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Additional Maths

Logarithmic and
Exponential Functions
Notes

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§ Exponential Function:

$$y = a^x, \quad a \neq 1, a > 0, x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$m, n \in \mathbb{R}$$

Laws of Exponents:

1. $a^m \times a^n = a^{m+n}$

2. $\frac{a^m}{a^n} = a^{m-n}$ or $a^m \div a^n = a^{m-n}$

3. $(a^m)^n = a^{m \cdot n}$

4. $a^m \cdot b^m = (ab)^m$ $a > 0, b > 0, a \neq 1, b \neq 1$

5. $\frac{a^m}{b^m} = \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^m$

6. $a^0 = 1$

7. $a^{-m} = \frac{1}{a^m}$

8. $a^{\frac{1}{m}} = \sqrt[m]{a}$

9. $a^{\frac{m}{n}} = (\sqrt[n]{a})^m$ or $\sqrt[n]{a^m}$

§ Logarithmic Function:

Def: $\log_a x = y$ if $a^y = x$
 $a > 0, a \neq 1, x > 0$

We say $\log x$ to the base a is y .

Example:

$\log_{10} 100 = 2$ as $10^2 = 100$

Note: \log to base 10 is specially written as \lg .
or $\lg_{10} 100 = 2$.

(i) $2^5 = 32$
may be written as
 $\log_2 32 = 5$

(ii) $3^4 = 81$
 $\log_3 81 = 4$

(iii) $\log_5 5 = 1$ as $5^1 = 5$

(iv) $\log_3 1 = 0$ as $3^0 = 1$

⊗ § Laws of Logarithms: $a > 0, a \neq 1, m, n \in \mathbb{R}, m > 0, n > 0$

1. $\log_a mn = \log_a m + \log_a n$

4. $\log_a a = 1$ ($\because a^1 = a$)

2. $\log_a \frac{m}{n} = \log_a m - \log_a n$

5. $\log_a 1 = 0$ ($\because a^0 = 1$)

3. $\log_a m^n = n \cdot \log_a m$

6. $\log_a \frac{1}{m} = -\log_a m$

7. $\log_a a^m = m$

8. $\log_a m = \frac{\log_c m}{\log_c a}$ (Change of base)

10. $a^{\log_a x} = x$

9. $\log_c a = \frac{1}{\log_a c}$

⊗ Proof of these laws is given on Page-21

Example 1 (i) Simplify, $\log_a \sqrt{2} + \log_a 8 + \log_a \frac{1}{2}$, giving your answer in the form $p \log_a 2$, where p is a constant -- [2]

(ii) Solve the equation $\log_3 x - \log_9 4x = 1$ -- [4]

[SP-20/02/Q10(b)(c)]

Solution (i) $\log_a \sqrt{2} + \log_a 8 + \log_a \frac{1}{2}$
 $= \log_a 2^{\frac{1}{2}} + \log_a 2^3 + \log_a 2^{-1}$
 $= \frac{1}{2} \log_a 2 + 3 \log_a 2 - \log_a 2$
 $= \frac{5}{2} \log_a 2 \checkmark$

(ii) Solve $\log_3 x - \log_9 4x = 1$ --- (1)
 or $\log_3 x - \frac{1}{2} \log_3 4x = 1$ [$\log_9 4x = \frac{\log_3 4x}{\log_3 9}$]
 or $\log_3 x - \frac{1}{2} (\log_3 4 + \log_3 x) = 1$ [$\log_3 9 = \frac{\log_3 9}{\log_3 9} = \frac{\log_3 9}{3} = \frac{\log_3 4x}{3}$]
 $\log_3 x - \frac{1}{2} \log_3 x - \frac{1}{2} \log_3 4 = 1$ [$\log_3 9 = \frac{\log_3 9}{3} = \frac{\log_3 4x}{3}$]
 $\frac{1}{2} \log_3 x - \frac{1}{2} \log_3 4 = 1$

or $\frac{1}{2} \log_3 x - \frac{1}{2} \log_3 4 = 1$

$\Rightarrow \log_3 x - \log_3 4 = 2$

$\Rightarrow \log_3 \frac{x}{4} = 2 \Rightarrow \frac{x}{4} = 3^2 \Rightarrow x = 36 \checkmark$

