

$$(3) \dots \log(a^n) = n \log a.$$

Let $x = \log a$, so that $10^x = a$.

Then,

$$a^n = (10^x)^n = 10^{nx}$$

so that nx is the logarithm of a^n

or $\log(a^n) = n \log a.$

$$(4) \dots \log({}^n\sqrt{a}) = \frac{1}{n} \log a.$$

Let $x = \log a$, so that $10^x = a$.

Then ${}^n\sqrt{a} = a^{\frac{1}{n}} = (10^x)^{\frac{1}{n}} = 10^{\frac{x}{n}},$

so that $\frac{x}{n}$ is the logarithm of ${}^n\sqrt{a},$

or $\log({}^n\sqrt{a}) = \frac{1}{n} \log a.$

6. Any of these operations may be combined: thus

$$\log(abcd) = \log a + \log b + \log c + \log d;$$

$$\log\left(\frac{a}{b \cdot c}\right) = \log a - \log b - \log c;$$

$$\log \frac{a}{c^2} \cdot \sqrt[3]{b} = \log a + \frac{1}{2} \log b - 2 \log c - \frac{1}{3} \log d.$$

The mantissa independent of the place of the decimal point in the number.

7. *The mantissa of the logarithm is the same for all numbers which differ only in the position of the decimal point.*

For any change in the position of the decimal point in a number is effected by a continued multiplication or division by ten; and since $\log 10 = 1$, each such multiplication or division alters the characteristic of the logarithm only by the addition or subtraction of 1, thus leaving the mantissa unchanged.