

6.4 Notes: Logarithmic Functions

Algebra 2

Recall: Inverse Relations

*	(x, y) becomes (y, x)
*	Reflection across $y = x$
*	Domain of one becomes range of other

The inverse of an exponential function is a logarithmic function

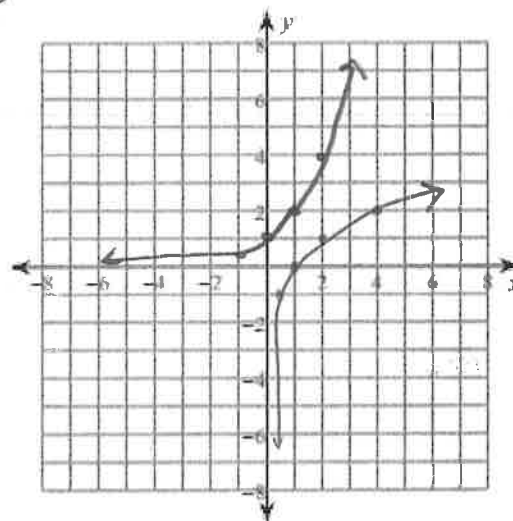
Ex. 1: Let $f(x) = 2^x$.

- Graph $f(x)$.
- Find the inverse of $f(x)$.

$$x = 2^y$$

$$\log_2 x = y$$

$$f^{-1}(x) = \log_2 x$$



- Use properties of inverses to graph $f^{-1}(x)$.
- Find the key features below of $f^{-1}(x)$.

Domain: $x \in (0, \infty)$	x-int: $(1, 0)$	Asymptote: $x = 0$
Range: $y \in \mathbb{R}$	y-int: none	End Behavior: as $x \rightarrow \infty, y \rightarrow \infty$ as $x \rightarrow 0, y \rightarrow -\infty$

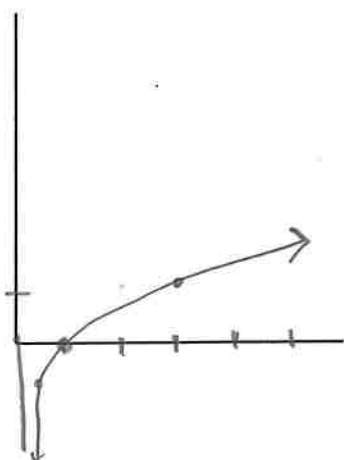
Parent Logarithmic Function:

$$y = 3^x$$

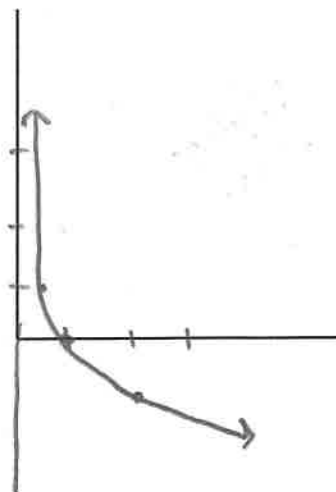
$$y = \log_3 x$$

$$y = \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^x$$

$$y = \log_{1/2} x$$



x	y
1/3	-1
1	0
3	1



x	y
2	-1
1	0
1/2	1

Transformation Form for Logarithmic Functions:

$$y = a \log_b (x-h) + k$$

vertical asymptote
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a : vertical dilation

h : horizontal translation

k : vertical translation

b : base

if $-a$, reflected over x -axis / if $-(x-h)$, reflected over y -axis

We can use transformations or a table of values to graph! You are encouraged to practice both methods.

Ex. 2: Graph $h(x) = \log_2(x+3)$.

$y = \log_2 x$

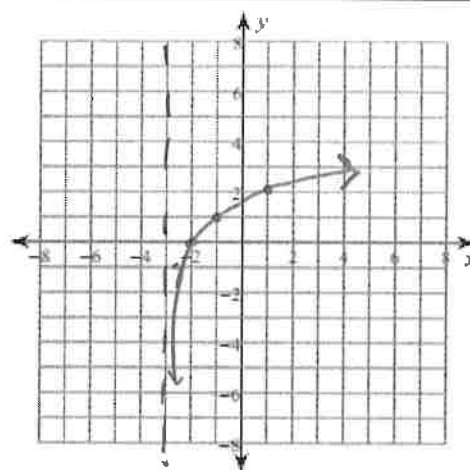
x	$1/2$	1	2	4
$h(x)$ y	-1	0	1	2

Describe the Transformations:

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Asymptote:

$$x = -3$$



Ex. 3: Graph $k(x) = \log_7(x+5)$, find $k^{-1}(x)$, and graph $k^{-1}(x)$.