Example 2 (a) Solve the equation. $\lg(2y-7) + \lg y = 2 \lg 3$ --- [4]

(b) Write: $\frac{\log_2 p - \log_2 q}{(\log_2^2)(\log_2^2)}$ as a single logarithm to base 2. --- [2]
[M-18/22/Q8]

Solution (a) Solve, $\lg(2y-7) + \lg y = 2 \lg 3$

$$\Rightarrow \lg(2y-7) \times y = \lg 3^2 \quad \left[\log_a m + \log_a n = \log_a mn \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow 2y^2 - 7y = 9 \Rightarrow 2y^2 - 7y - 9 = 0$$

$$(2y-9)(y+1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{9}{2} \text{ or } y = -1^x \text{ as } y > 0$$

$$\therefore y = 4.5 \checkmark$$

(b) Simplify. $\frac{\log_2 p - \log_2 q}{\log_2^2 \times \log_2^2} = \frac{\log_2 \frac{p}{q}}{\log_2^2 \times \frac{1}{\log_2^2}} = \frac{\log_2 \frac{p}{q}}{2} \checkmark$ [∵ $\log_a b = \frac{1}{\log_b a}$]

Example 3. It is given that $y = \log_a(ax) + 2 \log_a(4x-3) - 1$, where 'a' is a positive integer.

(i) Explain why x must be greater than 0.75. --- [1]

(ii) Show that y can be written as $\log_a(16x^3 - 24x^2 + 9x)$ --- [3]

(iii) Find the value of x for which $y = \log_a(9x)$ [M-17/22/Q6(b)] --- [2]

Solution (i) for $\log_a(4x-3)$ be defined; $4x-3 > 0 \Rightarrow x > 0.75 \checkmark$

(ii) $y = \log_a(ax) + 2 \log_a(4x-3) - 1$ (iii) for $\log_a(16x^3 - 24x^2 + 9x) = \log_a 9x$

or $y = \log_a ax + \log_a(4x-3)^2 - \log_a a$

$$= \log_a \frac{ax \times (4x-3)^2}{a}$$

$$= \log_a (16x^3 - 24x^2 + 9x) \checkmark$$

$$\Rightarrow 16x^3 - 24x^2 + 9x = 9x$$

$$\Rightarrow 16x^3 - 24x^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 8x^2(2x-3) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{3}{2} \text{ or } x = 0^x$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{3}{2} \checkmark$$

Example 4(a) Given that $a^7 = b$, where a and b are positive constants,
find (i) $\log_b b$ ---[1]
(ii) ${}_a \log_b a$ ---[1]

(b) Solve the equation, $\log_{81} y = -\frac{1}{4}$ ---[2]

(c) Solve the equation, $\frac{32^{x^2-1}}{4^{x^2}} = 16$ ---[3]

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Solution: (a) (i) Given $a^7 = b$

$$\therefore \log_b b = 7 \checkmark \quad [\because a^x = y \Rightarrow \log_a y = x]$$

$$(ii) \log_b a = \frac{1}{\log_a b} = \frac{1}{7} \checkmark \text{ fm (i)}$$

(b) Solve, $\log_{81} y = -\frac{1}{4}$

$$\Rightarrow y = (81)^{-\frac{1}{4}} \quad [\because \log_a y = x \Rightarrow a^x = y]$$

$$= (3^4)^{-\frac{1}{4}}$$

$$= 3^{-1}$$

$$\text{or } y = \frac{1}{3} \checkmark = 0.333 \checkmark$$

(c) Solve, $\frac{32^{x^2-1}}{4^{x^2}} = 16$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(2^5)^{x^2-1}}{(2^2)^{x^2}} = 2^4$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2^{5(x^2-1)}}{2^{2x^2}} = 2^4$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^{(5x^2-5-2x^2)} = 2^4$$

$$\Rightarrow 3x^2 - 5 = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 = 3 \Rightarrow x = \pm \sqrt{3} \checkmark$$

Example 5. Solve the equation. $\log_5(10x+5) = 2 + \log_5(x-7)$ ---[4]
[W-17/21/Q3]

Solution: Solve, $\log_5(10x+5) = 2 + \log_5(x-7)$

$$\Rightarrow \log_5(10x+5) - \log_5(x-7) = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \log_5 \frac{(10x+5)}{(x-7)} = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{10x+5}{(x-7)} = 5^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 10x+5 = 25(x-7)$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{x = 12} \checkmark$$

