

Part 1 - Laws for Logarithms

A 1. Express as sums or differences of logarithms.

- (a) $\log_{10} (8 \times 13)$ (b) $\log_2 (9.1 \times 6.3)$
 (c) $\log_5 (14 \times 8.1)$ (d) $\log_5 \left(\frac{17}{37}\right)$
 (e) $\log_8 \left(\frac{104}{97.2}\right)$ (f) $\log_{10} \left(\frac{2}{\pi}\right)$
 (g) $\log_3 2\pi$ (h) $\log_2 (19 \times 97)$
 (i) $\log_{12} (16 \div 65)$ (j) $\log_{10} xy$
 (k) $\log_{10} \frac{x}{y}$ (l) $\log_x (AB)$

2. Express as logarithms of products or quotients.

- (a) $\log_{10} 89 + \log_{10} 14$
 (b) $\log_5 12.2 + \log_5 2.79$
 (c) $\log_2 75 - \log_2 36$
 (d) $\log_3 634 - \log_3 149$
 (e) $\log_6 2 + \log_6 9$

- (f) $\log_7 54 - \log_7 9$
 (g) $\log_{10} x + \log_{10} y$
 (h) $\log_2 x - \log_2 y$
 (i) $\log_{10} 36 - \log_{10} 4$
 (j) $\log_9 12 + \log_9 5$

3. Apply the Power Law to the following.

- (a) $\log_{10} 68^2$ (b) $\log_2 3.9^5$
 (c) $\log_5 \pi^{10}$ (d) $\log_{10} 7^{\frac{2}{3}}$
 (e) $\log_3 5^{\frac{1}{2}}$ (f) $\log_5 \sqrt{3}$
 (g) $\log_{10} 8^{-1}$ (h) $\log_{10} \left(\frac{1}{12}\right)$
 (i) $2 \log_{10} x^9$ (j) $2 \log_{10} 37$
 (k) $8 \log_2 21$ (l) $3 \log_5 2$
 (m) $\frac{1}{3} \log_{10} 9$ (n) $\frac{1}{2} \log_{10} 9$
 (o) $-\log_{10} 5$ (p) $-\frac{1}{2} \log_{10} 16$
 (q) $\log_2 xy$ (r) $m \log_6 A$

4. Apply the Laws of Logarithms to the following.

- (a) $\log_{12} (82 \times 28)$ (b) $\log_2 (9 \times 13 \times 14)$
 (c) $\log_5 9^{20}$ (d) $\log_3 (79 \div 53)$
 (e) $2 \log_{10} 6$ (f) $\log_2 (LMN)$
 (g) $\frac{1}{2} \log_{10} 49$ (h) $\log_2 \left(\frac{937}{1005}\right)$
 (i) $\log_{10} \left(\frac{1}{67}\right)$ (j) $\log_5 \sqrt{83}$
 (k) $\log_a (5x)$ (l) $-\log_3 8$
 (m) $\log_2 6 + \log_2 7$ (n) $\log_{10} 28 - \log_{10} 4$

B 5. Given the approximate values

$\log_{10} 2 = 0.3010$, $\log_{10} 3 = 0.4771$, and $\log_{10} 5 = 0.6990$, evaluate the following.

- (a) $\log_{10} 6$ (b) $\log_{10} 15$
 (c) $\log_{10} 4$ (d) $\log_{10} 18$
 (e) $\log_{10} 125$ (f) $\log_{10} \left(\frac{5}{2}\right)$
 (g) $\log_{10} 1.5$ (h) $\log_{10} \left(\frac{3}{5}\right)$
 (i) $\log_{10} 7.5$ (j) $\log_{10} \sqrt{5}$
 (k) $\log_{10} \sqrt[3]{3}$ (l) $\log_{10} \frac{1}{2}$
 (m) $\log_{10} 200$ (n) $\log_{10} 50\,000$
 (o) $\log_{10} 0.003$ (p) $\log_{10} \sqrt[5]{54}$

