

Example 3

Solve Problems Involving Exponential Equations With Different Bases

Christina plans to buy a car. She has saved \$5000. The car she wants costs \$5900. How long will Christina have to invest her money in a term deposit that pays 6.12% per year, compounded quarterly, before she has enough to buy the car?

Solution

The formula for compound interest is $A = P(1 + i)^n$, where A is the amount of money at the end of the investment; P is the principal amount deposited; i is the interest rate per compounding period, expressed as a decimal; and n is the number of compounding periods.

In this problem:

$$A = \underline{5900}$$

$$P = \underline{5000}$$

$$i = 0.0612 \div 4 \text{ or } \underline{\underline{0.0153}}$$

Divide the interest rate by 4 because interest is paid quarterly or four times a year.

$$\begin{aligned} &\rightarrow 6.12\% \\ &= 0.0612 \div 4 \\ &= 0.0153 \end{aligned}$$

$$A = P(1 + i)^n$$

$$\frac{5900}{5000} = \frac{5000}{5000} (1.0153)^n$$

$$1.18 = (1.0153)^n$$

$$(\cancel{1.0153})^{10.9} = (\cancel{1.0153})^n$$

* Express 1.18 with a base of 1.0153 $\rightarrow \frac{\log 1.18}{\log 1.0153} = \underline{\underline{10.9}}$

$$10.9 = n$$

\swarrow n is the number of compound periods ... we want to know the number of years.

$$\hookrightarrow 10.9 \div 4 = \boxed{2.73 \text{ years}}$$

The number of milligrams of a drug remaining in the bloodstream t days after consumption is given by the equation:

$$D = 50(0.9)^t$$

- (a) What percentage of the drug **leaves** the body each day? _____ %
- (b) The drug can be detected in urine tests when 2 or more mg of the drug remain in the bloodstream. Will there be evidence of this drug in the bloodstream 28 days after consumption? Provide proof!

Understanding Logarithms

Focus on...

- demonstrating that a logarithmic function is the inverse of an exponential function
- sketching the graph of $y = \log_c x$, $c > 0$, $c \neq 1$
- determining the characteristics of the graph of $y = \log_c x$, $c > 0$, $c \neq 1$
- explaining the relationship between logarithms and exponents
- expressing a logarithmic function as an exponential function and vice versa
- evaluating logarithms using a variety of methods

For the exponential function $y = c^x$, the inverse is $x = c^y$. This inverse is also a function and is called a **logarithmic function**. It is written as $y = \log_c x$, where c is a positive number other than 1.

Logarithmic Form

Exponential Form



Since our number system is based on powers of 10, **logarithms** with base 10 are widely used and are called **common logarithms**. When you write a common logarithm, you do not need to write the base. For example, $\log 3$ means $\log_{10} 3$.

logarithmic function

- a function of the form $y = \log_c x$, where $c > 0$ and $c \neq 1$, that is the inverse of the exponential function $y = c^x$

logarithm

- an exponent
- in $x = c^y$, y is called the logarithm to base c of x

common logarithm

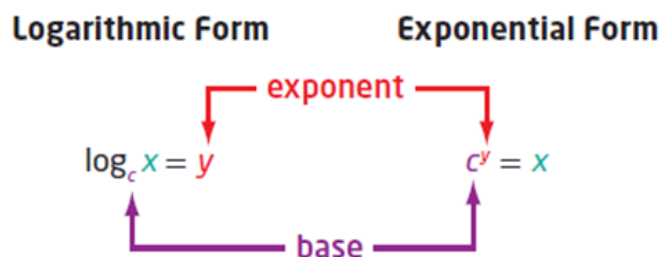
- a logarithm with base 10

Write each of the following in logarithmic form

a) $32 = 2^5$

b) $2^{-5} = \frac{1}{32}$

c) $x = 10^y$



Write each of the following in exponential form

a) $\log_4 16 = 2$

b) $\log_2 \left(\frac{1}{32} \right) = -5$

c) $\log 65 = 1.8129$

Example 1



Evaluating a Logarithm

Evaluate.

a) $\log_7 49$

b) $\log_6 1$

c) $\log 0.001$

d) $\log_2 \sqrt{8}$

Example 2

Determine an Unknown in an Expression in Logarithmic Form

Determine the value of x .

a) $\log_5 x = -3$

b) $\log_x 36 = 2$

c) $\log_{64} x = \frac{2}{3}$

Example 3



Graph the Inverse of an Exponential Function

- a) State the inverse of $f(x) = 3^x$.
- b) Sketch the graph of the inverse. Identify the following characteristics of the inverse graph:
 - the domain and range
 - the x -intercept, if it exists
 - the y -intercept, if it exists
 - the equations of any asymptotes

Solution

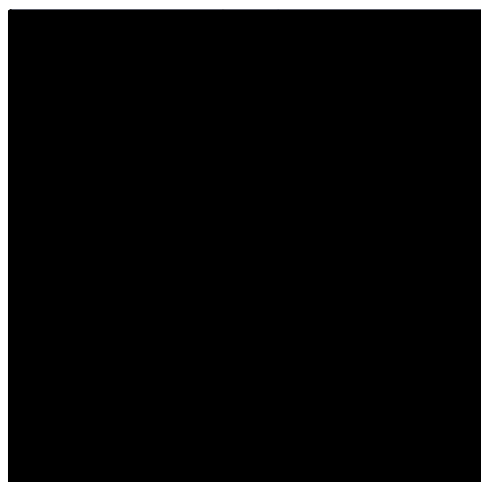
a) The inverse of $y = f(x) = 3^x$ is _____ or, _____ expressed in logarithmic form, _____. Since the inverse is a function, it can be written in function notation as _____

How do you know that $y = \log_3 x$ is a function?

b) Set up tables of values for both the exponential function, $f(x)$, and its inverse, $f^{-1}(x)$. Plot the points and join them with a smooth curve.

