

Notes on logs;

$$\log_b(x) = y \iff b^y = x$$

$$\log(x) = y \iff 10^y = x$$

$$\ln(x) = y \iff e^y = x$$

Laws of Logarithms If  $x$  and  $y$  are positive numbers, then

1.  $\log_a(xy) = \log_a x + \log_a y$

2.  $\log_a\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) = \log_a x - \log_a y$

3.  $\log_a(x^r) = r \log_a x$  (where  $r$  is any real number)

1.

$$\log_2(\sqrt{8}) = \frac{3}{2} \iff 2^{\frac{3}{2}} = 8$$

2.

$$\ln(e^3) = 3 \iff e^3 = e^3$$

3.

$$\log(a) + \frac{1}{3} \log(b) = \log(a) + \log(\sqrt[3]{b}) = \log(a\sqrt[3]{b})$$

4. All mighty change of base formula (so we can evaluate any log)

$$\log_b(x) = \frac{\ln(x)}{\ln(b)} = \frac{\log(x)}{\log(b)}$$

(a)

$$\log_7(100) = \frac{\log(100)}{\log(7)}$$

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(b)

$$7^x = 200 \iff x = \log_7(200) = \frac{\ln(200)}{\ln(7)}$$

5.

$$e^{.2x+4} = 20 \iff .2x + 4 = \ln(20) \iff .2x = \ln(20) - 4 \iff x = \frac{\ln(20) - 4}{.2}$$

6.

$$\ln(2 - 3x) = 4 \iff 2 - 3x = e^4 \iff -3x = e^4 - 2 \iff x = -\frac{e^4 - 2}{3}$$

7. Find the domain of  $f(x) = \ln(2 - \ln(x))$

The domain of  $\ln(x)$  is  $x > 0$  so our job is to solve

$$2 - \ln(x) > 0 \iff \ln(x) < 2 \iff x < e^2$$

making the solution  $0 < x < e^2$

8. for the function above, find  $f^{-1}(x)$

Put  $x = \ln(2 - \ln(y))$  and solve for  $y$

$$x = \ln(2 - \ln(y)) \iff e^x = 2 - \ln(y) \iff \ln(y) = 2 - e^x \iff y = e^{2 - e^x}$$

9. Inverse trig Functions: just make sure the range is correct and compositions:

(a)  $\sin^{-1}\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) = -\frac{\pi}{6}$  not  $\frac{11\pi}{6}$

(b)  $\sin(\cos^{-1}(x)) = \sqrt{1 - x^2}$  because of the mother of all trig identities  $\sin^2(\theta) + \cos^2(\theta) = 1$

(c)  $\sin(\tan^{-1}(x))$

(d)  $\tan(\cos^{-1}(x))$

(e)  $\sin(2 \tan^{-1}(x))$

For the last four draw a triangle. The last one requires remembering that  $\sin(2\theta) = 2 \sin(\theta) \cos(\theta)$