

# C12 - 8.1 - $\log_b a = ?$ Definition Notes

Log Form

Exponential Form

$$\log_2 16 = ?$$

$$\log_2 16 = 4$$

$$2^4 = 16$$

$$2^x = 16$$

$$2^x = 2^4$$

$$x = 4$$

Think: What power do you have to raise 2 to, to equal 16.

$$\log_5 125 = ?$$

$$\log_5 125 = 3$$

$$5^3 = 125$$

$$5^x = 125$$

$$5^x = 5^3$$

$$x = 3$$

Remember: The base of the log is the base of the exponent

$$\log_5 625 = ?$$

$$\log_5 5^4 = ?$$

$$4 \log_5 5 = ?$$

$$4 \times 1 = 4$$

Change of Base  
Bring Exponent down in front  
Log Rules  
Solve

$$\log_5 5 = 1$$

$$\log_{\frac{1}{2}} 16 = ?$$

$$\log_{\frac{1}{2}} 16 = -4$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{-4} = 16$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^x = 16$$

$$(2^{-1})^x = 2^4$$

$$2^{-x} = 2^4$$

$$-x = 4$$

$$x = -4$$

The answer of the log is the exponent

$$\log_3 \left(\frac{1}{27}\right) = ?$$

$$\log_3 \left(\frac{1}{27}\right) = -3$$

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

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

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

$$3^x = 3^{-3}$$

$$x = -3$$

$$\log_{2x} 16x^4 = ?$$

$$\log_{2x} 16x^4 = 4$$

$$(2x)^4 = 16x^4$$

$$(2x)^m = 16x^4$$

$$(2x)^m = (2x)^4$$

$$m = 4$$

$$\log_{10} 10^{\frac{1}{2}} = ?$$

$$\log_{10} 10^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$10^{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)} = 10^x$$

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

$$\log_{10} 1000 = ?$$

$$\log_{10} 10^3 = ?$$

$$\log_{10} 10^3 = 3$$

$$10^3 = 10^x$$

$$x = 3$$

$$\log_0 1 = \text{und} \quad a > 0$$

$$\log_2 0 = \text{und} \quad b > 0$$

$$\log_2 -3 = \text{und}$$

$$b \neq 1$$

$$\log_1 11 = \text{und}$$

# C12 - 8.2 - $\log_b x = c$ , $\log_x a = c$ , $\log_b a = x$ Notes

Find x

$$\log_4 x = 2$$

$$x = 4^2$$

$$x = 16$$

Exponential Form

Remember: The base of the log is the base of the exponent  
Remember: The Exponent is the answer

$$\log_5 x = -2$$

$$x = 5^{-2}$$

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

$$x = \frac{1}{25}$$

$$\log_2 16 = x$$

$$16 = 2^x$$

$$2^4 = 2^x$$

$$x = 4$$

$$\log_x 64 = 3$$

$$64 = x^3$$

$$4^3 = x^3$$

$$x = 4$$

$$\log_x 27 = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$27 = x^{\frac{3}{2}}$$

$$27^{\frac{2}{3}} = \left(x^{\frac{3}{2}}\right)^{\frac{2}{3}}$$

$$27^{\frac{2}{3}} = x^1$$

$$\sqrt[3]{27^2} = x$$

$$x = 9$$

$$\log_2 (x - 5) = 2$$

$$x - 5 = 2^2$$

$$x = 4 + 5$$

$$x = 9$$

$$\log_{36} (x^2 + 5x) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$x^2 + 5x = 36^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$x^2 + 5x = 6$$

$$x^2 + 5x - 6 = 0$$

$$(x + 6)(x - 1) = 0$$

$$x = -6 \quad x = 1$$

$$\log_{x-3} 2 = 2$$

$$2 = (x - 3)^2$$

$$2 = (x - 3)(x - 3)$$

$$2 = x^2 - 6x + 9$$

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

$$0 = (x - 7)(x + 1)$$

$$x = 7 \quad x = -1$$

Reject -1

Domain Restriction: Set inside  $\log > 0$  and solve.

$$x - 3 > 0$$

$$x > 3$$

# C12 - 8.3 - Change of Base Notes

Exponential Form

$$\frac{\log 16}{\log 2} =$$

$$\log_2 16 = 4$$

**Change of Base**

$$16 = 2^4$$

$$\frac{\log_2 16}{\log_2 4} =$$

$$\log_4 16 = 2$$

**Change of Base**

$$16 = 4^2$$

$$\frac{\log_2 4}{\log_2 2} = \frac{2}{1} = 2$$

**Change of Base**

$$4 = 2^2$$

$$2 = 2^1$$

Choose the Base you want!  
Think about it.

