

Logarithmic Functions and Their Graphs

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■ You should know that a function of the form $y = \log_a x$, where $a > 0$, $a \neq 1$, and $x > 0$, is called a logarithm of x to base a .

■ You should be able to convert from logarithmic form to exponential form and vice versa.

$$y = \log_a x \Leftrightarrow a^y = x$$

■ You should know the following properties of logarithms.

(a) $\log_a 1 = 0$ since $a^0 = 1$.

(b) $\log_a a = 1$ since $a^1 = a$.

(c) $\log_a a^x = x$ since $a^x = a^x$.

(d) If $\log_a x = \log_a y$, then $x = y$.

■ You should know the definition of the natural logarithmic function.

$$\log_e x = \ln x, x > 0$$

■ You should know the properties of the natural logarithmic function.

(a) $\ln 1 = 0$ since $e^0 = 1$.

(b) $\ln e = 1$ since $e^1 = e$.

(c) $\ln e^x = x$ since $e^x = e^x$.

(d) If $\ln x = \ln y$, then $x = y$.

■ You should be able to graph logarithmic functions.

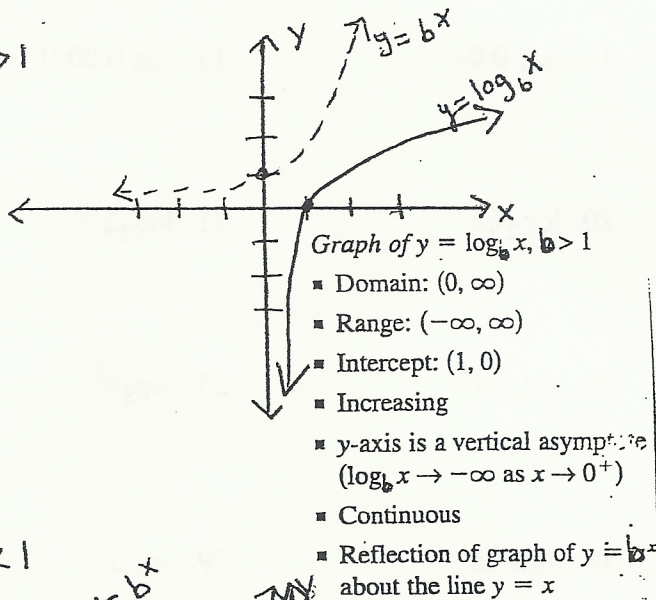
** Change of base **
 $\log_a x = \frac{\log x}{\log a}$

Common log -
base is 10

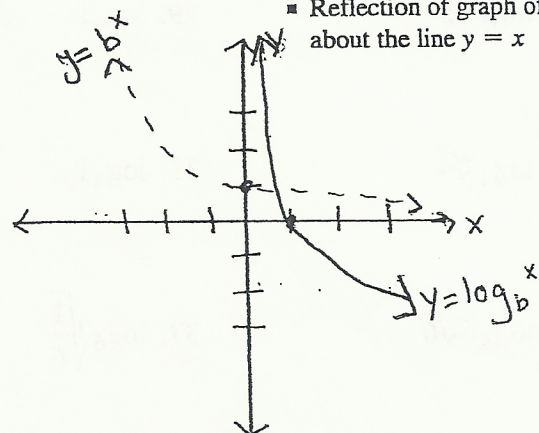
natural log -
base is e

$$e = (1 + \frac{1}{x})^x \approx 2.718281...$$

$b > 1$



$0 < b < 1$



Change each equation to logarithmic form.

1. $5^2 = 25$

2. $3^{-2} = \frac{1}{9}$

Change each equation to exponential form.

3. $\log_3 81 = 4$

4. $\log_4 8 = \frac{3}{2}$

Solve each equation.

5. $\log_2 x = 3$

6. $\log_x 8 = \frac{1}{2}$

Evaluate each expression.

7. $\log_{64} 8$

8. $\log_x 27 = -3$

Solve each equation.

