

12.4 Skills Practice: I Feel the Earth Move

Logarithmic Functions

Vocabulary

Write the term that best completes each sentence.

logarithm	logarithmic function	common logarithm	natural logarithm
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- The logarithm of a number for a given base is the exponent to which the base must be raised in order to produce that number.
- A natural logarithm is a logarithm with base e , and is usually written as \ln .
- A logarithmic function is a function involving a logarithm.
- A common logarithm is a logarithm with a base 10 and is usually written without a base specified.

Problem Set

Write each exponential equation as a corresponding logarithmic equation.

5. $3^2 = 9$

$\log_3(9) = 2$

8. $10^{-5} = \frac{1}{100,000}$

$\log\left(\frac{1}{100,000}\right) = -5$

6. $5^4 = 625$

$\log_5(625) = 4$

9. $\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^5 = \frac{1}{32}$

$\log_{\frac{1}{2}}\left(\frac{1}{32}\right) = 5$

7. $4^{-3} = \frac{1}{64}$

$\log_4\left(\frac{1}{64}\right) = -3$

10. $\left(\frac{1}{11}\right)^{-2} = 121$

$\log_{\frac{1}{11}}(121) = -2$

Write each logarithmic equation as a corresponding exponential equation.

11. $\log_7\left(\frac{1}{49}\right) = -2$

$7^{-2} = \frac{1}{49}$

14. $\log_6\left(\frac{1}{1296}\right) = -4$

$6^{-4} = \frac{1}{1296}$

12. $\log_{\frac{1}{3}}\left(\frac{1}{729}\right) = 6$

$\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^6 = \frac{1}{729}$

15. $\log_{\frac{1}{5}}\left(\frac{1}{125}\right) = 3$

$\left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^3 = \frac{1}{125}$

13. $\log_2(128) = 7$

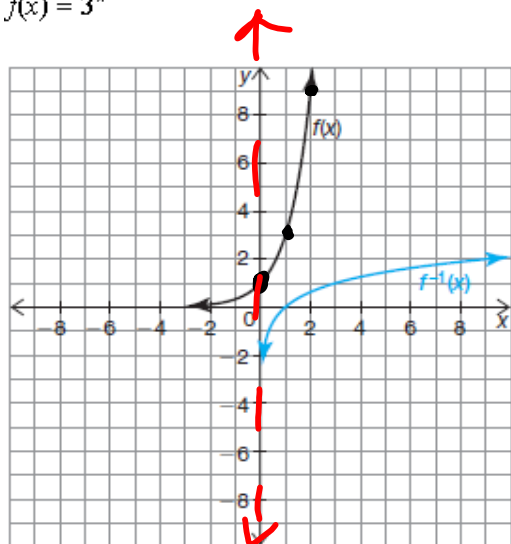
$2^7 = 128$

16. $\log_9(729) = 3$

$9^3 = 729$

Graph the inverse of each exponential function $f(x)$. Then, describe the domain, range, asymptotes, and end behavior of the inverse.

17. $f(x) = 3^x$



Domain: $x > 0$ or $(0, \infty)$

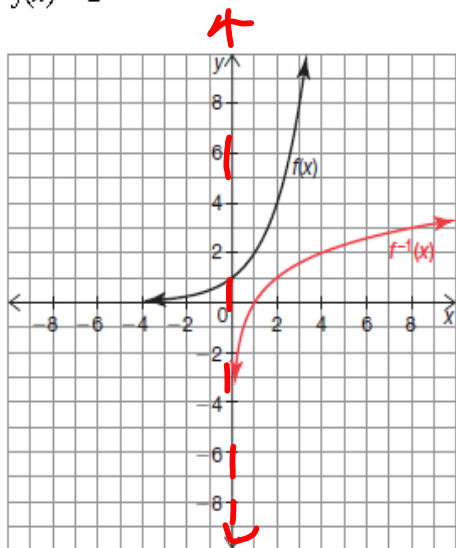
Range: All real numbers or $(-\infty, \infty)$

Asymptotes: $x = 0$

End behavior: $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f^{-1}(x) = \infty$

Asymptotic behavior: $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f^{-1}(x) = -\infty$

