

Tuesday, Nov. 7th

## Plan For Today:

1. Questions from 8.1 & basic Log graph?
  - ✱ Do 8.1 Check-in Quiz
2. Continue Chapter 8: Logarithmic Functions
  - ✓ 8.1: Understanding Logarithms
  - ✱ **8.2: Transformations of Logarithmic Functions**
  - ✱ **8.3: Laws of Logarithms**
  - ✱ 8.4: Logarithmic & Exponential Functions
3. Work on Practice Questions from Workbook

## Plan Going Forward:

1. Finish going through 8.2-8.3 and chapter practice questions in workbook and start working on review handout.

### ● 8.2-8.3 CHECK-IN QUIZ ON THURSDAY, NOV. 9TH

2. We will finish Ch8 Logarithms and Review Ch7 & 8 on Thursday after long weekend for the Unit 3 Exam.

### ● CHECK-IN QUIZ ON THURSDAY, NOV. 16TH

### ● CHAPTER 8 PROJECT DUE TUESDAY, NOV. 21ST (TRY FOR THURSDAY, NOV. 16TH)

### ● UNIT 3 EXAM ON TUESDAY, NOV. 21ST

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about your progress in this course. The notes from today will be posted at [anurita.weebly.com](http://anurita.weebly.com) after class.  
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**LOG RULES**

$\log_a(mn) = \log_a m + \log_a n$

$\log_c a = \frac{\log_b a}{\log_b c}$        **$\log_a a = 1$**        $\log_a m^n = n \log_a m$

$\log_a a = 1, \log_a 1 = 0$

**Iff  $\log_a N = x$**        $\log_a a = \log_c 10 \cdot \log_{10} a$

**Then  $a^x = N$**

**Also  $a^{\log_a N} = N$**        $\log_a b = \frac{1}{\log_b a}$

$\log_a \left(\frac{1}{n}\right) = -\log_a n$

$\log_a n^c = \frac{c}{\beta} \log_a n$        $a^{\log_a b} = b^{\log_a a} (a, b, c > 0, c \neq 1)$

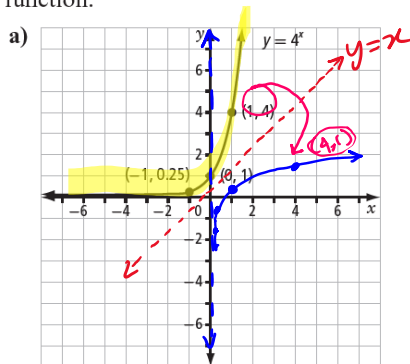
$\log_a \left(\frac{m}{n}\right) = \log_a m - \log_a n$        $\log_{a^m} n = \frac{1}{m} \log_a n$

$\log_a b \cdot \log_b a = 1$        **$a^{\log_a m} = m$**

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**Review**

1. For each exponential graph below, sketch the inverse function and state the domain, range, x-intercept, and equation of the vertical asymptote. Then, write the equation of the inverse function.

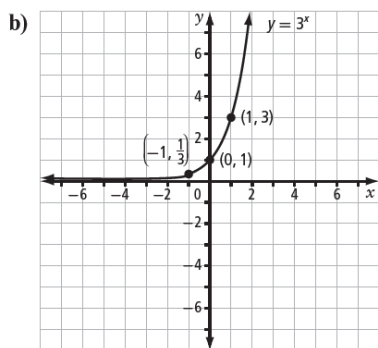


$y = \log_4 x$

①  $y = 4^x$        $4^{-2} = \frac{1}{4^2} = \frac{1}{16}$   
 $4^{-1} = \frac{1}{4}$   
 $4^0 = 1$   
 $4^1 = 4$   
 $4^2 = 16$

②  $y = \log_4 x$

x	y
$\frac{1}{16}$	-2
$\frac{1}{4}$	-1
1	0
4	1
16	2



$y = \log_3 x$

x	y
$\frac{1}{9}$	-2
$\frac{1}{3}$	-1
1	0
3	1
9	2

$3^{-2} = \frac{1}{9}$   
 $3^{-1} = \frac{1}{3}$

c)  $16^{\frac{1}{2}} = 4$

d)  $8^{-2} = \frac{1}{64}$

e)  $10^{-2} = 0.01$

f)  $27^{\frac{2}{3}} = 9$

g)  $12^x = 2y$

h)  $2^{2x-5} = y-1$        $\log_2(y-1) = 2x-5$

3. Express in exponential form.

a)  $\log_2 32 = 5$

b)  $\log_8 512 = 3$   
 $8^3 = 512$

c)  $\log_5 625 = 4$

d)  $\log 1000 = 3$

a)  $4^x = 64$

b)  $10^{2x} = 1\,000\,000$

c)  $\log_2 x = 4$    
  $x > 0$

d)  $\log_5(x) = -2$    
  $x = 5^{-2}$    
 Restriction  $x > 0$    
  $x = \frac{1}{25}$

e)  $\log_4 256 = x$    
 common base   
  $4^4 = x$    
  $x = 4$

f)  $\log_{16} 4 = x$    
 index radical   
  $x = \frac{1}{2}$

g)  $\log_x 81 = 4$    
  $x > 0, x \neq 1$

h)  $\log_x 6 = \frac{1}{2}$    
  $x^{\frac{1}{2}} = 6$    
  $(\sqrt{x})^2 = (6)^2$    
  $x = 36$

i)  $\log_x \frac{1}{25} = -2$

j)  $\log_x \frac{1}{64} = -3$    
  $x = 36$

## 8.2 Transformations

$y = \log_c x \longrightarrow y = a \log_c (b(x-h)) + k$

- vertical stretch by  $a$    
  $-a =$  reflection in  $x$ -axis
- horizontal stretch by  $\frac{1}{b}$    
  $-b =$  refl. in  $y$ -axis
- right/left  $+ x = h$  asymptote (vertical asymptote)   
 VA
- up/down

Ex:  $y = -2 \log_3 (3(x+4)) + 3$

① Base Function   
  $y = \log_3 x$

② stretches + reflections   
 HC  $\frac{1}{3}$ , VE 2   
 refl. in  $x$ -axis

③ 4 left   
 3 up

Start  $y = 3^x$    
 Inverse  $y = \log_3 x$

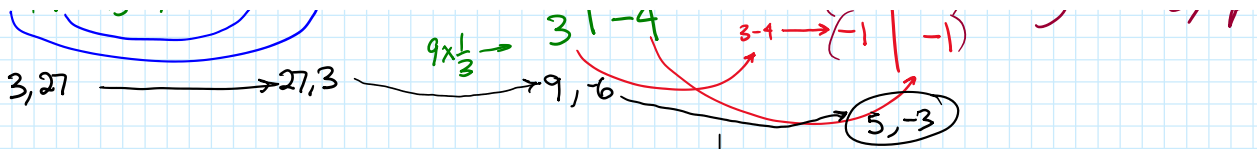
$x$	$y$	$x$	$y$
-2	$\frac{1}{9} \leftarrow 3^{-2} = \frac{1}{3^2}$	$\frac{1}{9}$	-2
-1	$\frac{1}{3} \leftarrow 3^{-1} = \frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	-1
0	1 $\leftarrow 3^0 = 1$	1	0
1	3 $\leftarrow 3^1 = 3$	3	1
2	9 $\leftarrow 3^2 = 9$	9	2

$(3, 27) \longrightarrow (27, 3)$

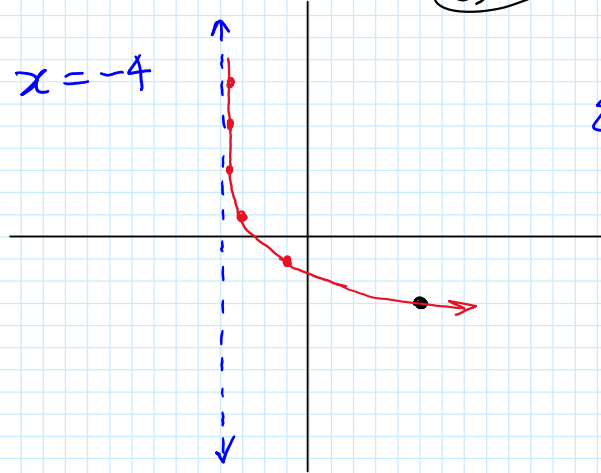
$\frac{1}{3}x$	$-2y$
$\frac{1}{9} \times \frac{1}{3} \rightarrow \frac{1}{27}$	4
$\frac{1}{3}$	2
$\frac{1}{3}$	0
$3 \times \frac{1}{3} \rightarrow 1$	-2
$9 \times \frac{1}{3} \rightarrow 3$	-4

$\frac{1}{3}x - 4$	$-2y + 3$
$\frac{1}{27} - \frac{108}{27} \rightarrow \frac{-107}{27}$	7
$\frac{1}{3} - \frac{36}{9} \rightarrow \frac{-35}{9}$	5
$\frac{1}{3} - \frac{12}{3} \rightarrow \frac{-11}{3}$	3
$1 - 4 \rightarrow -3$	1
$3 - 4 \rightarrow -1$	-1

plot coordinates on graph   
 + include asymptote.

