

Logarithmic of Products

a. Express as a single logarithm

PRODUCT Property $\log_b(m \cdot n) = \log_b m + \log_b n$	1. $\log_3 9 + \log_3 5$ $= \log_3(9 \cdot 5)$ $= \log_3 45$	2. $\log 6 + \log(x - 3)$ $= \log 6(x - 3)$ $= \log(6x - 18)$ $\log 6x - 18$	3. $\log_t H + \log_t M$ $= \log_t(HM)$ $= \log_t HM$
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b. Express the single logarithms as a sum

1. $\log_c(rst)$ $= \log_c r + \log_c(st)$ $= \log_c r + \log_c s + \log_c t$	2. $\log_c(3ab)$ $= \log_c 3 + \log_c(ab)$ $= \log_c 3 + \log_c a + \log_c b$	3. $\log_x(10x)$ $= \log_x 10 + \log_x x$ $= \log_x(2 \cdot 5) + \log_x x$ $= \log_x 2 + \log_x 5 + \log_x x$	4. $\log_2(35)$ $= \log_2(5 \cdot 7)$ $= \log_2 5 + \log_2 7$
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c. Express as a product

POWER Property $\log_b m^n = n \log_b m$	1. $\log_a r^8$ $= 8 \log_a r$	2. $\log_2 y^{\frac{1}{3}}$ $= \frac{1}{3} \log_2 y$	3. $\log_2 x^3 y^6$ $= \log_2 (xy^2)^3$ $= 3 \log_2(xy^2)$
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d. Express as a power

5. $3 \log x$ $= \log x^3$	6. $\frac{1}{2} \log_4 81$ $= \log_4 81^{\frac{1}{2}}$ $= \log_4 9$	7. $-5 \log_c M$ $= \log_c M^{-5}$	8. $-3 \log_4 2$ $= \log_4 2^{-3}$ $= \log_4 \left(\frac{1}{8}\right)$
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e. Express as a difference of logarithms

$$\log_3 4 + \log_5 5 \neq \log_{\square} 20$$

$$\log_2 4 + \log_2 3 = \log_2 12$$

$$\log_3 15 = \log_3 5 + \log_3 3$$

QUOTIENT Property $\log_b \left(\frac{m}{n} \right) = \log_b m - \log_b n$	9. $\log_2 \left(\frac{5}{11} \right)$ $= \log_2 5 - \log_2 11$	10. $\log_2 \left(\frac{29}{13} \right)$ $= \log_2 29 - \log_2 13$	11. $\log_b \left(\frac{m}{n} \right)$ $= \log_b m - \log_b n$
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f. Express as an equivalent expression, using the individual logarithms

$$\log_a (wx y)$$

$$= \log_a w + \log_a x + \log_a y$$

$$\log_a (x^2 y^5)$$

$$= \log_a x^2 + \log_a y^5$$

$$= 2 \log_a x + 5 \log_a y$$

$$\log_a (x y^2 z^{-3})$$

$$= \log_a x + \log_a y^2 + \log_a z^{-3}$$

$$= \log_a x + 2 \log_a y - 3 \log_a z$$

$$\log_a \left(\frac{x^4}{y z^2} \right)$$

$$= \log_a x^4 - \log_a y z^2$$

$$= 4 \log_a x - (\log_a y + \log_a z^2)$$

$$= 4 \log_a x - \log_a y - \log_a z^2$$

$$= 4 \log_a x - \log_a y - 2 \log_a z$$

$$\log_c \left(\sqrt{\frac{x^4}{y^3 z^2}} \right)$$

$$= \log_c \left(\frac{x^4}{y^3 z^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\log_c \frac{x^4}{y^3 z^2} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (\log_c x^4 - \log_c y^3 - \log_c z^2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (4 \log_c x - \log_c y^3 - \log_c z^2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (4 \log_c x - 3 \log_c y - 2 \log_c z)$$

$$= 2 \log_c x - \frac{3}{2} \log_c y - \log_c z$$

$$\log_b \left(\frac{w^2 x}{y^3 z} \right)$$

$$= \log_b w^2 x - \log_b y^3 z$$

$$= \log_b w^2 + \log_b x - \log_b y^3 - \log_b z$$

$$= 2 \log_b w + \log_b x - 3 \log_b y - \log_b z$$

$$\log_a \left(\sqrt[4]{\frac{x^8 y^{12}}{a^3 z^5}} \right)$$

$$= \log_a \left(\frac{x^8 y^{12}}{a^3 z^5} \right)^{\frac{1}{4}} = \frac{1}{4} \left(\log_a \frac{x^8 y^{12}}{a^3 z^5} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} (\log_a x^8 y^{12} - \log_a a^3 z^5)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} (\log_a x^8 + \log_a y^{12} - \log_a a^3 - \log_a z^5)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} (8 \log_a x + 12 \log_a y - 3 \log_a a - 5 \log_a z)$$

$$= 2 \log_a x + 3 \log_a y - \frac{3}{4} \log_a a - \frac{5}{4} \log_a z$$

$$\log_b b = 1$$

$$\log_b 1 = 0$$

g. Express as a single logarithm and if possible, simplify

$$\log_a x + \log_a 3$$

$$= \log_a (3x)$$

$$\log_a c - \log_a d$$

$$= \log_a \left(\frac{c}{d} \right)$$

$$8 \log_a x + 3 \log_a z$$

$$= \log_a x^8 + \log_a z^3$$

$$= \log_a (x^8 z^3)$$

$$2 \log w - \log z - 4 \log y$$

$$= \log w^2 - \log z - \log y^4$$

$$= \log w^2 - (\log z + \log y^4)$$

$$= \log w^2 - \log (zy^4)$$

$$= \log \left(\frac{w^2}{zy^4} \right)$$

$$\log_a (x^2 - 25) - \log_a (x + 5)$$

$$= \log_a \left(\frac{x^2 - 25}{x + 5} \right)$$

$$= \log_a \left(\frac{(x - 5)(\cancel{x + 5})}{(\cancel{x + 5})} \right)$$

$$= \log_a (x - 5)$$

$$3 \log p + \frac{1}{2} \log t - \log 7$$

$$= \log p^3 + \log t^{\frac{1}{2}} - \log 7$$

$$= \log (p^3 t^{\frac{1}{2}}) - \log 7$$

$$= \log \left(\frac{p^3 t^{\frac{1}{2}}}{7} \right) = \log \left(\frac{p^3 \sqrt{t}}{7} \right)$$

$$\log_a (x^2 - 36) - \log_a (2x + 12)$$

$$= \log_a \frac{x^2 - 36}{2x + 12}$$

$$= \log_a \frac{(x - 6)(\cancel{x + 6})}{2(\cancel{x + 6})}$$

$$= \log_a \left(\frac{x - 6}{2} \right)$$