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LOGARITHMS



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LOGARITHMS

If a is a positive real number, other than 1 and $a^x = m$, then x is called the logarithm of m to the base a . It is denoted by $\log_a m$. Thus, $a^x = m \Leftrightarrow x = \log_a m$

e.g., $2^3 = 8 \Leftrightarrow \log_2 8 = 3$

$$\left\{ 2^x = 5 \right\}$$

If $x < 0$, then $\log_a x$ is imaginary.

If $x = 0$, then $\log_a x$ is meaningless.

$\log_a x$ exists, if and only if $x > 0$, $a > 0$ and $a \neq 1$.

$$\underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{(base)}}}{4}^3 = \textcircled{64} \rightarrow \log_4 64 = 3$$

PROPERTIES OF LOGARITHMS

1. $a^{\log_a x} = x$; $a \neq 0, \neq 1, x > 0$

2. $a^{\log_b x} = x^{\log_b a}$; $a > 0, b > 0, \neq 1, x > 0$

3. $\log_a a = 1, \log_a 1 = 0$; $a > 0, \neq 1$

4. $\log_a x = \frac{1}{\log_x a}$; $x, a > 0, \neq 1$

5. $\log_a x = \log_b x \cdot \log_a b = \frac{\log_b x}{\log_b a}$; $a, b > 0, \neq 1, x > 0$

① $a^{\log_a x} = y$ \rightarrow x

$\log_a (a^{\log_a x}) = \log_a y$

$= \log_a x \log_a a = \log_a y$ $\log(a^m) = m \log a$

$\log_a x(1) = \log_a y$

$x = y$

$2^1 = 2$

$\log_2 2 = \frac{1}{1}$

$$(2) a^{\log_b x} = x^{\log_b a}$$

$$\log_b (a^{\log_b x}) = \log_b (x^{\log_b a})$$

$$= \underbrace{\log_b x}_{\text{}} \underbrace{\log_b a}_{\text{}} = \underbrace{\log_b a}_{\text{}} \underbrace{\log_b x}_{\text{}}$$

$$(4) \log_a b = \frac{1}{\log_b a}$$

$$(5) \log_a b = \frac{\log_m b}{\log_m a}$$

PROPERTIES OF LOGARITHMS

6. For $m, n > 0, a > 0$ and $\neq 1$

$$(a) \log_a (m \cdot n) = \log_a m + \log_a n$$

$$(b) \log_a \left(\frac{m}{n} \right) = \log_a m - \log_a n$$

$$(c) \log_a (m^n) = n \log_a (m)$$

7. For $x > 0, a > 0, \neq 1$

$$(a) \log_{a^n} x = \left\{ \frac{1}{n} \log_a x \right\} \quad \left\{ \log_a x^m = m \log_a x \right\}$$

$$(b) \log_{a^n} x^m = \left(\frac{m}{n} \right) \log_a x$$

PROPERTIES OF LOGARITHMS

8. For $x > y > 0$

(a) $\log_a x > \log_a y$, if $a > 1$

(b) $\log_a x < \log_a y$, if $0 < a < 1$

9. $a > 1$, then

(a) $\log_a x > p \Rightarrow x > a^p$

(b) $0 < \log_a x < p \Rightarrow 1 < x < a^p$

10. If $0 < a < 1$, then

(a) $\log_a x > p \Rightarrow 0 < x < a^p$

(b) $0 < \log_a x < p \Rightarrow a^p < x < 1$

$$\log_a b = m$$

$$\underline{b = a^m}$$

$$\log_3 27 = 3$$

$$\underline{3^3 = 27}$$

Q) What is the value of $\frac{(\log_{27} 9)(\log_{16} 64)}{\log_4 \sqrt{2}}$?