$$\frac{\log_3 27}{\log 3} =$$

$$\frac{\log 3^3}{\log 3} =$$

$$\frac{3 \log 3}{\log 3} = 3$$

**Change of Base**

$$27 = 3^3$$

Exponent down in front

$$\frac{\log_8 16}{\log_2 8} = \frac{4}{3}$$

**Change of Base**

$$16 = 2^4$$

$$8 = 2^3$$

$$\frac{1}{\log_8 2} =$$

$$\frac{1}{\left(\frac{\log 2}{\log 8}\right)} =$$

$$1 \times \frac{\log 8}{\log 2} =$$

$$\frac{\log 8}{\log 2} =$$

$$\log_2 8 = 3$$

**Change of Base**

$$8 = 2^3$$

$$C12 - 8.4 - \log_b m + \log_b n = \log_b mn \quad \log_b m - \log_b n = \log_b \frac{m}{n}$$

$$\log_2 4 + \log_2 8 = \log_2 4 \times 8 = \log_2 32 = 5$$

Add-Multiply

Exponential Form

$$32 = 2^5$$

$$2 + 3 = 5$$

$$\log_3 3 + \log_3 9 = \log_3 3 \times 9 = \log_3 27 = 3$$

Add-Multiply

$$27 = 3^3$$

$$1 + 2 = 3$$

$$\log 1 + \log 5 + \log 7 = \log 1 \times 5 \times 7 = \log 35$$

Add-Multiply

$$\log_3 27 - \log_3 3 = \log_3 \frac{27}{3} = \log_3 9 = 2$$

Subtract-Divide

$$3 - 1 = 2$$

$$\log 4 + \log 20 - \log 10 = \log \frac{4 \times 20}{10} = \log 8$$

Positives on top, Negatives on Bottom

$$\log 5 - \log 2 - \log 10 = \log \frac{5}{2 \times 10} = \log \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\log 5 - \log 2 + \log 10 = \log \frac{5 \times 10}{2} = \log 25$$

$$\log 64 = \log 4 \times 16 = \log 4 + \log 16$$

Separate into an addition of logs

$$\log 5 = \log \left( \frac{10}{2} \right) = \log 10 - \log 2$$

Separate into a subtraction of logs

$$\text{C12 - 8.4 - } \log_b m + \log_b n = \log_b mn \quad \log_b m - \log_b n = \log_b \frac{m}{n}$$

$$\log 3 + \log(x + 1) = \log 3(x + 1) = \log(3x + 3) \quad \text{Add-Multiply}$$

$$\log(x - 2) + \log(x + 1) = \log(x - 2)(x + 1) = \log(x^2 - x - 2) \quad \text{Add-Multiply}$$

$$\log x + \log x = \log x \times x = \log x^2 \quad \text{Add-Multiply}$$

$$\log x^3 - \log x^2 = \log \frac{x^3}{x^2} = \log x \quad \text{Subtract-Divide-Simplify}$$

$$\log(x^2 - 1) - \log(x + 1) = \log \frac{x^2 - 1}{x + 1} = \log \frac{(x + 1)(x - 1)}{(x + 1)} = \log(x - 1) \quad \text{Subtract-Divide-Factor-Simplify}$$

# C12 - 8.5 - Log Operation Notes

$$\log 8 = 0.9031$$

$$\log_4 7 = 1.4037$$

Calculator

Math, Alpha, Math

$$\log 6^2 =$$

$$2\log 6 = 1.5563$$

Bring your exponent down in front. Bahm!

$2\log 5^3 =$	If there is a number in front multiply
$3 \times 2\log 5 =$	
$6\log 5 = 4.1938$	

$$\log 25 = 1.3979$$

$$\log 5^2 = 1.3979$$

$$2\log 5 = 1.3979$$

Change of Base

$$25 = 5^2$$

If for example you know:	$\log 5 = a$	$2\log 5 = 2a$
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$$\log 5^{x+2} =$$

$$(x+2)\log 5 =$$

$$x\log 5 + 2\log 5$$

Distribute

$$3x\log 7 - x\log 2 =$$

$$x(3\log 7 - \log 2)$$

$$GCF = x$$

$$\log xy^2 =$$

$$\log x + \log y^2 =$$

$$\log x + 2\log y$$

The exponent only applies to the y value

$$\log x^2 y^2 =$$

$$\log x^2 + \log y^2 =$$

$$2\log x + 2\log y$$

$$\log(xy)^2 =$$

$$2\log xy =$$

$$2(\log x + \log y) =$$

$$2\log x + 2\log y$$

You can bring this exponent down in front. Remember: If you separate into an addition you must distribute the 2.