9. $\log_3 2x = \log_3(3x - 5)$

10. $\log_9(x^2 + x) = \log_9 6$

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PreCalculus II:

Logarithmic Form
 $\log_b y = x$

\Leftrightarrow

Exponential Form
 $b^x = y$

NO CALCULATORS

Find each logarithm without using a calculator

1. $\log_7 49$

2. $\log_2 16$

3. $\log_2 \frac{1}{8}$

4. $\log_5 \frac{1}{5}$

5. $\log_5 \sqrt{5}$

Solve each equation (Do not use a calculator)

6. $\log_5 x = 2$

7. $\log_6 x = 2$

8. $\log x = 2$

9. $\ln x = 2$

10. $\log_x 121 = 2$

11. $\log_x 64 = 3$

12. $\log_x \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = -1$

13. $\log_x \sqrt{6} = \frac{1}{2}$

Find each logarithm. (Do not use a calculator)

14. $\log 100$

15. $\log 10,000$

16. $\log 0.01$

17. $\log 0.0001$

18. $\log_2 4$

19. $\log_2 32$

20. $\log_2 64$

21. $\log_2 2^{10}$

22. $\log_3 9$

23. $\log_3 27$

24. $\log_3 243$

25. $\log_3 8^8$

26. $\log_5 0.2$

27. $\log_5 \frac{1}{125}$

28. $\log_5 \sqrt[3]{5}$

29. $\log_5 1$

30. $\log_4 64$

31. $\log_4 \frac{1}{64}$

32. $\log_4 \sqrt[4]{4}$

33. $\log_4 1$

34. $\log_6 36$

35. $\log_6 6$

36. $\log_6 6\sqrt{6}$

37. $\log_6 \sqrt[3]{\frac{1}{6}}$

PRECALC – LOG WORKSHEET – SECTION 6.3

A. Write in exponential form then solve for x.

1. $\log_5 125 = t$

9. $\log t = 2$

17. $\log_2 t = 3$

2. $\log_5 \sqrt{5} = t$

10. $\log_2 64 = t$

18. $\log_5 t = -2$

3. $\log_5 .04 = t$

11. $\log_4 2 = t$

19. $\log_t 27 = 3$

4. $\log_4 8 = t$

12. $\log_2 \frac{1}{16} = t$

20. $\log_t (-1) = \frac{1}{2}$

5. $\log_6 \frac{1}{6} = t$

13. $\log_{\frac{1}{3}} 25 = t$

21. $\log_t 625 = 4$

6. $\log_6 36 = t$

14. $\log_x 1 = t$

22. $\log_t (.1) = -1$

7. $\log_6 \sqrt[3]{36} = t$

15. $\log_t 8 = 3$

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

8. $\log_9 243 = t$

16. $\log_{\frac{1}{2}} 4 = t$

24. $\log(x^2 + 9x) = 1$

25. $\log(4x - 4) = 2$

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26. $\log_{64} x = \frac{1}{2}$

27. $\log_{\sqrt{2}} 16 = x$

28. $\log(4x+8) = 2$

29. $\log_4 \left(\frac{1}{16} \right) = x$

30. $\log_{\sqrt{3}} 3 = x$

31. $\log(3x+1) = 3$

32. $\log_4 \left(\frac{1}{64} \right) = x$

33. $\log_8 x = \frac{1}{3}$

Assignment

Identify the domain and range of each.

1) $y = \log_5 (2x - 4) + 5$

- A) Domain: $x > 2$
Range: All reals
- B) Domain: All reals
Range: $x < -2$
- C) Domain: $x > -2$
Range: All reals
- D) Domain: $x < 2$
Range: All reals

2) $y = \log_3 (3x + 17) + 4$

- A) Domain: All reals
Range: $x > \frac{17}{3}$
- B) Domain: $x > \frac{17}{3}$
Range: All reals
- C) Domain: $x < \frac{17}{3}$
Range: All reals
- D) Domain: $x > -\frac{17}{3}$
Range: All reals

3) $y = \log_3 (3x + 12) + 3$

- A) Domain: $x > 4$
Range: All reals
- B) Domain: $x < -1$
Range: All reals
- C) Domain: $x > -4$
Range: All reals
- D) Domain: $x < -4$
Range: All reals

4) $y = \log_4 (4x + 2) + 1$

- A) Domain: $x > \frac{1}{2}$
Range: All reals
- B) Domain: $x < \frac{1}{2}$
Range: All reals
- C) Domain: All reals
Range: $x > \frac{1}{2}$
- D) Domain: $x > -\frac{1}{2}$
Range: All reals

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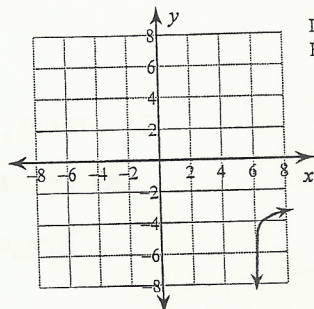
Identify the domain and range of each. Then sketch the graph.

