

## Week 14 Exponential and Logarithmic functions continued lecture note

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	Exponential and Logarithmic functions continued	Class: Computational Mathematics[Lecture]
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<b>Essential Question:</b>		
What are the exponential and logarithmic functions?		
<b>Questions/Cues:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>What are some definitions/properties pertaining to logarithms?</li><li>What are the different graphs of the logarithmic function?</li><li>What are the properties of the logarithmic function?</li></ul>		
<b>Notes</b>		

# Definitions

if  $x = f(y) = a^y \xrightarrow{\text{inverse}} y = f^{-1}(x) = \log_a x$

$$\rightarrow f(f^{-1}(x)) = f^{-1}(f(x)) = x \rightarrow a^{\log_a x} = x \rightarrow \log_a(a^x) = x$$

Always defined if  $a > 0$

## Properties

$$\log_a(x \times y) = \log_a(x) + \log_a(y)$$

proof: replace identities  $a^{\log_a x} = x$   $a^{\log_a y} = y$

$$\log_a(x \times y) = \log_a(a^{\log_a x} \times a^{\log_a y}) = \log_a(a^{(\log_a x + \log_a y)}) = 1$$

## Properties

$$\log_a(x^b) = b \times \log_a(x)$$

proof: replace  $a^{\log_a x} = x$

$$\rightarrow \log_a((a^{\log_a x})^b) = \log_a(a^{b \log_a x}) = b \log_a(x)$$

$$\log_a x = \frac{\log_c(x)}{\log_c(a)}$$

proof: replace identity  $a^{\log_a x} = x$

$$\rightarrow \log_c(a^{\log_a x}) = \log_a(x) \log_c(a)$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{\log_c(x)}{\log_c(a)} = \frac{\log_a(x) \log_c(a)}{\log_c(a)} = \log_a(x)$$

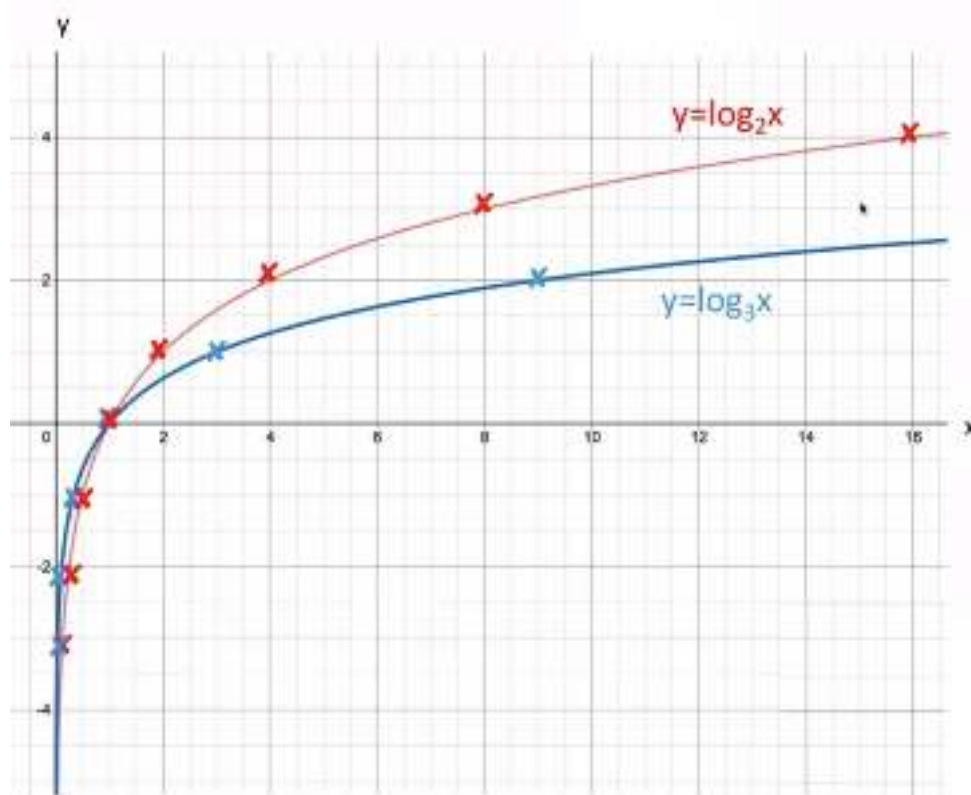
## Graphs

Using a table of values plot graphs of  $f(x) = \log_a x$  for  $a = 2, 3$ ,

$x$	-2	0	1	2	4	8	16	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{8}$
$f(x) = \log_2 x$	undefined	undefined	0	1	2	3	4	-1	-2	-3

$x$	-3	0	1	3	9	27	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{9}$	$\frac{1}{27}$
$f(x) = \log_3 x$	undefined	undefined	0	1	2	3	-1	-2	-3

