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Class Examples: Logarithmic Functions

Honors PreCalculus

Express the following logarithms in exponential form.

1. $\log_4 1024 = 5$

$4^5 = 1024$

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

$10^{-1} = 0.1$

3. $\log_{36} \frac{1}{6} = -\frac{1}{2}$

$36^{-\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{6}$

4. $\log_8 512 = 3$

$8^3 = 512$

5. $\log_{12} 144 = 2$

$12^2 = 144$

6. $\log_8 4096 = 4$

$8^4 = 4096$

Express the following exponential equations in logarithmic form.

7. $2^6 = 64$

$\log_2 64 = 6$

8. $12^{\frac{3}{2}} = 64$

$\log_{12} 64 = \frac{3}{2}$

9. $49^{-\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{7}$

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

10. $2^0 = 1$

$\log_2 1 = 0$

11. $12^2 = 144$

$\log_{12} 144 = 2$

12. $5^{-2} = \frac{1}{25}$

$\log_5 \frac{1}{25} = -2$

Evaluate each logarithm.

13. $\log_8 64 = x$

$8^x = 64$

$x = 2$

14. $5^{\log_5 12} = x$

$\log_5 x = \log_5 12$

$x = 12$

15. $\log_3 \left(\frac{1}{27}\right) = x$

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

$x = -3$

16. $\log_{25} \sqrt{5} = x$

$25^x = \sqrt{5}$

$(5^2)^x = 5^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad x = \frac{1}{4}$

$5^{2x} = 5^{\frac{1}{2}}$

17. $\log_2 0.125 = x$

$2^x = 0.125$

$2^x = \frac{1}{8}$

$x = -3$

18. $\log_9 \frac{1}{3} = x$

$9^x = \frac{1}{3}$

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

19. $\log_{10} \sqrt{10} = x$

$10^x = \sqrt{10}$

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

20. $\log_{\frac{1}{4}} 4 = x$

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

$x = -1$

21. $\log_6 1 = x$

$6^x = 1$

$x = 0$

Graph the following on the coordinate plane provided. Identify the domain, range, and vertical asymptote.

