

Inverse function: steps

- 1) swap x and y 2) solve for y

10.02 Intro to Log Function

$$y = b^x \quad x = b^y$$

$$y = \log_b x$$

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A logarithmic function is the *inverse* of an exponential function.

Definition: Let b and y be positive numbers with $b \neq 1$. Then, the *logarithm of y with base b* is denoted by $\log_b y$ and is defined as follows:

$$\log_b y = x \text{ if and only if } b^x = y \quad \log_b y = x$$

Examples: Convert from exponential form into logarithmic form.

1. $2^3 = 8$
 $\log_2 8 = 3$

2. $5^{-3} = \frac{1}{125}$
 $\log_5 \frac{1}{125} = -3$

3. $81^{1/4} = 3$
 $\log_{81} 3 = \frac{1}{4}$

Examples: Convert from logarithmic form into exponential form.

4. $\log_5 25 = 2$
 $5^2 = 25$

5. $\log_7 \frac{1}{343} = -3$
 $7^{-3} = \frac{1}{343}$

6. $\log_{32} 2 = \frac{1}{5}$
 $32^{1/5} = 2$

$e \approx 2.72$

- ❖ **Common log** is log base 10
- ❖ Denoted as $\log N$, it is understood to mean $\log_{10} N$
- ❖ The LOG button on the calculator evaluates $\log_{10} N$

- ❖ **Natural log** is log base e
- ❖ Denoted as $\ln N$, it is understood to mean $\log_e N$
- ❖ The LN button on the calculator evaluates $\log_e N$

Examples: Rewrite in exponential form.

Examples: Rewrite in logarithmic form.

7. $\log 100 = 2$
 $\log_{10} 100 = 2$
 $10^2 = 100$

8. $\ln 7 = x$
 $\log_e 7 = x$
 $e^x = 7$

9. $10^{-2} = \frac{1}{100}$
 $\log_{10} \frac{1}{100} = -2$
 $\log \frac{1}{100} = -2$

10. $e^2 = 7.389$
 $\log_e 7.389 = 2$
 $\ln 7.389 = 2$

Examples: Evaluate the following logarithms.

11. $\log 1 = x$
 $\log_{10} 1 = x$
 $10^x = 1$ $x = 0$

12. $\log_{64} 8 = x$
 $64^x = 8$
 $x = 1/2$

13. $\log_5 \frac{1}{625} = x$
 $5^x = \frac{1}{625}$ $x = -4$

10.02 Homework: Evaluate each logarithmic expression.

1. $\log_5 125 = x$

$$5^x = 125$$

$$x = 3$$

2. $\log_8 1 = x$

$$8^x = 1$$

$$x = 0$$

3. $\log_6 \frac{1}{36} = x$

$$6^x = \frac{1}{36}$$

$$x = -2$$

4. $\log_4 2 = x$

$$4^x = 2$$

$$x = \frac{1}{2}$$

5. $\log_7 -49 = x$

$$7^x = -49$$

$$\text{No solution}$$

6. $\log_{10} 10,000 = x$

$$10^x = 10,000$$

$$x = 4$$

7. $\ln e^2 = x$

$$\log_e e^2 = x$$

$$e^x = e^2$$

$$x = 2$$

8. $\log_{256} 4 = x$

$$256^x = 4$$

$$x = \frac{1}{4}$$

9. $\log_{1/5} 25 = x$

$$\left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^x = 25$$

$$x = -2$$

10. $\log \sqrt{10} = x$

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

$$10^x = \sqrt{10}$$

$$10^x = 10^{1/2}$$

$$x = \frac{1}{2}$$

11. $\log_{1/32} 2 = x$

$$\left(\frac{1}{32}\right)^x = 2$$

$$x = -\frac{1}{5}$$

12. $\log_{\sqrt{3}} 27 = x$

$$(\sqrt{3})^x = 27$$

$$\frac{1}{2}x = 3$$

$$2^{\frac{1}{2}x} = 2^3$$

$$x = 6$$

13. $\log_2 2^9 = x$

$$2^x = 2^9$$

$$x = 9$$

14. $3 \cdot \ln e^4 = x$

$$3 \log_e e^4 = x$$

$$\log_e e^4 = \frac{x}{3}$$

$$e^{4/3} = e^4$$

$$\frac{x}{3} = 4 \quad x = 12$$

15. $\ln -5 = x$

$$\log_e -5 = x$$

$$e^x = -5$$

$$\text{No solution}$$

10.03 Properties of Logarithms

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Opener: Simplify the exponential expression.

