

Math-3  
Lesson 5-4  
The Logarithm Function

Finding the Inverse: exchange the locations of 'x' and 'y' in the equation then solve for 'y'.

$$f(x) = (x - 2)^{\frac{2}{3}}$$

$$y = (x - 2)^{\frac{2}{3}}$$

$$x = (y - 2)^{\frac{2}{3}}$$

$$(x)^{\frac{3}{2}} = \left( (y - 2)^{\frac{2}{3}} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}}$$

$$x^{\frac{3}{2}} = y - 2$$

$$y = x^{\frac{3}{2}} + 2$$

$$f^{-1}(x) = x^{\frac{3}{2}} + 2$$

## Domain, Range, and Inverse Functions

Domain: The input values (that have corresponding outputs)

Range: The output values (that have corresponding inputs)

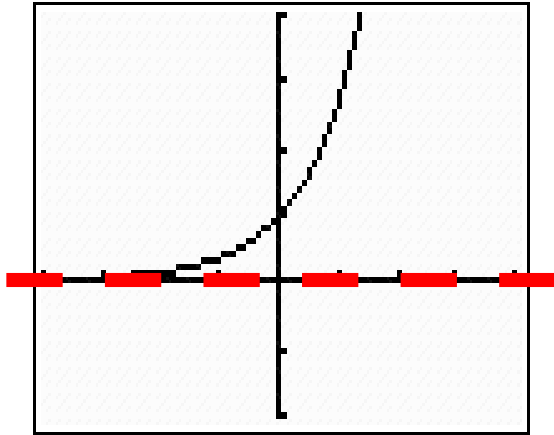
Inverse of a Function: A function resulting from an “exchange” of the inputs and outputs.

$f(x) : \textit{Domain}, \textit{Range}$

$f^{-1}(x) : \text{Domain} = \text{range of } f(x)$

$\text{Range} = \text{domain of } f(x)$

## Exponential Function



$$f(x) = 10^x$$

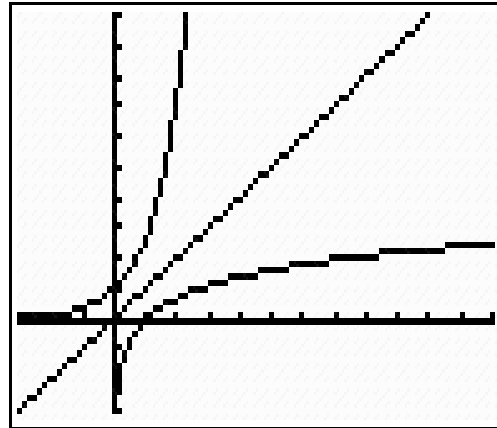
Domain = ?  $(-\infty, \infty)$

Range = ?  $(0, \infty)$

Horizontal asymptote = ?