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



Domain: $x > 0$ or $(0, \infty)$

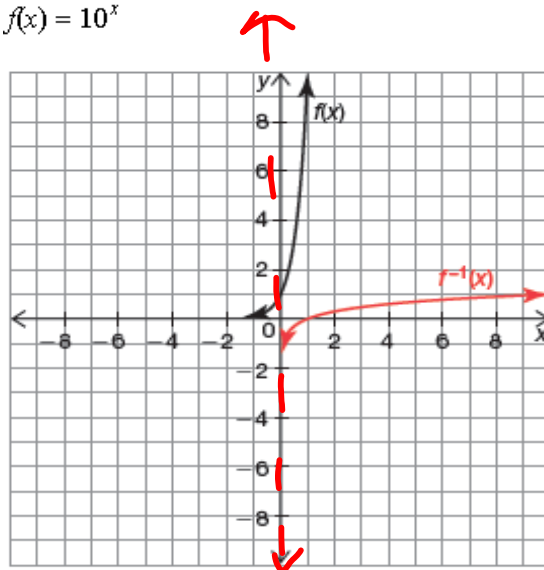
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19. $f(x) = 10^x$



Domain: $x > 0$ or $(0, \infty)$

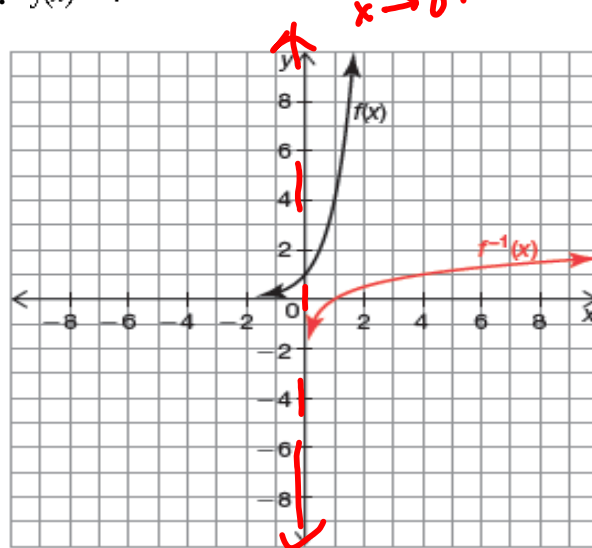
Range: All real numbers or $(-\infty, \infty)$

Asymptotes: $x = 0$

End behavior: $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f^{-1}(x) = \infty$

Asymptotic behavior: $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f^{-1}(x) = -\infty$

20. $f(x) = 4^x$



Domain: $x > 0$ or $(0, \infty)$

Range: All real numbers or $(-\infty, \infty)$

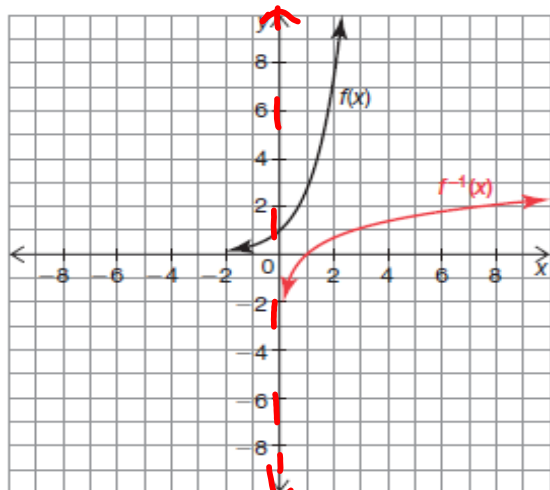
Asymptotes: $x = 0$

End behavior: $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f^{-1}(x) = \infty$

Asymptotic behavior: $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f^{-1}(x) = -\infty$

21. $f(x) = e^x$

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Domain: $x > 0$ or $(0, \infty)$

Range: All real numbers or $(-\infty, \infty)$

Asymptotes: $x = 0$

End behavior: $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f^{-1}(x) = +\infty$

Asymptotic behavior $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f^{-1}(x) = -\infty$

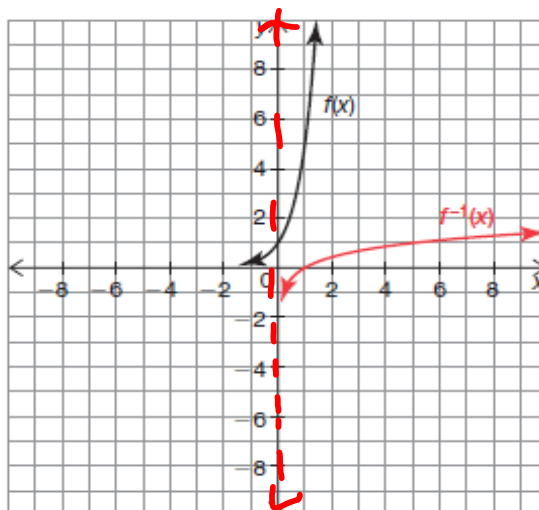
Solve each logarithmic equation.

