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Log. Functions.

$$y = b^x \iff x = \log_b(y) \quad \text{for } b > 0 \text{ and } b \neq 1$$

Logs and exponentials are inverse fcts.

Ex 1: Write in Log Form.

a) $64 = 4^3$

b) $2 = \sqrt[3]{8}$

c) $\frac{1}{16} = 4^{-2}$

d) $10^{-3} = 0.001$

e) $e^0 = 1$

f) $x^4 = 2$

remember, log & exp. forms are equivalent.

Ex 2: Write in exponential form.

a) $\log_2(8) = 3$

b) $\log_{25}(5) = \frac{1}{2}$

c) ~~log~~ $\log_e(e) = 1$

d) $\log_{10}(1000) = 3$

e) $\log_b(9) = 2$

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What exactly are logs?

$$f(x) = 2^x$$

Then

$$f^{-1}(x) = \log_2(x)$$

Exponential Function

x	F(x)
-3	
-2	
-1	
0	
1	
2	
3	

Logarithmic Function

x	f ⁻¹ (x)
	-3
	-2
	-1
	0
	1
	2
	3

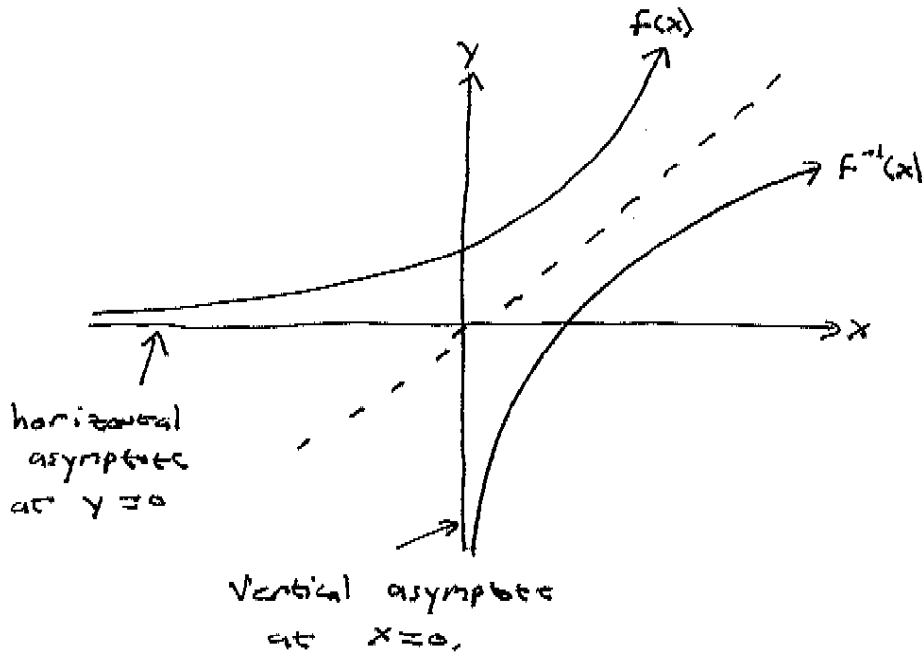
(x, y) ← becomes → (y, x)

$$D_f : \{x \mid x \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

$$D_{f^{-1}} : \{x \mid x > 0\}$$

$$R_f : \{y \mid y > 0\}$$

$$R_{f^{-1}} : \{y \mid y \in \mathbb{R}\}$$



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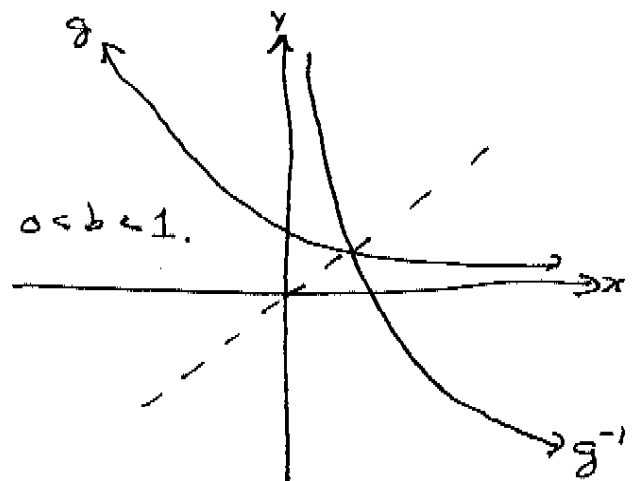
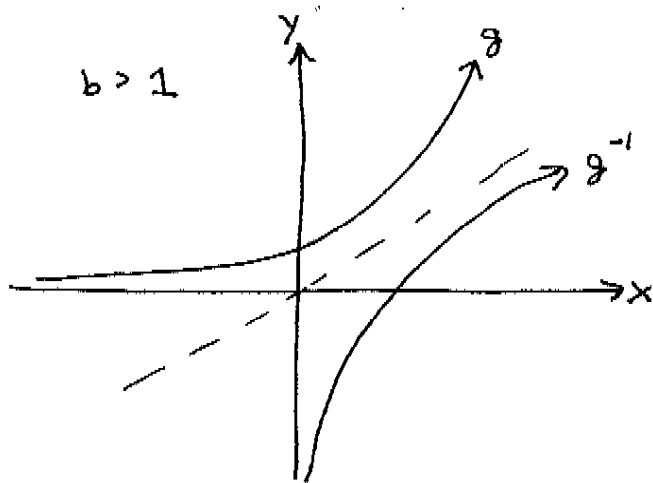
So $f(x) = 2^x$ and $f^{-1}(x) = \log_2(x)$ are inverse fcts.

$$f(f^{-1}(x)) = 2^{\log_2(x)} = x, x > 0$$

$$f^{-1}(f(x)) = \log_2(2^x) = x, x \in \mathbb{R}$$

MORE GENERALLY:

IF $g(x) = b^x$ then $g^{-1}(x) = \log_b(x)$



Ex 3: $h(x) = 4^x$, find $h^{-1}(x)$.

