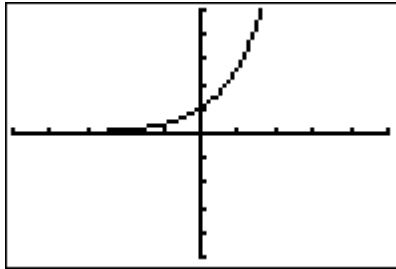


**The Natural Exponential Function:**  $f(x) = e^x$ , where  $e$  is the constant 2.718281828... and  $x$  is the variable.



X	Y1
-3	.04979
-2	.13534
-1	.36788
0	1
1	2.7183
2	7.3891
3	20.086

X = -3

**I. Evaluating the Natural Exponential Function:**

Use a calculator to evaluate the function.

1.  $f(x) = e^{6.2}$

2.  $f(x) = e^{-0.4}$

3.  $f(x) = e^{-7.1}$

**II. One To One Property: With  $e$**

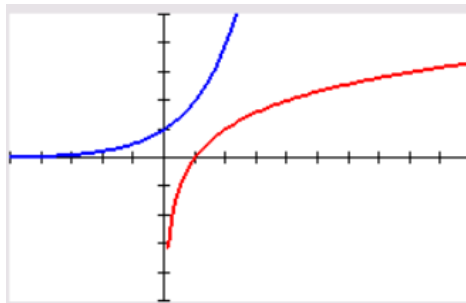
1.

2.

3.

4.

**Logarithmic Functions & Their Graphs**



(a.) Is the equation  $y=2^x$  a function? \_\_\_\_\_ Why or Why not? \_\_\_\_\_

(b.) Does the equation  $y=2^x$  have an inverse? \_\_\_\_\_ Why or Why not? \_\_\_\_\_

(c.) What is it's inverse? \_\_\_\_\_

### I. Logarithmic Function with Base $a$ :

The inverse function of every function in the form  $f(x) = a^x$  is the logarithmic function with base  $a$ .

Examples:

Logarithmic Function	Exponential Form
$\log_a x = y$	$a^y = x$
$2 = \log_3 9$	
	$16 = 4^2$
$3 = \log_2 8$	
	$125 = 5^3$

Evaluate the following logarithms.

1.  $f(x) = \log_2 32$

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

3.  $f(x) = \log_4 2$

---

### II. Common Logarithmic Function has a base of 10.

We write \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.

Evaluate with a Calculator.

1.  $\log 10$

2.  $\log\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)$

3.  $\log 2.5$

---

### III. Properties of Logarithms (log)

Examples:

1.  $\log_4 1 = x$

2.  $\log_{\sqrt{11}} \sqrt{11} = x$

1.  $\log_a 1 = 0$  because  $a^0 = 1$
2.  $\log_a a = 1$  because  $a^1 = a$
3.  $\log_a a^x = x$  because  $a^{\log_a x} = x$
4. If  $\log_a x = \log_a y$ , then  $x = y$

3.  $5^{\log_5 10} = x$

4.  $\log_5 y = \log_5 16$

5.  $\log(4 - 3x) = \log(x + 2)$

6.  $\log_3(x^2 + 4) = \log_3 29$

**VI. The Natural Logarithmic Function (ln)**  $f(x) = \log_e x = \ln x, x > 0$

**Properties of Natural Logarithms**

1.  $\ln 1 = 0$  because  $e^0 = 1$
2.  $\ln e = 1$  because  $e^1 = e$
3.  $\ln e^x = x$  and  $e^{\ln x} = x$
4. If  $\ln x = \ln y$ , then  $x = y$

**Examples:** Simplify each expression.

1.  $\ln \frac{1}{e} =$

2.  $e^{\ln 5} =$

3.  $\frac{\ln 1}{3} =$

4.  $2 \ln e =$

**V. What about  $\log_4 25 = x$  ???**

**Change-of-Base Formula:**  $\log_a x = \frac{\log x}{\log a}$

1)  $\log_4 25 = x$

2)  $\log_2 12 = x$

3)  $\ln_7 5 = x$

**PRACTICE:**

1.  $4^x = 324$

2.  $5^{2x-3} = 100$

3.  $e^x = 22$

4.  $4(3)^x = 438$

5.  $e^{x+5} = 41$

6.  $10^{3x} = 5793$

7.  $8^x = 10$

8.  $1.8^{x-5} = 19.8$

9.  $x = \log_3 12.3$

10.  $1249 = 175 e^{-0.04t}$

11.  $\ln 6.7 = \ln e^{0.21t}$

12.  $4^{1-2x} = 3$