



## Unit 5 – Exponential and Logarithmic functions

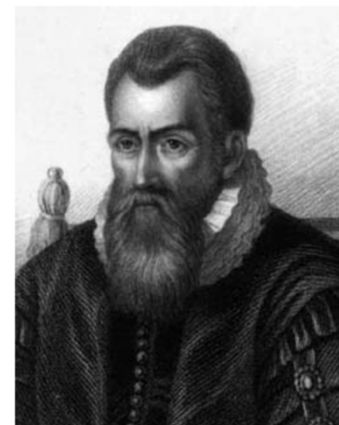
### Chapter 8.1 – 8.2: The logarithmic function and its graph

Many phenomena in the natural sciences (physics, chemistry, biology, astronomy) can be described using exponential functions. To solve problems involving a function, it is often useful to use the inverse function.

Invented by John Napier in the 17<sup>th</sup> century, logarithmic functions (and the associated table of values generated using them) were the only effective numerical tools for dealing with exponential functions until the development of computers and calculator.

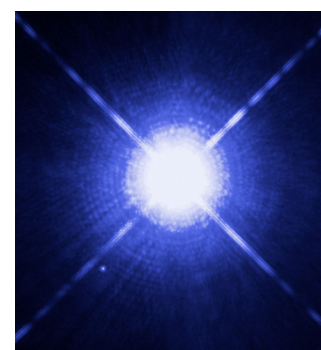
Some applications of logarithmic functions include:

- pH levels (acid/base) in chemistry
- Star brightness
- Sound intensity in physics/music
- Light intensity & absorption in physics/astronomy
- Richter scale for earthquakes in physics/geology



Concentration of hydrogen ions compared to distilled water		Examples of solutions at this pH
10 000 000	pH = 0	battery acid, strong hydrofluoric acid
1 000 000	pH = 1	hydrochloric acid secreted by stomach lining
100 000	pH = 2	lemon juice, gastric acid, vinegar
10 000	pH = 3	grapefruit, orange juice, soda
1000	pH = 4	tomato juice, acid rain
100	pH = 5	soft drinking water, black coffee
10	pH = 6	urine, saliva
1	pH = 7	“pure” water
$\frac{1}{10}$	pH = 8	seawater
$\frac{1}{100}$	pH = 9	baking soda
$\frac{1}{1000}$	pH = 10	Great Salt Lake, milk of magnesia
$\frac{1}{10000}$	pH = 11	ammonia solution
$\frac{1}{100000}$	pH = 12	soapy water
$\frac{1}{1000000}$	pH = 13	bleaches, oven cleaner
$\frac{1}{10000000}$	pH = 14	liquid drain cleaner

$$m_1 - m_{\text{ref}} = -2.5 \log_{10} \left( \frac{I_1}{I_{\text{ref}}} \right)$$





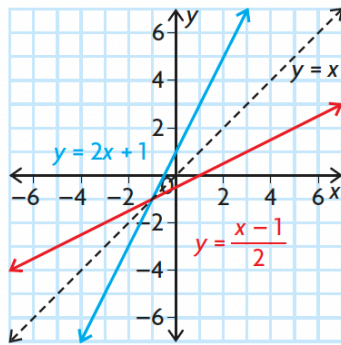
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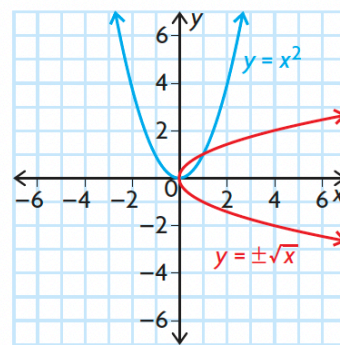
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### Recall:



The inverse of a linear function, such as  $f(x) = 2x + 1$ , is linear.



The inverse of a quadratic function, such as  $g(x) = x^2$ , has a shape that is congruent to the shape of the original function.



- To find an inverse, swap  $x$  and  $y$
- A function and its inverse undo each other

Exponential relation:  $y = a^x, a > 0, a \neq 1$ ; and Inverse relation is  $x = a^y$ , but there is no way to rearrange this algebraically, so we introduce a new representation – Logarithmic relation

$$y = \log_a x, a > 0, a \neq 1, \text{ read as "log to the base } a \text{ of } x"$$

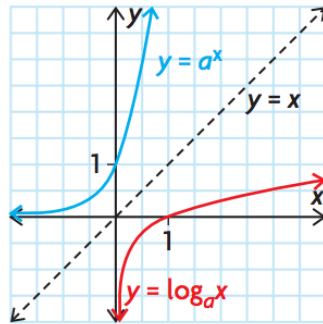
The two most important logarithmic functions have bases of "10" and "e", so a special notation is given:

- $\log_{10} x = \log x$  is the "common log"
- $\log_e x = \ln x$  is the "natural log" where  $e = 2.718$  is called "natural number".