$\log_a x$  only defined for  $x > 0$

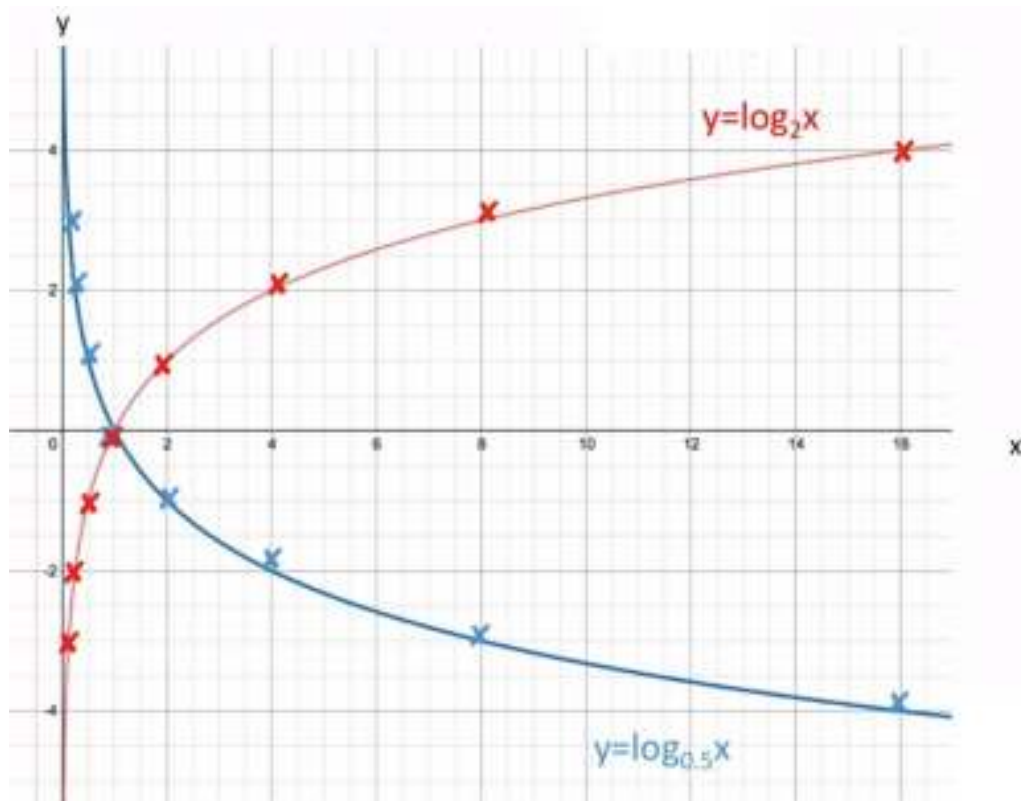


## Graphs

Using a table of values plot graphs of  $f(x) = \log_a x$  for  $a = 2, \frac{1}{2}$

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$x$	-2	0	1	2	4	8	16	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{8}$
$f(x) = \log_{\frac{1}{2}} x$	undefined	undefined	0	-1	-2	-3	-4	1	2	3



## Summary properties

- $f(x) = \log_a x$  is only defined for  $a > 0$
- $f(x) = \log_a x$  is only defined for  $x > 0$
- For all  $a$ ,  $f(x) = \log_a x$  has an  $x$ -intercept of 1, that is the graph passes through  $(1,0)$
- For all  $a$ , the graph of  $f(x) = \log_a x$  passes through  $(a,1)$
- For  $a > 1$   $f(x) = \log_a x$  is increasing
- For  $a < 1$   $f(x) = \log_a x$  is decreasing (and for  $a=1$ ?)
- the  $y$ -axis is an asymptote
- For  $a > 1$  the bigger  $a$  is the more slowly  $f(x) = \log_a x$  increases
- For  $a < 1$  the smaller  $a$  is the more slowly  $f(x) = \log_a x$  decreases
- $\lg(x)$  or  $\text{Log}(x)$  indicates  $\log_{10}(x)$   
and  $\ln(x)$  or  $\log(x)$  denotes  $\log_e(x)$   $e=2.71828\dots$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & a^x \quad a > 0 \\
 & 1) a^{x+y} = a^x \cdot a^y \\
 & 2) (a^x)^y = a^{x \cdot y} \\
 & 3) a^0 = 1 \\
 & 4) a^{-n} = \frac{1}{a^n} \\
 & 5) \left( \frac{a^x}{a^y} \right) = a^{3x} \cdot \frac{1}{a^x} = a^{3x-x} = a^{2x} \\
 & 6) \sqrt{e^{6b}} = (e^{6b})^{\frac{1}{2}} = e^{6 \cdot b \cdot \frac{1}{2}} = e^{3b} \\
 & 7) \left( \frac{1}{4} \right)^{-x} = \left( \frac{1}{4} \right)^{-1 \cdot x} = \left( \left( \frac{1}{4} \right)^{-1} \right)^x = 4^x
 \end{aligned}$$

$$3^{x+1} = 9 \rightarrow x?$$

$$3^{\textcircled{x+1}} = 3^{\textcircled{2}} \rightarrow x+1=2 \Rightarrow \textcircled{x=1}$$

$$3^{x+1} = 10$$

$$\log_3 x \leftrightarrow 3^x \Rightarrow \log_3(3^2) = 2$$

$$\log_3(3^{x+1}) = \log_3 10$$

$$x+1 = \log_3 10 \Rightarrow x = \log_3 10 - 1$$

$$\log_a x \quad \begin{cases} x > 0 \\ a > 0 \end{cases}$$

$$1) \log_a(b \cdot c) = \log_a b + \log_a c$$

$$2) \log_a(b^c) = c \cdot \log_a b$$

$$3) \log_a\left(\frac{b}{c}\right) = \log_a b - \log_a c$$

$$4) \log_a b = \frac{\log_c b}{\log_c a}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet) \log_{10}(10 \cdot x) &= \log_{10} 10 + \log_{10} x \\ &= 1 + \log_{10} x \end{aligned}$$

$$\bullet) \log_3 10 = \frac{\log_{10} 10}{\log_{10} 3} = \frac{1}{\textcircled{\log_{10} 3}}$$

$$\log_5(x) = 2 \quad x?$$
$$5^x \rightarrow 5^{\log_5(x)} = 5^2$$
$$\downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow$$
$$x = 25$$

### Summary

In this week, we learned about some definitions/properties pertaining to logarithms, the form of a logarithmic function, the different graphs of the logarithmic function and the properties of the logarithmic function.