

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. $\log_2(128) = 7$

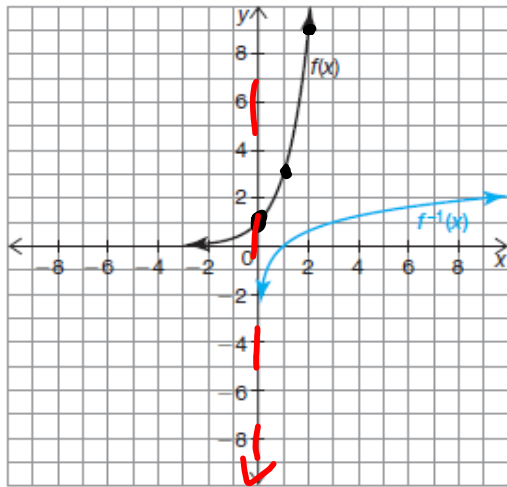
$2^7 = 128$

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 $(0, \infty)$

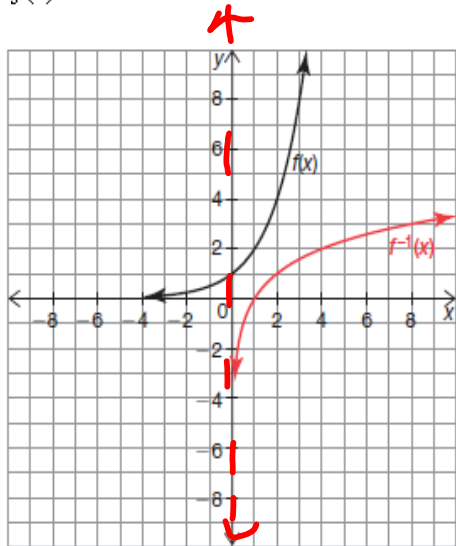
Range: All real numbers or $(-\infty, \infty)$

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 $(0, \infty)$

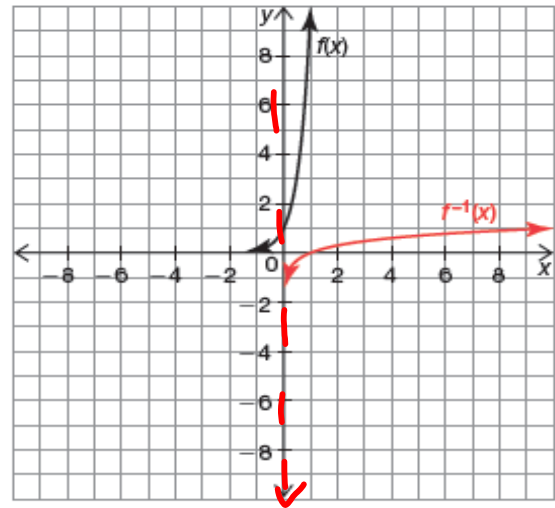
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19. $f(x) = 10^x$



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

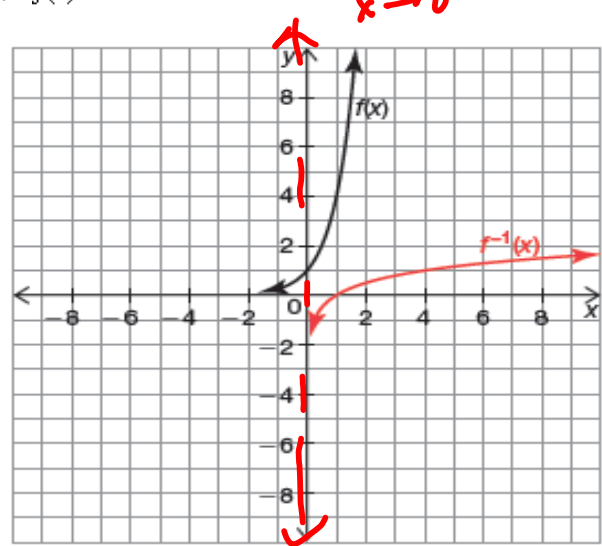
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20. $f(x) = 4^x$



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