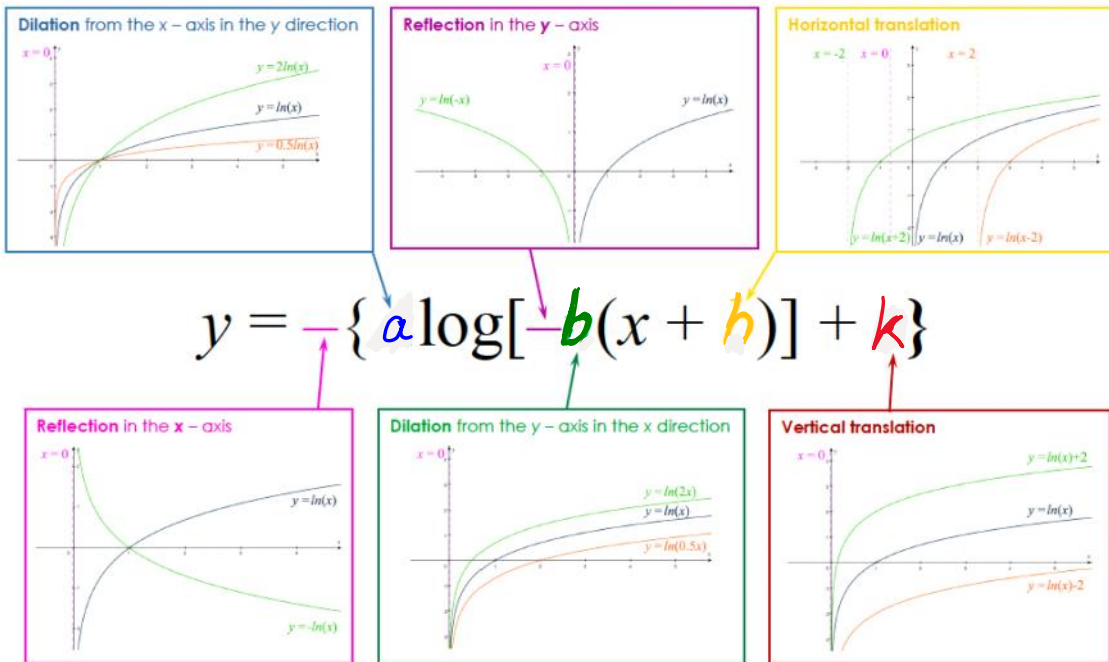


\* asymptote :  $x = -4$



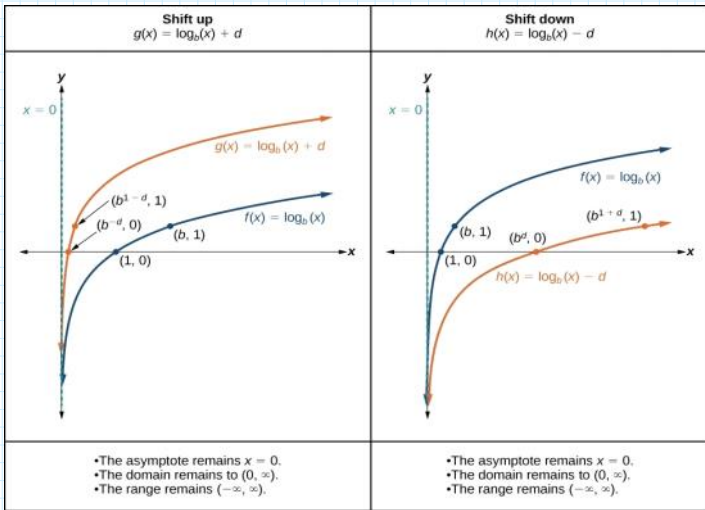
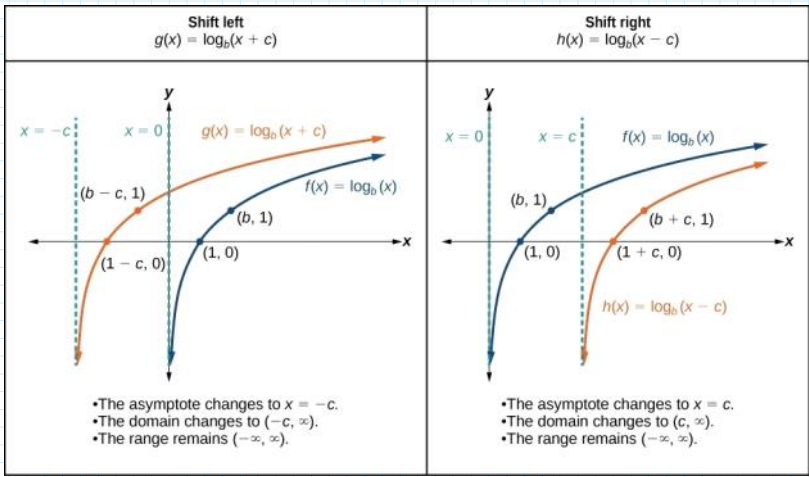
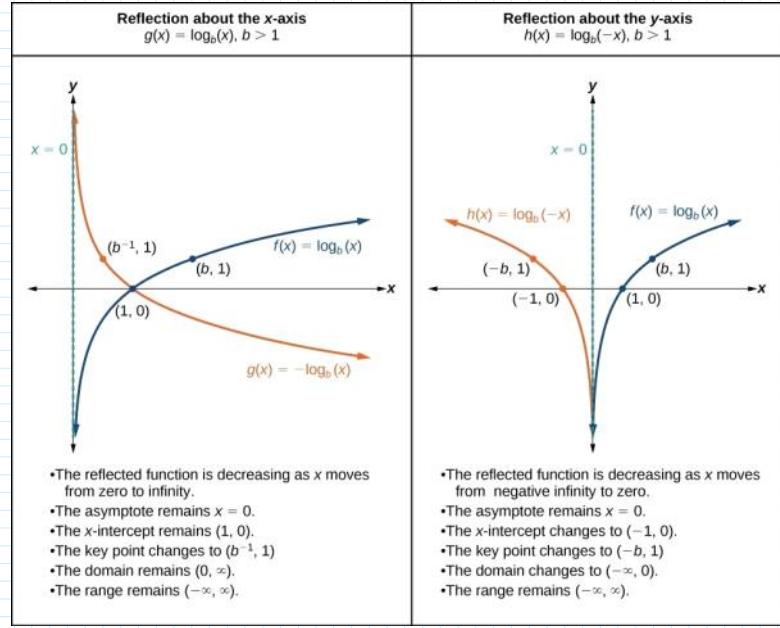
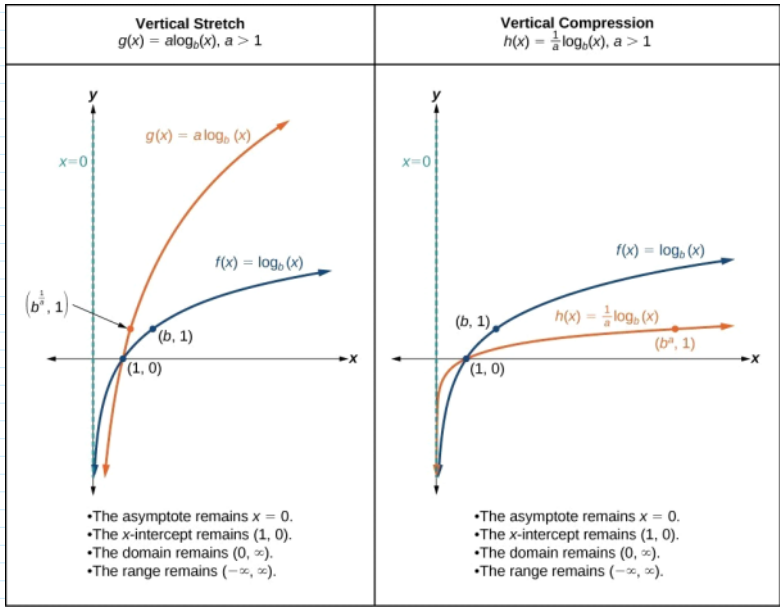
$\{x \mid x > -4, x \in \mathbb{R}\}$   
 $\{y \mid y \in \mathbb{R}\}$

