

# LOGARITHM FUNCTIONS

## A NATURAL LOGARITHM FUNCTION

### A.1 DETERMINING DOMAINS OF LOGARITHMIC FUNCTIONS

**MCQ 1:** What is the domain of the function  $f(x) = \ln(x+1)$ ?

- ☐  $(-\infty, \infty)$
- ☐  $(-\infty, -1]$
- ☐  $(-1, \infty)$
- ☐  $[0, \infty)$

**MCQ 2:** Find the domain of the function  $f : x \mapsto \ln(2-x)$ .

- ☐  $\mathbb{R}$
- ☐  $[-2, +\infty)$
- ☐  $(2, +\infty)$
- ☐  $(-\infty, 2)$

**MCQ 3:** Find the domain of the function  $f : x \mapsto \ln(2x-6)$ .

- ☐  $\mathbb{R}$
- ☐  $[3, +\infty)$
- ☐  $(3, +\infty)$
- ☐  $(-\infty, 3)$

**MCQ 4:** Find the domain of the function  $f : x \mapsto \ln(9-3x)$ .

- ☐  $\mathbb{R}$
- ☐  $[3, +\infty)$
- ☐  $(3, +\infty)$
- ☐  $(-\infty, 3)$

**MCQ 5:** What is the domain of the function  $f(x) = \ln(x^2+1)$ ?

- ☐  $(-\infty, \infty)$
- ☐  $(-\infty, 0) \cup (0, \infty)$
- ☐  $(-1, 1)$
- ☐  $[-1, 1]$

**MCQ 6:** What is the domain of the function  $f(x) = \ln(-x^2 + 3x - 2)$ ?

- ☐  $(-\infty, \infty)$
- ☐  $(-\infty, 1] \cup [2, \infty)$
- ☐  $(1, 2)$
- ☐  $[1, 2]$

### A.2 CALCULATING $f(x)$

**Ex 7:** For  $f : x \mapsto 3 \ln(x)$ , find in simplest form:

1.  $f(1) = \square$
2.  $f(e) = \square$

**Ex 8:** For  $f : x \mapsto \frac{1}{1+\ln(x)}$ , find in simplest form:

1.  $f(1) = \square$
2.  $f(e) = \square$

**Ex 9:** For  $f : x \mapsto x \ln(x+1)$ , find in simplest form:

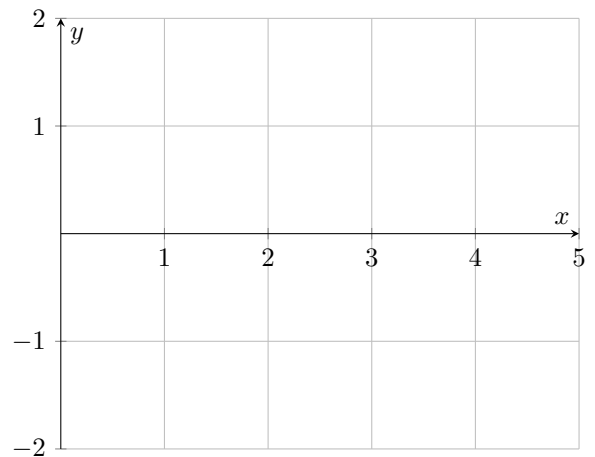
1.  $f(0) = \square$
2.  $f(1) = \square$

### A.3 PLOTTING GRAPHS OF THE NATURAL LOGARITHM

**Ex 10:** Here is a table of values for the function  $f(x) = \ln(x)$ :

$x$	0.2	0.5	1	2	5
$\ln(x)$	-1.61	-0.69	0	0.69	1.61

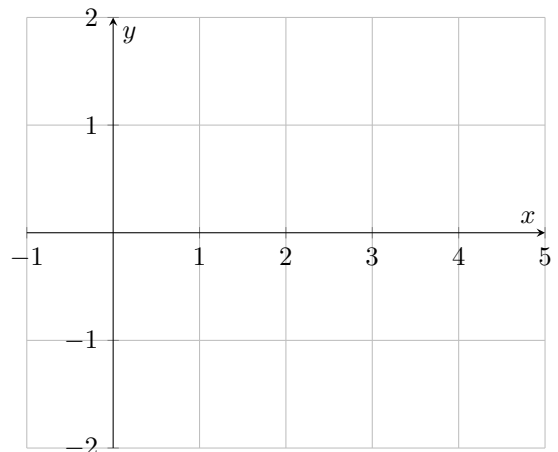
Plot the graph of the function.