Example 6. Solve $\log_5 \sqrt{x} + \log_{25} x = 3$ ---[3]

[M-16/12/Q3]

Solution: solve $\log_5 \sqrt{x} + \log_{25} x = 3$

$$\text{or } \log_5 x^{1/2} + \frac{1}{2} \log_5 x = 3$$

$$\text{or } \log_5 x^{1/2} + \log_5 x^{1/2} = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow \log_5 x^{1/2} \cdot x^{1/2} = 3$$

$$= \log_5 x = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{x = 5^3 = 125} \checkmark$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} \because \log_{25} x = \log_5 x = \frac{\log_5 x}{\log_5 25} \\ \text{(Change of base)} \quad \frac{\log_5 25}{\log_5 5^2} \\ = \frac{1}{2} \log_5 x \end{array} \right.$$

Example 7 (i) Find the value of $-\log_p p^2$ --- [1]

(ii) Find $\lg\left(\frac{1}{10^n}\right)$ --- [1]

(iii) show that $\frac{\lg 20 - \lg 4}{\lg 10 / 5} = (\lg y)^2$ where y is a constant to be found. --- [2]

(iv) Solve $\log_{\frac{1}{2}} 2x + \log_{\frac{1}{2}} 3x = \log_{\frac{1}{2}} 600$ --- [2]

5-16/21/Q3

Solution (i) $-\log_p p^2 = -2 \log_p p$
 $= -2 \times 1 = -2 \checkmark$

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \because \log_a m^n = n \cdot \log_a m \\ \text{and } \log_a a = 1 \end{array} \right.$

(ii) $\lg\left(\frac{1}{10^n}\right) = -\lg 10^n$
 $= -n \log_{10} 10$
 $= -n \times 1 = -n \checkmark$

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \because \log_a \frac{1}{x} = -\log_a x \\ \text{and } \lg x = \log_{10} x \\ \lg 10 = \log_{10} 10 = 1 \end{array} \right.$

(iii) Consider $\frac{\lg 20 - \lg 4}{\lg 10 / 5} = \frac{\lg \frac{20}{4}}{\frac{1}{\lg 5}}$ $\left\{ \log_a b = \frac{1}{\log_b a} \right.$
 $= \lg 5 \times \log_5 5$
 $= \lg 5 \times \lg 5 = (\lg 5)^2 \checkmark$

(iv) Solve $\log_{\frac{1}{2}} 2x + \log_{\frac{1}{2}} 3x = \log_{\frac{1}{2}} 600$

or $\log_{\frac{1}{2}} 2x \times 3x = \log_{\frac{1}{2}} 600$ $\left[\because \log_a m + \log_a n = \log_a mn \right]$

$\Rightarrow 6x^2 = 600$

$\Rightarrow x^2 = 100$

$x = +10$ or -10^x $\because x > 0$

$\therefore x = 10 \checkmark$

Example 8: By using substitution $y = \log_3 x$ or otherwise, find the value of x for which,

$$3(\log_3 x)^2 + \log_3 x^5 - \log_3 9 = 0 \quad \text{--- [6]}$$

[W-16/11/Q3]

Solution: $3(\log_3 x)^2 + \log_3 x^5 - \log_3 9 = 0$

or $3(\log_3 x)^2 + 5 \log_3 x - \log_3 9 = 0$

or $3y^2 + 5y - 2 \log_3 9 = 0$

[let $y = \log_3 x$]

[$\log_3 9 = 2$]

or $3y^2 + 5y - 4 = 0$

or $(3y+4)(y-1) = 0$

$y = -\frac{4}{3}$ or $y = 1$

[$\because y = \log_3 x$]

or $\log_3 x = -\frac{4}{3}$ or $\log_3 x = 1$

or $x = 3^{-\frac{4}{3}}$ or $x = 3^1$

$x = 1.44$ or $x = 3$ ✓

Example 9: Solve the equation. $2 \lg x - \lg\left(\frac{x+10}{2}\right) = 1$

--- [5]

[W-16/21/Q3]