(a) 1

(b) 2

 (c) 4

(d) 8

$$\frac{\left(\frac{\log_3 9}{\log_3 27}\right) \left(\frac{\log_2 64}{\log_2 16}\right)}{\frac{1}{\log_{\sqrt{2}} 4}}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{2}{3} \times \frac{6}{4}}{\frac{1}{4}} = 4$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\sqrt{2})^1 &= \sqrt{2} \\ (\sqrt{2})^2 &= 2 \\ (\sqrt{2})^3 &= 2\sqrt{2} \\ (\sqrt{2})^4 &= 4 \end{aligned}$$

Q) What is the value of $\frac{(\log_{27} 9)(\log_{16} 64)}{\log_4 \sqrt{2}}$?

(a) 1

(b) 2

(c) 4

(d) 8

Ans: (c)

Q) If $(\log_x x)(\log_3 2x)(\log_{2x} y) = \log_x x^2$, then what is the value of y ?

(a) $\frac{9}{2}$

~~(b) 9~~

(c) 18

(d) 27

$$(1) \quad \underline{(\log_3(2x))} \quad \underline{(\log_{2x} y)} = \log_x x^2$$

$$(\log_3 2x)(\log_{2x} y) = 2$$

$$\frac{1}{\log_{2x} 3} \times \log_{2x} y = 2$$

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

$$\log_{2x} y = 2 \log_{2x} 3$$

$$\log_{2x} y = \log_{2x} 3^2$$

$$y = 3^2 = \textcircled{9}$$

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(a) $\frac{9}{2}$

(b) 9

(c) 18

(d) 27

Ans: (b)

Q) If $4^{\log_9 3} + 9^{\log_2 4} = 10^{\log_x 83}$, then x is

(a) 4

(c) 10

(b) 9

(d) None of these

$$\log_b a^m = m \log_b a$$

$$4^{\frac{1}{\log_3 9}} + 9^2 = 10^{\log_x 83}$$

$$4^{\frac{1}{2}} + 81 =$$

$$2 + 81 = 10^{\log_x 83}$$

$$\underline{\underline{83}} = \underline{\underline{10}}^{\log_x 83}$$

$$\log_{10} 83 = \log_x 83 (\log_{10} 10)$$

$$\log_{10} 83 = \log_x 83 (1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{x = 10}$$

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(b) 9

(c) 10

(d) None of these

Ans: (c)

Q) What is the value of $2 \log_8 2 - \frac{\log_3 9}{3}$?

~~(a)~~ 0

(b) 1

(c) 2

(d) 1/3

$$2 \times \frac{1}{\log_2 8} - \frac{2}{3}$$
$$= \frac{2}{3} - \frac{2}{3} = 0$$

Q) What is the value of $2 \log_8 2 - \frac{\log_3 9}{3}$?

(a) 0

(b) 1

(c) 2

(d) 1/3

Ans: (a)

Q) If $\log_{10} (x + 1) + \log_{10} 5 = 3$, then what is the value of x ?

~~(a) 199~~

(b) 200

(c) 299

(d) 300

$$\log_a b = m$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{b = a^m}$$

$$\frac{\log_{10} (x+1)}{\log_a A} + \frac{\log_{10} 5}{\log_a B} = \log_a (A \cdot B)$$

$$5x = 995$$

$$\underline{x = 199}$$

$$\log_{10} (5(x+1)) = 3$$

$$5x + 5 = 10^3$$

Q) If $\log_{10} (x + 1) + \log_{10} 5 = 3$, then what is the value of x ?