$$y = 0$$

## Inverse Functions



$$f^{-1}(x) = \log_{10}(x)$$

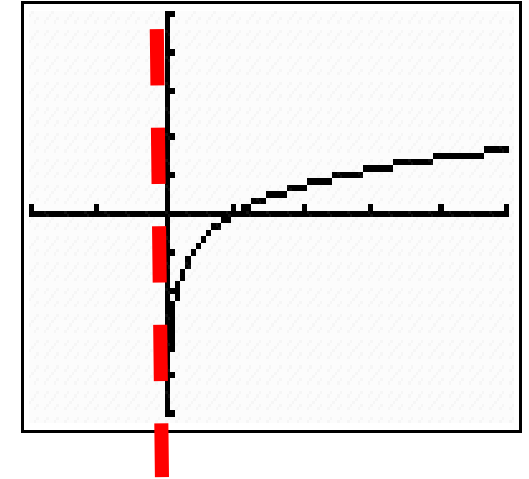
Domain = ?  $(0, \infty)$

Range = ?  $(-\infty, \infty)$

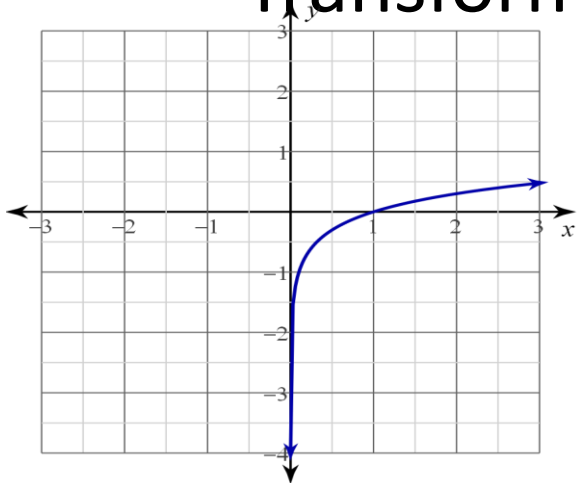
Vertical asymptote = ?

$$x = 0$$

## Logarithm Function



# Transformations of the Log Function



$$f(x) = \log x$$

Domain = ?  $(0, \infty)$

Range = ?  $(-\infty, \infty)$

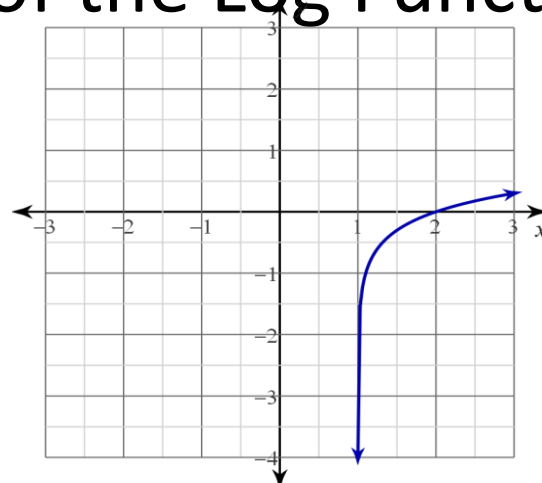
vertical asymptote = ?  
 $x = 0$

X-intercept = ?

$$x = 1$$

Where increasing = ?

$$(0, \infty)$$



$$g(x) = \log(x - 1)$$

Right 1 shift

Domain = ?  $(1, \infty)$

Range = ?  $(-\infty, \infty)$

asymptote = ?  $x = 1$

Logarand

$$g(x) = 3 \log(2x - 1) + 5$$

Logarand

Vertical Asymptote: The value of 'x' that makes the logarand equal to zero.

Vertical asymptote = ?       $2x - 1 = 0$

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

## Evaluating Logs on your calculator

$$\log 8 = ?$$

Push buttons:

$$\boxed{\log} \boxed{8)} \boxed{=} \quad 0.903089987$$

$$\ln 10 = ?$$

Push buttons:

$$\boxed{\ln} \boxed{10)} \boxed{=} \quad 2.302585093$$

$$\boxed{\log 0 = ?}$$

**error**

Why?

Only input values  $x = (0, \infty)$   
have corresponding outputs.

$$\boxed{\log(-3) = ?}$$

**error**

Why?

-3 is not in the “domain” of  
the function.