LOGARITHMIC FUNCTIONS – Transformations



Transformations  $y = \log x$

Transformation	f(x) Notation	Examples
Horizontal Translation Graph shifts left or right.	$f(x - h)$	$g(x) = \log(x - 3) \rightarrow$ 3 units right $g(x) = \log(x + 4) \rightarrow$ 4 units left
Vertical Translation Graph shifts up or down.	$f(x) + k$	$g(x) = \log x + 4 \rightarrow$ 4 units up $g(x) = \log x - 5 \rightarrow$ 5 units down
Reflection Graph flips over x-axis.	$-f(x)$	$g(x) = -\log x \rightarrow$ over x-axis
Reflection Graph flips over y-axis.	$f(-x)$	$g(x) = \log(-x) \rightarrow$ over y-axis
Horizontal Shrink Graph shrinks toward y-axis.	$f(ax), a > 1$	$g(x) = \log 2x \rightarrow$ shrink by $\frac{1}{2}$
Horizontal Stretch Graph stretches away from y-axis.	$f(ax), 0 < a < 1$	$g(x) = \log \frac{x}{2} \rightarrow$ stretch by 2
Vertical Stretch Graph stretches away from x-axis.	$a \cdot f(x), a > 1$	$g(x) = 2 \cdot \log x \rightarrow$ stretch by 2
Vertical Shrink Graph shrinks toward x-axis.	$a \cdot f(x), 0 < a < 1$	$g(x) = \frac{1}{2} \log x \rightarrow$ shrink by $\frac{1}{2}$



## 8.2 Transformations of Logarithmic Functions

### KEY IDEAS

- To represent real-life situations, you may need to transform the basic logarithmic function,  $y = \log_b x$ , by applying reflections, stretches, and translations. These transformations should be performed in the same manner as those applied to any other function.
- The effects of the parameters  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $h$ , and  $k$  in  $y = a \log_c (b(x-h)) + k$  on the graph of the logarithmic function  $y = \log_c x$  are described in the table.

Parameter	Effect
$a$	Vertically stretch by a factor of $ a $ about the $x$ -axis. Reflect in the $x$ -axis if $a < 0$ .
$b$	Horizontally stretch by a factor of $\frac{1}{ b }$ about the $y$ -axis. Reflect in the $y$ -axis if $b < 0$ .
$h$	Horizontally translate $h$ units. <i>vertical asymptote <math>x=h</math></i>
$k$	Vertically translate $k$ units.

- Only parameter  $h$  changes the vertical asymptote and the domain. None of the parameters changes the range.

### Working Example 1: Translations of a Logarithmic Function

- Sketch the graph of  $y = \log_4(x + 4) - 5$ .
- State the
  - domain and range
  - $x$ -intercept
  - $y$ -intercept
  - equation of the asymptote

#### Solution

- Begin with the graph of  $y = \log_4 x$ . Identify key points, such as  $(1, 0)$ ,  $(4, 1)$ , and  $(16, 2)$ .

Identify the transformations.

The graph moves 4 units to the left and 5 units down.

$$y = \log_4(x + 4) - 5$$

↑ ↑  
 4 left      5 down

*inverse of  $y = 4^x$*

$x$	$y$
$\frac{1}{16}$	-2
$\frac{1}{4}$	-1
1	0
4	1
16	2

$4^{-2} = \frac{1}{4^2}$

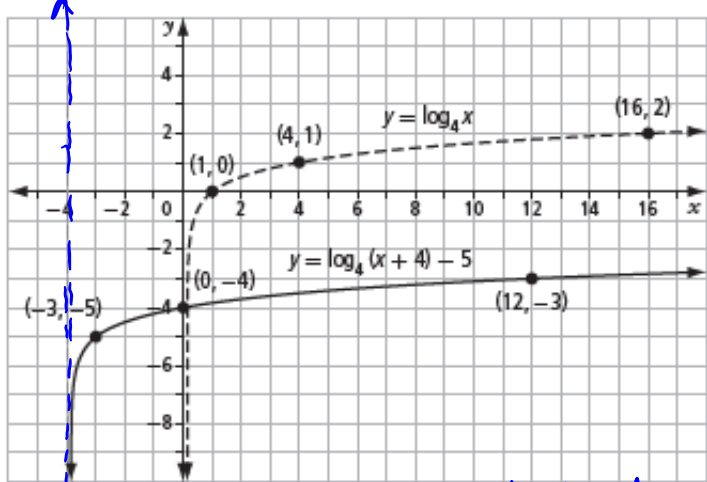
4 left 'sdavn.

In mapping notation, the key points are transformed as follows:

Key points:  $(x, y)$  maps to  $(x - 4, y - 5)$

$(x, y)$	→	$(x - 4, y - 5)$
$(1, 0)$	→	$(-3, -5)$
$(4, 1)$	→	$(0, -4)$
$(16, 2)$	→	$(12, -3)$

$x$	$y$	$x-4$	$y-5$
$\frac{1}{16}$	-2	$\frac{1}{16} - \frac{64}{16}$	$-\frac{63}{16}$
$\frac{1}{4}$	-1	$(-\frac{39}{4})$	-6
1	0	$(-\frac{15}{4})$	-5
4	1	-3	-4
16	2	12	-3



required to draw asymptote \* always dashed line

- b) The domain of  $y = \log_4 x$  is  $\{x | x > 0, x \in \mathbb{R}\}$ . Since the graph is translated 4 units left, this changes the domain to  $\{x | x > -4, x \in \mathbb{R}\}$ . The range of the transformed function is not changed and is  $\{y | y \in \mathbb{R}\}$ .

To determine the x-intercept, set  $\log_4(x + 4) - 5 = 0$ . Then, solve for  $x$ .

$$\log_4(x + 4) = 5$$

$$x + 4 = 4^5 \quad (\text{write in exponential form})$$

$$x = 1020$$

Root Base

$R: x + 4 > 0$   
 $x > -4$

- \* Recall!
- to determine x-intercepts, make  $y = 0$  + solve for  $x$
- to determine y-int, make  $x = 0$  + solve for  $y$ .

To confirm that the y-intercept is  $-4$ , substitute  $x = 0$ .

$$y = \log_4(0 + 4) - 5$$

$$y = \log_4 4 - 5 \quad 1 - 5$$

$$y = -4$$

The graph of  $y = \log_4 x$  has a vertical asymptote at  $x = 0$ . Since the graph is translated



$y = -4$  ✓

The graph of  $y = \log_4 x$  has a vertical asymptote at  $x = 0$ . Since the graph is translated 4 units left, the asymptote is translated as well.

Thus,  $y = \log_4(x + 4) - 5$  has a vertical asymptote at  $x = -4$ .

### Working Example 2: Reflections and Stretches of Logarithmic Functions

Sketch the graph of each of the following. State any invariant points.

- a)  $y = 2 \log_9 x$       b)  $y = -\log_2 4x$

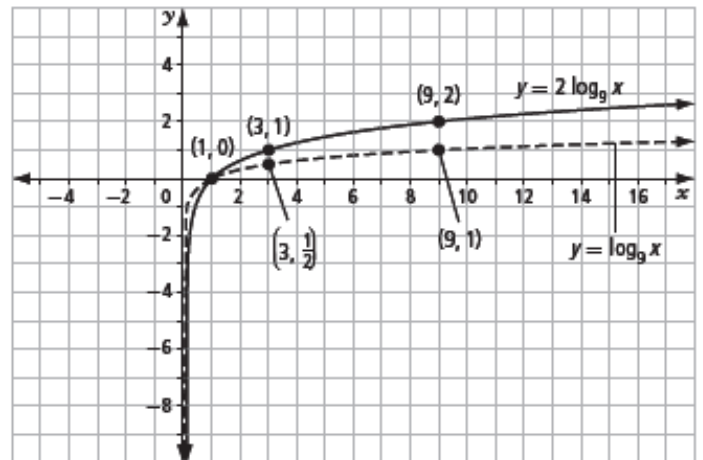
#### Solution

- a) The coefficient of 2 indicates a vertical stretch by a factor of 2. Choose key points on the graph of  $y = \log_9 x$ . Then, use mapping notation to show the transformation of those points.

Key points:  $(x, y)$  maps to  $(x, 2y)$

$(x, y)$	→	$(x, 2y)$
$(1, 0)$	→	$(1, 0)$
$(3, \frac{1}{2})$	→	$(3, 1)$
$(9, 1)$	→	$(9, 2)$

The invariant point is  $(1, 0)$ .



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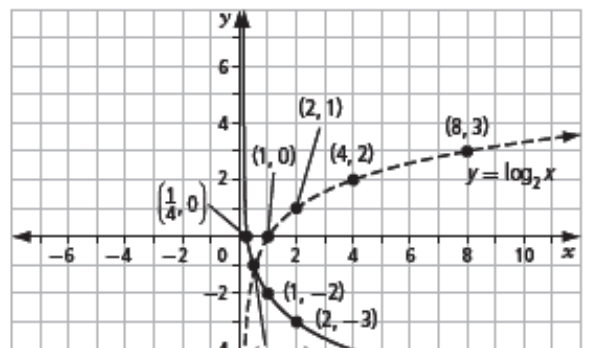
- $y = \log_9 x$  from  $y = 9^x$  (inverse)
- Table of values for  $y = 9^x$ :
 

x	y
-1	$\frac{1}{9}$
0	1
$\frac{1}{2}$	3
1	9
2	81
- Corresponding  $9^x$  values:  $9^{-1} = \frac{1}{9}$ ,  $9^0 = 1$ ,  $9^{1/2} = \sqrt{9}$ ,  $9^1 = 9$ ,  $9^2 = 81$ .