**Ex 11:** Here is a table of values for the function  $f(x) = \ln(1+x)$ :

$x$	-0.8	-0.5	0	1	4
$\ln(1+x)$	-1.61	-0.69	0	0.69	1.61

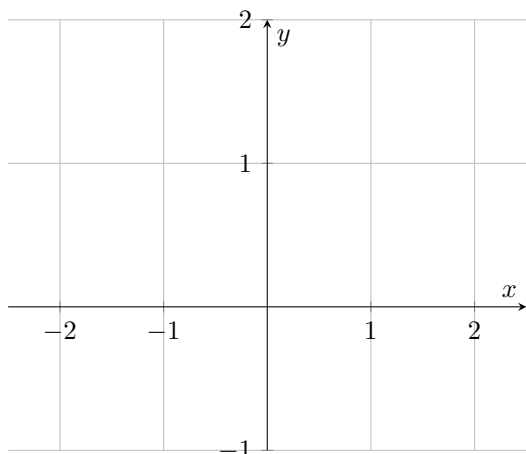
Plot the graph of the function.



**Ex 12:** Here is a table of values for the function  $f(x) = \ln(1 + x^2)$ :

$x$	-2	-1	-0.5	0	0.5	1	2
$\ln(1 + x^2)$	1.61	0.69	0.22	0	0.22	0.69	1.61

Plot the graph of the function.



#### A.4 FINDING INVERSE FUNCTIONS

**Ex 13:** For  $f : x \mapsto 3 \ln(x)$ , find the inverse function:

$$f^{-1}(x) = \boxed{\phantom{000}}$$

**Ex 14:** For  $f : x \mapsto \ln(x + 2) - 3$ , find the inverse function:

$$f^{-1}(x) = \boxed{\phantom{000}}$$

#### A.5 FINDING ASYMPTOTES

**Ex 15:** For the function  $f(x) = \ln(x - 3)$ , find the equation of the vertical asymptote:

$$x = \boxed{\phantom{000}}$$

**Ex 16:** For the function  $f(x) = 3 \ln(x^2) - 1$ , find the equation of the vertical asymptote:

$$x = \boxed{\phantom{000}}$$

**Ex 17:** For the function  $f(x) = \ln(e^x - 1)$ , find the equation of the vertical asymptote:

$$x = \boxed{\phantom{000}}$$

#### A.6 FINDING $f(g(x))$

**Ex 18:** For the function  $f(x) = e^x$  and  $g(x) = \ln(x - 3)$ , find and simplify:

$$(f \circ g)(x) = \boxed{\phantom{000}}$$

**Ex 19:** For the function  $f(x) = \ln(x)$  and  $g(x) = x^2 + 4$ , find and simplify:

$$(f \circ g)(x) = \boxed{\phantom{000}}$$

**Ex 20:** For the function  $f(x) = \ln(x)$  and  $g(x) = e^{2x}$ , find and simplify:

$$(g \circ f)(x) = \boxed{\phantom{000}}$$

#### A.7 ANALYZING LOGARITHMIC FUNCTIONS



**Ex 21:** For the function  $f(x) = \ln(x - 3)$ :

1. Find the domain and range.
2. Find any asymptotes and axes intercepts.
3. Sketch the graph of  $y = f(x)$ , showing all important features.
4. Solve  $f(x) = -1$  algebraically and check the solution on your graph.
5. Find the inverse function  $f^{-1}$ .




**Ex 22:** For the function  $f : x \mapsto 2 - \ln(x - 1)$ :

1. Find the domain and range.
2. Find any asymptotes and axes intercepts.
3. Sketch the graph of  $y = f(x)$ , showing all important features.
4. Solve  $f(x) = -1$  algebraically and check the solution on your graph.
5. Find the inverse function  $f^{-1}$ .

4. Solve  $f(x) = 4$  algebraically and check the solution on your graph.
5. Find the inverse function  $f^{-1}$ , for  $x \geq 1$

## B LOGARITHMIC FUNCTION IN BASE $a$

### B.1 DETERMINING DOMAINS OF LOGARITHMIC FUNCTIONS

**Ex 23:**  For the function  $f(x) = (\ln(x))^2$ :

1. Find the domain and range.
2. Find any asymptotes and axes intercepts.
3. Sketch the graph of  $y = f(x)$ , showing all important features.