23. $-2 = \log_9\left(\frac{1}{b}\right)$
 $\frac{1}{b} = 9^{-2}$
 $\frac{1}{b} = \frac{1}{81}$
 $b = 81$

24. $-0.903 \approx x \cdot \log(0.5)$ $-0.903 \approx x \cdot -0.301$
 $\frac{-0.903}{-0.301} = x$
 $3 = x$

25. $\frac{1}{2} = \log_n(3)$
 $n^{\frac{1}{2}} = 3$
 $n = 3^2$
 $n = 9$

22. $f(x) = 5^x$



Domain: $x > 0$ or $(0, \infty)$

Range: All real numbers or $(-\infty, \infty)$

Asymptotes: $x = 0$

End behavior: $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f^{-1}(x) = \infty$

Asymptotic behavior: $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f^{-1}(x) = -\infty$

26. $2.398 \approx \log b$ $10^{2.398} \approx b$
 $250 \approx b$

27. $0.058 \approx \ln z$ $e^{0.058} \approx z$
 $1.06 \approx z$

28. $-1.349 = \frac{1}{2} \log\left(\frac{g}{1000}\right)$ $2 \cdot (-1.349) = \log\left(\frac{g}{1000}\right)$
 $-2.698 = \log\left(\frac{g}{1000}\right)$
 $10^{-2.698} = \frac{g}{1000}$
 $0.002 \approx \frac{g}{1000}$
 $2 \approx g$

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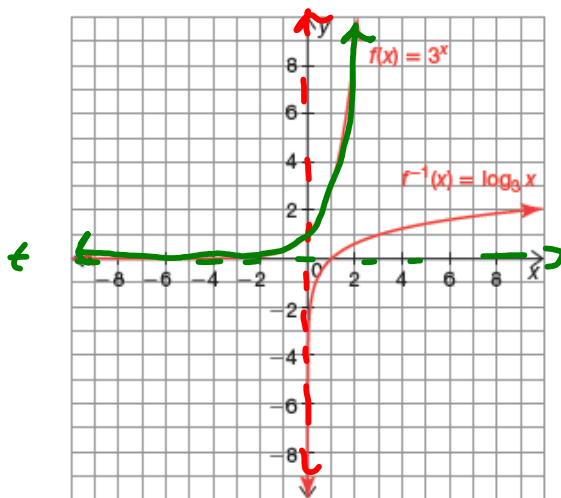
Logarithmic Functions

1. Given: $f(x) = 3^x$.

a. Write the function $f^{-1}(x)$, the inverse of $f(x) = 3^x$.

The inverse of $f(x) = 3^x$ is $f^{-1}(x) = \log_3 x$.

b. Graph and label the functions $f(x)$ and $f^{-1}(x)$ on the coordinate plane.



c. Describe how to calculate $f^{-1}(3)$ without a calculator. Then, calculate $f^{-1}(3)$, $f^{-1}(9)$, and $f^{-1}(27)$.

I know that $f^{-1}(3) = \log_3 3$, which can be written in exponential form as $3^y = 3$. Therefore, y must be equal to 1 and $f^{-1}(3) = 1$.

$$\begin{aligned} f^{-1}(3) &= \log_3 3 \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f^{-1}(9) &= \log_3 9 \\ &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f^{-1}(27) &= \log_3 27 \\ &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

d. Determine the domain, range, asymptotes, intercepts, end behavior, and intervals of increase and decrease for $f^{-1}(x)$.

Domain: $(0, \infty)$
 Range: $(-\infty, \infty)$
 Asymptote: $x = 0$
 Intercept: $(1, 0)$

End Behavior: $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f^{-1}(x) = \infty$

Asymptote Behavior: $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f^{-1}(x) = -\infty$

Increasing on the Interval $(0, \infty)$