# Transformations of the Log Function

$$f(x) = \log x$$

$$g(x) = 2 \log(x + 1) - 3$$

$$\text{VSF} = 2$$

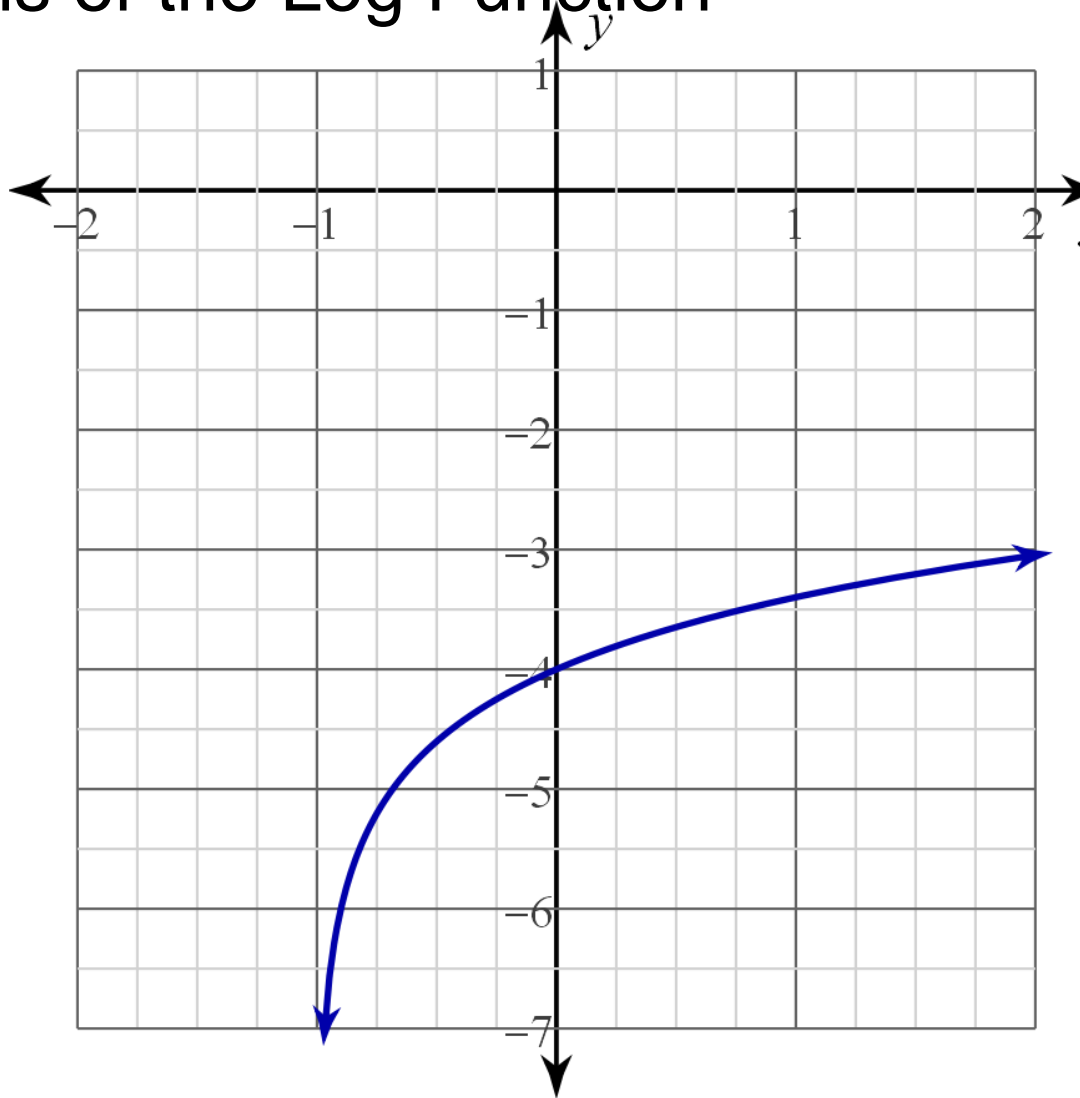
left 1 translation

Down 3 translation

$$\underline{\text{Domain}} = ? \quad x = (-1, \infty)$$

$$\underline{\text{Range}} = ? \quad (-\infty, \infty)$$

$$\underline{\text{Asymptote}} = ? \quad x = -1$$





$$f(x) = \log x$$

$$g(x) = -3 \log(x - 2) + 1$$

Reflected  $\rightarrow$  x-axis

VSF = 3

Right 2 translation

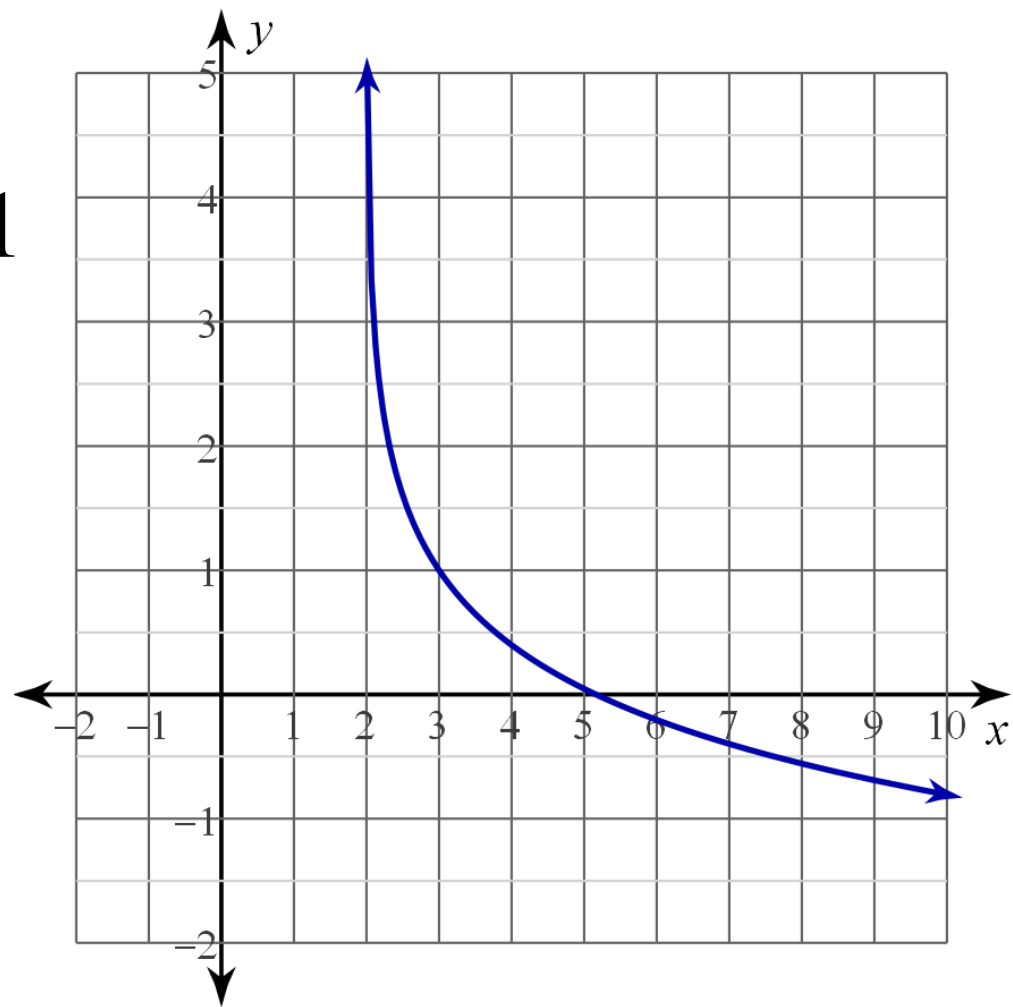
Up 1 translation

Domain = ?  $x = (2, \infty)$

Range = ?  $(-\infty, \infty)$

Asymptote = ?  $x = 2$

NOT exponential (has a vertical asymptote, does NOT have a horizontal asymptote).



## What is a logarithm?

A logarithm is another way of writing an exponent.

$$2^x = 8$$

$x$  is the exponent

$$\log_2 8 = x$$

Log = exponent

Both of these equations are saying the same thing:

“2 raised to what power is 8?”


Exponential  
Form

$$\square^{\square} = \square$$

Logarithm  
Form

$$\text{Log}_{\square} \square = \square$$

$$2^3 = 8$$

base 


“base 2 raised to the  
3<sup>rd</sup> is 8”

$$3^x = 9$$

What exponent of 3  
equals 9?

$$x = 2$$

$$\log_2 8 = 3$$

base 

“log base 2 of 8 is 3”

$$\log_3 9 = x$$

What exponent of 3  
equals 9?

$$\square^{\square} = \square$$

$$\text{Log}_{\square} \square = \square$$

What is the solution?

$$x = 2$$

$$5^x = 25$$

Convert to logarithm form

$$\log_5 25 = x$$

$$x = 3$$

$$4^x = 64$$

$$\log_4 64 = x$$

$$x = ???$$

$$b^x = y$$

$$\log_b y = x$$

$$x = 2$$

$$9^x = 81$$

$$\log_9 81 = x$$

$$x = 3$$

$$10^x = 1000$$

$$\log_{10} 1000 = x$$

$$\text{Log} \begin{array}{c} \square \\ \square \end{array} = \square$$

$$\square^{\square} = \square$$

What is the solution?