- b) The transformations are a reflection in  $x$ -axis and a horizontal stretch by a factor of  $\frac{1}{4}$ . Using key points on  $y = \log_2 x$ , use mapping notation to express the transformations. HC of  $\frac{1}{4}$

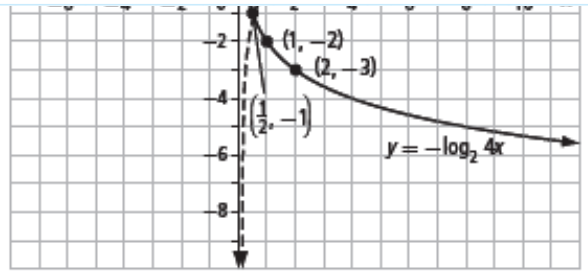
Key points:  $(x, y)$  maps to  $(\frac{1}{4}x, -y)$

$(x, y)$	→	$(\frac{1}{4}x, -y)$
$(1, 0)$	→	$(\frac{1}{4}, 0)$
$(2, 1)$	→	$(\frac{1}{2}, -1)$
$(4, 2)$	→	$(1, -2)$



(4, 2)	→	(1, -2)
(8, 3)	→	(2, -3)

$8 \times \frac{1}{4}$  →



There are no invariant points on the graph.

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no invariant  
for horizontal translations

Why does this set of transformations have no invariant points?

### Working Example 3: Combine Transformations

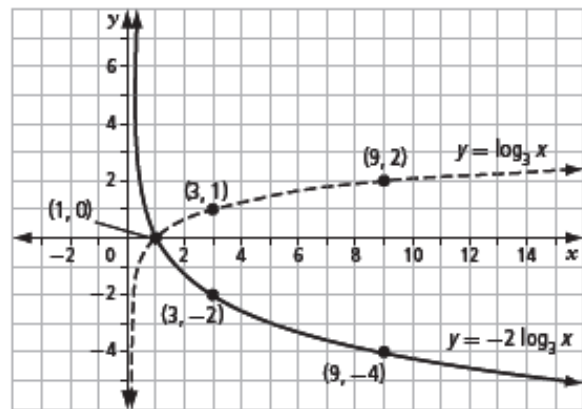
Sketch the graph of  $y = -2 \log_3(x - 3) + 5$ .

#### Solution

First, apply all stretches and reflections to  $y = \log_3 x$ , in any order. Then, apply translations. Consider the effect of a reflection in the  $x$ -axis and a vertical stretch by a factor of 2 on the key points (1, 0), (3, 1), and (9, 2).

Key points:  $(x, y)$  maps to  $(x, -2y)$

$y = \log_3 x$	$y = -2 \log_3 x$
(1, 0)	(1, 0)
(3, 1)	(3, -2)
(9, 2)	



Since the graph is translated 3 units right and 5 units up, apply these translations to the points.

Key points:  $(x, y)$  maps to  $(x + 3, y + 5)$

$y = -2 \log_3 x$	$y = -2 \log_3(x - 3) + 5$
(1, 0)	(4, 5)
(3, -2)	
(9, -4)	



base function  
 $y = \log_3 x$   
( $y = 3^x$  inverse)

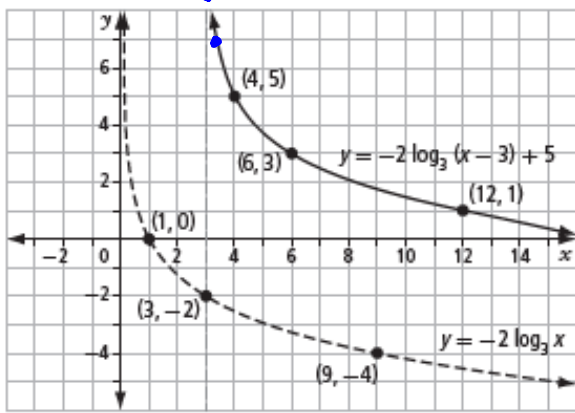
$x$	$y$
$\frac{1}{9}$	-2
$\frac{1}{3}$	-1
1	0
3	1
9	2

VEP 2  
ref. in  $x$ -axis

$x$	$-2y$
$\frac{1}{9}$	4
$\frac{1}{3}$	2
1	0
3	-2
9	-4

3 right  
5 up

$x+3$	$-2y+5$
$\frac{10}{9}$	9
$\frac{10}{3}$	7
4	5
6	3
12	1



$$\begin{array}{r} 3 \\ 9 \end{array} \Bigg| \begin{array}{r} 1 \\ 2 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3 \\ 9 \end{array} \Bigg| \begin{array}{r} -2 \\ -4 \end{array}$$

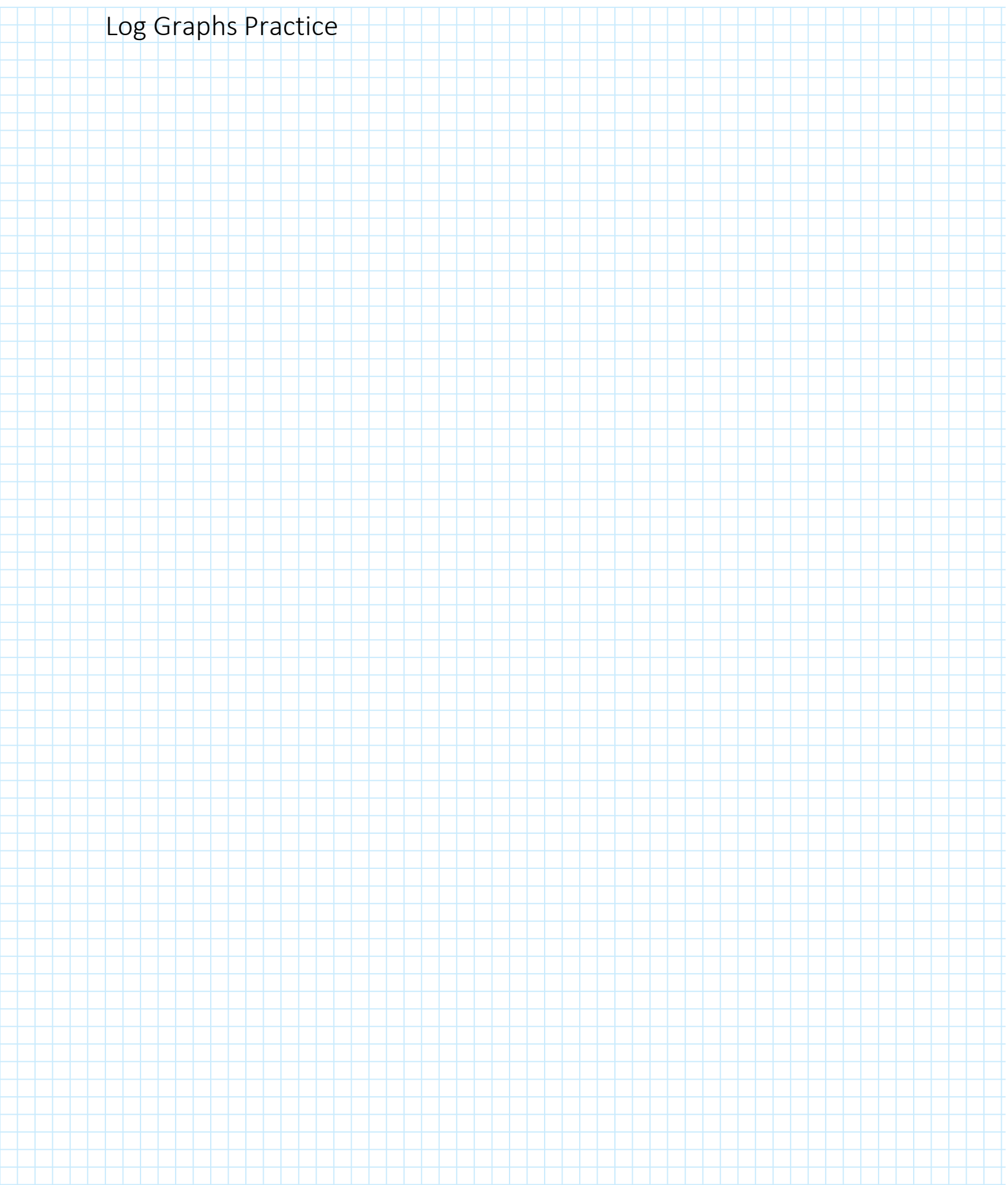
$$\begin{array}{r} 4 \\ 6 \\ 12 \end{array} \Bigg| \begin{array}{r} 5 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{array}$$



See pages 384–389 of *Pre-Calculus 12* for more examples.

