

## 1 THE CONCEPT OF LOGARITHMS AND ANTILOGARITHMS

### ● Equivalent problems

- ◆  $\text{Antilog}_2 2 = 2^2 = 2 \times 2 = 4$
- ◆  $\text{Antilog}_2 3 = 2^3 = 2 \times 2 \times 2 = 8$
- ◆  $\text{Antilog}_{10} 2 = 10^2 = 10 \times 10 = 100$
- ◆  $\text{Antilog}_{10} 3 = 10^3 = 10 \times 10 \times 10 = 1,000$

### ● Thus, $\text{antilog}_x n = x^n$

## 2 Interval (Linear) and Ratio (Exponential, or Logarithmic) Scales

- [Linear] Size of interval between adjacent numbers is known and is a constant
- [Linear] Size of interval is called the BASE
- [Linear] Successive units formed by adding (or subtracting) base to each number
- [Log] One unit on scale is so many times greater or less than another
- [Log] Successive units formed by multiplying (or dividing) each number by the BASE
- [Log] Successive units differ by a constant ratio, which is the BASE
- OR, The scale of numbers can be represented as the BASE raised to some power, or exponent

## 3 Examples

### ● Base = 2

- ◆  $2^0 = 1$
- ◆  $2^1 = 2$
- ◆  $2^2 = 4$
- ◆  $2^3 = 8$

- The numbers on the scale differ by a constant ratio, and
- They can be expressed as the base, 2 in this case, raised to progressively higher powers

- ◆  $2^0; 2^1; 2^2; 2^3; 2^4$

## 4 Ratio Scale

- Defining equation for exponential series:
  - ◆  $x^n = \#$
- That means the BASE  $x$  is to be used  $n$  times in multiplication


## 5 Important Facts

- Any BASE to the zero power ( $X^0$ ) equals 1
  - ◆  $X^0 = 1$  ie.  $2^0 = 1, 10^0 = 1, 3^0 = 1$ , etc
- Any BASE to the first power ( $X^1$ ) equals the BASE
  - ◆  $X^1 = X$  ie.  $2^1 = 2, 10^1 = 10, 3^1 = 3$ , etc
- Multiplication
  - ◆  $x^n = \#$  ie.  $5^4 = 5 \times 5 \times 5 \times 5 = 625$
- Division
  - ◆  $x^{-n} = 1 / x^n$  ie.  $2^{-2} = 1 / 2^2 = 1 / 4$

## 6 Laws of Exponents

- 1) Law 1:  $(x^a) \cdot (x^b) = x^{a+b}$ 
  - ◆  $2^4 \times 2^2 = 2^{4+2} = 2^6 = 64$
  - ◆  $2 \times 2^{3.6} = 2^{1.4+3.6} = 2^5 = 32$
- 2) Law 2:  $x^a / x^b = x^{a-b}$ 
  - ◆  $2^6 / 2^4 = 2^{6-4} = 2^2 = 4$

$$\blacklozenge 2^{5.5}/2^{3.5} = 2^{5.5-3.5} = 2^2 = 4$$

7  **Laws of Exponents**

- 3) Law 3:  $(x^a)^b = x^{ab}$   
 $\blacklozenge (10^2)^3 = (10)^{2 \cdot 3} = 10^6$
- 1) Law 1:  $(x^a) \cdot (x^b) = x^{a+b}$
- 2) Law 2:  $x^a/x^b = x^{a-b}$
- 3) Law 3:  $(x^a)^b = x^{ab}$

8  **Antilogs**

- Form two exponential series: Base = 2 and Base = 10
- We ask:  $X^n = ?$
- Thus,
  - $\blacklozenge X^n = ?$  is the same as  $\text{antilog}_X n = ?$
  - $\blacklozenge 2^5 = 32$  and  $\text{antilog}_2 5 = 32$
  - $\blacklozenge 10^3 = 1,000$  and  $\text{antilog}_{10} 3 = 1,000$

9  **Sample Problems**

- $\text{Antilog}_2 6 = ?$   
 64
- $\text{Antilog}_{10} 5 = ?$   
 100,000
- $\text{Antilog}_3 2 = ?$   
 9

10  **Sample Problems**

- $\text{Antilog}_{10} -2 = ?$   
 $\blacklozenge x^{-n} = 1/x^n$   
 $\blacklozenge \text{antilog}_x -n = 1/\text{antilog}_x n$   
 $\blacklozenge 1/10^2 = .01$
- $\text{Antilog}_{10} 0 = ?$   
 1 ( $x^0 = 1$ )
- $\text{Antilog}_{10} 1 = ?$   
 10 ( $x^1 = x$ )

11  **LOGS AND ANTILOGS: Logs**

- The exponent is not given
- What power must the BASE be raised to equal some number?
  - $\blacklozenge x^? = \#$
  - $\blacklozenge 2^? = 8$
  - $\blacklozenge 10^? = 10,000$
- Solving exponent
  - $\text{Log}_2 8 = 3$
  - $\text{Log}_{10} 10,000 = 4$

