



## Logs



1. Calculate the value of the following logs, without using a calculator:

- (a)  $\log_3 9$
- (b)  $\log_2 8$
- (c)  $\log_2 32$
- (d)  $\log_3 27$
- (e)  $\log_{10} 10000$
- (f)  $\log_4 8$
- (g)  $\log_{125} 625$
- (h)  $\log_9 27$
- (i)  $\log_8 2$
- (j)  $\log_{32} 16$

2. Solve each of the following equations for  $x$ , using indices:

- (a)  $\log_{27} 9 = x$
- (b)  $\log_8 16 = x$
- (c)  $\log_{\frac{1}{2}} 4 = x$
- (d)  $\log_{\frac{1}{5}} 5 = x$
- (e)  $\log_{\frac{1}{3}} 27 = x$
- (f)  $\log_8 \sqrt{2} = x$
- (g)  $\log_{\sqrt{3}} \frac{1}{9} = x$
- (h)  $\log_x 16 = 2$
- (i)  $\log_3 x = 4$

3. Simplify the following expressions, representing them without logs:

- (a)  $\log_6 4 + \log_6 9$
- (b)  $\log_4 2 + \log_4 8 + \log_4 4$
- (c)  $\log_6 72 - \log_6 12$
- (d)  $\log_5 250 - \log_5 2$
- (e)  $\log_2 48 - \log_2 2 - \log_2 3$





- (f)  $2 \log_3 6 - \log_3 4$
- (g)  $\log_2 54 - 3 \log_2 3$
- (h)  $2 \log_5 10 - 2 \log_5 2$

4. Given that  $\log_3 2 = a$  and  $\log_3 5 = b$ , express the following in terms of  $a$  and  $b$ :

- i.  $\log_3 10$
- ii.  $\log_3 20$
- iii.  $\log_3 \frac{5}{2}$
- iv.  $\log_3 50$
- v.  $\log_3 100$
- vi.  $\log_3 \frac{25}{8}$
- vii.  $\log_3 \frac{5}{\sqrt{2}}$
- viii.  $\log_3 \frac{\sqrt{5}}{8}$
- ix.  $\log_3 15$
- x.  $\log_3 60$
- xi.  $\log_3 \frac{6}{5}$
- xii.  $\log_3 \sqrt[3]{30}$

Solve the following equations for  $x$ :

- 5.  $\log_3(2x + 5) = 2$
- 6.  $\log_2(x + 7) = -1$
- 7.  $\log_2 x + \log_2(x + 2) = 3$
- 8.  $\log_3(10x) - \log_3(x + 1) = 2$
- 9.  $2 \log_5 x - \log_5(x - 1) = \log_5 4$
- 10.  $2 \log_7 x - \log_7 2 = \log_7 32$
- 11.  $\log_2(x + 1) = 2 \log_2(x + 2) - \log_2(x + 5)$
- 12.  $2 \log_6(x - 2) = 2$
- 13.  $\log_9 x + \log_9(x - 2) = \frac{1}{2}$
- 14.  $\log(7x - 6) - 2 \log x = \log 2$

Solve the following pairs of equations for  $x$  and  $y$ :

- 15.  $\log_2(3x - 2y) = 2$  and  $\log_3(x + 2y) = \log_3 4$
- 16.  $\log_2(x + y) = 0$  and  $\log_2(2x + y) = 2$
- 17.  $\log_4 x + \log_4 y = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $\log_5(x + y) = \log_5 3$
- 18.  $\log_2 4 - \log_2 x = \log_2(x + y)$  and  $\log_{16} 2 + \log_{16}(x + y) = \frac{3}{4}$





Solve the following equations for  $x$ :

19. i.  $5^x = 20$   
ii.  $3^x = 100$   
iii.  $10^x = 50$   
iv.  $7^{3x} = 25$   
v.  $4^{5x} = 500$   
vi.  $2^{x+1} = 150$   
vii.  $6^{x-3} = 660$   
viii.  $5^{2x+5} = 1554$   
ix.  $2^{3x-8} = 25$
20. i.  $3^{2x} - 5(3^x) + 4 = 0$   
ii.  $2^{2x+1} - 5(2^x) + 3 = 0$   
iii.  $3^{2x+1} - 7(3^x) + 2 = 0$   
iv.  $2^{2x+2} - 13(2^x) + 3 = 0$

To solve the following equations you should use the change of base formula:

21. (a)  $\frac{\log_5(7x+1)}{3} = \log_{125}(5x+11)$   
(b)  $\log_3 x = \log_9(5x-4)$   
(c)  $\log_4 x + \log_2 x = \frac{3}{4}$   
(d)  $\log_3(x+3) = \log_9(10x+6)$   
(e)  $\log_2(x+1) + \log_8(x+1) = 4$   
(f)  $\log_{25} 2 + \log_{25}(x+1) + \log_{125}(2x+2) = \frac{5}{6}$   
(g)  $\log_3(x+5) + \log_2(x+5) = 4$   
(h)  $\log_5(2x-1) - \log_{15}(2x-1) = 2$
22. (a)  $6 \log_x 2 + \log_2 x - 5 = 0$   
(b)  $2 \log_x 3 - \log_3 x + 1 = 0$   
(c)  $\log_5 x + 2 = 3 \log_x 5$   
(d)  $\log_4 x + 6 \log_x 4 + 5 = 0$   
(e)  $\log_6 x + 2 \log_x 6 = 3$