$f(x) = 3^x$	
x	y
-3	
-2	
-1	
0	
1	
2	
3	

$f^{-1}(x) = \log_3 x$	
x	y



The graph of the inverse, $f^{-1}(x) = \log_3 x$, is a reflection of the graph

of $f(x) = 3^x$ about the line $y = x$. For $f^{-1}(x) = \log_3 x$,

- the domain is _____ and the range is _____
- the x-intercept is _____
- there is no y-intercept
- the vertical asymptote, the _____ axis, has equation _____ there is no _____ asymptote

How do the characteristics of $f^{-1}(x) = \log_3 x$ compare to the characteristics of $f(x) = 3^x$?

Key Ideas

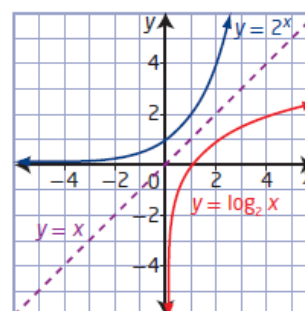
- A logarithm is an exponent.
- Equations in exponential form can be written in logarithmic form and vice versa.

Exponential Form **Logarithmic Form**

$$x = c^y \qquad y = \log_c x$$

- The inverse of the exponential function $y = c^x$, $c > 0$, $c \neq 1$, is $x = c^y$ or, in logarithmic form, $y = \log_c x$. Conversely, the inverse of the logarithmic function $y = \log_c x$, $c > 0$, $c \neq 1$, is $x = \log_c y$ or, in exponential form, $y = c^x$.
- The graphs of an exponential function and its inverse logarithmic function are reflections of each other in the line $y = x$, as shown.
- For the logarithmic function $y = \log_c x$, $c > 0$, $c \neq 1$,
 - the domain is $\{x \mid x > 0, x \in \mathbb{R}\}$
 - the range is $\{y \mid y \in \mathbb{R}\}$
 - the x-intercept is 1
 - the vertical asymptote is $x = 0$, or the y-axis
- A common logarithm has base 10. It is not necessary to write the base for common logarithms:

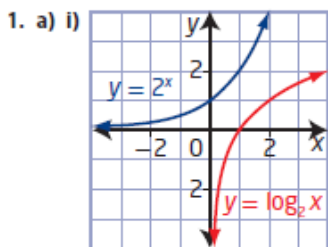
$$\log_{10} x = \log x$$



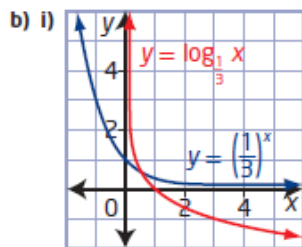
Homework

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8.1 Understanding Logarithms, pages 380 to 382

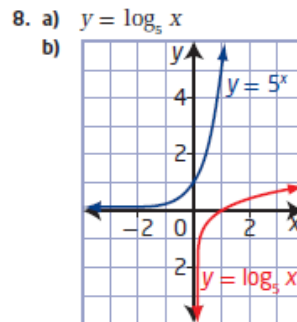


ii) $y = \log_2 x$
 iii) domain $\{x \mid x > 0, x \in \mathbb{R}\}$,
 range $\{y \mid y \in \mathbb{R}\}$,
 x-intercept 1, no y-intercept,
 vertical asymptote $x = 0$



ii) $y = \log_{\frac{1}{3}} x$
 iii) domain $\{x \mid x > 0, x \in \mathbb{R}\}$,
 range $\{y \mid y \in \mathbb{R}\}$,
 x-intercept 1, no y-intercept,
 vertical asymptote $x = 0$

2. a) $\log_{12} 144 = 2$ b) $\log_8 2 = \frac{1}{3}$
 c) $\log_{10} 0.000\ 01 = -5$ d) $\log_7 (y + 3) = 2x$
3. a) $5^2 = 25$ b) $8^{\frac{2}{3}} = 4$
 c) $10^6 = 1\ 000\ 000$ d) $11^y = x + 3$
4. a) 3 b) 0 c) $\frac{1}{3}$ d) -3
5. $a = 4; b = 5$



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 range $\{y \mid y \in \mathbb{R}\}$,
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10. They are reflections of each other in the line $y = x$.
11. a) They have the exact same shape.
 b) One of them is increasing and the other is decreasing.
12. a) 216 b) 81 c) 64 d) 8
13. a) 7 b) 6
14. a) 0 b) 1
15. -1
16. 16
17. a) $t = \log_{0.11} N$ b) 145 days
18. The larger asteroid had a relative risk that was 1479 times as dangerous.
19. 1000 times as great
20. 5
21. $m = 14, n = 13$
22. $4n$
23. $y = 3^{2^x}$