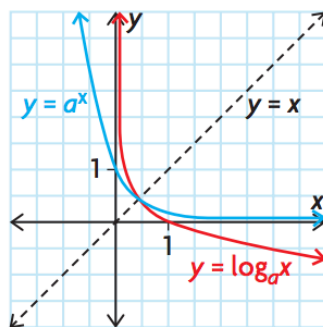
### The graph of Logarithmic Function:

- The general shape of the graph of the logarithmic function depends on the value of the base.

When  $a > 1$ , the exponential function is an increasing function, and the logarithmic function is also an increasing function.



When  $0 < a < 1$ , the exponential function is a decreasing function and the logarithmic function is also a decreasing function.



Write an equivalent exponential expression.

$$\log_2 32 = 5$$

$$\log 1 = 0$$

Write an equivalent logarithmic expression.

$$3^4 = 81$$

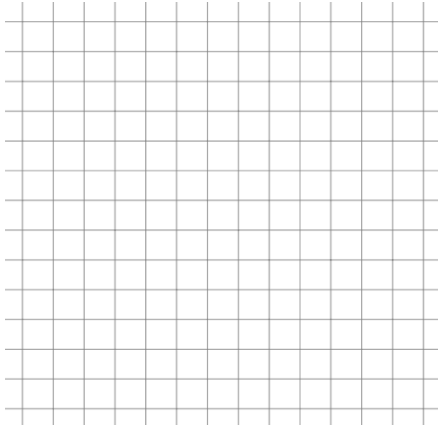
$$\frac{1}{16} = 4^{-2}$$

- The  $y$ -axis is the vertical asymptote for the logarithmic function. The  $x$ -axis is the horizontal asymptote for the exponential function.
- The  $x$ -intercept of the logarithmic function is 1, while the  $y$ -intercept of the exponential function is 1.
- The domain of the logarithmic function is  $\{x \in \mathbf{R} \mid x > 0\}$ , since the range of the exponential function is  $\{y \in \mathbf{R} \mid y > 0\}$ .
- The range of the logarithmic function is  $\{y \in \mathbf{R}\}$ , since the domain of the exponential function is  $\{x \in \mathbf{R}\}$ .



**Transformation of Logarithmic functions**

Example 1: Use transformations to sketch the function  $y = -2 \log \left[ \frac{1}{2}(x - 4) \right] + 1$



Example 2: Connecting a geometric description of a function to an algebraic representation

The logarithmic function  $y = \log x$  has been vertically compressed by a factor of  $2/3$ , horizontally stretched by a factor of 4, and then reflected in the  $y$ -axis. It has also been horizontally translated so that the vertical asymptote is  $x = -2$  and then vertically translated 3 units down. Write an equation of the transformed functions, and state its domain and range.



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**Chapter 8.3: Evaluating Logarithms**

Some general rules to evaluate logarithmic terms:

Example 1: Solve a) $y = \log_3 3^2$ b) $y = \log_4 4^7$ .	Example 2: Evaluate a) $\log_{10} 1$ b) $\log_5 1$	Example 3: Evaluate a) $2^{\log_2 x}$ b) $5^{\log_5 x}$
In general: $\log_a a^x = x$ (1)	In general: $\log_a 1 = 0$ (2)	In general: $a^{\log_a x} = x$ (3)

Moreover, we can calculate the value of a logarithms by changing of the bases:

$$\log_a x = \frac{\log_{10} x}{\log_{10} a}$$

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**Practice:**

Evaluate.

a)  $\log_6 \sqrt{6}$

c)  $\log_3 81 + \log_4 64$

e)  $\log_5 \sqrt[3]{5}$

b)  $\log_5 125 - \log_5 25$

d)  $\log_2 \frac{1}{4} - \log_3 1$

f)  $\log_3 \sqrt{27}$

Evaluate.

a)  $\log_3 3^5$

c)  $4^{\log_4 \frac{1}{16}}$

e)  $a^{\log_a b}$

b)  $5^{\log_5 25}$

d)  $\log_m m^n$

f)  $\log_{\frac{1}{10}} 1$



**Application questions:**

11. The number of mold spores in a petri dish increases by a factor of 10 every week. If there are initially 40 spores in the dish, how long will it take for there to be 2000 spores?
12. **Half-life** is the time it takes for half of a sample of a radioactive element to decay. The function  $M(t) = P\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{\frac{t}{b}}$  can be used to calculate the mass remaining if the half-life is  $b$  and the initial mass is  $P$ . The half-life of radium is 1620 years.
- If a laboratory has 5 g of radium, how much will there be in 150 years?
  - How many years will it take until the laboratory has only 4 g of radium?
13. The function  $s(d) = 0.159 + 0.118 \log d$  relates the slope,  $s$ , of a beach to the average diameter,  $d$ , in millimetres, of the sand particles on the beach. Which beach has a steeper slope: beach  $A$ , which has very fine sand with  $d = 0.0625$ , or beach  $B$ , which has very coarse sand with  $d = 1$ ? Justify your decision.