

Find the equation of the inverse.

$$y = 10^x$$

Right now you don't know how to solve exponential equations or write the inverse of exponential equations.

This will take a new function you've never seen before.

To solve for x in an exponential equation: $y = 4^x$
we use the inverse operation called:

Logarithm

The equation of the inverse of an Exponential Function

$$y = b^x \xrightarrow{\text{Switch } x \text{ and } y} x = b^y \xrightarrow{\text{Solve for } y} \log_b x = y$$

Sec 8-3: Logarithms (the inverse of exponential functions)

Exponential Function

$$y = b^x$$

The base of the
Exponential
Function

The exponent

Logarithmic Function

$$\log_b x = y$$

The base of the
Logarithmic
Function

Exponential Function

"y equals b to the power of x"

$$y = b^x \rightarrow \overset{\text{Switch } x \text{ \& } y}{x = b^y} \rightarrow \log_b x = y$$

The base is the base

The exponent becomes the answer

Logarithmic Function

"y equals Log base b of x"

Rewrite each into logarithmic form.

1. $5^x = 40$

$$\log_5 40 = x$$

2. $6^2 = x$

$$\log_6 x = 2$$

3. $x^2 = 20$

$$\log_x 20 = 2$$

Rewrite each into exponential form.

1. $\log_5 8 = x$ $5^x = 8$

2. $\log_3 x = 12$ $3^{12} = x$

3. $\log_x 15 = 30$ $x^{30} = 15$

Exponential Equation

Range:
 $y > 0$

Domain:
Any real number

$$y = b^x$$

$b > 0, b \neq 1$

Logarithmic Equation

$$\log_b x = y$$

Range:
Any real number

Domain:
 $x > 0$

b : $b > 0, b \neq 1$

Write in Logarithmic Form:

$$10^x = 125$$

$$\log_{10} 125 = x$$

LOG₁₀125 → "LOG base 10 of 125" → LOG125 = 2.10

LOG₁₀ is called the Common Logarithm and is written without the 10.

The button on the calculator **LOG** is for Common Logarithms LOG₁₀

Evaluate each: (hint: think of each as an exponential)

1. $\log_4 1 = 0$
 $4^x = 1$

2. $\log_3 9 = 2$
 $3^x = 9$

3. $\log_7(7) = 1$
 $7^x = 7$

4. $\log_{25} 5 = \frac{1}{2}$
 $25^x = 5$ $\sqrt{25} = 5$
 $x = \frac{1}{2}$

5. $\log_6(6^4) = 4$
 $6^x = 6^4$

6. $\log_2(0.5) = -1$

$2^x = 0.5$
 $2^x = \frac{1}{2}$ $x = -1$

7. $\log 54 = 1.73$

You can now finish Hwk #34

Practice Sheet Sec 8-3

Due tomorrow

Solve each equation. Round to the nearest tenth.

1. $10^x = 1500$
Rewrite this as a Logarithmic EQ.

$\log_{10} 1500 = x$
 $\log 1500 = x$
 $x = 3.17$

2. $\frac{4(10)^x}{4} = \frac{570}{4}$ Rewrite this as a Logarithmic EQ.

$10^x = 142.5$
 $\log_{10} 142.5 = x$
 $\log 142.5 = x$
 $x = 2.15$

Solve: $\text{Log}_2 x = 3$

Rewrite this as an Exponential EQ.

$$2^3 = x$$

$$8 = x$$