1. $x^3 * x^7 * x$

$$x^{11}$$

2. $\frac{m^5 n^2}{m^2 n^9}$

$$\frac{m^3}{n^7}$$

3. $(g^4)^{11}$

$$g^{44}$$

Special properties of exponents and logarithms, where b is positive and not 1:

$\log_b 1 = 0$	Why? $b^0 = 1$
$\log_b b = 1$	Why? $b^1 = b$
$\log_b b^x = x$	Why? $b^x = b^x \checkmark$
$b^{\log_b x} = x$	Why? $\log_b x = \log_b x$

Properties of Logarithms:

Argument is a Product			
$\log_b u$	$\log_b v$	$\log_b uv$	General Rule: $\log_b u + \log_b v = \log_b u \cdot v$
$\log_2 4 =$	$\log_2 8 =$	$\log_2 32 =$	
Argument is a Quotient			
$\log_b u$	$\log_b v$	$\log_b \frac{u}{v}$	General Rule: $\log_b u - \log_b v = \log_b \left(\frac{u}{v}\right)$
$\log_5 3125 =$	$\log_5 25 =$	$\log_5 125 =$	
Argument is a Power			
$\log_b u^n$	$n \log_b u$		General Rule: $\log_b u^n = n \log_b u$
$\log_2 4^5 =$	$5 \log_2 4 =$		

$$1) \log u + \log v = \log uv$$

Examples: Use properties of logarithms to expand each expression. The expanded logarithm expressions should have arguments with no exponent, product, or quotient.

$$1. \log_5 2x = \log_5 2 + \log_5 x$$

$$2. \log_2 8a^2b^5 = \log_2 8 + \log_2 a^2 + \log_2 b^5$$

$$\log_2 8 + 2\log_2 a + 5\log_2 b$$

$$3. \log_7 \frac{g}{h}$$

$$\log_7 g - \log_7 h$$

$$4. \log_4 \frac{16w^3}{x^6}$$

$$\log_4 16 + \log_4 w^3 - \log_4 x^6$$

$$\log_4 16 + 3\log_4 w - 6\log_4 x$$

$$5. \log \sqrt{r}$$

$$\log_{10} r^{1/2}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \log_{10} r$$

$$6. \ln \frac{a+1}{\sqrt[3]{b-2c}}$$

$$\log_e \left(\frac{a+1}{(b-2c)^{1/3}} \right) = \log_e(a+1) - \log_e(b-2c)^{1/3}$$

$$\log_e(a+1) - \frac{1}{3} \log_e(b-2c)$$

Examples: Use properties of logarithms to condense each expression. The condensed logarithm expression should be written as a single logarithm with no coefficient.

$$7. 3 \log 4 - 2 \log k$$

$$\log_{10} 4^3 - \log_{10} k^2$$

$$\log_{10} \left(\frac{4^3}{k^2} \right)$$

$$\log_{10} \left(\frac{64}{k^2} \right)$$

$$8. -5 \log_2(x+1) + 3 \log_2(6x)$$

$$\log_2(6x)^3 - \log_2(x+1)^5$$

$$\log_2 \frac{(6x)^3}{(x+1)^5}$$

$$9. \frac{1}{3} \log_4 10 + \frac{1}{3} \log_4 h - 6 \log_4 g$$

$$\log_4 10^{1/3} + \log_4 h^{1/3} - \log_4 g^6$$

$$\log_4 \left(\frac{10^{1/3} h^{1/3}}{g^6} \right)$$

$$10. \ln(3m+5) - 4 \ln m - \ln(m-1)$$

$$\log_e(3m+5) - \log_e m^4 - \log_e(m-1)$$

$$\log_e \left(\frac{3m+5}{m^4(m-1)} \right)$$

or $\ln \left(\frac{3m+5}{m^5 - m^4} \right)$

$$11. \log 20 + 2 \log \frac{1}{2} - \log x + 3 \log y$$

$$\log 20 + \log \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^2 - \log x + \log y^3 \rightarrow \log \left(\frac{20 \cdot \frac{1}{4} y^3}{x} \right) = \log \left(\frac{5y^3}{x} \right)$$