Convert to exponential form

$$x = 2 \quad \log_{10} 100 = x$$

$$10^x = 100$$

$$x = 3 \quad \log_3 27 = x$$

$$3^x = 27$$

$$x = 0 \quad \log_9 1 = x$$

$$9^x = 1$$

$$x = 16 \quad \log_4 x = 2$$

$$4^2 = x$$

$$x = 32 \quad \log_2 x = 5$$

$$2^5 = x$$

Common Logarithm: has a base of 10.

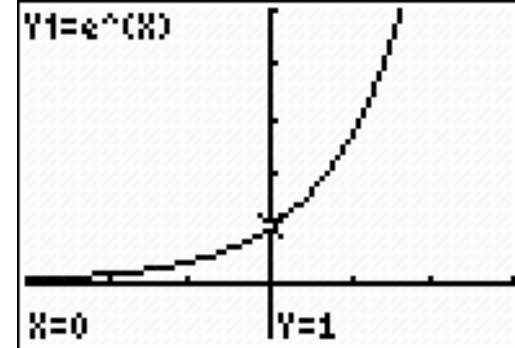
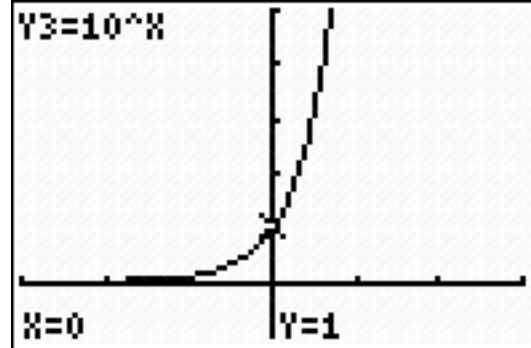
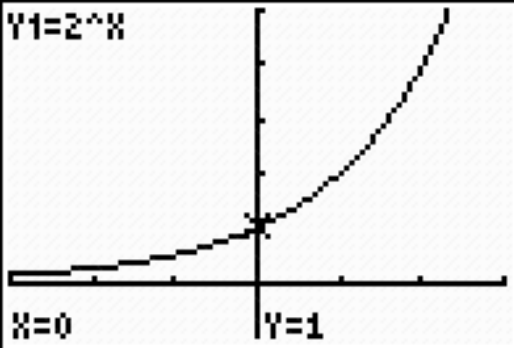
$$\log_{10} 100 = x$$

We usually write it in this form:  $\log 100 = x$

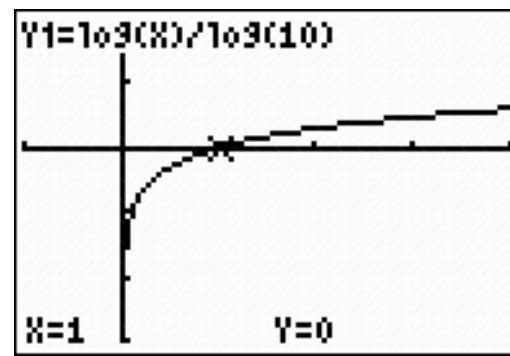
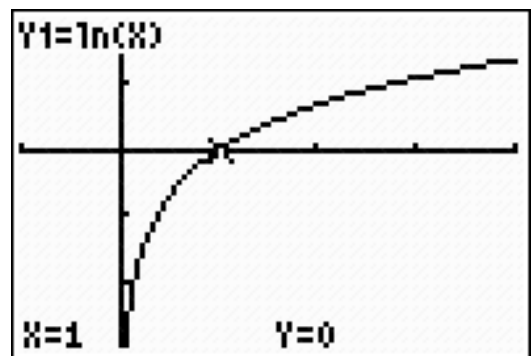
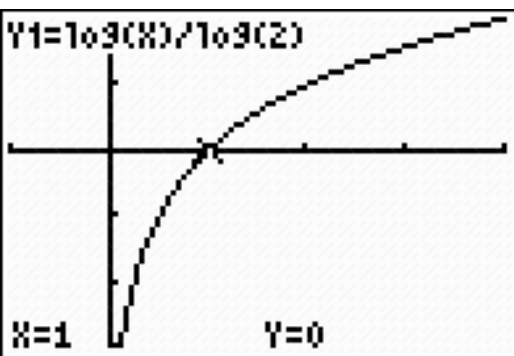
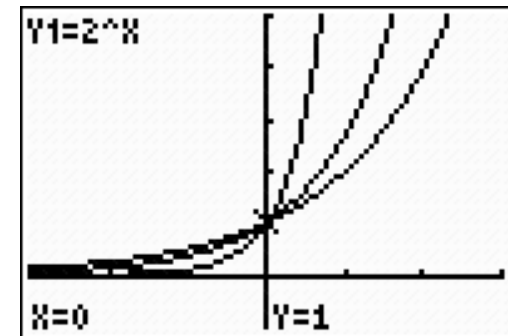
Natural Logarithm: has a base of e.

