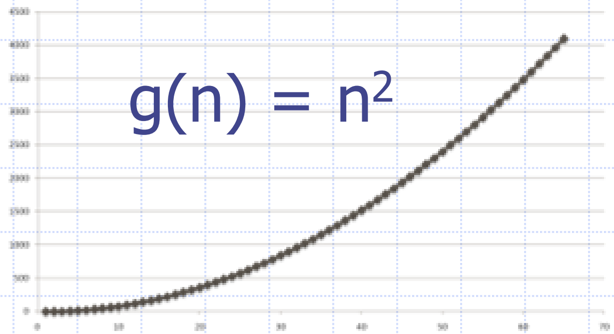

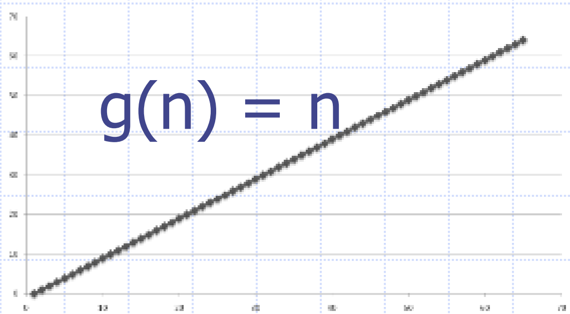

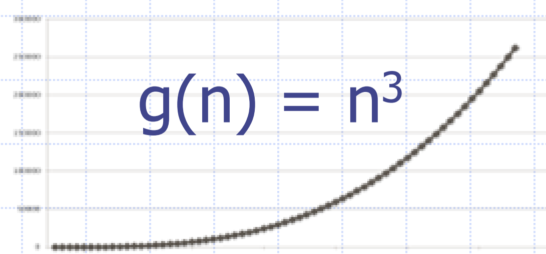

Log-log Plot

- A log–log plot is a two-dimensional graph of numerical data that uses logarithmic scales on both the horizontal and vertical axes.
- Relationships of the form $y = ax^k$ appear as straight lines in a log–log graph, with the power and constant term corresponding to slope and intercept of the line.
- Any base can be used for the logarithm, though most common are 10, e, and 2.

Log-log Plot

- $y = ax^k$
- taking the logarithm of the equation (with any base)
- $\log y = k \log x + \log a$
- Let $X = \log x$ and $Y = \log y$. $Y = kX + b$.
- k is the slope of the line (gradient).

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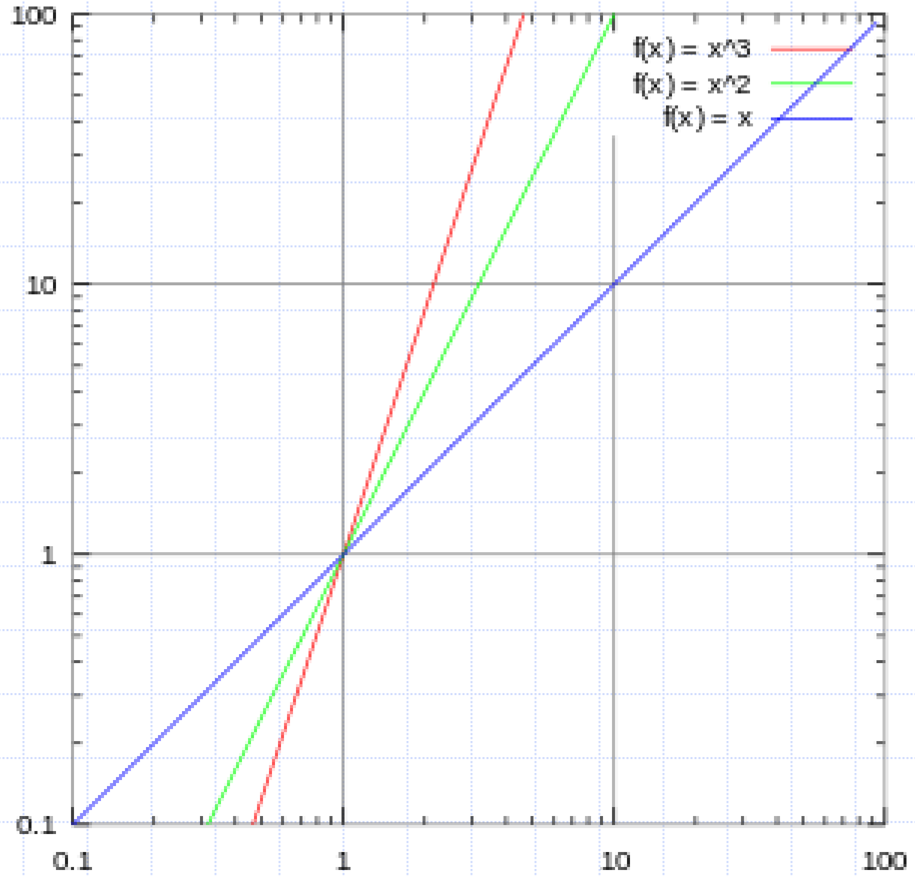