Solution: $2 \lg x - \lg\left(\frac{x+10}{2}\right) = 1$

or $\lg x^2 - \lg\left(\frac{x+10}{2}\right) = \lg 10$ [$\because \lg 10 = \log_{10} 10 = 1$]

or $\lg\left(\frac{x^2}{\frac{x+10}{2}}\right) = \lg 10$

or $\frac{2x^2}{x+10} = 10 \Rightarrow 2x^2 = 10x + 100$

$\Rightarrow 2x^2 - 10x - 100 = 0$

$\Rightarrow 2(x+5)(x-10) = 0$

$\Rightarrow x = 10$ ✓ or $x = -5$ ($\because x > 0$)

Example 10. (i) Given that $\log_9 xy = \frac{5}{2}$ show that $\log_3 x + \log_3 y = 5$ --- [3]

(ii) Hence solve the equations $\log_9 xy = \frac{5}{2}$

and $\log_3 x \cdot \log_3 y = -6$ --- [5]

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Solution: Given. $\log_9 xy = \frac{5}{2}$

or $\frac{\log_3 xy}{\log_3 9} = \frac{5}{2}$

$\left[\log_a x = \frac{\log x}{\log a} \right]$ Change of base property

or $\frac{1}{2} \log_3 xy = \frac{5}{2}$ $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \log_3 9 = \log_3 3^2 = 2 \log_3 3 \\ = 2 \times 1 \\ = 2 \end{array} \right.$

$\Rightarrow \log_3 xy = 5$

$\Rightarrow \log_3 x + \log_3 y = 5$ --- (1)

(ii) To solve $\log_9 xy = \frac{5}{2}$ --- (2)

and $\log_3 x \cdot \log_3 y = -6$ --- (3)

fr (2) $\log_9 xy = \frac{5}{2} \Rightarrow \log_3 x + \log_3 y = 5$ fr (1)

or $\log_3 y = (5 - \log_3 x)$ --- (4)

fr (3) & (4)

$\log_3 x \cdot (5 - \log_3 x) = -6$

or $\log_3 x = 6$ or $\log_3 x = -1$ (5)

$\Rightarrow (\log_3 x)^2 - 5 \log_3 x - 6 = 0$

$\Rightarrow x = 3^6$ or $x = 3^{-1}$

$\Rightarrow z^2 - 5z - 6 = 0$ [let $\log_3 x = z$]

$x = 729$ or $x = \frac{1}{3}$

$(z-6)(z+1) = 0$ --- (5)

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x = 729 \\ y = \frac{1}{3} \end{array} \right\}$ or $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x = \frac{1}{3} \\ y = 729 \end{array} \right\}$

$z = 6$ or $z = -1$

fr (4)

Example 11 (a) Write $\log_x x$ as a logarithm to base 3, --- [2]

(b) Given that,

$$\log_a y = 3(\log_a 15 - \log_a 3) + 1, \text{ expression } y \text{ in terms of } a. \text{ --- [3]}$$

[5-15/21/21]

Solution: (a)

$$\begin{aligned} \log_x x &= \frac{\log_3 x}{\log_3 x^{27}} \\ &= \frac{\log_3 x}{3} = \frac{1}{3} \log_3 x \checkmark \end{aligned} \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} \because \log_a x = \frac{\log_b x}{\log_b a} \\ \text{Change of base property} \end{array} \right)$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned} \log_a y &= 3(\log_a 15 - \log_a 3) + 1 \\ &= 3 \left[\log_a \frac{15}{3} \right] + \log_a a \\ &= \log_a 5^3 + \log_a a \end{aligned}$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} \because \log_a m - \log_a n = \log_a \frac{m}{n} \\ \text{and } \log_a a = 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\text{or } \log_a y = \log_a 125a$$

$$\therefore y = 125a \checkmark$$

Example 12. Given that $\log_p x = 5$ and $\log_p y = 2$ find.

