

Unit 8: Logarithmic Functions

8.2 Transformations of Logarithmic Functions

Vertically stretch by a factor of $|a|$ about the x-axis. Reflect in the x-axis if $a < 0$.

Vertically translate k units.

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

Horizontally stretch by a factor of $\left|\frac{1}{b}\right|$ about the y-axis. Reflect in the y-axis if $b < 0$.

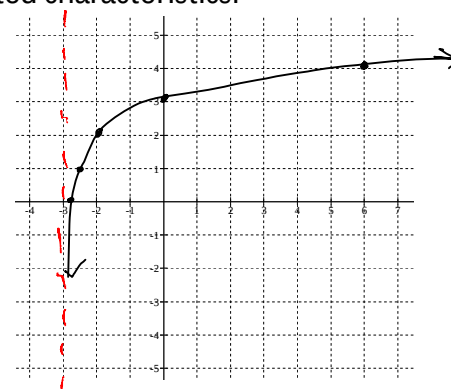
Horizontally translate h units.

Ex. Sketch the graph of $y = \log_3(x + 3) + 2$ and identify the requested characteristics.

$y = \log_3 x$

x	y
$\frac{1}{9}$	-2
$\frac{1}{3}$	-1
1	0
3	1
9	2

$x-3$	$y+2$
$-\frac{2}{9}$	0
$-\frac{2}{3}$	1
-2	2
0	3
6	4



Domain $\{x \mid x > -3, x \in \mathbb{R}\}$

Asymptote $x = -3$

$x+3 > 0$

Range

$\{y \mid y \in \mathbb{R}\}$

Intercepts

$y\text{-int} = 3$

$x\text{-int} = -\frac{26}{9}$

$$\begin{aligned} y &= \log_3(0+3) + 2 \\ &= 1 + 2 \\ &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

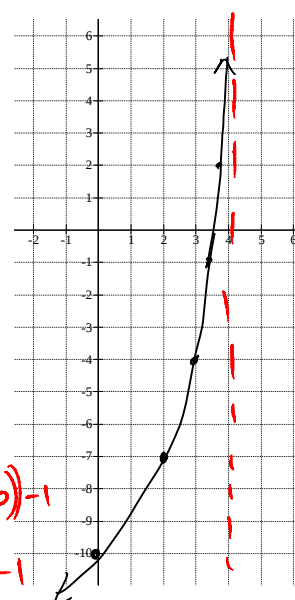
$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \log_3(x+3) + 2 \\ -2 &= \log_3(x+3) \\ 3^{-2} &= x+3 \\ \frac{1}{9} - 3 &= x \end{aligned}$$

Ex. Sketch the graph of $y = 3\log_{1/2}(8 - 2x) - 1$ and identify the requested characteristics.

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

x	y
$\frac{1}{4}$	2
$\frac{1}{2}$	1
1	0
2	-1
4	-2
8	-3
16	-4

$-2(x-4)$	$3y-1$
$-\frac{1}{2}x + 2$	
$\frac{37}{8}$	5
$\frac{33}{4}$	2
$3\frac{1}{2}$	-1
3	-4
2	-7
0	-10



Domain $\{x \mid x < 4, x \in \mathbb{R}\}$

Asymptote $x = 4$

$-2x > 0$

$-2x > -8$

Range

$\{y \mid y \in \mathbb{R}\}$

Intercepts

$x\text{-int} = 3.6$

$y\text{-int} = -10$

$$0 = 3\log_{1/2}(8 - 2x) - 1$$

$$\frac{1}{3} = \log_{1/2}(8 - 2x)$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{1/3} = 8 - 2x$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{1/3} - 8 = -2x$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{2}} - 8 = -2x$$

$$\begin{aligned} y &= 3\log_{1/2}(8 - 2(0)) - 1 \\ &= 3\log_{1/2}(8) - 1 \\ &= 3(-3) - 1 \\ &= -10 \end{aligned}$$

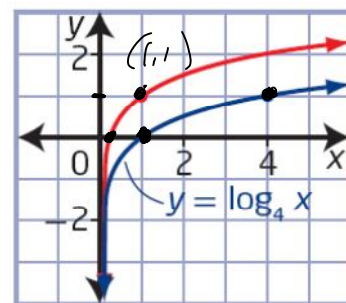
Ex. The red graph can be generated by stretching the blue graph of $y = \log_4 x$. Write the equation that describes the red graph.

x -int changed
 $\therefore$ horizontal stretch

$(4, 1) \rightarrow (1, 1)$
 $\times \frac{1}{4}$

$y = \log_4(4x)$

$y = \log_4(bx)$
 $1 = \log_4(b(1))$
 $4^1 = b$

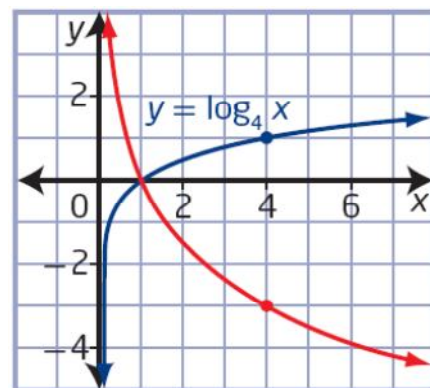


Ex. The red graph can be generated by stretching and reflecting the graph of $y = \log_4 x$. Write the equation that describes the red graph.

x -int same
 $\therefore$ vertical stretch

$(4, 1) \rightarrow (4, -3)$
 $\times -3$

$y = -3 \log_4 x$



Ex. Welding is the most common way to permanently join metal parts together. Welders wear helmets fitted with a filter shade to protect their eyes from the intense light and radiation produced by a welding light. The filter shade number, N , is defined by the function $N = \frac{7(-\log T)}{3} + 1$, where T is the fraction of visible light that passes through the filter. Shade numbers range from 2 to 14, with a lens shade number of 14 allowing the least amount of light to pass through. The correct filter shade depends on the type of welding. A shade number 12 is suggested for arc welding. What fraction of visible light is passed through the filter to the welder, as a percent to the nearest ten thousandth?

$$12 = \frac{7(-\log T)}{3} + 1$$

$$11 = \frac{7(-\log T)}{3}$$

$$33 = -7 \log T$$

$$\frac{33}{-7} = \log T$$

$$10^{-33/7} = T \approx 1.93 \times 10^{-5}$$

$$0.0000193 = 0.0019\%$$