

Logarithmic Functions:

⇒ Logarithmic function is an ~~inverse~~ inverse function of an exponential function.

⇒ For example. if y is equal to the value of the logarithm of constant base and variable power or index on exponent,

⇒ we obtain the "Logarithmic function".

⇒ It is of the form

$$y = \log_a x \text{ or } y = \log_e x$$

for $x > 0$, $a > 0$ and $a \neq 1$

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

⇒ The base of the logarithm is a .

⇒ This can be read it as log base a of x .

⇒ The most 2 common bases used in logarithmic functions are base 10 and base e .

Common Logarithmic function:-

⇒ The logarithmic function with base 10 is called the common logarithmic function and it is denoted by \log_{10} or simply \log .

$$f(x) = \log_{10} x$$

Natural Logarithmic function:-

⇒ The logarithmic function to the base e is called the natural logarithmic function and it is denoted by \log_e

$$f(x) = \log_e x$$

Logarithmic functions Properties:-

⇒ Logarithmic function have some of the properties

Logarithmic

Basic condition

Exponential form \rightarrow Logarithmic

$$a^x = N \rightarrow \log_a N = x$$

$$3^2 = 9 \rightarrow \log_3 9 = 2$$

⇒ \log never comes in negative.

⇒ \log '0' does not exist

(i) $N > 0$ (ii) $a > 0, a \neq 1$

$$\log_a 1 = 0 \Rightarrow a^0 = 1 \text{ anything for } 0 \text{ is } \Rightarrow 1$$

$$\log N^N = 1 \Rightarrow N^1 = N$$

$$\log \frac{1}{N}^N = \log N^N = -1 \text{ (Yes: } \log a^N = N \log a \text{)}$$

$$a \log a^N = N \text{ Eg: } 2 \log_2 7 = 7$$

Other important rule:

Base power formula

$$\log_a a^m = \frac{1}{k} \log_a m$$

$$\log_a a^{b^c} = \frac{c}{k} \log_a b \quad \text{extra}$$

Note: Common
 \log_{10}

natural

\log_e

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} Not necessary

$$\log_e a = 2.303 \times \log_{10} a$$

$$\log_{10} a = 0.434 \log_e a$$

$$\frac{\log a}{\log e}$$

Example 1:-

Use the Properties of logarithms to write as a single logarithm for the given equation: ~~5~~

$$5 \log_9 x + 7 \log_9 y - 3 \log_9 z$$

By using the power rule,

$\log_b m^p = p \log_b m$, we can write the given equation

$$5 \log_9 x + 7 \log_9 y - 3 \log_9 z =$$

$$\log_9 x^5 + \log_9 y^7 - \log_9 z^3$$

From product rule, $\log_b MN = \log_b M + \log_b N$

$$5 \log_9 x + 7 \log_9 y - 3 \log_9 z =$$

$$\log_9 x^5 y^7 - \log_9 z^3$$

From Quotient rule, $\log_b M/N = \log_b M - \log_b N$

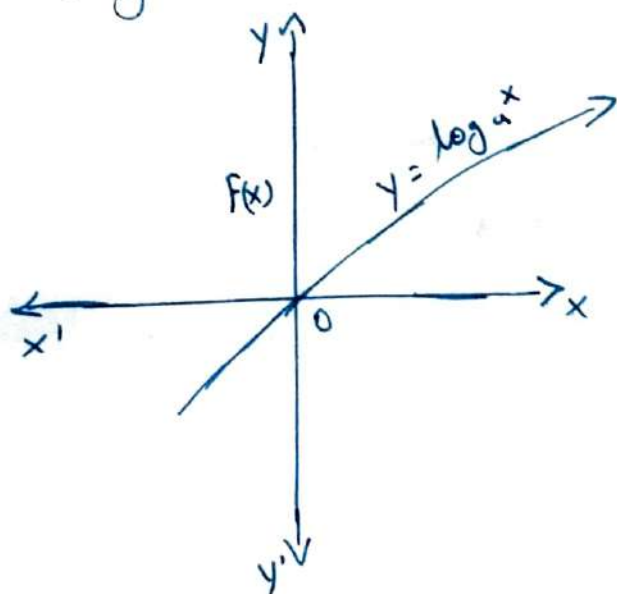
$$5 \log_9 x + 7 \log_9 y - 3 \log_9 z = \log_9 (x^5 y^7 / z^3)$$

Graphical Representation

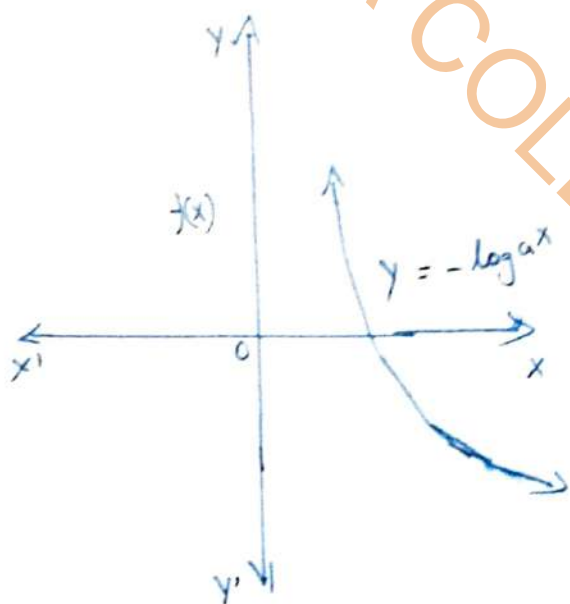
⇒ The graph of the logarithmic function is shown

⇒ there is a family of curves depending upon the value of the base 'a'

i) a is greater than 1



(ii) a is less than 1.



Ex: Graph the logarithmic function

$$f(x) = 2 \log_3(x+1)$$

Solution:-

Here, the base is $3 > 1$. So the curve would be increasing

for domain: $x+1 > 0 \Rightarrow x > -1$ So domain = $(-1, \infty)$

Vertical asymptote is $x = -1$

- At $x = 0$, $y = 2 \log_3(0+1) = 2 \log_3 1 = 2(0) = 0$

- At $x = 2$, $y = 2 \log_3(2+1) = 2 \log_3 3 = 2(1) = 2$

Thus $(0, 0)$ and $(2, 2)$