(i) $\log_p x^2$ --- [1]

(ii) $\log_p \frac{1}{x}$ --- [1]

(iii) $\log_{xy} p$ --- [2]

(iii) $\log_{xy} p = \frac{1}{\log_p xy}$

Solution (i) $\log_p x^2 = 2 \log_p x = 2 \times 5 = 10 \checkmark$

(ii) $\log_p \frac{1}{x} = -\log_p x = -5 \checkmark$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{\log_p x + \log_p y} \\ &= \frac{1}{5+2} \\ &= \frac{1}{7} \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

Example 13(a)(i) State the value of u for which $\lg u = 0$ --- [1]

(ii) Hence solve $\lg |2x+3| = 0$ --- [2]

(b) Express $2 \log_3 15 - (\log_5) (\log_3 a)$ where $a > 1$, as a --- [4]

Single logarithm to base 3,

[5-14/22/26]

Solution (a)(i) $\lg u = 0 \Rightarrow u = 1 \checkmark$ ($\because \log_a 1 = 0$)

(ii) $\lg |2x+3| = 0$

$$\Rightarrow |2x+3| = 1 \quad \text{fn(i)}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x+3 = \pm 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x+3 = 1 \quad \text{or} \quad 2x+3 = -1$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{x = -1} \quad \text{or} \quad \underline{x = -2} \checkmark$$

(b) $2 \log_3 15 - (\log_5) (\log_3 a)$

$$= \log_3 15^2 - \frac{\log_3 5}{\log_3 a} \times \log_3 a$$

$$= \log_3 225 - \log_3 5$$

$$= \log_3 \frac{225}{5}$$

$$= \underline{\log_3 45} \checkmark$$

Example 14(i) Given that $\log_4 x = \frac{1}{2}$, find the value of x . --- [1]

(ii) solve $2 \log_4 y - \log_4 (5y-12) = \frac{1}{2}$ --- [4]

[5-13/11/24]

Solution (i) $\log_4 x = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow x = 4^{\frac{1}{2}} = \sqrt{4} = 2 \checkmark$

(ii) $2 \log_4 y - \log_4 (5y-12) = \frac{1}{2}$

$$\Rightarrow \log_4 \frac{y^2}{5y-12} = \log_4 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \log_4 y^2 - \log_4 (5y-12) = \log_4 2 \quad \text{fn(i)}$$

$$\Rightarrow y^2 - 10y + 24 = 0 \Rightarrow y = 4, 6 \checkmark$$

Example 15. The variable x and y are connected by the equation, $y = 10^{2x} - 2(10^x)$, Using substitution $u = 10^x$ or otherwise, find the exact value of x when $y = 24$ --- [3]

S-16/22/Q10(b)

Solution: $y = 10^{2x} - 2(10^x)$

for $y = 24 \Rightarrow 10^{2x} - 2(10^x) = 24$

$$\Rightarrow (10^x)^2 - 2(10^x) - 24 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow u^2 - 2u - 24 = 0 \quad \text{put } 10^x = u$$

$$\Rightarrow (u-6)(u+4) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow u = 6 \text{ or } u = -4$$

$$\Rightarrow 10^x = 6 \text{ or } 10^x = -4^x \text{ false.}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lg 10^x = \lg 6 \Rightarrow x = \lg 6. \checkmark$$

Example 16 Solve the equation, $7^{2x+5} = 2.5$ --- [3]

S-17/23/Q1(a)

Solution: Given $7^{2x+5} = 2.5$

$$\Rightarrow \log_7 2.5 = 2x+5$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x+5 = \frac{\lg 2.5}{\lg 7} = \frac{0.3979}{0.8451} = 0.47$$

$$\text{or } 2x = 0.47 - 5 = -4.53$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{-4.53}{2} = -2.26 \checkmark$$

Example 17. Solve $\frac{32^{x^2-1}}{4^{x^2}} = 16$

S-17/22/Q7 --- [3]

$$\text{or } \frac{(2^5)^{x^2-1}}{(2^2)^{x^2}} = 2^4$$

$$\text{or } 2^{5(x^2-1)-2x^2} = 2^4$$

$$\Rightarrow 3x^2 - 5 = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \pm \sqrt{3} \checkmark$$

$$\text{or } \frac{2^{5(x^2-1)}}{2^{2x^2}} = 2^4$$

Example 18. Solve $6^{x-2} = \frac{1}{4}$

[5-15/22/06] ---[2]

Solution. $6^{x-2} = \frac{1}{4}$
 $\Rightarrow \log_6 \frac{1}{4} = x-2$

$\because a^x = y$
 $\Rightarrow \log_a y = x$

or $x-2 = \frac{\lg \frac{1}{4}}{\lg 6} = \frac{-0.602}{0.7781} = -0.7737$

$\therefore x = 2 - 0.7737 = 1.23 \checkmark$
 $x = 1.23$ (2dp) \checkmark

Example 19 Solve: $2^{x^2-5x} = \frac{1}{64}$

[5-14/21/011(a)]

