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For $a, b, c, x > 0$ and $\log_a(bx) = m, \log_c(ax) = n, \log_b(cx) = p$

Find $S = \log_{\frac{a^4 b^5}{c^6 x^3}} \left(\frac{x^8 a^7 b^5}{c^{20}} \right)$ in terms of m, n, p

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$$\log_a(bx) = m ; \log_c(ax) = n ; \log_c(cx) = p$$

Let's express a, b, c by x

$$\log_c(ax) = n \Rightarrow a = \frac{c^n}{x} ; \text{Let's write the expression instead of } \log_a(bx) = m :$$

$$bx = \left(\frac{c^n}{x} \right)^m \Rightarrow bx^{m+1} = c^{mn} \quad (1)$$

$$\log_a(bx) = m \Rightarrow b = \frac{a^m}{x} \quad (2)$$

$$\text{From } \log_c(cx) = p \Rightarrow b = (cx)^{\frac{1}{p}} \quad (3)$$

Let's write expression (3) instead of (1):

$$bx^{m+1} = c^{mn} \Rightarrow (cx)^{\frac{1}{p}} \cdot x^{m+1} = c^{m+n} \Rightarrow c = x^{\frac{pm+p+1}{pmn-1}} \quad (*)$$

Let's write expression (*) instead of (3):

$$b^p = x^{\frac{pm+p+1}{pmn-1}} \cdot x = x^{\frac{p(mn+m+1)}{pmn-1}} \Rightarrow b = x^{\frac{mn+m+1}{pmn-1}} \quad (**)$$

Let's write expression (**) instead of (1):

$$x^{\frac{mn+m+1}{pmn-1}} \cdot x = a^n \Rightarrow x^{\frac{m(pn+n+1)}{pmn-1}} = a^n$$

$$a = x^{\frac{pn+n+1}{pmn-1}} \quad (***)$$

Let's use the expressions (*), (**) and (***) in $\left(\frac{a^4 b^5}{c^6 x^3} \right)$

$$A = \frac{a^4 b^5}{c^6 x^3} = \frac{x^{\frac{4(pn+n+1)}{pmn-1}} \cdot x^{\frac{5(mn+m+1)}{pmn-1}}}{\frac{6(pm+p+1)}{x^{\frac{pmn-1}{pmn-1}} \cdot x^3}} = x^{\frac{4(pn+n+1)+5(mn+m+1)-6(pm+p+1)-3}{mpn-1}}$$

$$B = \frac{x^8 a^7 b^5}{c^{20}} = \frac{x^8 \cdot x^{\frac{7(pn+n+1)}{pmn-1}} \cdot x^{\frac{5(mn+m+1)}{pmn-1}}}{\frac{20(pm+p+1)}{x^{\frac{pmn-1}{pmn-1}}}} = x^{\frac{8(mpn-1)+7(pn+n+1)+5(mn+m+1)-20(pm+p+1)}{mpn-1}}$$

$$S = \log_A B = \frac{\frac{8(mpn-1)+7(pn+n+1)+5(mn+m+1)-20(pm+p+1)}{mpn-1}}{\frac{4(pn+n+1)+5(mn+m+1)-6(pm+p+1)-3(mpn-1)}{mpn-1}} = \frac{8(mpn-1) + 7(pn+n+1) + 5(mn+m+1) - 20(pm+p+1)}{4(pn+n+1) + 5(mn+m+1) - 6(pm+p+1) - 3(mpn-1)}$$

$$S = \frac{8(mpn-1) + 7(pn+n+1) + 5(mn+m+1) - 20(pm+p+1)}{4(pn+n+1) + 5(mn+m+1) - 6(pm+p+1) - 3(mpn-1)}$$