

The inverse of $y = c^x$ is:

a) $y = \log_c x$ in logarithmic form (where $x, c > 0$ and $c \neq 1$)

b) $x = c^y$ in exponential form (where $x, c > 0$ and $c \neq 1$)

The graphs of an exponential function and its inverse logarithmic function are reflections of each other about the line $y = x$

Exponential form to Logarithmic form: $y = c^x \longleftrightarrow \log_c y = x$

For the logarithmic function $y = \log_c x$

the domain is $\{x : x > 0, x \in \mathbb{R}\}$

the range is $\{y : y \in \mathbb{R}\}$

the x-intercept is 1

the vertical asymptote is $x = 0$

For the logarithmic function $y = a \log_c (b(x-h)) + k$

the domain is $\{x : x > h, x \in \mathbb{R}\}$

the range is $\{y : y \in \mathbb{R}\}$

the x-intercept is dependent on the shift (vertical or horizontal) and/or the horizontal stretch

the vertical asymptote is $x = h$

(Note: a is vertical stretch, b is horizontal stretch, h is horizontal translation/shift, k is vertical translation/shift)

Laws of Logarithms

$$\log_c MN = \log_c M + \log_c N$$

$$\log_c \frac{M}{N} = \log_c M - \log_c N$$

$$\log_c M^P = P \log_c M$$

Solving Logarithmic Equations:

Logs on both sides: If $\log_c L = \log_c R$, then $L = R$

Log on one side: If $\log_c x = y$, then $c^y = x$

Solving Exponential Equations

If possible, write both sides with a common base

Take the log of both sides

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