$$(\log x)^2 = \log x \times \log x$$

Cannot bring exponent down in front

$$\log 5 \times \log 2 = \log 5 \times \log 2 = 0.2104$$

Cannot multiply 2 logs

$$\log x \times \log x = \log x \times \log x$$

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

Cannot Divide 2 logs

$$2\log 5 = 2\log 5$$

Cannot distribute into a log

$$\log(x+2) = \log(x+2)$$

Cannot distribute

# C12 - 8.5 - Operation $\log_b a^n$ Notes

Exponential Form

$$\log_2 8 = \log_{2^2} 8^2 = \log_4 64 = 3$$

Take the base and the log  
to any exponent you like!

$$8 = 2^3$$

$$64 = 4^3$$

$$\log_{\frac{1}{2}} 4 = \log_{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{-1}} 4^{-1} = \log_2 4^{-1} = -1 \log_2 4 = -2$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{-1} = 2$$

Bring your  
exponent down  
in front

$$\frac{1}{4} = 2^{-2}$$

$$\log_2 4 = 2$$

$$4 = 2^2$$

$$-1 \times 2 = -2$$

*Take the base and the thing you are logging to an exponent to get like bases to use log laws*

# C12 - 8.6 - Log/Delog Both Sides Notes

$$\begin{aligned}
 4 &= 2^x \\
 \log 4 &= \log 2^x \\
 \log 4 &= x \log 2 \\
 \frac{\log 4}{\log 2} &= x \\
 \log_2 4 &= x \\
 4 &= 2^x \\
 2^2 &= 2^x \\
 x &= 2
 \end{aligned}$$

Log Both Sides  
Bring Exponents Down In Front  
Divide

Change of base  
Exponential Form  
Change of base  
Solve

$$\begin{aligned}
 4 &= 2^x \\
 \log_2 4 &= x \\
 x &= 2
 \end{aligned}$$

*Quick Method*  
*Change to log form*

$$\begin{aligned}
 3 &= 5^x \\
 \log 3 &= \log 5^x \\
 \log 3 &= x \log 5 \\
 \frac{\log 3}{\log 5} &= x \\
 \log_5 3 &= x \\
 x &= 0.6826
 \end{aligned}$$

*Algebraic answer*

$$\begin{aligned}
 3 &= 5^x \\
 \log_5 3 &= x \\
 x &= 0.6826
 \end{aligned}$$

Check Answer:

$$5^{0.6826} = 3$$

Before you log both sides!

$$\begin{aligned}
 3 &= 2^x - 1 \\
 4 &= 2^x
 \end{aligned}$$

Add/Subtract First

$$\begin{aligned}
 8 &= 2 \times 2^x \\
 4 &= 2^x
 \end{aligned}$$

Divide First

$$\begin{aligned}
 8 &= 2 \times 2^x \\
 \log 8 &= \log(2 \times 2^x) \\
 \log 8 &= \log 2 + \log 2^x
 \end{aligned}$$

Or

$$\begin{aligned}
 4 &= 7^{x+1} \\
 \log 4 &= \log 7^{x+1} \\
 \log 4 &= (x+1) \log 7 \\
 \log 4 &= x \log 7 + \log 7 \\
 \log 4 - \log 7 &= x \log 7 \\
 \frac{\log 4 - \log 7}{\log 7} &= x \\
 x &= \frac{\log 4 - \log 7}{\log 7} \\
 x &= 0.29
 \end{aligned}$$

Distribute  
Combine Like terms  
Divide

Or divide log7 and minus 1

$$\begin{aligned}
 8 &= 3^{2x} \\
 \log 8 &= \log 3^{2x} \\
 \log 8 &= 2x \log 3 \\
 \frac{\log 8}{\log 3} &= 2x \\
 \frac{\log 8}{2 \log 3} &= x \\
 \frac{1}{2} \log_3 8 &= x \\
 x &= \log_3 8^{\frac{1}{2}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Bring Fraction In Front.  
Bring Coefficient Up to  
Exponent of log

$$\begin{aligned}
 2^{2x-5} &= 9^{x+2} \\
 \log 2^{2x-5} &= \log 9^{x+2} \\
 (2x-5) \log 2 &= (x+2) \log 9 \\
 2x \log 2 - 5 \log 2 &= x \log 9 + 2 \log 9 \\
 2x \log 2 - x \log 9 &= 2 \log 9 + 5 \log 2 \\
 x(2 \log 2 - \log 9) &= 2 \log 9 + 5 \log 2 \\
 x &= \frac{2 \log 9 + 5 \log 2}{2 \log 2 - \log 9}
 \end{aligned}$$