$$\log_e 2.718 = 1$$

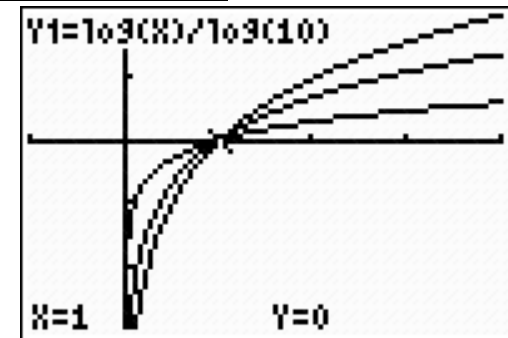
We always write it in this form:  $\ln 2.718 = 1$



Base increasing: →



Base increasing: →



What is the base?

$$\log_2 8 = x$$

$$\ln 5 = x$$

$$\log 20 = x$$

What is the Solution?

$$\frac{1}{100} = \log_{10}(x)$$

$$x = -2$$

$$x = \log_2 \sqrt{2}$$

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

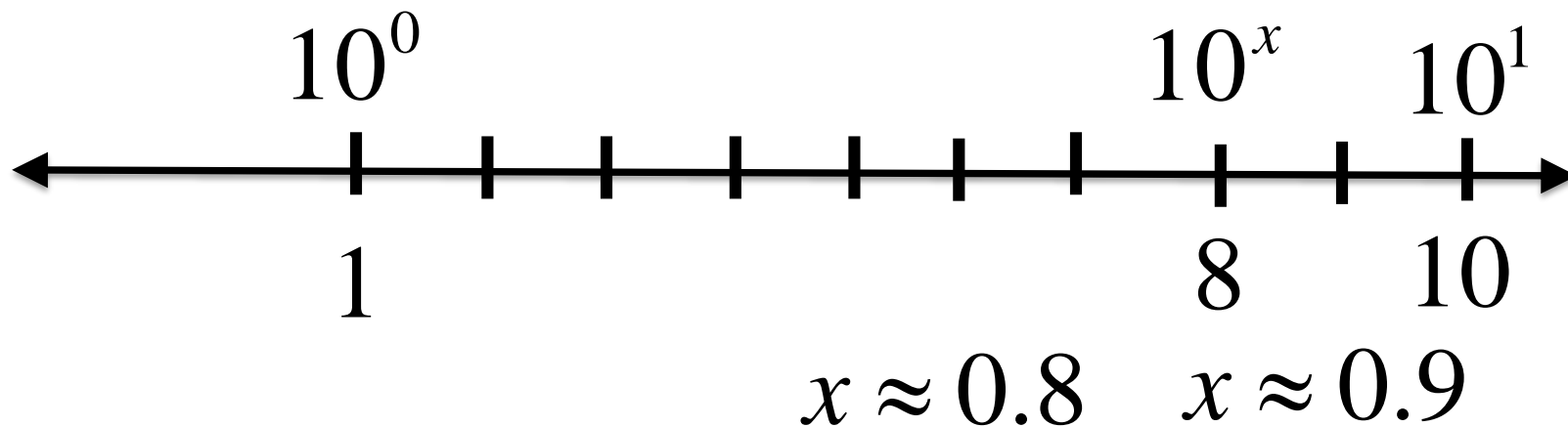
$$x = \log_5 \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{5}}$$

