

## Art of Problem Solving logarithm Problems: AIME and AMC 12

1. Suppose that "a", "b", and "c" are positive real numbers such that  $a^{\log_3 7} = 27$ ,  $b^{\log_7 11} = 49$ , and  $c^{\log_{11} 25} = \sqrt{11}$ , find the value of the expression:  $a^{(\log_3 7)^2} + b^{(\log_7 11)^2} + c^{(\log_{11} 25)^2}$  (2009 AIME II)
2. It is given that  $\log_6 a + \log_6 b + \log_6 c = 6$ , where "a", "b", and "c" are positive integers that form an increasing geometric sequence and  $b - a$  is the square of an integer. Find  $a + b + c$  (AIME 2002)
3. The expression below can be written as a fraction in lowest terms, simplify it:  $\frac{2}{\log_4 2000^6} + \frac{3}{\log_5 2000^6}$   
(2000 AIME)
4. Positive numbers "x", "y", and "z" satisfies the equations below:  
 $xyz = 10^{81}$  and  $(\log x)(\log yz) + (\log y)(\log z) = 468$ , find the value of  
 $\sqrt{(\log x)^2 + (\log y)^2 + (\log z)^2}$  (2010 aime)
5. Given the system of equations below and that it has two solutions  $(x_1, y_1, z_1)$  and  $(x_2, y_2, z_2)$ . Find  $y_1 + y_2$   
 $\log(2000xy) - (\log x)(\log y) = 4$   
 $\log(2yz) - (\log y)(\log z) = 1$   
 $\log(zx) - (\log z)(\log x) = 0$

6. The sequence  $a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots$  is geometric with  $a_1=a$  and common ratio 'r', where "a" and "r" are positive integers. Given that  $\log_8 a_1 + \log_8 a_2 + \dots + \log_8 a_{12} = 2006$ , find the number of possible ordered pairs  $(a, r)$ ? (2006 aime)
7. Suppose "A" and "B" are positive real numbers for which  $\log_A B = \log_B A$ . If neither "A" nor "B" is 1 and  $A \neq B$ , find the value of  $AB$ .
8. Given that  $\log_3 2 \approx 0.631$ , find the smallest positive integer "a" such that  $3^a > 2^{102}$   
 {Hint: Show that  $\log_3 2^{102} = 102 \log_3 2$ }
9. Given that  $\log_{10} \sin x + \log_{10} \cos x = -1$  and that  $\log_{10} (\sin x + \cos x) = \frac{1}{2} (\log_{10} n - 1)$ , find the value of "n"? (2003 AIME)
10. How many real numbers "x" satisfy the equation:  $\frac{1}{5} \log_2 x = \sin(5\pi x)$ ? (AIME 1991)

11. Find the last three digits of the product of the positive roots of the equation below:

$$\sqrt{1995}x \log_{1995} x = x^2 \quad (1995 \text{ AIME})$$

12. Suppose "x" is in the interval  $[0, \frac{\pi}{2}]$  and  $\log_{24 \sin x} (24 \cos x) = \frac{3}{2}$ , find the value of  $24 \cot^2 x$  (AIME 2011)

13. The solutions to the system of equations below are  $(x_1, y_1)$  and  $(x_2, y_2)$ . Find the value of

$$\log_{30} (x_1 \times y_1 \times x_2 \times y_2) \quad (2002 \text{ AIME})$$

$$\log_{225} x + \log_{64} y = 4$$

$$\log_x 225 - \log_y 64 = 1$$

14. Let "x", "y", and "z" be positive real numbers that satisfy the equation below. If the value of  $xy^5z$  can be

expressed in the form  $\frac{1}{2^{p/q}}$ , where "p" and "q" are relative prime positive integers, find "p+q".

$$2 \log_x (2y) = 2 \log_{2x} (4z) = \log_{2x^4} (8yz) \neq 0 \quad (2012 \text{ AIME})$$

15. For certain pairs  $(m, n)$  of positive integers with  $m \geq n$  there are exactly 50 distinct positive integers "k" such that  $|\log m - \log k| < \log n$ . Find the sum of all possible values of the product  $mn$  (2009 AIME)

16. The increasing geometric sequence  $x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots$  consists entirely of integral powers of 3. Given that

$$\sum_{n=0}^7 \log_3(x_n) = 308 \quad \text{and} \quad 56 \leq \log_3\left(\sum_{n=0}^7 x_n\right) \leq 57, \quad \text{find the value of } \log_3(x_{14})$$