

Determine the value of x in the expression.

1. $2^x = 4$ 2. $8^x = 1$ 3. $\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^x = \frac{8}{27}$

$2^x = 2^2$ $x = 0$ $\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^x = \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^3$

$x = 2$

4. $4^x = \frac{1}{4}$ 5. $4^x = 2$ 6. $4^x = \frac{1}{2}$

$4^x = 4^{-1}$ $(2^2)^x = 2^1$ $(2^2)^x = 2^{-1}$

$x = -1$ $2x = 1$ $2x = -1$

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

Warm Up

Use the parent function to sketch the graph of each function.

1. Parent function: $y = x^2$

a. $y = x^2 - 2$ b. $y = (x + 3)^2$ c. $y = -(x - 1)^2$

2. Parent function: $y = \sqrt{x}$

a. $y = 2\sqrt{x}$ b. $y = \sqrt{-x}$ c. $y = -\sqrt{x - \frac{1}{2}} + 3$

Cumulative Warm Up

Essential Question

What are some of the characteristics of the graph of a logarithmic function?

Essential Question

* review of exponents

* Remember when the base numbers are equal the exponents are equal

* review of how to make exponents positive or negative.

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- Understand basic parent function - how do the operations change the parent function.

What you will learn:

- Define and evaluate logarithms
- Use Inverse properties of logarithms and exponential functions
- Graph logarithm functions

Work with a partner. Find the value of x in each exponential equation. Explain your reasoning. Then use the value of x to rewrite the exponential equation in its equivalent logarithmic form, $x = \log_b y$.

a. $2^x = 8$ b. $3^x = 9$ c. $4^x = 2$

d. $5^x = 1$ e. $5^x = \frac{1}{5}$ f. $8^x = 4$

Exploration 1

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Work with a partner. Complete each table for the given exponential function. Use the results to complete the table for the given logarithmic function. Explain your reasoning. Then sketch the graphs of f and g in the same coordinate plane.

a.

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

x					
$g(x) = \log_2 x$	-2	-1	0	1	2

b.

x	-2	-1	0	1	2
$f(x) = 10^x$					

x					
$g(x) = \log_{10} x$	-2	-1	0	1	2

Exploration 2

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Work with a partner. Use the graphs you sketched in Exploration 2 to determine the domain, range, x -intercept, and asymptote of the graph of $g(x) = \log_b x$, where b is a positive real number other than 1. Explain your reasoning.

Exploration 3

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Core Concept

Definition of Logarithm with Base b

Let b and y be positive real numbers with $b \neq 1$. The logarithm of y with base b is denoted by $\log_b y$ and is defined as

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

The expression $\log_b y$ is read as "log base b of y ."

$$\log_b y = x$$

log base answer = exponent

$$9^2 = 81$$

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base - exponent answer

$$\log_9 81 = 2$$

Core Concept

Rewrite each equation in exponential form.

a. $\log_2 16 = 4$

b. $\log_4 1 = 0$

$$2^4 = 16$$

$$4^0 = 1$$

c. $\log_{12} 12 = 1$

d. $\log_{1/4} 4 = -1$

$$12^1 = 12$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^{-1} = 4$$

Example 1

* Student practice

Rewrite each equation in logarithmic form.

a. $5^2 = 25$

b. $10^{-1} = 0.1$

$$\log_5 25 = 2$$

$$\log_{10} 0.1 = -1$$

c. $8^{2/3} = 4$

d. $6^{-3} = \frac{1}{216}$

$$\log_8 4 = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\log_6 \frac{1}{216} = -3$$

Example 2

* Student practice

Evaluate each logarithm.