5) $y = \log_4(2x + 10)$

- A) Domain: $x > 5$
Range: All reals
- B) Domain: All reals
Range: $x < 0$
- C) Domain: $x < 0$
Range: All reals
- D) Domain: $x > -5$
Range: All reals

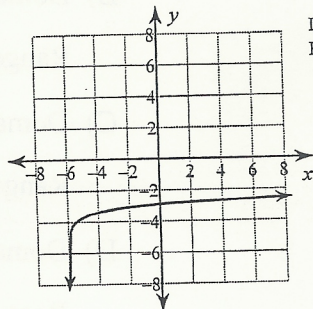
7) $y = \log(2x + 12) - 4$

A)



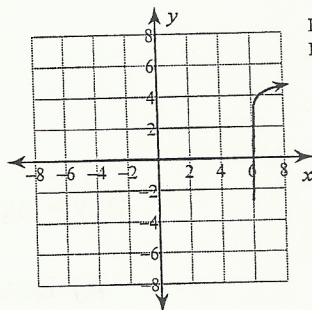
Domain: $x > 6$
Range: All reals

B)



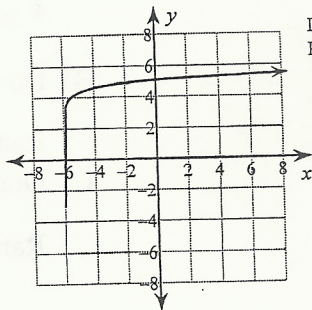
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Range: All reals

C)



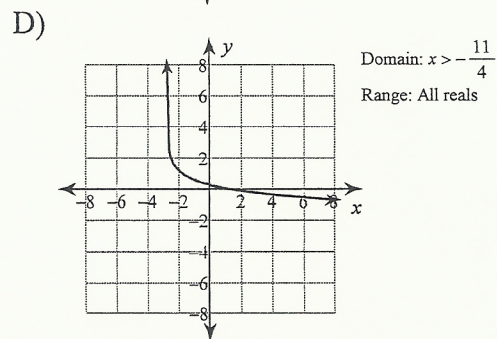
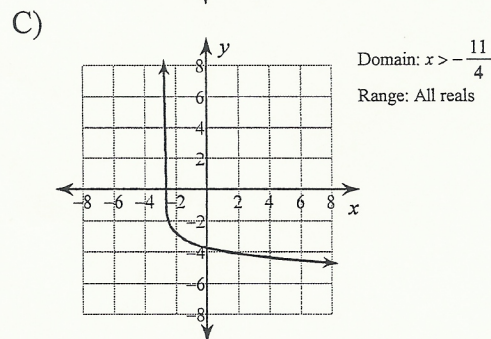
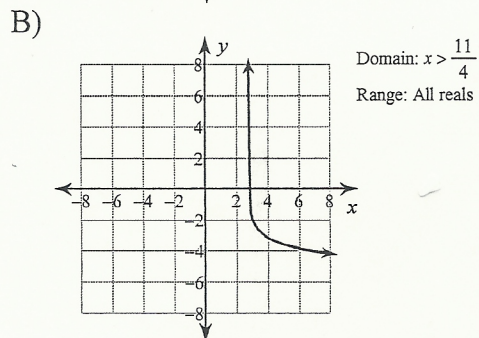
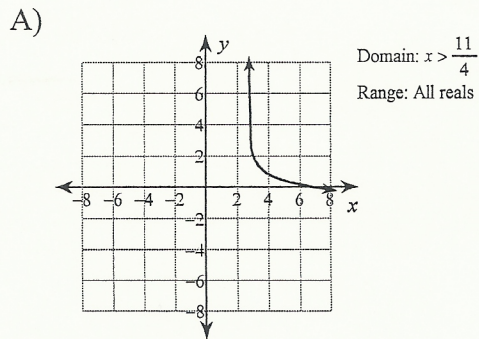
Domain: $x > 6$
Range: All reals

D)