(a) 199

(b) 200

(c) 299

(d) 300

Ans: (a)

Q) If $\log_e \left(\frac{a+b}{2} \right) = \frac{1}{2} (\log_e a + \log_e b)$, then

(a) $a = b$

(b) $a = \frac{b}{2}$

(c) $2a = b$

(d) $a = \frac{b}{3}$

e - natural logarithm

$e = 2.7 \dots$

$\log_e x = \ln x$

log_e → ln

AM (a, b) = GM (a, b)

⇒ $a = b$

$$\log_e \left(\frac{a+b}{2} \right) = \frac{1}{2} (\log_e a + \log_e b)$$

$$\log_e \left(\frac{a+b}{2} \right) = \log_e (ab)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a+b}{2} = \sqrt{ab}$$

Q) If $\log_e \left(\frac{a+b}{2} \right) = \frac{1}{2} (\log_e a + \log_e b)$, then

(a) $a = b$

(b) $a = \frac{b}{2}$

(c) $2a = b$

(d) $a = \frac{b}{3}$

Ans: (a)

Q) The value of $e^{(\log_{10} \tan 1^\circ + \log_{10} \tan 2^\circ + \dots + \log_{10} \tan 89^\circ)}$ is equal to

(a) 0

~~(b) 1~~

(c) e

(d) $\frac{1}{e}$

$$\log_{10} \tan 1^\circ + \log_{10} \tan 2^\circ + \dots + \log_{10} \tan 89^\circ$$

$$\log_{10} (\tan 1^\circ \tan 2^\circ \dots \tan 89^\circ)$$

$$\cancel{\tan 1^\circ} \cancel{\tan 2^\circ} \dots \tan 45^\circ \dots \cancel{\cot 3^\circ} \cancel{\cot 2^\circ} \cancel{\cot 1^\circ}$$

$$\log_{10} (1) = 0$$

$$e^0 = 1$$

$$\log_a (1) = 0 = \log_{10} (1) = \log_e (1)$$

$$\text{at any base } (1) = \underline{0}$$

Q) The value of $e^{(\log_{10} \tan 1^\circ + \log_{10} \tan 2^\circ + \dots + \log_{10} \tan 89^\circ)}$ is equal to

(a) 0

(b) 1

(c) e

(d) $\frac{1}{e}$

Ans: (b)

Q) If $x < 0$, $y < 0$, then $\log(xy)$ is equal to

(a) $\log x + \log y$

(b) $\log(-x) + \log(-y)$

(c) $-\log x - \log y$

(d) None of these

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

log, not defined for $x, y = -ve$

or, $x < 0, y < 0$

Q) If $x < 0$, $y < 0$, then $\log(xy)$ is equal to

(a) $\log x + \log y$

(b) $\log(-x) + \log(-y)$

(c) $-\log x - \log y$

(d) None of these

Ans: (b)

Q) What is $\log(a + \sqrt{a^2 + 1}) + \log\left(\frac{1}{a + \sqrt{a^2 + 1}}\right)$ equals

to?

(a) 1

(c) 2

(b) 0

(d) $\frac{1}{2}$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \log x \times \log \frac{1}{x} = 1 \\ \log x + \log \frac{1}{x} = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

$$\log(a + \sqrt{a^2 + 1}) + \log(a + \sqrt{a^2 + 1})^{-1}$$

$$\log(a + \sqrt{a^2 + 1}) - \log(a + \sqrt{a^2 + 1}) = \underline{0}$$

$$\log(x)^m = m \log x$$

Q) What is $\log(a + \sqrt{a^2 + 1}) + \log\left(\frac{1}{a + \sqrt{a^2 + 1}}\right)$ equals

to?

(a) 1

(b) 0

(c) 2

(d) $\frac{1}{2}$

Ans: (b)

Q) If $\log_k x \log_5 k = 3$, then what is the value of x ?

(a) k^5

(b) $5k^3$

(c) 243

(d) 125

$$\log_k x \times \frac{1}{\log_k 5} = 3$$

$$\log_k x = 3 \log_k 5$$

$$\log_k x = \log_k 5^3 \rightarrow m \log_a b = \log_a b^m$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{x = 5^3 = 125}$$

Q) If $\log_k x \log_5 k = 3$, then what is the value of x ?