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# Log Graphs Practice



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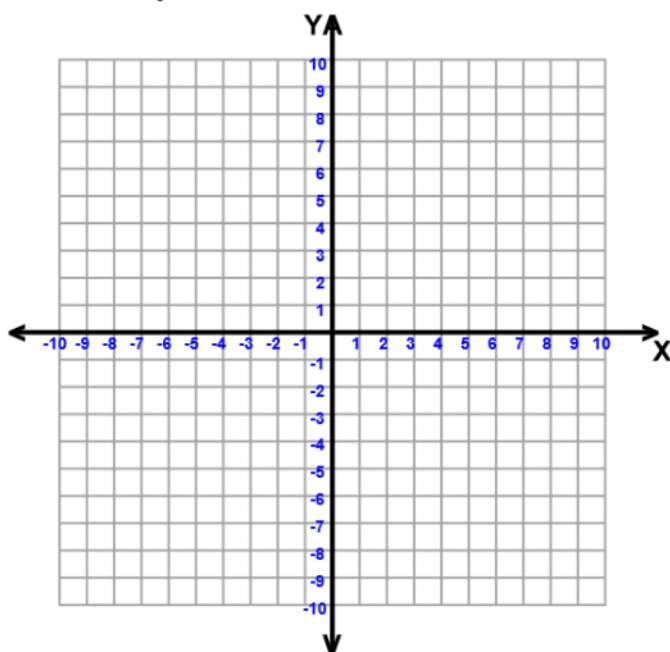
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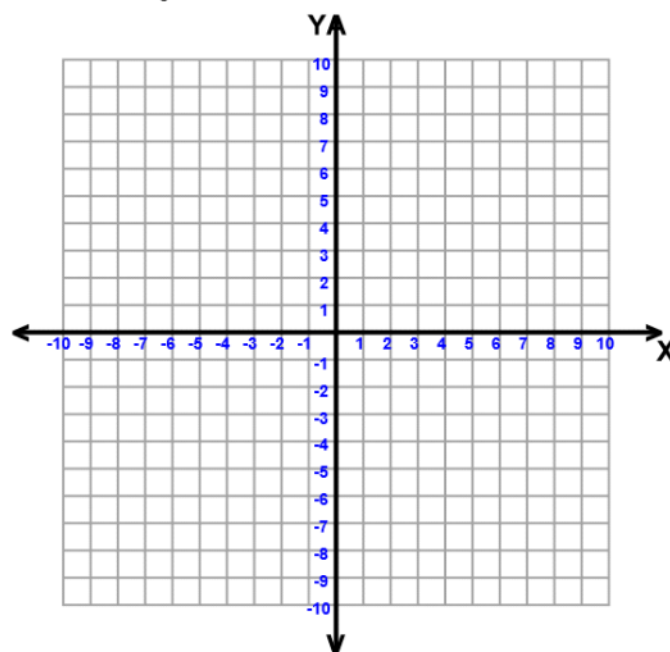
## Graphing Logarithms

Give the domain and range of each function, then graph.

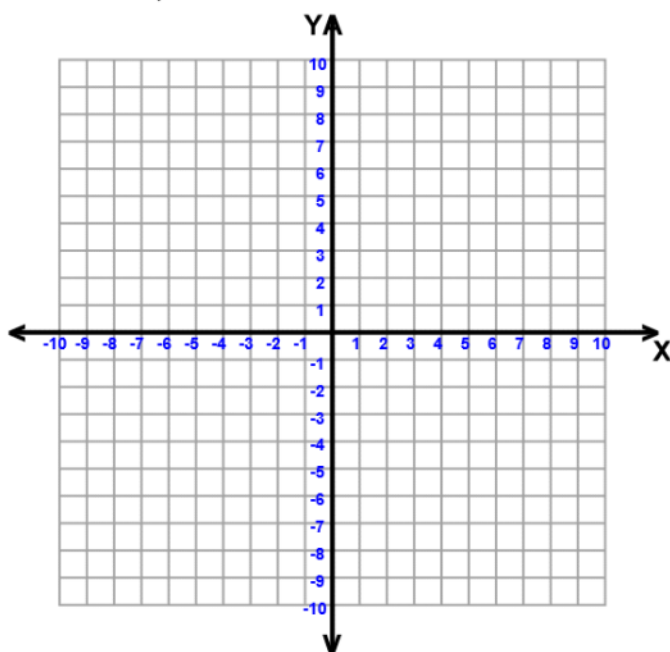
1)  $y = \log_9(x + 4) + 3$



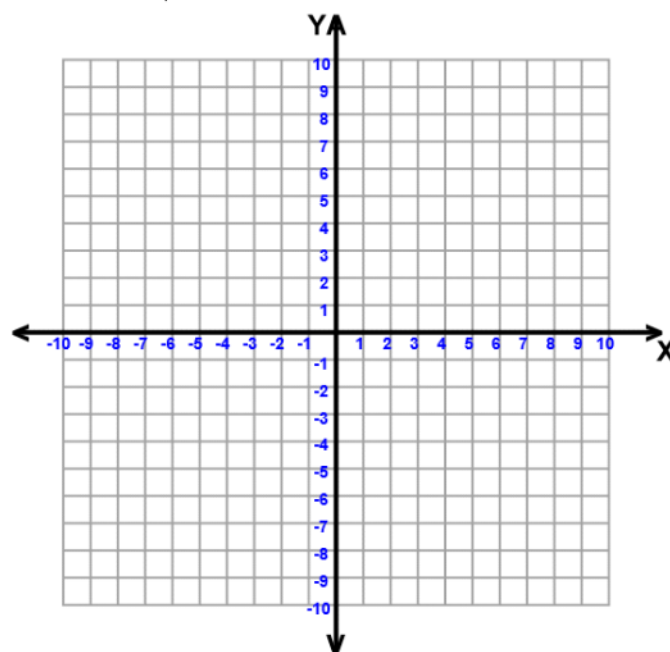
2)  $y = \log_5(x - 2) + 5$



3)  $y = \log_7(x - 4) - 2$



4)  $y = \log_4(x - 2) - 5$



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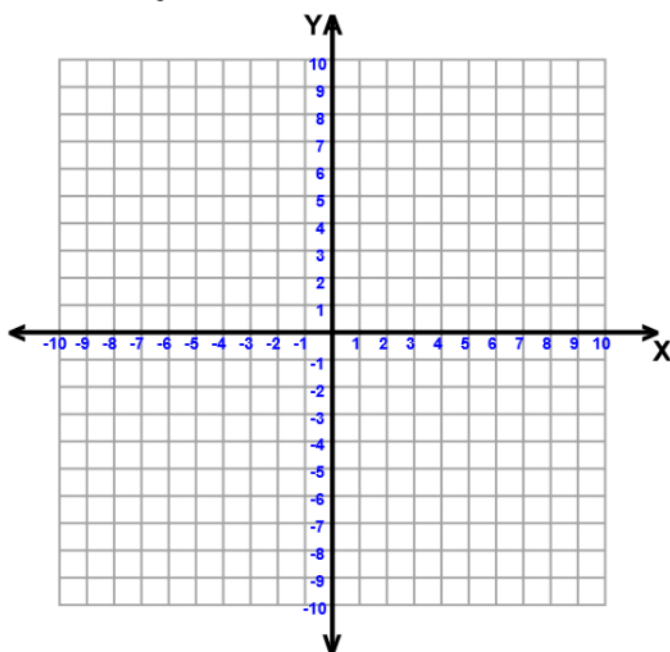
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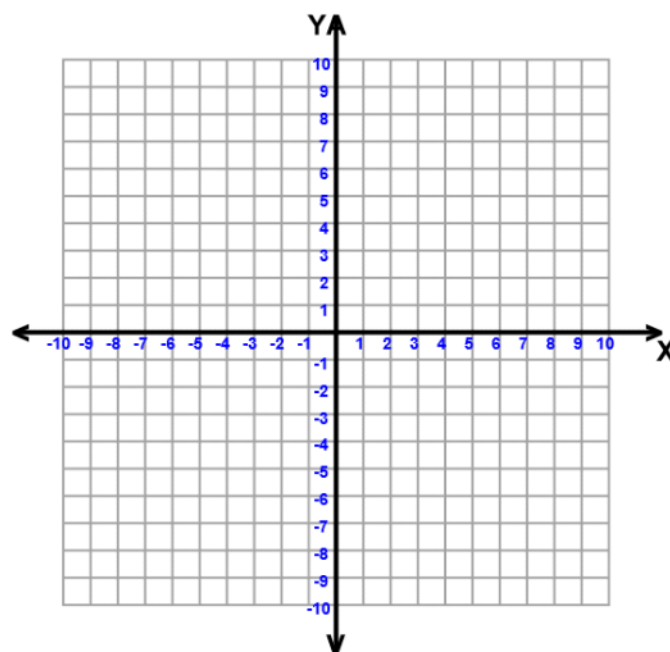
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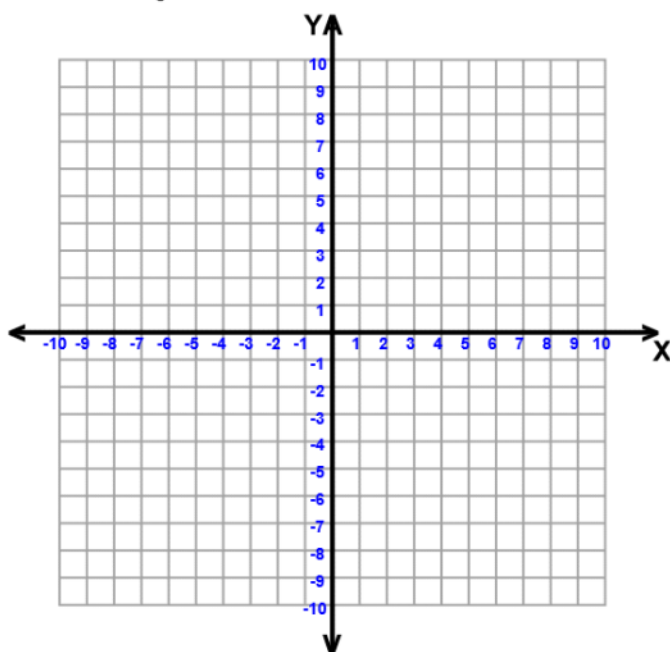
5)  $y = \log_5(4x - 5) - 2$



