

Exponential Equation

Range: $y > 0$

Domain: Any real number

$$y = b^x$$

$b > 0, b \neq 1$

Logarithmic Equation

$$\log_b y = x$$

Range: Any real number

Domain: $x > 0$

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

Write in Logarithmic Form:

$$10^x = 125$$

$$\text{LOG}_{10} 125 \rightarrow \text{"LOG base 10 of 125"} \rightarrow \text{LOG} 125 \approx 2.1$$

LOG_{10} is called the Common Logarithm and is written without the 10.

The button on the calculator LOG is for Common Logarithms LOG_{10}

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. $\log_{25} 5 = \frac{1}{2}$

$$25^x = 5$$

$$\sqrt{25} = 5$$

$$(25)^{\frac{1}{2}} = 5$$

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

$$6^x = 6^4$$

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

$$2^x = .5$$

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

$$x = -1$$

7. $\log 54 = 1.73$

You can now finish Hwk #25

Practice Sheet Sec 8-3

Solve each equation. Round to the nearest tenth.

1. $10^x = 1500$

$$\log 1500 = x$$

$$x = 3.2$$

2. $\frac{4(10)^x}{4} = \frac{570}{4}$

$$10^x = 142.5$$

$$\log 142.5 = x$$

$$x = 2.2$$

Solve: $\log_2 x = 3$

$$2^3 = x$$

$$x = 8$$

Solve: $4^x = 100$

You can use a graph or a table.

$$x = 3.32$$

Or, you can rewrite the exponential into a Logarithm.

$$\log_4 100 = x$$

To evaluate this see the next page.

Change of Base Formula:

Property

Change of Base Formula

For any positive numbers, M , b , and c , with $b \neq 1$ and $c \neq 1$,

$$\log_b M = \frac{\log_c M}{\log_c b} = \frac{\log_{10} M}{\log_{10} b} = \frac{\log M}{\log b}$$

$$\log_4 100 = x$$

$$3.32 = \frac{\log 100}{\log 4} = x$$

Solve each to the nearest hundredth.

1. $7^x = 60$

$$\log_7 60 = x$$

$$x = \frac{\log 60}{\log 7} = 2.10$$

3. $\frac{24(0.95)^x}{24} = \frac{13}{24}$

$$.95^x = \frac{13}{24}$$

$$\log_{.95} \left(\frac{13}{24} \right) = x$$

$$11.95 = \frac{\log(13/24)}{\log(.95)} = x$$

2. $\frac{5(1.1)^x}{5} = \frac{100}{5}$

$$1.1^x = 20$$

$$\log_{1.1} 20 = x$$

$$\frac{\log 20}{\log 1.1} = x$$

$$x = 31.43$$

The value of a house has been decreasing 7.5% each year. The house was worth \$180,000 in 2001.

In how many years will the value first fall below \$45,000? Round to the nearest hundredth.

$$\frac{45,000}{180,000} = \frac{180,000(0.925)^x}{180,000}$$

$$.25 = (.925)^x$$

$$\log_{.925} (.25) = x$$

$$\frac{\log(.25)}{\log(.925)} = x$$

$$x = 17.78 \text{ yrs}$$

Solve each.

1. $\log_5 x = 4$

$$5^4 = x$$

$$x = 625$$

2. $\log_x 80 = 3$

$$\sqrt[3]{x^3} = \sqrt[3]{80}$$

$$x = 4.31$$

3. $\log_7 20 = x$

$$x = \frac{\log 20}{\log 7} = 1.54$$