- a. $\log_4 64$ b. $\log_5 0.2$ c. $\log_{1/5} 125$ d. $\log_{36} 6$

$$4^x = 64 \quad 5^x = .2 \quad \frac{1}{5}^x = 125$$

$$4^x = 4^3 \quad 5^x = \frac{2}{10} = \frac{1}{5} \quad 5^{-x} = 5^3$$

$$x = 3 \quad 5^x = 5^{-1} \quad -x = 3$$

$$x = -1 \quad x = -3$$

Example 3

Evaluate (a) $\log 8$ and (b) $\ln 0.3$ using a calculator. Round your answer to three decimal places.

use graphing calculator:

$$\log 8 \approx 0.903$$

$$\ln 0.3 \approx -1.204$$

Example 4

Rewrite the equation in exponential form.

1. $\log_3 81 = 4$ 2. $\log_7 7 = 1$

3. $\log_{14} 1 = 0$ 4. $\log_{1/2} 32 = -5$

Rewrite the equation in logarithmic form.

5. $7^2 = 49$ 6. $50^0 = 1$

7. $4^{-1} = \frac{1}{4}$ 8. $256^{1/8} = 2$

Evaluate the logarithm. If necessary, use a calculator and round your answer to three decimal places.

9. $\log_2 32$ 10. $\log_{27} 3$ 11. $\log 12$ 12. $\ln 0.75$

$$36^x = 6$$

$$(6^2)^x = 6$$

$$6^{2x} = 6^1$$

$$2x = 1$$

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

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

Common logarithm is
a logarithm with a base
10.

Natural logarithm is a
logarithm with a base e

$$\log_e \text{ or } \ln$$

$$\log_e x = \ln x$$

* Student practice

Simplify (a) $10^{\log 4}$ and (b) $\log_5 25^x$.

$$10^{\log 4}$$

$$10^{\log 4} = 4$$

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

$$\log_5 25^x =$$

$$= \log_5 (5^2)^x$$

$$= \log_5 (5^{2x})$$

$$= 2x$$

$$\log_b b^x = x$$

Example 5

Find the inverse of each function.

a. $f(x) = 6^x$

b. $y = \ln(x+3)$

$$g(x) = \log_6 x$$

$$x = \ln(y+3)$$

$$e^x = y + 3$$

$$e^x - 3 = y$$

Example 6

Simplify the expression.

13. $8^{\log_8 x}$

14. $\log_7 7^{-3x}$

15. $\log_2 64^x$

16. $e^{\ln 20}$

17. Find the inverse of $y = 4^x$.

18. Find the inverse of $y = \ln(x-5)$.

Using Inverse properties

by definition of a log,
it follows that the log
function $g(x) = \log_b x$ is
the inverse of the
exponential function
 $f(x) = b^x$

* Student practice

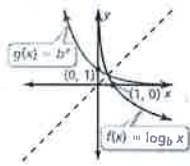
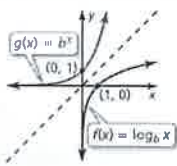
Core Concept

Parent Graphs for Logarithmic Functions

The graph of $f(x) = \log_b x$ is shown below for $b > 1$ and for $0 < b < 1$. Because $f(x) = \log_b x$ and $g(x) = b^x$ are inverse functions, the graph of $f(x) = \log_b x$ is the reflection of the graph of $g(x) = b^x$ in the line $y = x$.

Graph of $f(x) = \log_b x$ for $b > 1$

Graph of $f(x) = \log_b x$ for $0 < b < 1$



Note that the y -axis is a vertical asymptote of the graph of $f(x) = \log_b x$. The domain of $f(x) = \log_b x$ is $x > 0$, and the range is all real numbers.

Core Concept

• this shows how the graph of a logarithm is the inverse of an exponential function

• Notice the change of the asymptotes from the x -axis to the y -axis

Graph $f(x) = \log_3 x$.

• use graphing calculator to graph

• Table function for values

Example 7

Graph the function.

19. $y = \log_2 x$

20. $f(x) = \log_5 x$

21. $y = \log_{1/2} x$

* Student practice

• Response Logs: "I got stuck with ..." or "I'm not sure ..." or "I made progress with. ..."

Closure
