

## Problem

Find exact values for each of the following quantities. Do not use a calculator.

a.  $\log_3 81$

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b.  $\log_2 1024$

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c.  $\log_3 \left(\frac{1}{27}\right)$

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d.  $\log_2 1$

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e.  $\log_{10} \left(\frac{1}{10}\right)$

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f.  $\log_3 3$

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g.  $\log_2(2k)$

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## Step-by-step solution

## Step 1 of 7

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a)} \quad \log_3 81 &= \log_3 3^4 \\ &= 4 \log_3 3 \\ &= 4(1) = 4 \end{aligned}$$

## Step 2 of 7

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(b)} \quad \log_2 1024 &= \log_2 2^{10} \\ &= 10 \log_2 2 \\ &= 10(1) = 10 \end{aligned}$$

## Step 3 of 7

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(c)} \quad \log_3 \left(\frac{1}{27}\right) &= \log_3 27^{-1} \\ &= \log_3 3^{-3} \\ &= -3(\log_3 3) \\ &= -3 \times 1 = -3 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\text{(d)} \quad \log_2 1 = 0 \text{ since } \log 1 = 0$$

## Step 5 of 7

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(e) } \log_{10} \left( \frac{1}{10} \right) &= \log_{10} 10^{-1} \\ &= -1 \cdot \log_{10} 10 \\ &= -1 \times 1 = -1 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\text{(f) } \log_3 3 = 1$$

**Step 7** of 7

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(g) } \log_2 (2^k) &= k (\log_2 2) \\ &= k(1) \\ &= k \end{aligned}$$