22. $f(x) = \log_2 x$

VA: $x=0$

D: $(0, \infty)$

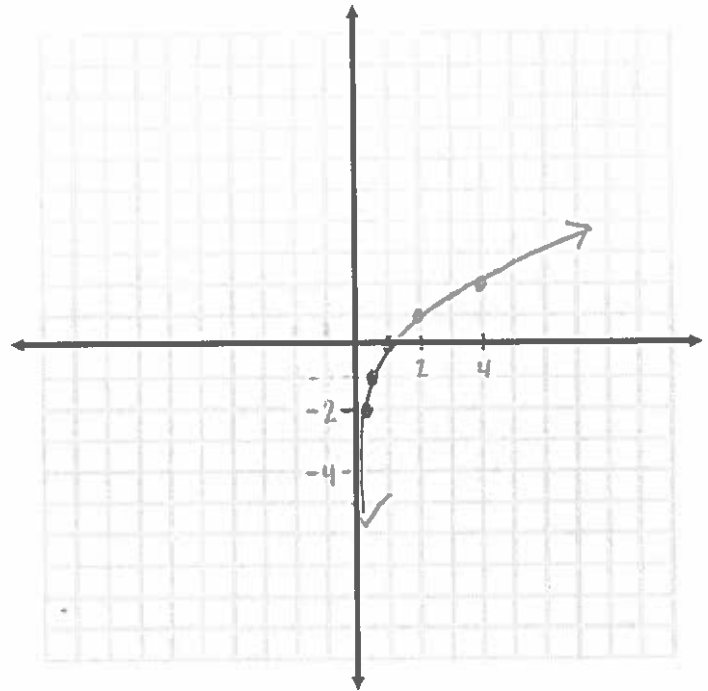
R: $(-\infty, \infty)$

$x = \log_2 y$

$y = 2^x$

x	y
-2	1/4
-1	1/2
0	1
1	2
2	4

x	y
1/4	1/2
1/2	-1
1	0
2	1
4	2



23. $y = \log_{1/2}(x+2)$

VA: $x=2$

D: $(2, \infty)$

R: $(-\infty, \infty)$

switch x & y
convert to exp. form

$x = \log_{1/2} y$
 $y = \frac{1}{2}^x$

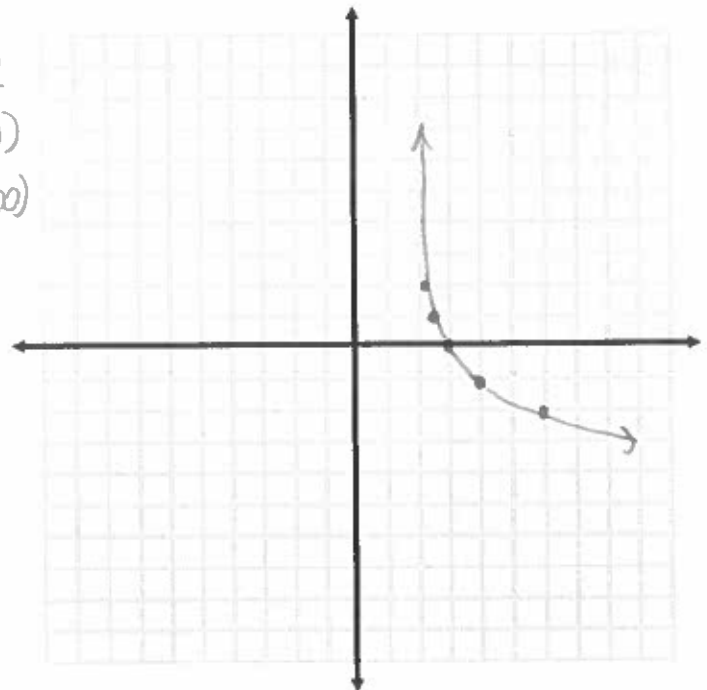
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x	y
-2	4
-1	2
0	1
1	1/2
2	1/4

x	y
4	-2
2	-1
1	0
1/2	1
1/4	2

x+2	y
6	-2
4	-1
3	0
2 1/2	1
2 1/4	2

switch x and y back



Find the domain of the following logarithmic equations.

24. $f(x) = \log_8(2x - 3)$

$$2x - 3 > 0$$

$$x > 3/2$$

$$\left(\frac{3}{2}, \infty\right)$$

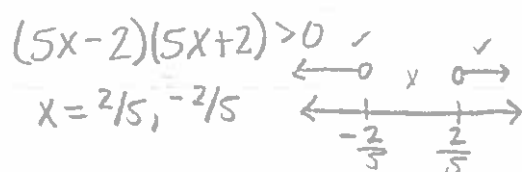
25. $f(x) = \log_2(-4 + 25x^2)$

$$-4 + 25x^2 > 0$$

$$25x^2 - 4 > 0$$

$$(5x - 2)(5x + 2) > 0$$

$$x = 2/5, -2/5$$



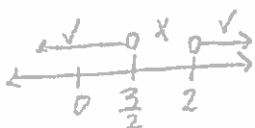
$$\left(-\infty, -\frac{2}{5}\right) \cup \left(\frac{2}{5}, \infty\right)$$

26. $f(x) = \log_3(2x^2 - 7x + 6)$

$$2x^2 - 7x + 6 > 0$$

$$(2x - 3)(x - 2) > 0$$

$$x = \frac{3}{2}, 2$$



$$\left(-\infty, \frac{3}{2}\right) \cup (2, \infty)$$

Partner Activity:

1. The number of miles s of roads cleared of snow is approximated by the model

$s = 25 - \frac{13 \ln\left(\frac{h}{12}\right)}{\ln 3}$, $2 \leq h \leq 15$ where h is the depth of the snow in inches. Use this model to find s when $h = 10$ inches.

$$s = 25 - \frac{13 \ln\left(\frac{10}{12}\right)}{\ln 3}$$

$$= 27.157 \text{ miles}$$

2. Use your graphing calculator to solve the following equation. $\log(-x - 4) = 2$

Use the table to find where they intersect.

$$(-104, 2)$$

$$10^2 = -x - 4$$

$$100 = -x - 4$$

$$104 = -x$$

$$-104 = x$$