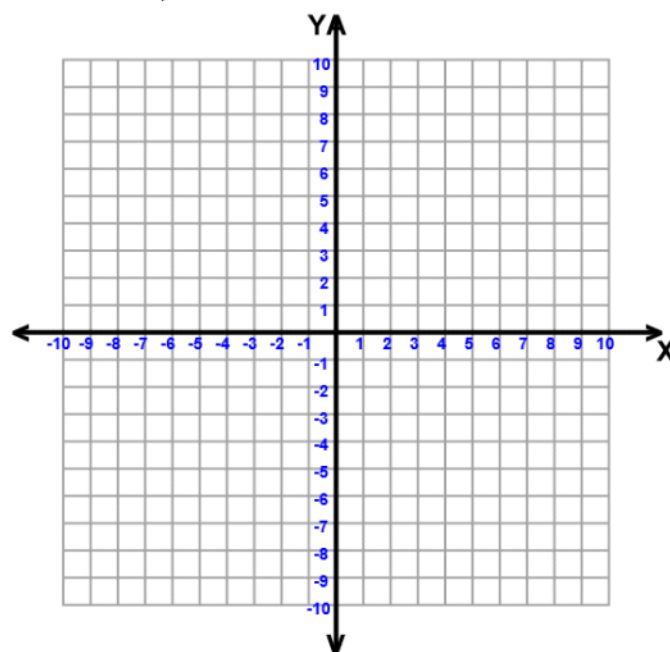
6)  $y = \log(4x - 3) - 4$



7)  $y = \log_8(2x + 5) + 3$



8)  $y = \log_7(4x + 4) - 3$



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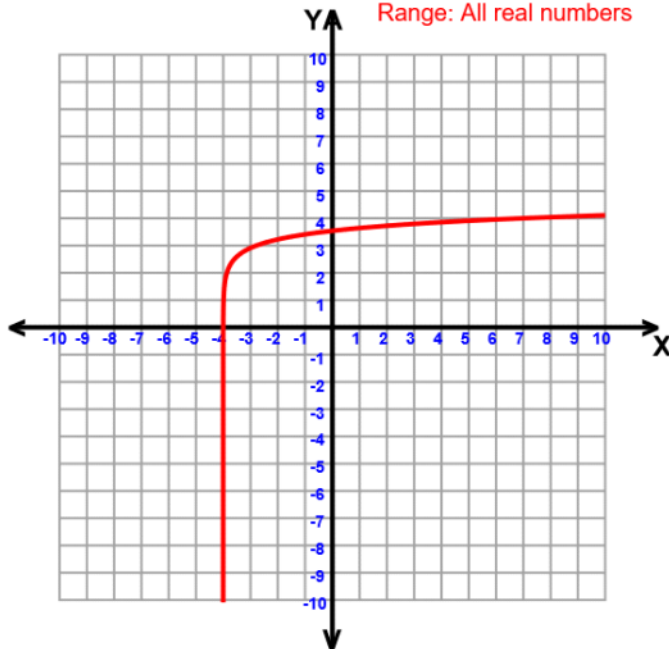
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1)  $y = \log_9(x + 4) + 3$

Domain:  $x > -4$

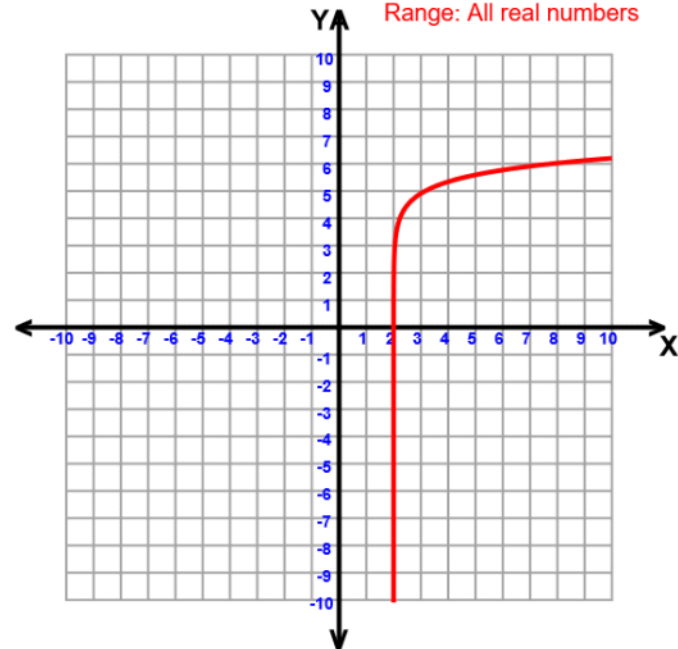
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2)  $y = \log_5(x - 2) + 5$

Domain:  $x > 2$

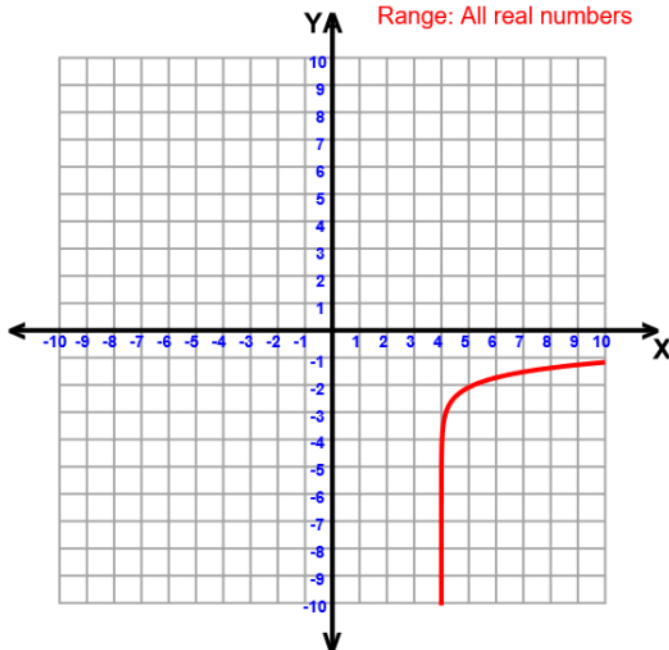
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3)  $y = \log_7(x - 4) - 2$

Domain:  $x > 4$

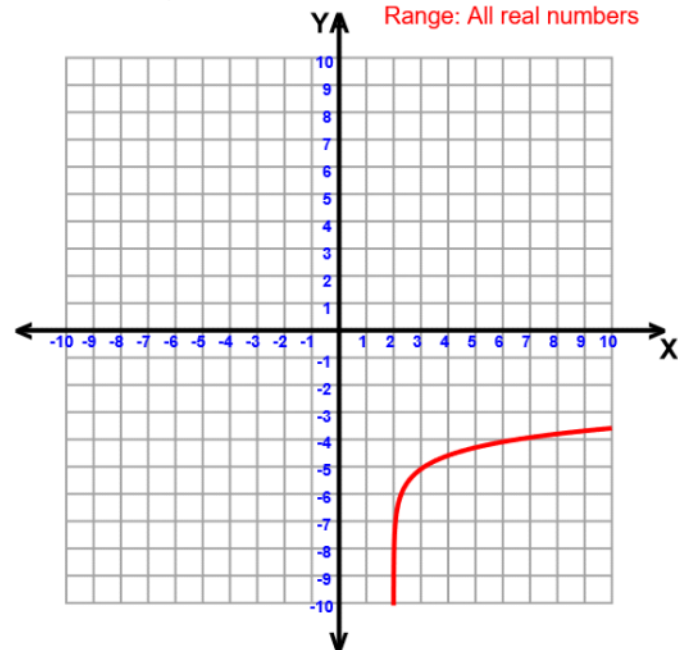
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4)  $y = \log_4(x - 2) - 5$