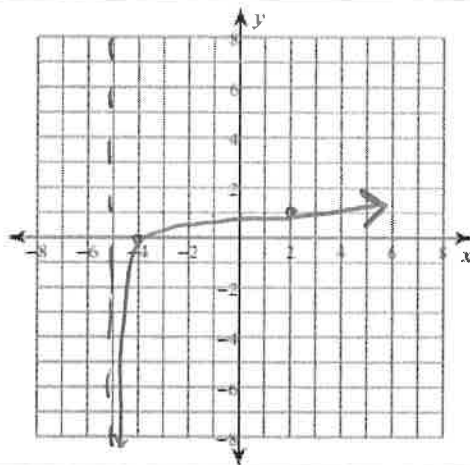
$y = \log_7 x$

x	$1/7$	1	7	49
$k(x)$ y	-1	0	1	2

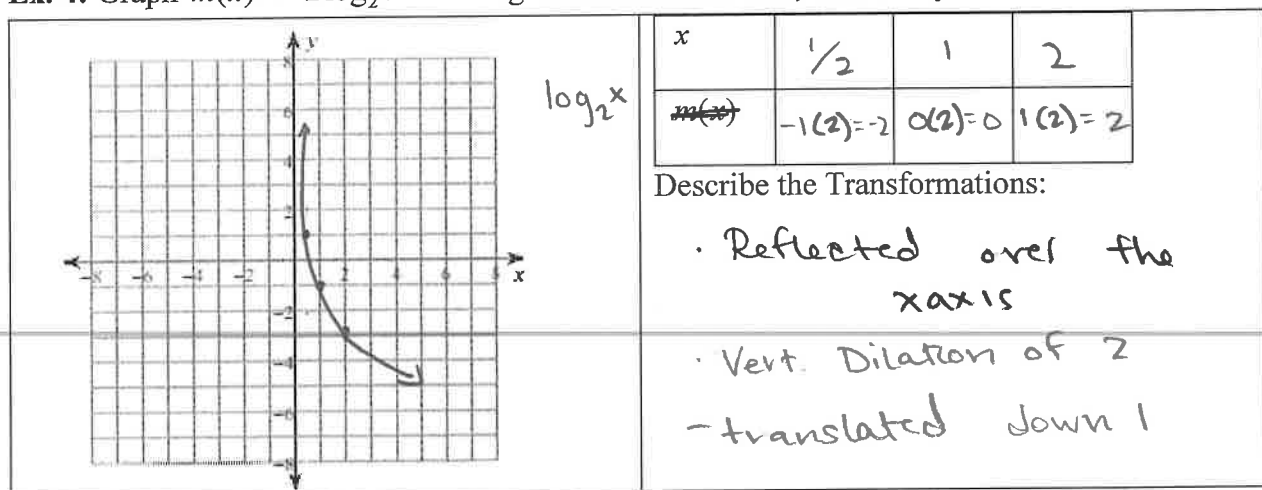
Find $k^{-1}(x)$:

$$x = \log_7(y+5)$$

$$7^x - 5 = k^{-1}(x)$$



Ex. 4: Graph $m(x) = -2\log_2 x - 1$ using transformations first, then verify with a table of values.



Ex. 5: A company relates sales revenue, R , and advertising costs, a , in dollars by:
 $R = 12\log(a+1) + 25$.

a) Find the average rate of revenue growth from an advertising cost of \$0.00 to \$99.00.

$$\begin{aligned}
 R(99) &= 12\log(99+1) + 25 \\
 &= 12\log 100 + 25 \quad (99, 49) \\
 &= 12(2) + 25 = 49
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 R(0) &= 12\log(0+1) + 25 \\
 &= 12\log(1) + 25 \quad (0, 25) \\
 &= 12(0) + 25 = 25
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{49 - 25}{99 - 0} = \frac{24}{99} = \frac{8}{33}$$

The company earns \$8
in revenue for every
\$33 in adv cost

b) Explain what the inverse equation, R^{-1} , solves for, in the context of the problem.

Adv cost based on revenue

c) Write the equation for R^{-1} .

$$a = 12\log(R+1) + 25$$

$$\frac{a-25}{12} = \log(R+1)$$

$$10^{\frac{a-25}{12}} - 1 = R^{-1}$$

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