

- Indices - Logs

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Recap of Indices

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Rules of Indices (Log tables pg21)

$$a^p a^q = a^{p+q}$$

$$\frac{a^p}{a^q} = a^{p-q}$$

$$(a^p)^q = a^{pq}$$

$$a^0 = 1$$

$$a^{-p} = \frac{1}{a^p}$$

$$a^{\frac{1}{q}} = \sqrt[q]{a}$$

$$a^{\frac{p}{q}} = \sqrt[q]{a^p}$$

$$(ab)^p = a^p b^p$$

$$\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^p = \frac{a^p}{b^p}$$

Indices Ex. 1a

Express in the form 5^n

25	125	$(125)^4$	$\frac{1}{25}$	$\sqrt{5}$	$\sqrt{125}$
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Express in the form 2^n

8	$\frac{1}{8}$	64^2	$\sqrt{32}$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{32}}$	$\frac{8}{\sqrt{32}}$
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Express the following in the form: x^n

$$\frac{1}{x^2}$$

$$\frac{3}{x}$$

$$\sqrt{x}$$

$$\sqrt{x^5}$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$$

$$\frac{3}{\sqrt{x^3}}$$

Express in the form $(3x - 1)^n$

$$\sqrt{3x - 1}$$

$$\frac{1}{(3x - 1)^3}$$

$$\frac{1}{3x - 1}$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{3x - 1}}$$

Solve

$$2^x = \frac{1}{16}$$

Solve

$$3^x = 3\sqrt{3}$$

Solve

$$3^x = \frac{9}{\sqrt{27}}$$

Solve

$$\frac{1}{25^x} = \frac{125}{\sqrt{5}}$$

Logs

$$a^x = b$$
$$\log_a b = x$$

Ex. 3: Logs Intro

Solve

$$2^x = 64$$

Solve

$$2^x = 50$$

Solve

$$2^x = 300$$

Rules of Logs

(Log tables pg21)

$$\log_a xy = \log_a x + \log_a y$$

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

$$\log_a x^n = n \log_a x$$

$$\log_a a = 1$$

$$\log_a 1 = 0$$

$$\log_a x = \frac{\log_b x}{\log_b a}$$

Ex.4a: Logs

Solve

$$\log_5 125 = x$$

Solve

$$\log_x 81 = 4$$

Solve

$$\log_5 x = 4$$

Solve

$$\log_2 \sqrt{8} = x$$

Solve

$$\log_{36} x = \frac{1}{2}$$

Solve

$$\log_3 1 = x$$

Ex. 4b

Simplify

$$\log_4 32 + \log_4 2$$

Simplify

$$3\log_8 4$$

Simplify

$$\log_3 2 + 2\log_3 3 - \log_3 18$$

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Ex. 5: "Changing the Base"

Simplify the following, to 4 decimal places using the "Common Log" (i.e. \log_{10})

$$\log_4 7$$

$$\log_9 16$$

$$\log_{100} 10000$$

Show that

$$\log_{25} x = \frac{1}{2} \log_5 x.$$

Ex. 6: Logarithmic Equations

Solve

$$\log_2(x - 2) + \log_2 x = 3$$

Solve

$$\log_3(x^2 + 8x) - \log_3(x^2 - 2x) = 1$$

Ex. 7: Harder *Looking* Questions

Use your calculator and the rules of Logs to solve the following:

$$(1.1098)^t = 2.18441$$

$$3.2(5.55)^c = 7.5387$$

$$1.2 - 6.1(4.22)^m = 1.195442$$

Exam Questions

Ex. 8: Examcraft 2018

- (b) (i) Find the value of x , where $x \in \mathbb{N}$ given
 $\log_2(x + 2) + \log_2(x - 2) = 5$.

- (ii) Solve for x . $2^x + 2^{1-x} = 3$.

Ex. 12: Leaving Cert 2016 Q4(b)

(b) Given $\log_a 2 = p$ and $\log_a 3 = q$, where $a > 0$, write each of the following in terms of p and q :

(i) $\log_a \frac{8}{3}$

(ii) $\log_a \frac{9a^2}{16}$

Ex. 13: DEB 2019

(b) Solve the simultaneous equations:

$$\begin{aligned} \log(x+y) &= 2\log x \\ \log y &= \log 2 + \log(x-1), \text{ where } x > 1, y > 0. \end{aligned}$$

- (iii) The formula used to calculate the points for the 800 m race, in the heptathlon, is the same formula used for the 200 m race but with different constants. Jessica ran the 800 m race in 2 minutes and 1.84 seconds which merited 1087 points. If $a = 0.11193$ and $b = 254$ for the 800 m race, find the value of c for this event, correct to two decimal places.

Ex. 15: 2014 Examcraft

Question 8

(35 marks)

In 1935, while working at the California Institute of Technology, Charles Francis Richter invented the Richter scale. The Richter scale is used to measure earthquake intensity on a machine called a seismograph.

The formula for the Richter is given by $M = \log_{10} \left[\frac{I}{I_0} \right]$

where M is the magnitude on the Richter scale in millimetres, I_0 is the ‘threshold quake intensity’, i.e. a movement that can barely be detected, and I is the intensity of the earthquake in millimetres. $I_0 = 10^{-3}$ mm.

- (a) Calculate the magnitude of an earthquake with an intensity of 500 mm.



- (b) In 2005 an earthquake in Kashmir in Pakistan measured 7.5 on the Richter scale. Calculate the intensity of the earthquake.