Domain:  $x > 2$

Range: All real numbers



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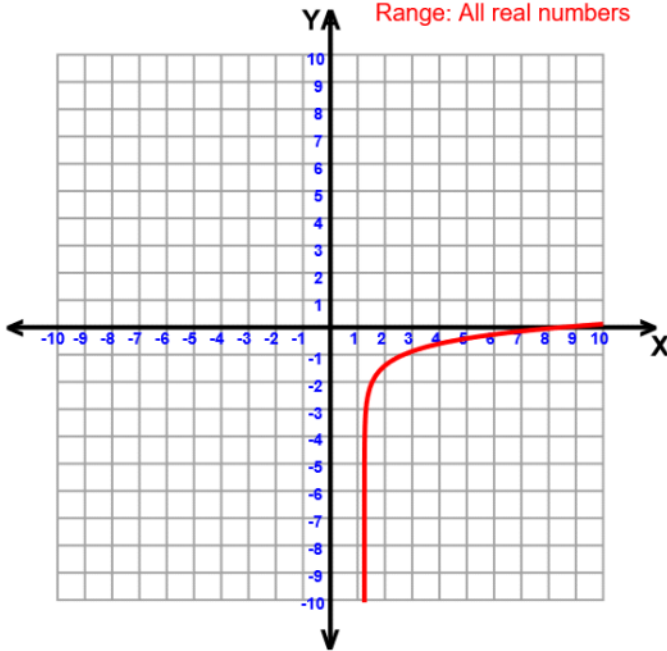
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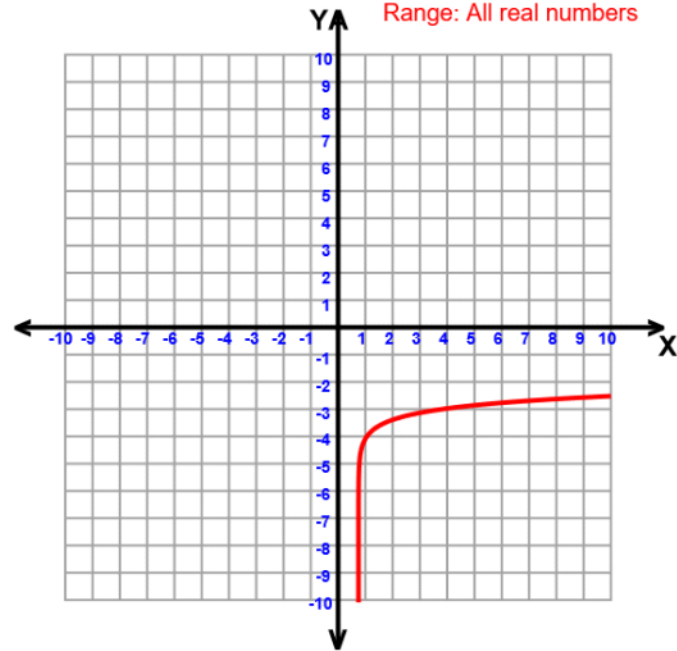
## Graphing Logarithms

Give the domain and range of each function, then graph.

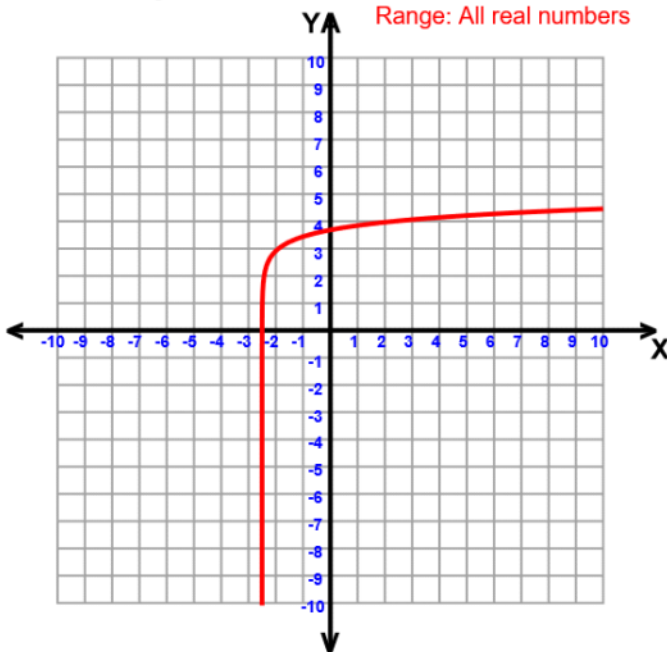
5)  $y = \log_5(4x - 5) - 2$  Domain:  $x > \frac{5}{4}$   
Range: All real numbers



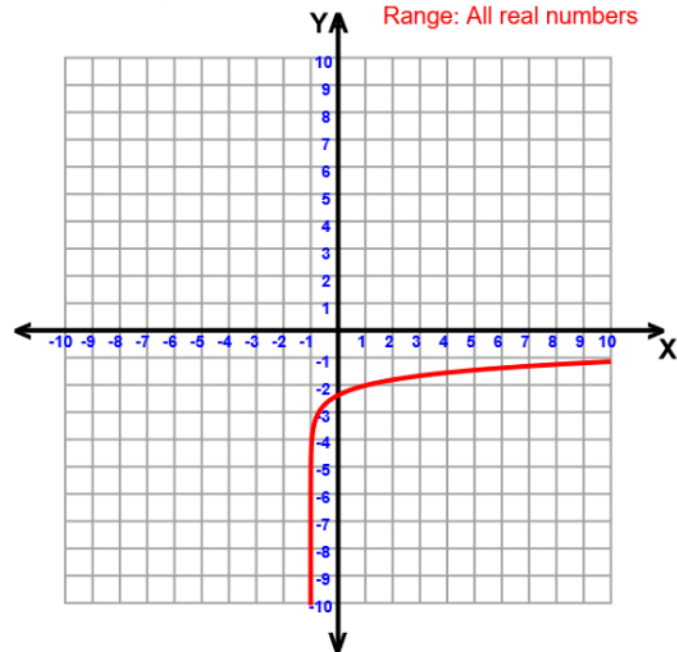
6)  $y = \log(4x - 3) - 4$  Domain:  $x > \frac{3}{4}$   
Range: All real numbers



7)  $y = \log_8(2x + 5) + 3$  Domain:  $x > -\frac{5}{2}$   
Range: All real numbers



8)  $y = \log_7(4x + 4) - 3$  Domain:  $x > -1$   
Range: All real numbers



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## 8.3: Laws of Logarithms

### Rule of Logarithms



Rule Name	Property
Log of 1	$\log_b 1 = 0$
Log of the same number as base	$\log_b b = 1$
Product Rule	$\log_b(mn) = \log_b m + \log_b n$
Quotient Rule	$\log_b\left(\frac{m}{n}\right) = \log_b m - \log_b n$
Power Rule	$\log_b m^n = n \log_b m$
Change of Base Rule	$\log_b a = \frac{\log_c a}{\log_c b}$ (OR) $\log_b a \cdot \log_a b = 1$
Equality Rule	$\log_b a = \log_b c \Rightarrow a = c$
Number Raised to Log	$b^{\log_b x} = x$
Other Rules	$\log_b a^m = \frac{m}{n} \log_b a$ $-\log_b a = \log_b \frac{1}{a}$ (OR) $= \log_{\frac{1}{b}} a$

Rule 1:  $\log_b (M \cdot N) = \log_b M + \log_b N$

Rule 2:  $\log_b \left(\frac{M}{N}\right) = \log_b M - \log_b N$

Rule 3:  $\log_b (M^k) = k \cdot \log_b M$

Rule 4:  $\log_b (1) = 0$

Rule 5:  $\log_b (b) = 1$

Rule 6:  $\log_b (b^k) = k$

Rule 7:  $b^{\log_b (k)} = k$

Where:

$b > 0$  but  $b \neq 1$ , and  $M$ ,  $N$ , and  $k$  are real numbers but  $M$  and  $N$  must be positive!