GCF = x  
Divide

De-log Both sides

$$\begin{aligned}
 \log_2 4 &= \log_2 x \\
 4 &= x
 \end{aligned}$$

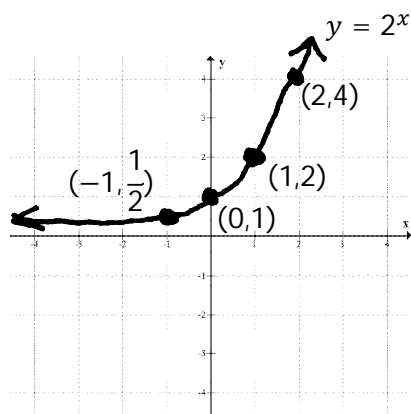
*Rule 7 Proof*

$$\begin{aligned}
 b^{\log_b a} &= a \\
 \log b^{\log_b a} &= \log a \\
 \log_b a \times \log b &= \log a \\
 \frac{\log a}{\log b} \times \log b &= \log a
 \end{aligned}$$

Remember: You may only log both sides if SAMD is complete. Bedmas backwards.  
Remember: If you do log a product you must separate into an addition of logs.  
Remember: if you log a sum you must use brackets  
Remember: You may only de-log both sides if one log equals one log.

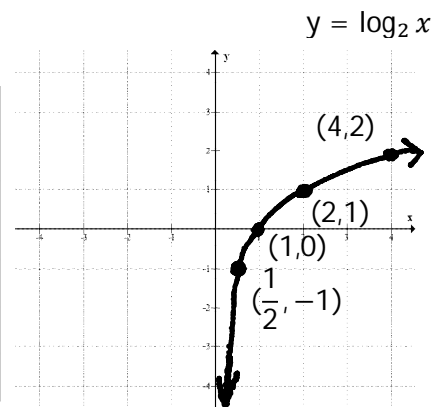


# C12 - 8.7 - Inverse Log Graphs Notes



$x$	$y$
-1	$\frac{1}{2}$
0	1
1	2
2	4

$x$	$y$
0	und
$\frac{1}{2}$	-1
1	0
2	1
4	2



$$\begin{aligned}
 y &= 2^x \\
 x &= 2^y \\
 \log x &= \log 2^y \\
 \log x &= y \log 2 \\
 \frac{\log x}{\log 2} &= y \\
 \log_2 x &= y \\
 y &= \log_2 x \\
 f^{-1}(x) &= \log_2 x
 \end{aligned}$$

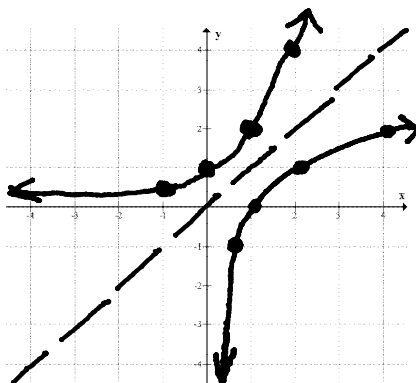
Switch  $x$  and  $y$   
 Log Both Sides  
 Bring Exponents Down In Front  
 Divide  
 Change of base  
 Mirror  
 Inverse Function notation

$$\begin{aligned}
 y &= 2^x \\
 x &= 2^y \\
 y &= \log_2 x \\
 f^{-1}(x) &= \log_2 x
 \end{aligned}$$

Switch  $x$  and  $y$   
 Exponential to  $\log$  Form

Back the Other Way!

$$\begin{aligned}
 y &= \log_2 x \\
 x &= \log_2 y \\
 2^x &= y \\
 y &= 2^x \\
 f^{-1}(x) &= 2^x
 \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 y &= 2^{x+1} - 3 \\
 x &= 2^{y+1} - 3 \\
 x + 3 &= 2^{y+1} \\
 \log(x + 3) &= (y + 1) \log 2 \\
 \frac{\log(x + 3)}{\log 2} &= y + 1 \\
 \log_2(x + 3) &= y + 1 \\
 \log_2(x + 3) - 1 &= y \\
 y &= \log_2(x + 3) - 1 \\
 f^{-1}(x) &= \log_2(x + 3)
 \end{aligned}$$

Inverse Proof

$$\begin{aligned}
 y &= \log_2(x + 3) - 1 \\
 x &= \log_2(y + 3) - 1 \\
 x + 1 &= \log_2(y + 3) \\
 2^{x+1} &= y + 3 \\
 2^{x+1} - 3 &= y \\
 y &= 2^{x+1} - 3 \\
 f^{-1}(x) &= 2^{x+1} - 3
 \end{aligned}$$

Remember: Inverse: Switch  $x$  and  $y$   
 Remember: A diagonal reflection over the line  $y = x$