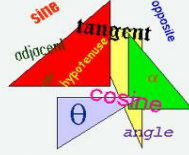
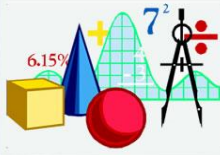


# TRIGONOMETRY

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#### Laws of Exponents

If  $s, t, a$ , and  $b$  are real numbers with  $a > 0$  and  $b > 0$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} a^s \cdot a^t &= a^{s+t} & (a^s)^t &= a^{st} & (ab)^s &= a^s \cdot b^s \\ 1^s &= 1 & a^{-s} &= \frac{1}{a^s} = \left(\frac{1}{a}\right)^s & a^0 &= 1 \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

Exercise: Simplify the following:

- a)  $(3x^4)^{\frac{2}{3}}$  ans.  $9x^8$   
b)  $(32x^{10})^{\frac{2}{5}}$  ans.  $4x^4$



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To solve exponential equations, the following property can be used:

$$b^m = b^n \quad \text{if and only if} \quad m = n \quad \text{and} \quad b > 0, \quad b \neq 1$$

Exercise: Solve for  $x$ :

- a)  $3^{x+4} = 3^{2x-1}$  ans. 5  
b)  $4^{2x+1} = 8^{x+5}$  ans. 13  
c)  $\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{x+2} = 16^{-x}$  ans.  $\frac{2}{3}$   
d)  $3^{\sqrt{x}+4} = 27^{\sqrt{x}}$  ans. 4

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#### DEFINITION

An **exponential function** is a function of the form

$$f(x) = a^x$$

where  $a$  is a positive real number ( $a > 0$ ) and  $a \neq 1$ . The domain of  $f$  is the set of all real numbers.

The following are examples of exponential functions:

- a)  $y = 3^x$       b)  $f(x) = 6^x$       c)  $f(x) = 2^x$



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Evaluate the function  $y = 4^x$  at the given values of  $x$ .

- a)  $x = 2$       b)  $x = -3$       c)  $x = 0$

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The following display summarizes the information that we have about  $f(x) = a^x, a > 1$ .

**Properties of the Exponential Function  $f(x) = a^x, a > 1$**

1. The domain is the set of all real numbers; the range is the set of positive real numbers.
2. There are no x-intercepts; the y-intercept is 1.
3. The x-axis ( $y = 0$ ) is a horizontal asymptote as  $x \rightarrow -\infty$ .
4.  $f(x) = a^x, a > 1$ , is an increasing function and is one-to-one.
5. The graph of  $f$  contains the points  $(-1, \frac{1}{a})$ ,  $(0, 1)$ , and  $(1, a)$ .
6. The graph of  $f$  is smooth and continuous, with no corners or gaps.

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**Figure 21**  
 $f(x) = a^x, a > 1$

Domain:  $(-\infty, \infty)$   
Range:  $(0, \infty)$   
y-intercept:  $(0, 1)$   
x-intercept: none  
Horizontal asymptote: x-axis

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Graph the exponential function:  $f(x) = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^x$

x	$f(x) = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^x$
-10	$\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{-10} = 1024$
-3	$\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{-3} = 8$
-2	$\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{-2} = 4$
-1	$\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{-1} = 2$
0	$\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^0 = 1$
1	$\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^1 = \frac{1}{2}$
2	$\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{4}$
3	$\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 = \frac{1}{8}$
10	$\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{10} \approx 0.00098$

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**Properties of the Exponential Function  $f(x) = a^x, 0 < a < 1$**

1. The domain is the set of all real numbers; the range is the set of positive real numbers.
2. There are no x-intercepts; the y-intercept is 1.
3. The x-axis ( $y = 0$ ) is a horizontal asymptote as  $x \rightarrow \infty$ .
4.  $f(x) = a^x, 0 < a < 1$ , is a decreasing function and is one-to-one.
5. The graph of  $f$  contains the points  $(-1, \frac{1}{a})$ ,  $(0, 1)$ , and  $(1, a)$ .
6. The graph of  $f$  is smooth and continuous, with no corners or gaps.

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**Figure 25**  
 $f(x) = a^x, 0 < a < 1$

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**DEFINITION**  
The **logarithmic function to the base  $a$** , where  $a > 0$  and  $a \neq 1$ , is denoted by  $y = \log_a x$  (read as "y is the logarithm to the base  $a$  of  $x$ ") and is defined by

$$y = \log_a x \text{ if and only if } x = a^y$$

The domain of the logarithmic function  $y = \log_a x$  is  $x > 0$ .