**MCQ 24:** Find the domain of the function  $f : x \mapsto \log_2(x-4)$ .

- ☐  $\mathbb{R}$
- ☐  $[-4, +\infty)$
- ☐  $(4, +\infty)$
- ☐  $(-\infty, 4)$

**MCQ 25:** Find the domain of the function  $f : x \mapsto \log_5(2 - x)$ .

- ☐  $\mathbb{R}$
- ☐  $[-2, +\infty)$
- ☐  $(2, +\infty)$
- ☐  $(-\infty, 2)$

**MCQ 26:** Find the domain of the function  $f : x \mapsto \log(2x - 6)$ .

- ☐  $\mathbb{R}$
- ☐  $[3, +\infty)$
- ☐  $(3, +\infty)$
- ☐  $(-\infty, 3)$

**MCQ 27:** Find the domain of the function  $f : x \mapsto \log_{10}(9 - 3x)$ .

- ☐  $\mathbb{R}$
- ☐  $[3, +\infty)$
- ☐  $(3, +\infty)$
- ☐  $(-\infty, 3)$

**B.2 CALCULATING  $f(x)$**

**Ex 28:** For  $f : x \mapsto 3 \log(x)$ , find in simplest form:

- 1.  $f(1) = \square$
- 2.  $f(10) = \square$

**Ex 29:** For  $f : x \mapsto \frac{1}{1 + \log_2(x)}$ , find in simplest form:

- 1.  $f(1) = \square$
- 2.  $f(2) = \square$

**Ex 30:** For  $f : x \mapsto x \log(x + 1)$ , find in simplest form:

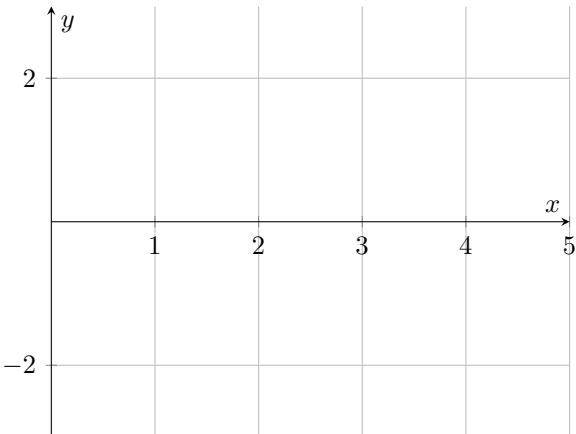
- 1.  $f(0) = \square$
- 2.  $f(1) = \square$

**B.3 PLOTTING LOGARITHMIC GRAPHS**

**Ex 31:** Here is a table of values for the function  $f(x) = \log_2(x)$ :

$x$	0.25	0.5	1	2	4
$\log_2(x)$	-2	-1	0	1	2

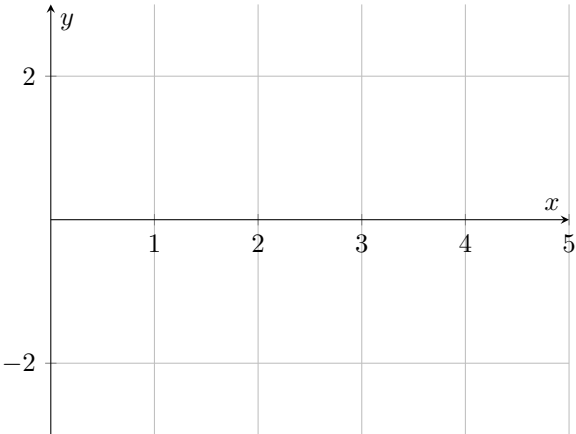
Plot the graph of the function.



**Ex 32:** Here is a table of values for the function  $f(x) = \log_{0.5}(x)$ :

$x$	0.25	0.5	1	2	4
$\log_{0.5}(x)$	2	1	0	-1	-2

Plot the graph of the function.



**B.4 FINDING INVERSE FUNCTIONS**

**Ex 33:** For  $f : x \mapsto \log_2(x - 1)$ , find the inverse function:

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

**Ex 34:** For  $f : x \mapsto 5 \log_3(2x)$ , find the inverse function:

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

**B.5 FINDING ASYMPTOTES**

**Ex 35:** For the function  $f(x) = \log_3(x - 3)$ , find the equation of the vertical asymptote:

$x = \square$

**Ex 36:** For the function  $f(x) = \log_2(x + 1)$ , find the equation of the vertical asymptote:

$x = \square$

**B.6 FINDING  $f(g(x))$**

**Ex 37:** For the function  $f(x) = \log_2(x)$  and  $g(x) = 4^x$ , find and simplify:

$(f \circ g)(x) = \square$

**Ex 38:** For the function  $f(x) = 2^x$  and  $g(x) = \log_4(x)$ , find and simplify:

$(f \circ g)(x) = \square$



## B.7 ANALYZING LOGARITHMIC FUNCTIONS



**Ex 39:** For the function  $f(x) = \log_2(x - 3)$ :

1. Find the domain and range.
2. Find any asymptotes and axes intercepts.
3. Sketch the graph of  $y = f(x)$ , showing all important features.
4. Solve  $f(x) = -1$  algebraically and check the solution on your graph.
5. Find the inverse function  $f^{-1}$ .

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**Ex 40:** For the function  $f(x) = 2 - \log_3(x - 1)$ :