

Foundations of Logarithms

$$\log_a a = 1$$

$$\log_a b = \frac{\log_c b}{\log_c a}$$

$$\log a^m = m \log a$$

Evaluate each expression **without a calculator**.

1. $\log_2(8)$

6. $\log_4(64)$

11. $\log_4(\sqrt{64})$

2. $\log_5(125)$

7. $\log_2\left(\frac{1}{8}\right)$

12. $\log_7(\sqrt{343})$

3. $\log_3(27)$

8. $\log_3\left(\frac{1}{27}\right)$

13. $\log_4(8)$

4. $\log_2(32)$

9. $\log_5\left(\frac{1}{25}\right)$

14. $\log_9(27)$

5. $\log_{10}(10000)$

10. $\log_5(\sqrt{25})$

15. $\log_2(16\sqrt{2})$

Logarithm Laws

$$\log(ab) = \log a + \log b$$

$$\log\left(\frac{a}{b}\right) = \log a - \log b$$

Apply logarithm laws to simplify expressions Simplify each expression **as much as possible**. Do not approximate.

16. $\log_3(4) + \log_3(5)$

25. $3\log_5(2)$

17. $\log_2(3) + \log_2(8)$

26. $\frac{1}{2}\log_3(16)$

18. $\log_5(2) + \log_5(25)$

27. $\log_3(8) + 2\log_3(3)$

19. $\log_3(12) - \log_3(4)$

28. $\log_2(12) - \log_2(3) + \log_2(2)$

20. $\log_5(20) - \log_5(5)$

29. $2\log_5(10) - \log_5(4)$

21. $\log_2(18) - \log_2(9)$

30. $\log_3(27) + \log_3(9)$

22. $\log_5\left(\frac{125}{5}\right)$

31. $\log_2(16) - \log_2(2) + \log_2(8)$

23. $\log_2\left(\frac{2^6}{2^3}\right)$

32. $\log_5(100) - \log_5(4) + \log_5(5)$

24. $2\log_2(3)$

Simplify by recognizing structure before applying log laws. Simplify each expression **as much as possible**. Do **not** approximate.

33. $\log_3(3^5)$

34. $\log_4(4^{-2})$

35. $\log_5(5^{1/2})$

36. $\log_3(\sqrt{27})$

37. $\log_2(\sqrt{32})$

38. $\log_4(8)$

39. $\log_3(27 \cdot 9)$

40. $\log_2(16\sqrt{2})$

41. $\log_3(3^2 \cdot 3^5)$

42. $\log_4((4^3)^2)$

43. $\log_x(x^4)$

44. $\log_a(a^3b^2)$

45. $\log_{x+1}((x+1)^3)$

46. $\log_8\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)$

47. $-\log_2\left(\frac{125}{8}\right)$

Apply log laws algebraically. Simplify each expression **as much as possible**. Do **not** approximate.

48. $\log(a) + \log(b)$

49. $\log(x) - \log(y)$

50. $2\log(m)$

51. $\log(a) + \log(b) - \log(c)$

52. $2\log(x) + \log(y)$

53. $\log(p) + 2\log(q) - 3\log(r)$

54. $\frac{1}{2}\log(a)$

55. $\frac{3}{2}\log(x)$

56. $\frac{1}{2}\log(a) + 2\log(b)$

57. $\log(x^3) + \log(x^2)$

58. $\log(x^6) - \log(x^3)$

59. $2\log(a) - 3\log(b)$

60. $\log_2(16\sqrt{128}) + \log_7(49\sqrt[3]{7})$

61. $\log_3 12 - \log_3 4 - \log 10$

62. $\log_2(8x)$

63. $-32\log_2\left(\frac{1}{8}\right)$

64. $\log_2(10) - \log_4(12) + \log_5(8)$

65. $\frac{1}{2}\log_3 a + 2\log_3 b - 3\log_3 c - \frac{1}{3}\log_3 d$

66. $\log_2\left(\frac{AB}{C}\right)$

67. $\log_2\left(\frac{\sqrt{AB^3}}{\sqrt[3]{CD^2}}\right)$

68. $\log_3 \sqrt{27 \cdot 4} - 0.5 \log_3 4 + \log_9 81$