6. Use the Laws of Logarithms to evaluate the following.

- (a) $\log_4 2 + \log_4 32$ (b) $\log_{10} 1.25 + \log_{10} 80$
 (c) $\log_5 108 - \log_5 4$ (d) $\log_2 80 - \log_2 5$
 (e) $\log_{12} 16 + \log_{12} 9$ (f) $\log_3 \sqrt[3]{9}$
 (g) $\log_2 8^{27}$ (h) $\log_{10} \sqrt[3]{0.1}$
 (i) $\log_6 6 - \log_6 3$ (j) $\log_5 5\sqrt{5} + \log_5 2$

8. Express as a single logarithm.

- (a) $\log_3 6 + 4 \log_3 2$
 (b) $\log_6 3 + \frac{1}{2} \log_6 5 - \log_6 2$
 (c) $\log_2 a + \log_2 b - \log_2 c$
 (d) $\log_{10} a + \frac{1}{2} \log_{10} b - 2 \log_{10} c$
 (e) $\frac{1}{2} [\log_{10} x + \log_{10} y] - 2 \log_{10} c$
 (f) $\frac{1}{2} [(\log_5 a + 2 \log_5 b) - 3 \log_5 c]$
 (g) $\log_2 (a + b) + \log_2 (a - b) - 2 \log_2 a$
 (h) $\log_2 a + b \log_2 c - d \log_2 e$

Part 2 - Solving Exponential Equations

B 1. Solve each of the following equations exactly.

- (a) $2^x = 5$ (b) $3^x = 10$
 (c) $10^{x-4} = 7$ (d) $5^{1-x} = 2$
 (e) $4^{2x} = 15$ (f) $6^x = 29$

2. Find the roots of the following equations correct to 4 decimal places.

- (a) $10^x = 16$ (b) $7^x = 43$
 (c) $2^{-x} = 6$ (d) $3^{1+x} = 36$
 (e) $4^{3x} = 21$ (f) $8^{-\frac{x}{3}} = 20$
 (g) $5^{2x+3} = 30$ (h) $2^{x^2} = 10$

3. Solve for x.

- (a) $\log_2 x = \log_2 5 + \log_2 3$
 (b) $\log_2 x = \log_2 18 - \log_2 6$
 (c) $\log_{10} x + \log_{10} 12 = \log_{10} 8$
 (d) $\log_{10} x = 1 + \log_{10} 2$
 (e) $\log_3 x + \log_3 (x - 1) = \log_3 (2x)$
 (f) $\log_9 (x - 5) + \log_9 (x + 3) = 1$
 (g) $\log_2 (x + 1) - \log_2 (x - 1) = 1$
 (h) $3 \log_2 x = \log_2 8$
 (i) $\log_{10} x = 3 \log_{10} 7$
 (j) $4 \log_6 x = \log_6 625$

C 4. Solve for x.

- (a) $\log_2 (3x + 2) - \log_2 (x - 2) = 3$
 (b) $\log_{10} (1 + \sqrt{x}) = 1 + \log_{10} (1 - \sqrt{x})$

Solutions - Part A

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| 1. (a) $\log_{10}8 + \log_{10}13$ | (b) $\log_2 9.1 + \log_2 6.3$ | (c) $\log_5 14 + \log_5 8.1$ |
| (d) $\log_5 11 - \log_5 37$ | (e) $\log_8 104 - \log_8 97.2$ | (f) $\log_{10} 2 - \log_{10} \pi$ |
| (g) $\log_3 2 + \log_3 \pi$ | (h) $\log_2 19 + \log_2 97$ | (i) $\log_{12} 16 - \log_{12} 65$ |
| (j) $\log_{10} x + \log_{10} y$ | (k) $\log_{10} x - \log_{10} y$ | (l) $\log_4 A + \log_4 B$ |
| 2. (a) $\log_{10}(89 \times 14)$ | (b) $\log_5(12.2 \times 2.79)$ | (c) $\log_2 \left(\frac{75}{36}\right)$ |
| (d) $\log_3 \left(\frac{634}{149}\right)$ | (e) $\log_6(18)$ | (f) $\log_7(6)$ |
| (g) $\log_{10}(xy)$ | (h) $\log_2 \left(\frac{x}{y}\right)$ | (i) $\log_{10}(9)$ |
| (j) $\log_9(60)$ | (b) $5 \log_2 3.9$ | (c) $10 \log_3 \pi$ |
| 3. (a) $2 \log_{10} 68$ | (e) $\frac{1}{2} \log_3 5$ | (f) $\frac{1}{2} \log_5 3$ |
| (d) $\frac{3}{4} \log_{10} 7$ | (h) $-\log_{10} 12$ | (i) $9 \log_{10} x$ |
| (g) $-\log_{10} 8$ | (k) $\log_2 21^8$ | (l) $\log_5 2^3$ |
| (j) $\log_{10} 37^2$ | (n) $\log_{10} 3$ | (o) $\log_{10} 5^{-1}$ |
| (m) $\log_5 97^4$ | | |

