

**Useful Guidelines:**

\* The logarithmic function to the base  $a$ , where  $a > 0$  and  $a \neq 1$ :  $y = \log_a x$  if and only if  $x = a^y$ ;

\* Properties of the logarithmic Function  $y = \log_a x$  (where  $a > 0$  and  $a \neq 1$ ):

- (1) Domain: the interval  $(0, \infty)$ ; Range: the interval  $(-\infty, \infty)$ ;
- (2)  $x$ -intercepts: 1;  $y$ -intercept: none;
- (3) Vertical asymptote:  $x = 0$ ;
- (4)  $f(x) = \log_a x, a > 1$ , is an increasing, one-to-one, smooth and continuous function;  
 $f(x) = \log_a x, 0 < a < 1$ , is a decreasing, one-to-one, smooth and continuous function;
- (5) The points  $(1,0), (a,1)$ , and  $(\frac{1}{a}, -1)$  are always on the graph of  $f$ .

\* Natural logarithm function:  $y = \log_e x = \ln x$  if and only if  $x = e^y$ .

\* Common logarithm function:  $y = \log x$  if and only if  $x = 10^y$ .

*no graph*  
 $y = 10^a x$   
 $a^y = x$

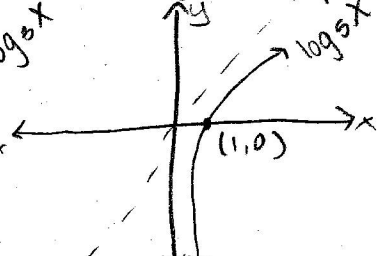
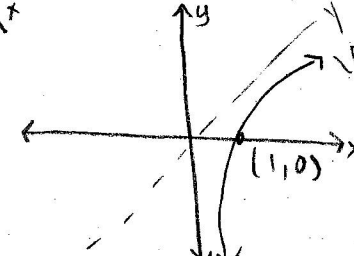
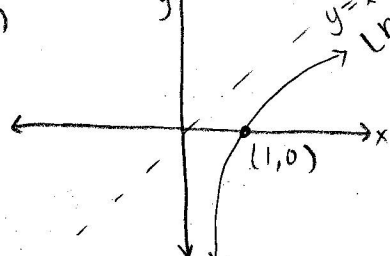
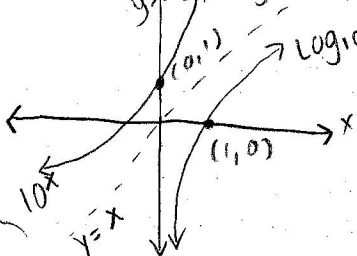
1. Graph each logarithmic function.

a)  $y = \log x = \log_{10}(x)$

b)  $y = \ln x = \log_e(x)$

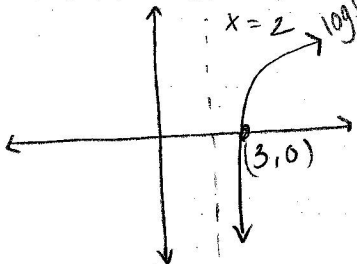
c)  $y = \log_3 x$

d)  $y = \log_5 x$



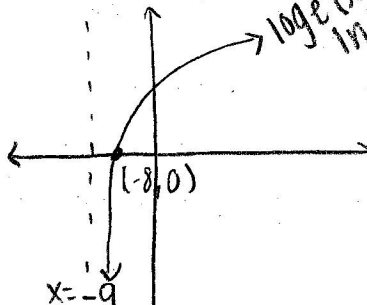
2. Use transformations to graph each function. Determine the domain, range, and vertical asymptote of each function.

a)  $f(x) = \log(x-2)$



$d: (2, \infty)$   
 $r: (-\infty, \infty)$   
 $va: x=2$

b)  $y = \ln(x+9)$



$d: (-9, \infty)$   
 $r: (-\infty, \infty)$   
 $va: x=-9$

3. Solve each equation.

a)  $\log_3 x = 4$

$x = (3)^4$   
 $x = 81$

c)  $\ln x = 3$

$\log_e(x) = 3$   
 $x = e^3$

e)  $e^{2x} = 5$

$\log_e(e^{2x}) = \log_e(5)$   
 $2x \log_e(e) = \log_e(5)$   
 $2x = \log_e(5)$

b)  $\log_5(x+1) = 2$

$x+1 = (5)^2$   
 $x+1 = 25$   
 $x = 24$

d)  $\ln e^x = 4$

$\log_e(e^x)$   
 $e^x = e^4$   $x = 4$

f)  $e^{-3x} = 10$

$\log_e(e^{-3x}) = \log_e(10)$   
 $-3x = \ln(10) \Rightarrow x = -\frac{1}{3} \ln(10)$   
 $2x = \ln(5)$   $x = \frac{1}{2} \ln(5)$