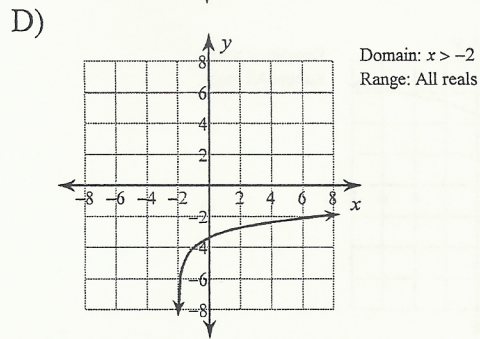
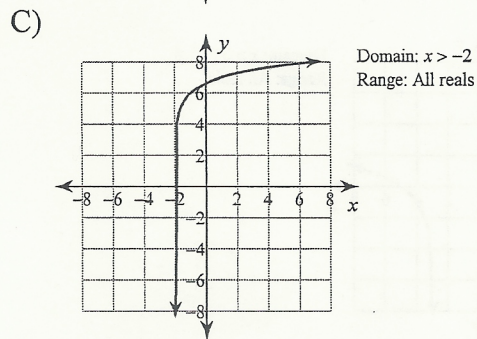
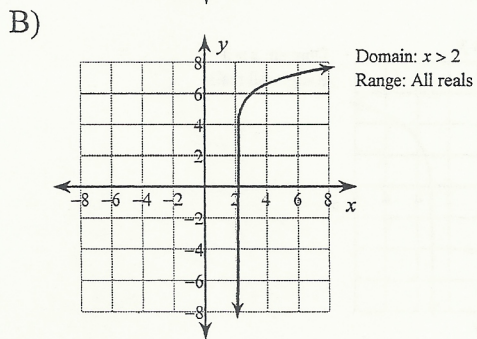
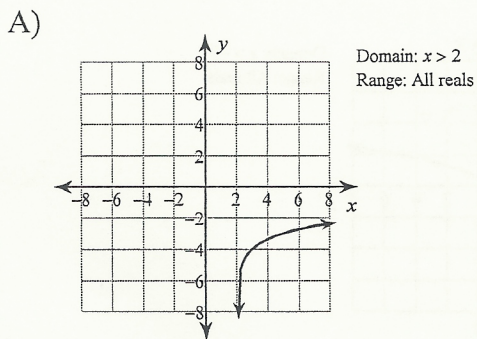


Domain: $x > -6$
Range: All reals

8) $y = \log_{\frac{1}{4}}(4x - 11) - 2$



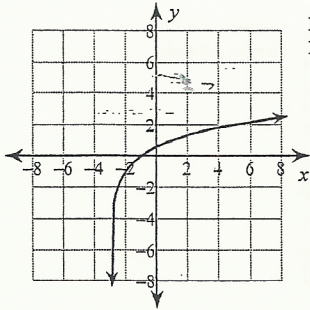
9) $y = \log_3(3x - 6) + 5$



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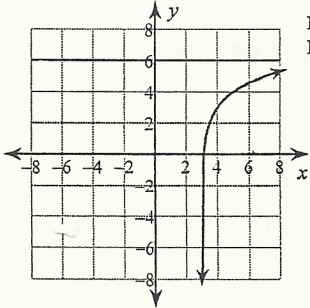
10) $y = \log_2 (2x + 6) + 2$

A)



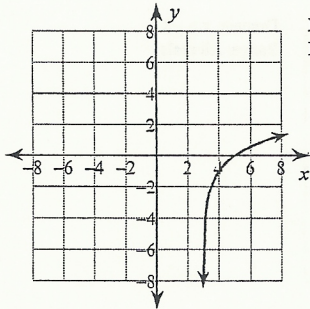
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Range: All reals

B)



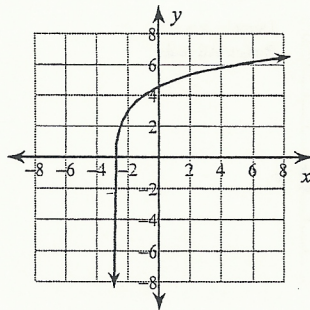
Domain: $x > 3$
Range: All reals

C)



Domain: $x > 3$
Range: All reals

D)



Domain: $x > -3$
Range: All reals

Solve each equation. Round your answers to the nearest ten-thousandth.

11) $\log x - \log 3 = \log 44$

16) $\log (x + 1) - \log x = \log 59$

13) $\log x - \log 4 = 1$

18) $\log x - \log (x - 2) = 1$

Simplify. Your answer should contain only positive exponents.

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19) $-x^4 y^3 \cdot 4x^3 \cdot -x^3 y^3$

20) $4x^{-4} y^3 \cdot 2x$

21) $-2x^{-4} y^{-2} \cdot 2x^{-2} y^4$

22) $-uv \cdot 2u^3 v^{-2}$

23) $-4u^{-4} \cdot v^{-1}$

Use a calculator to approximate each to the nearest thousandth.

24) $\log_7 5.7$

25) $\log_3 9$

26) $\log_4 26$

Condense each expression to a single logarithm.

27) $3 \ln 3 + 6 \ln 8$

28) $\frac{\log 12}{3} + \frac{\log 7}{3} + \frac{\log 5}{3}$

29) $12 \log_4 8 - 4 \log_4 5$

30) $\frac{\log_3 5}{2} + \frac{\log_3 7}{2} + \frac{\log_3 6}{2}$

31) $5 \log_2 x + 3 \log_2 y$

Expand each logarithm.

