

## □ Questions with Solutions

1.

Question: If  $\log(p+q)+\log(p-2r+q)=2\log(p-q)$ , then find the relation among  $p,q,r$ .

Solution:

- Combine logs:  $\log[(p+q)(p-2r+q)]=\log[(p-q)^2]$
  - Equating arguments:  $(p+q)(p-2r+q)=(p-q)^2$
  - Expand LHS:  $p^2+pq-2pr+q^2-2qr$
  - RHS:  $p^2-2pq+q^2$
  - Cancel  $p^2+q^2$ :
  - so,  $pq-2pr-2qr=-2pq$
  - $pq + 2pq = 2pr + 2qr$
  - Ans:  $3pq=2r(p+q)$
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2.

Question: Solve  $\log(x^2-4x+5)=\log(x-1)$ .

Solution:

- Equating arguments:  $x^2-4x+5=x-1$
- Rearr:  $x^2-5x+6=0$
- Factor:  $(x-2)(x-3)=0 \rightarrow x=2,3$

- Check domain:
    - For  $x=2$ :  $\text{RHS} = \log(1) = 0$ ,  $\text{LHS} = \log(4-8+5=1)=0$   $\square$
    - For  $x=3$ :  $\text{RHS} = \log(2)$ ,  $\text{LHS} = \log(9-12+5=2)$   $\square$
  - Ans:  $x=2,3$
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3.

Question: Solve  $|x-4|(x^2-6x+8)(x-3)=2$ .

Solution:

- Expand quadratic equation:  $x^2-6x+8=(x-2)(x-4)$ .
  - Equation:  $|x-4|(x-2)(x-4)(x-3)=2$ .
  - Case 1:  $x>4$ , then  $|x-4|=x-4$ .  $\rightarrow (x-4)^2(x-2)(x-3)=2$ . Solve numerically  $\rightarrow$  one solution near  $x=4.2$ .
  - Case 2:  $x<4$ , then  $|x-4|=-(x-4)$ .  $\rightarrow -(x-4)(x-2)(x-4)(x-3)=2$ . Simplify  $\rightarrow -(x-4)^2(x-2)(x-3)=2$ .  $\rightarrow$  Possible solution near  $x=2.5$ .
  - Approximate Ans: two real roots.
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4.

Question: Evaluate

$$1+2\log_2 3 \over (1+\log_2 3)^2 + (\log_2 3)^2$$

Solution:

- Let  $t = \log_2 3$ .
  - Numerator:  $1+2t$ .
  - Denominator:  $(1+t)^2 + (t)^2 = 1+2t+t^2+t^2 = 1+2t+3t^2$ .
  - Expression =  $\frac{1+2t}{1+2t+3t^2}$ .
  - Substitute  $t \approx 1.585$ .
  - Numerator  $\approx 4.17$ , Denominator  $\approx 7.93$ .
  - Value  $\approx 0.53$ .
  - Closest integer option: 1.
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5.

Question: If  $\log_5 7 = m$  and  $\log_7 9 = n$ , find  $\log_3 5$ .

Solution:

- $\log_3 5 = \log_5 \log_3$ .
- Express in terms of  $m, n$ :  $\log_5 = \frac{1}{m} \log_7$ .  $\log_7 = \frac{1}{n} \log_9$ .
- So  $\log_5 = \frac{1}{mn} \log_9$ .
- Hence  $\log_3 5 = \frac{1}{mn} \cdot \log_9 \log_3 = \frac{2}{mn}$ .
- Ans:  $\frac{2}{mn}$ .

6.

Question: Evaluate

$$\log_3 81 \log_2 64 \cdot \log_{10} 5 \log_5 255$$

Solution:

- $\log_3 81 = 4$ .
  - $\log_2 64 = 6$ .
  - First fraction =  $4 \cdot 6 = 23$ .
  - $\log_{10} 5 = \frac{\log 5}{\log 10} = \frac{\log 5}{1}$ .
  - $\log_5 255 = \log_5 5 \log_5 25 = \log_5 5 \cdot 2 \log_5 5 = 12$ .
  - Second fraction =  $\log_5 1/2 = 2 \log_5 5$ .
  - Product =  $23 \cdot 2 \log_5 5 = 43 \log_5 5$ .
  - Approx  $\approx 1.43$ .
  - Ans:  $\sim 1.43$ .
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7.

Question: Solve  $\log_y - 1(y-2) \cdot \log_y - 3(y-4) = 2$ .

Solution:

- Try small integer values:
    - For  $y=5$ :  $\log_4 3 \cdot \log_2 1$  invalid.
    - For  $y=6$ :  $\log_5 4 \cdot \log_3 2 \approx 0.86 \cdot 0.63 \approx 0.54$ .
    - For  $y=9$ :  $\log_8 7 \cdot \log_6 5 \approx 0.97 \cdot 0.90 \approx 0.87$ .
  - No exact integer solution; approximate solution near  $y \approx 15$ .
  - Answer: numerical root exists, not simple integer.
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8.

Question: If  $\log_2 3 + \log_2(x-1) = 2\log_2 4$ , find  $x$ .

Solution:

- LHS =  $\log_2[3(x-1)]$ .
- RHS =  $\log_2 16$ .
- Equating:  $3(x-1) = 16$ .
- $x-1 = 16/3$ .
- $x = 19/3 \approx 6.33$ .
- Ans:  $x = 19/3$ .

9.

Question: If  $p^3 - q^2 = 1$ , find  $\log p(p^2q^3)$ .

Solution:

- $\log p(p^2q^3) = \log p p^2 + \log p q^3 = 2 + 3 \log p q$ .
  - From condition:  $p^3 - q^2 = 1$ .
  - Hard to simplify directly; assume  $p=2, q=7$ .
  - Then expression =  $2 + 3 \log 27 = 2 + 3 \log 27$ .
  - Approx =  $2 + 3/2 * 2.807 = 6.21$ .
  - Ans:  $\sim 6.21$  (depends on values).
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10.

Question: Evaluate  $4 \log 23 - 3 \log 24$ .

Solution:

1. Rewrite logs in terms of base 2:  $\log 24 = \log_2(2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2) = 2$ . So the expression becomes:

$$4 \log 23 - 3(2)$$

2. Simplify:

$$4\log_3 23 - 6$$

3. Approximate value of  $\log_3 23$ :  $\log_3 23 \approx 1.585$ . So:

$$4(1.585) - 6 = 6.34 - 6 = 0.34$$

Ans: 0.34

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