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$$\begin{aligned}
5 \log_3(x) + 2 \log_3(4x) - \log_3(8x^5) &= \log_3(x^5) + \log_3((4x)^2) - \log_3(8x^5) \\
&= \log_3(x^5) + \log_3(16x^2) - \log_3(8x^5) \\
&= \log_3(x^5 \cdot 16x^2) - \log_3(8x^5) \\
&= \log_3(16x^7) - \log_3(8x^5) \\
&= \log_3\left(\frac{16x^7}{8x^5}\right)
\end{aligned}$$

$$5 \log_3(x) + 2 \log_3(4x) - \log_3(8x^5) = \log_3(2x^2)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\log_6\left(\frac{36m^3}{\sqrt{n}}\right) &= \log_6(36m^3) - \log_6(\sqrt{n}) \\
&= \log_6(36) + \log_6(m^3) - \log_6\left(n^{\frac{1}{2}}\right) \\
&= \log_6(6^2) + 3\log_6(m) - \frac{1}{2}\log_6(n) \\
&= 2\log_6(6) + 3\log_6(m) - \frac{1}{2}\log_6(n) \quad \text{Rule 5} \Rightarrow \log_6(6) = 1 \\
&= 2(1) + 3\log_6(m) - \frac{1}{2}\log_6(n)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\log_6\left(\frac{36m^3}{\sqrt{n}}\right) = 2 + 3\log_6(m) - \frac{1}{2}\log_6(n)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
2 \log_5(m) + 3 \log_5(k) - 8 \log_5(y) &= \log_5(m^2) + \log_5(k^3) - \log_5(y^8) \\
&= \log_5(m^2 \cdot k^3) - \log_5(y^8) \\
&= \log_5\left(\frac{m^2 k^3}{y^8}\right)
\end{aligned}$$

$$2 \log_5(m) + 3 \log_5(k) - 8 \log_5(y) = \log_5\left(\frac{m^2 k^3}{y^8}\right)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
3 + \frac{1}{2} \log_4(x) + \frac{1}{2} \log_4(y) &= 3 + \log_4\left(x^{\frac{1}{2}}\right) + \log_4\left(y^{\frac{1}{2}}\right) \\
&= 3 + \log_4\left(x^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot y^{\frac{1}{2}}\right) \\
&= 3 + \log_4\left(\sqrt{x} \cdot \sqrt{y}\right) \\
&= 3 + \log_4\left(\sqrt{xy}\right) \\
&= 3 \cdot \log_4(4) + \log_4\left(\sqrt{xy}\right) \quad \text{Since } \log_4(4) = 1 \\
&= \log_4(4^3) + \log_4\left(\sqrt{xy}\right) \\
&= \log_4\left(4^3 \cdot \sqrt{xy}\right) \\
3 + \frac{1}{2} \log_4(x) + \frac{1}{2} \log_4(y) &= \log_4\left(64\sqrt{xy}\right)
\end{aligned}$$

• **Common Base Law** =  $\log_a a^x = x$  OR  $a^{\log_a x} = x$

$$\log_a N = x$$

$$a^x = N$$

$$a^{\log_a N} = N$$

$$a^x = N$$

$$2^3 = 8$$

$$3^4 = 81$$

$$5^3 = 125$$

$$10^4 = 10000$$

$$7^1 = 7$$

$$5^0 = 1$$

$$\log_a N = x$$

$$\log_2 8 = 3$$

$$\log_3 81 = 4$$

$$\log_5 125 = 3$$

$$\log_{10} 10000 = 4$$

$$\log_7 7 = 1$$

$$\log_5 1 = 0$$

# Log Laws



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- **Change of Base Law** =  $\log_a x = \frac{\log x}{\log a}$
- **Common Base Law** =  $\log_a a^x = x$  **OR**  $a^{\log_a x} = x$

### 8.3 Laws of Logarithms

#### KEY IDEAS

- Let  $P$  be any real number, and  $M, N,$  and  $c$  be positive real numbers with  $c \neq 1$ . Then, the following laws of logarithms are valid.

Name	Law	Description
Product	$\log_c MN = \log_c M + \log_c N$	The logarithm of a product of numbers is the sum of the logarithms of the numbers.
Quotient	$\log_c \frac{M}{N} = \log_c M - \log_c N$	The logarithm of a quotient of numbers is the difference of the logarithms of the dividend and divisor.
Power	$\log_c M^P = P \log_c M$	The logarithm of a power of a number is the exponent times the logarithm of the number.

- Many quantities in science are measured using a logarithmic scale. Two commonly used logarithmic scales are the decibel scale and the pH scale.

#### Working Example 1: Use the Laws of Logarithms to Expand Expressions

Expand each expression using the laws of logarithms.

a)  $\log_4 \frac{x^3y}{4z}$

b)  $\log_5 \sqrt{xy^3}$

c)  $\log \frac{100\sqrt[3]{x^4}}{y^2}$

#### Solution

a)  $\log_4 \frac{x^3y}{4z} = \log_4 \frac{x^3y}{4z} - \log_4 4z$  *quotient law  $\div \rightarrow -$*   
 $= \log_4 x^3 + \log_4 y - (\log_4 4 + \log_4 z)$  *product law  $\times \rightarrow +$*   
 $= 3 \log_4 x + \log_4 y - 1 - \log_4 z$  *power law*

Why does  $\log_4 4 = 1$ ?

$\log_4 4 = 1$

b)  $\log_5 \sqrt{xy^3} = \log_5 (xy^3)^{\frac{1}{2}}$   *$\sqrt{x} = x^{\frac{1}{2}}$*   
 $= \frac{1}{2} \log_5 (xy^3)$  *power law*  
 $= \frac{1}{2} (\log_5 x + \log_5 y^3)$  *product law*  
 $= \frac{1}{2} (\log_5 x + 3 \log_5 y)$  *power law*  
 $= \frac{1}{2} \log_5 x + \frac{3}{2} \log_5 y$  *simplifying*

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{1}{2} \log_5 x + \frac{3}{2} \log_5 y \quad \text{power law} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \log_5 x + \frac{3}{2} \log_5 y \quad \text{simplifying} \\
 &= \boxed{\frac{1}{2} \log_5 x + \frac{3}{2} \log_5 y}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{c) } \log \frac{100\sqrt[3]{x^4}}{y^2} &= \log 100\sqrt[3]{x^4} - \log y^2 \quad \text{quotient law} \\
 &= \log 100 + \log x^{\frac{4}{3}} - \log y^2 \quad \text{product law} \\
 \log \frac{100\sqrt[3]{x^4}}{y^2} &= 2 + \frac{4}{3} \log x - 2 \log y \quad \text{power law}
 \end{aligned}$$

### Working Example 2: Write Expressions With a Single Logarithm

Rewrite each expression using a single logarithm. State the restrictions on the variable.

- a)  $\log_2 x^3 - 4 \log_2 x - \log_2 \sqrt{x}$
- b)  $4 \log_6 y^2 + \log_6 y - \frac{2}{3} \log_6 y$
- c)  $\log(x-3) + \log(x+4)$

#### Solution

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{a) } \log_2 x^3 - 4 \log_2 x - \log_2 \sqrt{x} & \quad \text{radical to fraction exponent} \\
 &= \log_2 x^3 - \log_2 x^4 - \log_2 x^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad \text{power law} \\
 &= \log_2 \frac{x^3}{x^4 \cdot x^{\frac{1}{2}}} \quad \text{quotient law} \\
 &= \log_2 \frac{1}{x^{\frac{3}{2}}} \quad \text{exponent rules} \\
 &= \log_2 \frac{1}{x^{\frac{3}{2}}}, x > 0
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{b) } 4 \log_6 (y^2)^4 + \log_6 y - \frac{2}{3} \log_6 y & \quad \text{power law} \\
 &= \log_6 y^8 + \log_6 y - \log_6 y^{\frac{2}{3}} \\
 &= \log_6 \frac{y^8 y}{y^{\frac{2}{3}}} \quad \text{product + quotient law} \\
 &= \log_6 y^{\frac{25}{3}}, y > 0 \\
 &= \frac{25}{3} \log_6 y \quad \checkmark
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{c) } \log(x-3) + \log(x+4) & \quad \text{product law} \\
 &= \log[(x-3)(x+4)] \\
 &= \log(x^2 + x - 12), x > 3
 \end{aligned}$$

Restrictions  $x-3 > 0$   $x+4 > 0$   
 $x > 3$   $x > -4$

### Working Example 3: Evaluate Expressions With the Laws of Logarithms

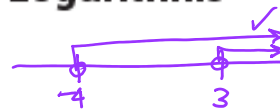
Evaluate each expression.



Evaluate each expression.

a)  $\log_4 8 + \log_4 32$

b)  $\log_6 216\sqrt[4]{36}$



**Solution**

a)  $\log_4 8 + \log_4 32$   
 $= \log_4 (8 \times 32)$  *product law*  
 $= \log_4 256$   
 $= \frac{\log 256}{\log 4}$  *common base*  
 $= \frac{4 \log 4}{\log 4}$   
 $= 4$

b)  $216 = 6^3$  and  $\sqrt[4]{36} = 6^{\frac{1}{2}}$   
Rewrite  $\log_6 216\sqrt[4]{36}$ .  
 $\log_6 216\sqrt[4]{36} = \log_6 6^3 6^{\frac{1}{2}}$  *add exponents*  
 $= \log_6 6^{3+\frac{1}{2}}$   
 $= \log_6 6^{\frac{7}{2}}$   
 $= \frac{7}{2}$   
 $= 6^{\frac{7}{2}}$

See pages 395–399 of *Pre-Calculus 12* for more examples.