(a) k^5

(b) $5k^3$

(c) 243

(d) 125

Ans: (d)

Q) For what value(s) of x is

$$\log_{10} (999 + \sqrt{x^2 - 3x + 3}) = 3?$$

- (a) 0
(b) Only 1
(c) Only 2
(d) 1, 2

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$$\log_{10} (999 + \sqrt{x^2 - 3x + 3}) = 3?$$

- (a) 0
(b) Only 1
(c) Only 2
(d) 1, 2

Ans: (d)

Q) If $\frac{\log x}{\log 5} = \frac{\log 36}{\log 6} = \frac{\log 64}{\log y}$, what are the values of x and y , respectively?

- (a) 8, 25 (b) 25, 8 (c) 8, 8 (d) 25, 25

$$\frac{\log x}{\log 5} = 2$$

$$\log x = \log 5^2$$

$$\underline{x = 25}$$

$$\frac{\log 64}{\log y} = 2$$

$$\log 64 = \log y^2$$

$$y^2 = 64$$

$$\underline{y = 8}$$

If nothing,
means same base,

$$\log b + \log a$$

(same bases)

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- (a) 8, 25 (b) 25, 8 (c) 8, 8 (d) 25, 25

Ans: (b)

Q) How many number of digits are there in 2^{98} ?

(Given that $\log_{10} 2 = 0.30103$)

- (a) 98 (b) 99
 (c) 30 (d) 29

$$\begin{aligned} \log_{10} 2^{98} &= 98 \times \log_{10} 2 \\ &= 98 \times 0.30103 \\ &= (100 - 2) \times 0.30103 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 30.103 - 0.60206 \\ &= \underline{29} \text{ (Integer part)} \end{aligned}$$

no. of digits = $\underline{29} + 1$ (left side of decimal)

x	$\log_{10} x$	no. of digits
<u>10</u>	1	$1 + 1 = 2$
<u>100</u>	2	$2 + 1 = 3$
<u>1000</u>	3	$3 + 1 = 4$

no. of digits of $x = \text{Integral}(\log_{10} x) + 1$

Q) How many number of digits are there in 2^{98} ?
(Given that $\log_{10} 2 = 0.30103$)

(a) 98

(b) 99

(c) 30

(d) 29

Ans: (c)

Q) What is the number of digits in the numeral form of 8^{17} ?

(a) 51

(b) 16

(c) 15

(d) 14

Q) What is the number of digits in the numeral form of 8^{17} ?

(a) 51

(b) 16

(c) 15

(d) 14

Ans: (b)

Q) What is the least integral value of $2 \log_{10} x - \log_x (0.01)$?

(a) 0

(b) 2

(c) 4

(d) 3

$$\log_{a^n} b = \frac{1}{n} \log_a b$$

$$2 \log_{10} x - \log_x \left(\frac{1}{100} \right)$$

$$2 \left(\frac{1}{\log_x 10} \right) - \left[\log_x (1) - \log_x (100) \right]$$

$$2 \left(\frac{1}{\log_x 10} \right) - 0 + \log_x 100$$

min value of $A + \frac{1}{A} = 2$ (when $A=1$)

$$2 \log_{10} x + \frac{1}{\log_{10} x}$$

$$2 \log_{10} x + \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2} (\log_{10} x)}$$

$$2 \log_{10} x + \frac{2}{\log_{10} x} = 2 \left(A + \frac{1}{A} \right)$$

$$2 \log_{10} x - \log_x (0.01)$$

$$\frac{2}{\log_x 10} - \left[\log_x (1) - \log_x (100) \right]$$

$$\frac{2}{\log_x 10} + 2 \log_x 10$$

$$2 \left(\frac{1}{A} + A \right)$$

$$2 \times 2 = \textcircled{4}$$

For $A + \frac{1}{A}$ to be minimum

$$A = 1$$

$$A + \frac{1}{A} = 2$$

Q) What is the least integral value of
 $2 \log_{10} x - \log_x (0.01)$?

(a) 0

(b) 2

(c) 4

(d) 3

Ans: (c)

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