**Example:**  
Express in exponential form:

a) $\log_2 64 = 3$	ans. $4^3 = 64$
b) $\log_2 32 = 5$	ans. $2^5 = 32$
c) $\log_{\frac{1}{2}} 16 = -4$	ans. $\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{-4} = 16$
d) $\log_5 0.04 = -2$	ans. $5^{-2} = 0.04$

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Express in logarithmic form:

a)  $6^3 = 216$       ans.  $\log_6 216 = 3$

b)  $16^{\frac{5}{4}} = 32$       ans.  $\log_{16} 32 = \frac{5}{4}$

c)  $27^{-\frac{4}{3}} = \frac{1}{81}$       ans.  $\log_{27} \frac{1}{81} = -\frac{4}{3}$

d)  $49^2 = 7$       ans.  $\log_{49} 7 = \frac{1}{2}$

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Solve the following:

a)  $\log_3 \frac{8}{27} = 3$       ans.  $x = \frac{2}{3}$

b)  $\log_4 x = \frac{5}{2}$       ans.  $x = 32$

c)  $\log_5 \frac{4}{25} = \frac{x}{4}$       ans.  $x = 8$

d)  $\log_3 \frac{9}{64} = 2x + 2$       ans.  $x = 0$

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**Properties of the Logarithmic Function  $f(x) = \log_a x$**

1. The domain is the set of positive real numbers; the range is the set of all real numbers.
2. The x-intercept of the graph is 1. There is no y-intercept.
3. The y-axis ( $x = 0$ ) is a vertical asymptote of the graph.
4. A logarithmic function is decreasing if  $0 < a < 1$  and increasing if  $a > 1$ .
5. The graph of  $f$  contains the points  $(1, 0)$ ,  $(a, 1)$ , and  $(\frac{1}{a}, -1)$ .
6. The graph is smooth and continuous, with no corners or gaps.

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**Properties of Logarithms**

If  $M$ ,  $N$  and  $b$  ( $b \neq 1$ ) are positive real numbers, and  $r$  is any real number, then

$$\log_b MN = \log_b M + \log_b N$$

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

$$\log_b N^r = r \log_b N$$

$$\log_b b = 1$$

$$\log_b 1 = 0$$

**Remark:**

Since logarithmic function is continuous and one-to-one, every positive real number has a unique logarithm to the base  $b$ . Therefore,

$$\log_b N = \log_b M \quad \text{if and only if} \quad N = M$$

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Express the following in expanded form:

a)  $\log_3 xyz$       d)  $\log_2 x^4 y^3$

b)  $\log_5 (3x)^2$       e)  $\log_5 \sqrt{\frac{x^3}{y^2 p^3}}$

c)  $\log_4 \frac{mnp}{q^3}$

Express as a single logarithm:

a)  $\log_2 (x+2) + \log_2 x - \log_2 3$

b)  $2\log_3 m - 3\log_3 n$

c)  $(\log_5 2 + 3\log_5 m + 2\log_5 n) - \frac{2}{3}\log_5 p$

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Solve the following:

a)  $\log_5 (x^2 - 25) - \log_5 (x - 5) = 2$       ans. 20

b)  $\log_2 (x+6) - \log_2 (x+2) = \log_2 x$       ans. 2

c)  $\log_7 (x-5) + \log_7 (x+1) = 1$       ans. 6

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**Natural Logarithm**

Natural logarithms are to the base  $e$ . The symbol  $\ln x$  is used for natural logarithms.

$$\ln x = \log_e x$$

**Exercise:**  
Solve for  $x$ :

a)  $\ln e^{3x} - \ln(x - 3) = \ln 2$  ans. 6

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**Change-of-Base Formula**

$$\log_b x = \frac{\log_a x}{\log_a b} \quad \text{The reference base is } a.$$

**Exercise:**  
Use common logarithms to find each logarithm to four decimal places:

a)  $\log_5 65$  c)  $\log_5 17$   
b)  $\log_2 0.1$  d)  $\log_{0.8} 70$

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**Applications: Exponential and Logarithmic Equations**

Exponential and logarithmic equations can be used to describe exponential growth and decay, learning curves, logistic growth, etc.

**Example #1**

The growth rate for a particular bacterial culture can be calculated using the formula  $B = 900(2)^{\frac{t}{50}}$ , where  $B$  is the number of bacteria and  $t$  is the elapsed time in hours. How many bacteria will be present after 5 hours?  
Ans. 965

How many hours will it take for there to be 18,000 bacteria present in the culture in example (a)?  
ans. 216

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**Example #2**

A fossil that originally contained 100 mg of carbon-14 now contains 75 mg of the isotope. Determine the approximate age of the fossil, to the nearest 100 years, if the half-life of carbon-14 is 5570 years. (Use the Exponential Decay Formula)

$$A = A_0 2^{-\frac{t}{k}}$$

where:  $A$  = present amount of isotope  
 $A_0$  = original amount of isotope  
 $t$  = time it takes to reduce original amount of isotope to present amount  
 $k$  = Half-life of the isotope  
ans. 2300

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**Example #3**

In a town of 15,000 people, the spread of a rumor that the local transit company would go on strike was such that  $t$  hours after the rumor started,  $f(t)$  persons heard the rumor, where experience over time has shown that

$$f(t) = \frac{15,000}{1 + 7499e^{-0.8t}}$$

1. How many people started the rumor? Ans. 2  
2. How many people heard the rumor after 5 hours? Ans. 108

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