32) $\log_8 \left(\frac{x^4}{y} \right)^5$

33) $\log_8 (x^2 y^2)$

A. EVALUATE EACH OF THE FOLLOWING EXPRESSIONS. (non-calculator)

1. $(-27)^{\frac{2}{3}}$

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

3. $4^{-\frac{3}{2}}$

4. $36^{-\frac{1}{2}}$

5. $5x^0$

6. $(5x)^0$

7. $\left(\frac{8}{27}\right)^{\frac{2}{3}}$

8. $(16)^{-\frac{5}{4}}$

9. $\log_{12} 12$

10. $\log_6 1$

11. $\log_4 \left(\frac{1}{16}\right)$

12. $\log_8 16$

13. $\log_7 \sqrt{7}$

14. $\log_{\sqrt{2}} 32$

B. DETERMINE THE VALUE OF x IN EACH OF THE GIVEN EQUATIONS.

15. $\log x = 3$

16. $\log x = -2$

17. $\log_x 125 = 3$

18. $\log_x \left(\frac{1}{16}\right) = -4$

19. $\log_x 9 = \frac{2}{3}$

20. $\log_3 (4x + 5) = 4$

21. $3^{2x-3} = 27$

22. $\left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^{x+2} = 25^x$

23. $4^{2x+1} = 8^{x-1}$

24. $\left(\frac{1}{9}\right)^{3-x} = 27^{2x+1}$

Logarithm Review

1. $3^x = \frac{1}{81}$

2. $25^x = 625$

3. $8^{3x+1} = 16^{x-1}$

4. $3^{2x+1} = 27^{x+2}$

5. Express in exponential form: $\log_3 81 = 4$ _____

Express in logarithmic form: $2^5 = 32$ _____

6. Evaluate w/o a calculator

a) $\log_4 \frac{1}{64}$

b) $\log_3 \frac{1}{27}$

c) $\log_5 5\sqrt{5}$

7. Express in expanded form:

a) $\log_4 3w^5$ _____

b) $\log_5 \frac{5w}{z^2}$ _____

8. Express as a single log AND evaluate

a) $\log 250 + \log 4$ _____

b) $\log_2 4 - \log_2 32$ _____

c) $7\log_3 3 - 9\log_3 3$ _____

d) $\log_{25} 7 - \log_{25} 35$ _____

Logarithm Review

1. $3^x = \frac{1}{27}$

2. $25^x = 125$

3. $4^{3x+1} = 16^{x-1}$

4. $9^{2x+1} = 27^{x+2}$

5. Express in exponential form: $\log_3 81 = 4$ _____

Express in logarithmic form: $2^5 = 32$ _____

6. Evaluate w/o a calculator

a) $\log_4 64$

b) $\log_3 \frac{1}{81}$

c) $\log_5 5\sqrt{5}$

7. Express in expanded form:

a) $\log_4 3w$ _____

b) $\log_5 \frac{5w^2}{z}$ _____

8. Express as a single log AND evaluate

a) $\log 250 + \log 40$ _____

b) $\log_2 4 - \log_2 16$ _____

c) $7\log_3 3 - 8\log_3 3$ _____

d) $\log_{25} 7 - \log_{25} 35$ _____

Solve the logarithmic equation for x.

11. $\ln(2 + x) = 1$

12. $\log(x - 4) = 3$

13. $\log_3(2 - x) = 3$

14. $\log_2(x^2 - x - 2) = 2$

15. $2\log x = \log 2 + \log(3x - 4)$

16. $\log_5 x + \log_5(x + 1) = \log_5 20$

17. $\log x + \log(x - 3) = 1$

18. $\ln(x - 1) + \ln(x + 2) = 1$

Properties of Powers and Properties of Logarithms

If $y = b^n$ then $\log_b y = n$.

Power Property

Zero Exponent

$$b^0 = 1$$

Product of Powers

$$b^m \cdot b^n = b^{m+n}$$

Quotient of Powers

$$\frac{b^m}{b^n} = b^{m-n} \quad (b \neq 0)$$

Power of a Power

$$(b^m)^a = b^{am}$$

Logarithm Property

Logarithm of 1

$$\log_b 1 = 0$$

Logarithm of a Product

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

Logarithm of a Quotient

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

Logarithm of a Power

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

If $b^x = b^y$ then $x = y$

If $\log_b x = \log_b y$ then $x = y$

$$\log_b b^x = x$$

$$b^{\log_b x} = x$$

$$a(t) = P\left(1 + \frac{r}{n}\right)^{nt}$$

Compound interest Formula

$$a(t) = Pe^{rt}$$

Continuous growth Formula

$$\log_w N = \frac{\log N}{\log w} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{\ln N}{\ln w}$$

Change of Base Rule