

7-3 Day 2: Logarithmic Functions and

Inverses Objectives: 1. Convert from exponential to log. form.
2. Evaluate logs.

Exponential Form: $\xleftrightarrow{\text{CONVERSION}}$ Logarithmic Form:

$$b^x = y \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad \log_b y = x$$

$$y = b^x \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad x = \log_b y$$

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Ex. Write in logarithmic form:

1.) $25 = 5^2$

$$\log_5 25 = 2$$

2.) $3^{-2} = 1/9$

$$\log_3 \frac{1}{9} = -2$$

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Ex. Write in exponential form:

$$3.) \log_2 128 = 7 \quad 2^7 = 128$$

$$4.) \log_{1/3} 1/27 = 3 \quad \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^3 = \frac{1}{27}$$

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Evaluate logs:

Before we get to the logs.....

Solve for x.

$$1.) \quad 2^x = 8$$

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$$2^x = 2^3$$

$$x = 3$$

$$2.) \quad 81^x = 27$$

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{rewrite} \\ \text{with base} \\ \text{of 3.} \end{array} \right.$

$$3^{4x} = 3^3$$

$$4x = 3$$

$$x = \frac{3}{4}$$

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Ex. Evaluate each log:

$$5.) \log_3 729 = \boxed{6}$$

Convert into
exponential form

$$3^x = 729$$

$$3^x = 3^6$$

$$x = 6$$

$$6.) \log_{25} 5 = \boxed{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$25^x = 5$$

$$5^{2x} = 5^1$$

$$2x = 1$$

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

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Ex. Evaluate each log:

$$7.) \log_8 32 = \boxed{\frac{5}{3}}$$

$$8^x = 32$$

$$2^{3x} = 2^5$$

$$3x = 5$$

$$x = \frac{5}{3}$$

$$8.) \log_{64} 1/32 = \boxed{-\frac{5}{6}}$$

$$64^x = \frac{1}{32}$$

$$2^{6x} = 2^{-5}$$

$$6x = -5$$

$$x = -\frac{5}{6}$$

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Common Log (log base 10):

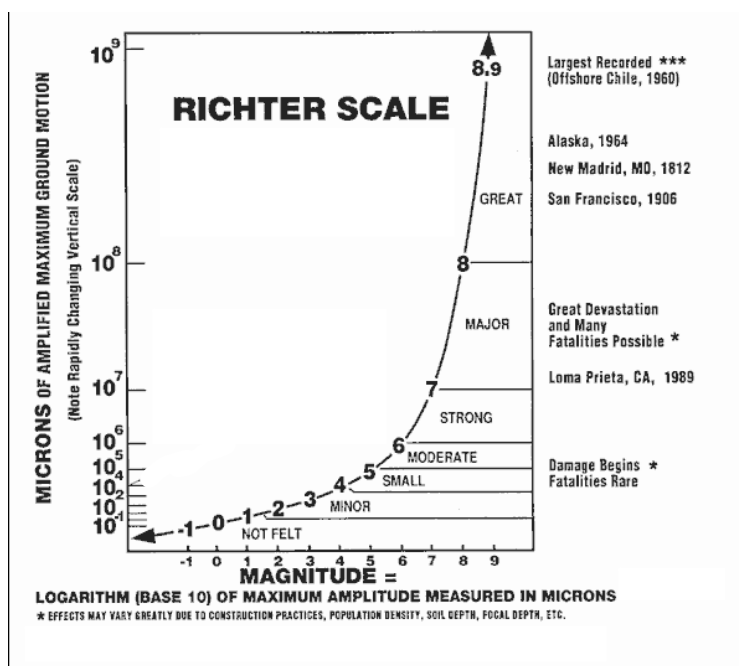
$$\log a = x$$



A **common logarithm** is a logarithm with base 10. You can write a common logarithm $\log_{10}x$ simply as $\log x$, without showing the 10.

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Many measurements of physical phenomena have such a wide range of values that the reported measurements are logarithms (exponents) of the values, not the values themselves. When you use the logarithm of a quantity instead of the quantity, you are using a **logarithmic scale**. The Richter scale is a logarithmic scale. It gives logarithmic measurements of earthquake magnitude.



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The formula $\log \frac{I_1}{I_2} = M_1 - M_2$ compares the intensity levels of earthquakes where I is the intensity level determined by a seismograph, and M is the magnitude on a Richter scale.

Ex.

In 1995, an earthquake in Mexico registered 8.0 on the Richter scale. In 2001, an earthquake of magnitude 6.8 shook Washington state. How many times more intense was the 1995 earthquake than the 2001 earthquake?

$$\log \frac{I_1}{I_2} = 8.0 - 6.8$$

$$\log_{10} \frac{I_1}{I_2} = 1.2$$

$$10^{1.2} = \frac{I_1}{I_2}$$

$$15.85 = \frac{I_1}{I_2}$$

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HW:

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