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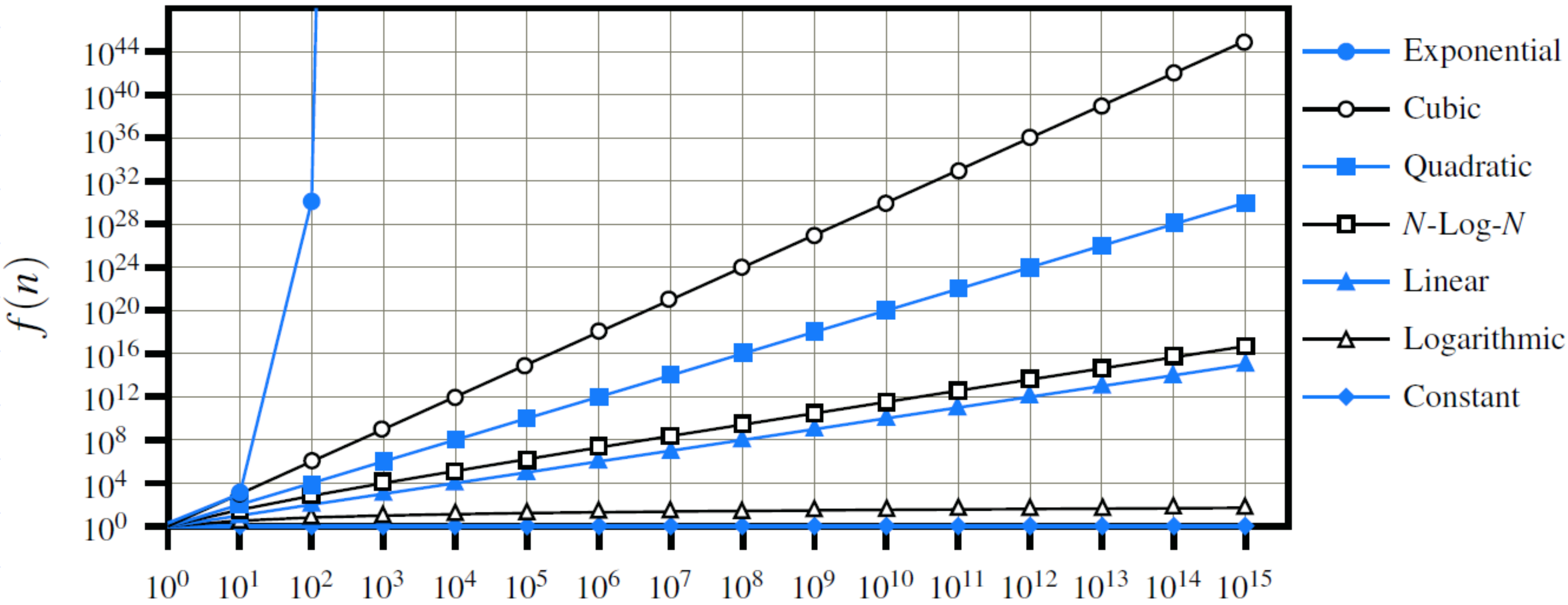
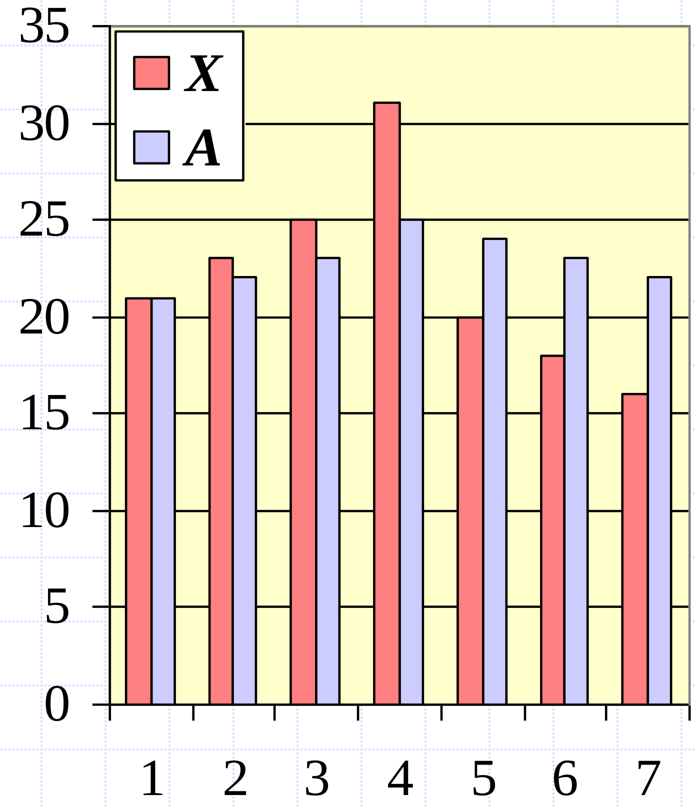


Exercise: Computing Prefix Averages

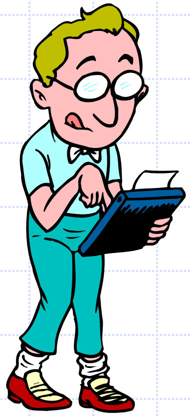
- Write pseudocode for an algorithm which computes prefix averages.
- The i-th prefix average of an array X is average of the first $(i + 1)$ elements of X:

$$A[i] = (X[0] + X[1] + \ldots + X[i])/(i+1)$$

- Computing the array A of prefix averages of another array X has applications to financial analysis



Math you need to Review



- Summations
- Powers
- Logarithms
- Proof techniques
- Basic probability

- Properties of powers:

  $a^{(b+c)} = a^b a^c$

  $a^{bc} = (a^b)^c$

  $a^b / a^c = a^{(b-c)}$

  $b = a^{\log_a b}$

  $b^c = a^{c*\log_a b}$

- Properties of logarithms:

  $\log_b(xy) = \log_b x + \log_b y$

  $\log_b (x/y) = \log_b x - \log_b y$

  $\log_b x^a = a\log_b x$

  $\log_b a = \log_x a / \log_x b$