12  **Bases for Logs and Antilogs**

- The BASE must be specified
- Any number (other than 1) can be the BASE
- Three BASES are ordinarily encountered
  - ◆ 2
  - ◆ 10 (Common or Briggsian Log)
  - ◆ e (2.718: Natural or Napierian Log)

13  **Summary**

- When you take the log of a number, you are solving for an exponent
  - ◆ An exponent is a log
  - ◆ A log is an exponent

14  **Scientific Notation**

- A number written in scientific notation is expressed as the product of a coefficient and the base 10 raised to some power
- The coefficient
  - ◆ A number equal to or greater than 1.00, but
  - ◆ less than 10 (e.g., 1.0000; 3.14159; 9.9999)

15  **Procedure**

- Move decimal point leftward (successive division by 10) or rightward (successive multiplication by 10) until requirements for coefficient are met
- The number of places moved specifies the value of the exponent
  - ◆ Successive division: + exponent
  - ◆ Successive multiplication: - exponent

16  **Examples**

- $100 = 1.00 \times 10^2$
- $200 = 2.00 \times 10^2$
- $300 = 3.00 \times 10^2$
- $315 = 3.15 \times 10^2$

17  **Examples**

- $100 = 10^2$  (or)  $1 \times 10^2$
- $1,000 = 10^3$  (or)  $1 \times 10^3$
- $200 = ?$ 
  - ☑  $2 \times 10^2$
- $2,000 = ?$ 
  - ☑  $2 \times 10^3$

18  **Logs With Bases Other Than 10**

- $\log_Y X = \log_{10} X / \log_{10} Y$

$$\begin{aligned} \diamond \log_2 8 &= \log_{10} 8 / \log_{10} 2 \\ \diamond &= .9031 / .3010 \\ \diamond &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

19  **Laws of Logarithms**

- 1. Law 1:  $\text{Log } ab = \text{Log } a + \text{Log } b$

$$\diamond \text{Log } (10 \times 10) = ?$$

$$\diamond \text{Log } 10 + \text{Log } 10 = 2$$

- 1. Law 1:  $\text{Log } a / b = \text{Log } a - \text{Log } b$

$$\diamond \text{Log } (10 / 10) = ?$$

$$\diamond \text{Log } 10 - \text{Log } 10 = 0$$

20  **Laws of Logarithms**

- 1. Law 1:  $\text{Log } 145 = ?$

$$\diamond \text{Log } (1.45 \times 10^2) =$$

$$\diamond \text{Log } 1.45 + \text{Log } 10^2 =$$

$$\diamond 2 + .1614 = 2.1614$$

- 2. Law 2:

$$\diamond \text{Log } (100 / 10) = ?$$

$$\diamond \text{Log } 100 - \text{Log } 10 =$$

$$\diamond 2 - 1 = 1$$

- Law 2 will be encountered repeatedly in solution of decibel problems

21  **Law 2**

- $\text{Log } (2.16 / 1.58) = ?$

$$\diamond \text{Log } 2.16 - \text{Log } 1.58 =$$

$$\diamond 0.3345 - 0.1987 =$$

$$\diamond 0.1358$$

- $\text{Log } (1 \times 10^4) / (2 \times 10^2) = ?$

$$\diamond \text{Log } 10^4 - \text{Log } (2 \times 10^2) =$$

$$\diamond 4 - 2.3 = 1.7$$

$$\diamond \text{Note: in this problem we applied } \quad \quad \text{both Law 1 and Law 2}$$

22  **Laws of Logarithms**

- 3. Law 3:  $\text{Log } a^b = b \text{Log } a$

$$\diamond \text{Log } 10^3 = 3 \text{Log } 10 = 3 \times 1 = 3$$

$$\diamond \text{Log } 6^{3.5} = 3.5 \text{Log } 6 = 3.5 \times .78 = 2.72$$

- This law will be used for decibels in Chapter 4

- 4. Law 4:  $\text{Log } 1 / a = - \text{Log } a$

$$\diamond \text{Log } (1 / 10) = - \text{Log } 10 = - 1$$

$$\diamond \text{Log } (1 / 12) = - \text{Log } 12 = - 1.08$$

- This law will be encountered in solving problems in Chapters 5 and 8

23  **Logs Without Log Tables or Calculators**

- 1
- Log 1 = 0
  - Log 2 = .3
  - Log 3 = .48
  - Log 4 =  
☑ Log 4 = Log (2 × 2) = .60 (.30 + .30)
  - Log 5 =  
☑ Log 5 = Log (10/2) = .70 (1.0 - .30)
  - Log 6 =  
☑ Log 6 = Log (2 × 3) = .78 (.30 + .48)

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24  **Logs Without Log Tables or Calculators**

- 1
- Log 7 = .85
  - Log 8 =  
☑ Log 8 = Log (4 × 2) = .90 (.60 + .30)
  - Log 9 =  
☑ Log 9 = Log (3 × 3) = .96 (.48 + .48)
  - Log 10 =  
☑ Log 10 = 1
- 2
- MEMORIZE