

**Which is the largest number:  $7^{631}$ ,  $3^{921}$ , or  $9^{341}$ ?**

Show how you've come up with the solution.

(see next page for solution)

There are several solution to the problem:

1. Logically:

Since  $9^{341} = (3^2)^{341} = 3^{682} < 3^{921}$ , the largest is either  $3^{921}$  or  $7^{631}$ .

Now, note that  $3^3 < 7^2$ , so  $3^{921} = (3^3)^{307} < (7^2)^{307} = 7^{614} < 7^{631}$ . So  $7^{631}$  is the largest.

2. Calculate logarithm:

$$631 \log(7)=1227$$

$$921 \log(3)=1011$$

$$341 \log(9)=749$$