

Logarithm dominoes – simplifying logs

Cut out the 24 dominoes below. Match them into one continuous loop by simplifying the right hand side of each domino.

$\log(12)$	$\log(64) - \log(16)$	$\log(3)$	$\log_5(25) \times \log_{\frac{1}{3}}(3)$
$\log(7)$	$\log(2) - \log(5)$	$\log(5)$	$2\log(2) + 3\log(3)$
$\log\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)$	$\log(7) + \log(3)$	$\log(0.4)$	$\log(6) - \log(3)$
$\log\left(\frac{1}{10}\right)$	$\log(343) - \log(49)$	$\log(21)$	$\log(15) - \log(5)$
$\log(4)$	$\log_3(\sqrt{3})^5 - \log_3(\sqrt{3})$	$\log(6)$	$\log(\sqrt{8}) + \frac{1}{6}\log(8) + \log(2)$
$\log\left(\frac{1}{100}\right)$	$\log(6) + \log(2)$	$\log(11)$	$\log\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + \log\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) + \log\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)$
$\log(24)$	$\log\left(\sqrt[5]{6}^4\right) + \frac{1}{5}\log(6)$	$\log(100)$	$3\log_5(25) + 2\log_3(27) - 4\log_2(8)$
$\log(56)$	$4\log(5) - \log(125)$	$\log(0.25)$	$\log\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) - \log\left(\frac{9}{4}\right)$
$\log(2)$	$\log_{\frac{8}{27}}\left(\frac{4}{9}\right) \times \log_4(8)$	$\log(9)$	$\frac{1}{2}\log(64) + \frac{1}{3}\log(343)$
$\log(1)$	$\log(63) - \log(7)$	$\log(8)$	$\log(25) - \log(10) - \log(5)$
$\log\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$	$\log\left(\frac{6}{2}\right) - \log\left(\frac{3}{11}\right)$	$\log(10)$	$3\log(2) + \frac{1}{2}\log(9)$
$\log(108)$	$\log_{\frac{1}{7}}(49) + \log_2(32)$	$\log(1000)$	$\log(100) - \log(1000)$

Teaching notes

Students should be able to apply the **product**, **quotient** and **power** laws to simplify logarithms, and convert numbers in and out of logarithm form (for the two multiplication problems).

Students may take different approaches to each problem, sparking interesting class discussion.

$$\text{e.g. } \log(64) - \log(16) = \log\left(\frac{64}{16}\right) \quad [\text{quotient rule}]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \log(64) - \log(16) &= \log(4^3) - \log(4^2) \\ &= 3\log(4) - 2\log(4) \end{aligned} \quad [\text{power rule}]$$

Answers (reading down the page)

$\log\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)$	$\log(7) + \log(3)$	$\log(1000)$	$\log(100) - \log(1000)$
$\log(21)$	$\log(15) - \log(5)$	$\log\left(\frac{1}{10}\right)$	$\log(343) - \log(49)$
$\log(3)$	$\log_5(25) \times \log_{\frac{1}{3}}(3)$	$\log(7)$	$\log(2) - \log(5)$
$\log\left(\frac{1}{100}\right)$	$\log(6) + \log(2)$	$\log(0.4)$	$\log(6) - \log(3)$
$\log(12)$	$\log(64) - \log(16)$	$\log(2)$	$\log_{\frac{8}{27}}\left(\frac{4}{9}\right) \times \log_4(8)$
$\log(4)$	$\log_3(\sqrt{3})^5 - \log_3(\sqrt{3})$	$\log(10)$	$3\log(2) + \frac{1}{2}\log(9)$
$\log(100)$	$3\log_5(25) + 2\log_3(27) - 4\log_2(8)$	$\log(24)$	$\log\left(\sqrt[5]{6}^4\right) + \frac{1}{5}\log(6)$
$\log(1)$	$\log(63) - \log(7)$	$\log(6)$	$\log(\sqrt{8}) + \frac{1}{6}\log(8) + \log(2)$
$\log(9)$	$\frac{1}{2}\log(64) + \frac{1}{3}\log(343)$	$\log(8)$	$\log(25) - \log(10) - \log(5)$
$\log(56)$	$4\log(5) - \log(125)$	$\log\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$	$\log\left(\frac{6}{2}\right) - \log\left(\frac{3}{11}\right)$
$\log(5)$	$2\log(2) + 3\log(3)$	$\log(11)$	$\log\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + \log\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) + \log\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)$
$\log(108)$	$\log_{\frac{1}{7}}(49) + \log_2(32)$	$\log(0.25)$	$\log\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) - \log\left(\frac{9}{4}\right)$