$$x = -\frac{1}{3}$$



Estimate the value of the log:  $\log(8)$

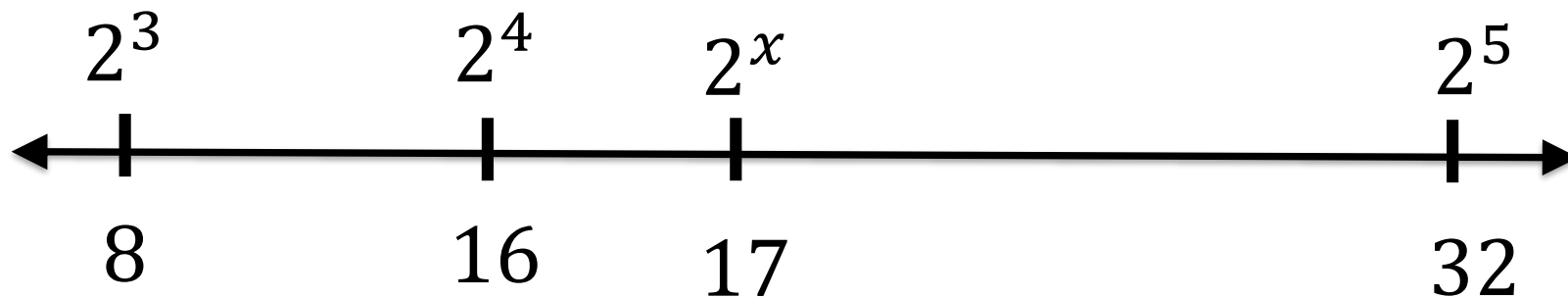
$$\log 8 = x \quad 10^x = 8$$



Find  $\log 8$  on your calculator.  $\log 8 = 0.903$

Estimate the value of the log:  $\log_2 17$

$$\log_2 17 = x \rightarrow 2^x = 17$$



$$x \approx 4.1 ?$$

Find  $\log_2 17$  on your calculator.  $\log_2 17 = 4.09$

Estimate the value of the log (without using your calculator)

$$\log_3 30$$

$$\log_5 30$$

$$\log_6 30$$

Finding the Inverse  $f^{-1}(x) = ?$

$$f(x) = 3^x \quad \text{Shift 'x' and 'y'}$$

$$x = 3^y \quad \text{"Undo the Exponential" (Convert it to a log)}$$

"A log is an exponent"

$$y = \log_3 x$$

$$\boxed{f^{-1}(x) = \log_3 x}$$

Finding the Inverse  $f^{-1}(x) = ?$

$$f(x) = (3)^{x-1} + 2 \quad \text{Shift 'x' and 'y'}$$

$$x = (3)^{y-1} + 2 \quad \text{"isolate" the exponential}$$

$$x - 2 = (3)^{y-1} \quad \text{"Undo the Exponential" (Convert it to a log)}$$

"A log is an exponent"

$$y - 1 = \log_3(x - 2)$$

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

$$f^{-1}(x) = \log_3(x - 2) + 1$$

# Finding the Inverse $f^{-1}(x) = ?$

$$f(x) = (3)^{x-1} + 2 \quad f^{-1}(x) = \log_3(x-2) + 1$$

**Right 1 → up 2**

**Right 2 → up 1**

Finding the Inverse  $f^{-1}(x) = ?$

$$f(x) = 2\log_2(x+1) \quad \text{Shift 'x' and 'y'}$$

$$x = 2\log_2(y+1) \quad \text{"Isolate the log"}$$

$$\frac{x}{2} = \log_2(y+1) \quad \text{"Undo the log" (Convert it to an exponential)}$$

"A log is an exponent"

$$y+1 = 2^{x/2}$$

$$y = 2^{x/2} - 1 \quad f^{-1}(x) = 2^{x/2} - 1$$