Ex 4: $f(x) = \log_3(x+5)$, find $f^{-1}(x)$.

$$y = \log_3(x+5)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 3^y = x+5$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 3^y - 5 = x$$

$$\Leftrightarrow f^{-1}(x) = 3^x - 5.$$

$$y = b^x \iff x = \log_b(y) \text{ for } b > 0 \text{ \& } b \neq 1.$$

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Things to remember.

$$\log_{10}(x) = \log(x) \quad \text{common log}$$

$$\log_e(x) = \ln(x) \quad \text{natural log.}$$

Ex 1: Find.

$$\log_b(1)$$

$$\log_b(b)$$

Ex 2: Solve $\log_b(x) = 3$.

Remember:

$$b^{\log_b(x)} = x, \quad x > 0$$

$$\log_b(b^x) = x, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$$

Exponential and Log Rules

$$E1: b^{x+y} = b^x b^y$$

$$L1: \log_b(xy) = \log_b(x) + \log_b(y)$$

$$E2: b^{x-y} = \frac{b^x}{b^y}$$

$$L2: \log_b\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) = \log_b(x) - \log_b(y)$$

$$E3: (b^x)^a = b^{x \cdot a}$$

$$L3: \log_b(x^a) = a \log_b(x)$$

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To prove the log rules.

$$\text{Let } x = b^u \iff u = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$y = b^v \iff v = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

Also, recall that $\log_b(b^{\boxed{\hspace{1cm}}}) = \boxed{\hspace{1cm}}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{L1) } \log_b(xy) &= \log_b(b^u \cdot b^v) \\ &= \log_b(b^{u+v}) \\ &= u+v \\ &= \log_b(x) + \log_b(y) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{L2) } \log_b\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) &= \log_b\left(\frac{b^u}{b^v}\right) \\ &= \log_b(b^{u-v}) \\ &= \log_b u - v \\ &= \log_b(x) - \log_b(y) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{L3) } \log_b(x^a) &= \log_b((b^u)^a) \\ &= \log_b(b^{au}) \\ &= au \\ &= a \log_b(x) \end{aligned}$$

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Ex 3: work w/ log rules.

a) $\log_3(6) - \log_3(2)$

b) $2 \log_3(2) + \frac{1}{2} \log_3(4)$

c) $\log_4(50) - 2 \log_4(5)$

d) $\frac{2}{3} \log_2(27) - 3 \log_2(4)$

e) $\log_5(5\sqrt{5})$

f) $\ln\left(\frac{\sqrt{e}}{e^3}\right)$

Ex 4: If $\log_b(2) = u$ and $\log_b(3) = v$, express the following in terms of u & v .

a) $\log_b\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)$

b) $\log_b(6)$

c) $\log_b\left(\frac{16}{27}\right)$

d) $\log_b(\sqrt[3]{18})$

Ex 5: Find all integers between $\log_2(1)$ and $\log_2(128)$

Ex 6: Find the sum of all prime numbers between $\log_2\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$ and $\log_2(256)$.

Ex 7: Is $f(x) = \log(x-3) + \log(2-x)$ a function?

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Ex 2: Solve for x .

$$a) \log(x^2 - 2x - 2) = 2 \log(x - 2)$$

$$b) \ln(x + 8) - \ln(x) = 3 \ln(2)$$

$$c) \ln(x) + \ln(x + 4) = \frac{1}{2} \ln(9)$$

$$d) \ln(x) + \ln(x - 1) = \ln(2)$$

Ex 3: Find the inverse.

$$a) f(x) = 5^{3x - 1} + 4$$

$$b) g(x) = 3^{2x - 3} + 2$$

$$c) h(x) = 3 \ln(5x - 2)$$

$$d) f(x) = 2 + \ln(5x - 3)$$

Ex 4: Prove $1 = -1$.

$$\ln(1) = \ln((-1)^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = 2 \ln(-1)$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = \ln(-1)$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = -1$$

Ex 5: Find the domain.

$$a) f(x) = \ln(x - 3)$$

$$b) g(x) = \ln(2 - x)$$

$$c) h(x) = \ln(x - 3) + \ln(2 - x)$$

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Recall: $b^0 = 1 \iff \log_b(1) = 0$
 $b^1 = b \iff \log_b(b) = 1$

our friend BOB: $y = b^x \iff x = \log_b(y)$ for $b > 0$ & $b \neq 1$

LOG RULES: for $b > 0$ & $b \neq 1$, ~~$x, y > 0$~~ $x, y > 0$ and $a \in \mathbb{R}$

L1 $\log_b(xy) = \log_b(x) + \log_b(y)$.

L2 $\log_b\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) = \log_b(x) - \log_b(y)$.

L3 $\log_b(x^a) = a \log_b(x)$

Ex 1: Write as the sum of logs of 1st. deg. polys.

a) $\log_b\left(\frac{x^2}{\sqrt{x+1}}\right)$

b) $\log_b(x^4 + x^3 - 20x^2)$

c) $\log_b(x^5 + 5x^4 - 14x^3)$