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| 4. (a) $\log_{12} 82 + \log_{12} 28$ | (b) $\log_2 9 + \log_2 13 + \log_2 14$ | (c) $20 \log_5 9$ | |
| (d) $\log_3 79 - \log_3 53$ | (e) $\log_{10} 36$ | (f) $\log_2 L + \log_2 M + \log_2 N$ | |
| (g) $\log_{10} 7$ | (h) $\log_2 937 - \log_2 1005$ | (i) $-\log_{10} 67$ | |
| (j) $\frac{1}{2} \log_3 83$ | (k) $\log_a 5 + \log_a x$ | (l) $\log_3 \left(\frac{1}{8}\right)$ | |
| (m) $\log_2 42$ | (n) $\log_{10} 7$ | | |
| 5. (a) 0.7781 | (b) 1.1761 | (c) 0.6020 | (d) 1.2552 |
| (e) 2.097 | (f) 0.398 | (g) 0.1761 | (h) -0.2219 |
| (i) 0.8751 | (j) 0.3495 | (k) 0.119275 | (l) -0.3010 |
| (m) 2.301 | (n) 4.699 | (o) -2.5229 | (p) 0.8662 |

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| 6. (a) 3 | (b) 2 | (c) 3 | (d) 4 | (e) 2 |
| (f) $\frac{2}{3}$ | (g) $\frac{2}{3}$ | (h) 81 | (i) $-\frac{1}{2}$ | (j) $\frac{3}{2}$ |
| 8. (a) $\log_3(6 \times 2^4)$ | (b) $\log_6 \left(\frac{3 \times \sqrt{5}}{2}\right)$ | (c) $\log_2 \left(\frac{ab}{c}\right)$ | (d) $\log_{10} \left(\frac{a\sqrt{b}}{c^2}\right)$ | |
| (e) $\log_{10} \left(\frac{\sqrt{xy}}{c^2}\right)$ | (f) $\log_5 \left(\sqrt{\frac{ab^2}{c^3}}\right)$ | (g) $\log_2 \left(\frac{a^2 - b^2}{a^2}\right)$ | (h) $\log_2 \left(\frac{ac^b}{e^a}\right)$ | |

Solutions - Part B

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| 1. (a) $x = \log_2 5$ | (b) $x = \log_3 10$ | (c) $x = \log_{10} 7 + 4$ | | |
| (d) $x = 1 - \log_5 2$ | (e) $x = \frac{1}{2} \log_4 15$ | (f) $x = 3 \log_6 29$ | | |
| 2. (a) 1.2041 | (b) 1.9328 | (c) -2.5849 | (d) 2.2618 | |
| (e) 0.7320 | (f) -4.3219 | (g) -0.4433 | (h) ± 1.8226 | |
| 3. (a) $x = 15$ | (b) 3 | (c) $x = \frac{2}{3}$ | (c) $x = 20$ | (e) $x = 3$ |
| (f) $x = 6$ | (g) 3 | (h) $x = 2$ | (i) $x = 7^3 = 343$ | (j) $x = 5$ |
| 4. (a) $x = \frac{18}{5}$ | (b) $x = \frac{61}{121}$ | | | |