Solution. $2^{(x^2-5x)} = \frac{1}{2^6}$

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

$\because x^{-n} = \frac{1}{x^n}$

$\therefore x^2 - 5x = -6$

or $x^2 - 5x + 6 = 0$

$(x-2)(x-3) = 0$

$\therefore x = 2$ or $x = 3 \checkmark$

Natural Logarithms:

§ Leonhard Euler (1701-1783) proved $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1 + \frac{1}{n})^n = e$ (constant)
Irrational number

or $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (1+h)^{\frac{1}{h}} = e = 2.71828... \text{ (approx.)}$

(Use your calculator to check,
 $(1+0.000001)^{1000000} = 2.718281...$

§ e is called natural base to exponential function e^x .

§ Natural Logarithms: $\log_e x$ in short $\ln x$ is
the logarithm to the natural base.

Example 20. Solve $5e^{3x+4} = 14$

[M-18/22/Q8a(i)] -- [2]

Solution: $5e^{3x+4} = 14$

or $e^{3x+4} = \frac{14}{5}$

$\Rightarrow \log_e \left(\frac{14}{5}\right) = 3x+4$

or $3x+4 = \ln 2.8$

$\therefore \frac{14}{5} = 2.8$

$3x+4 = 1.0296$

$3x = 1.0296 - 4$

$x = \frac{-2.97}{3} = -0.99$

$\therefore x = -0.99 \checkmark$

Example 21. Solve the equation $e^{3x} = 6e^x$

[M-16/23/Q2] -- [3]

Solution: $e^{3x} = 6e^x$

or $\frac{e^{3x}}{e^x} = 6$

$e^{3x-x} = 6$

$e^{2x} = 6$

$e^{2x} = 6$

or $\log_e 6 = 2x$

or $2x = \ln 6 = 1.791$

or $x = \frac{1.791}{2} = 0.896 \checkmark$

Example 22: Solve $2 \lg y - \lg(5y+60) = 1$ [W-13/13/Q2] - [5]

Solution: $2 \lg y - \lg(5y+60) = 1$

$$\text{or } \lg y^2 - \lg(5y+60) = 1$$

$$\text{or } \lg \left(\frac{y^2}{5y+60} \right) = \lg 10$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{y^2}{5y+60} = 10$$

$$\Rightarrow y^2 - 50y - 600 = 0$$

$$(y-60)(y+10) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{y = 60} \text{ or } y = -10^x \text{ (as } y > 0 \text{ for } \lg y \text{ to be defined)}$$

Example 23(a) Write $(\log_2 p) / (\log_3 2) + \log_3 9$, as a single logarithm to base 3. [3]

(b) Given that $(\log_a 5)^2 - 4(\log_a 5) + 3 = 0$, find the possible values of a . [3]

[S-18/11/Q6]

Solution (a)

$$\left(\frac{\log p}{\log 2} \right) \left(\frac{\log 2}{\log 3} \right) + \log_3 9$$

$$= \frac{\log p}{\log 3} \times \frac{\log 2}{\log 3} + \log_3 9$$

$$= \log_3 p + \log_3 9$$

$$= \underline{\log_3 p9} \checkmark$$

(b) $(\log_a 5)^2 - 4(\log_a 5) + 3 = 0$

or $(\log_a 5 - 1)(\log_a 5 - 3) = 0$

or $\log_a 5 = 1$ and $\log_a 5 = 3$

or $a^1 = 5$ or $a^3 = 5$

$a = 5$ or $a = \sqrt[3]{5} = 1.71$

$\therefore a = 5 \text{ or } 1.71 \checkmark$

Example 24. The value, V dollars, of a car aged t years is given by,

$$V = 12000 e^{-0.2t}$$

- (i) Write down the value of the car when it was new. --- [1]
 (ii) Find the time it takes for the value to decrease to $\frac{2}{3}$ of the value when it was new. M-17/22/02 --- [2]

Solution: $V = 12000 e^{-0.2t}$

(i) for new car $t=0$, $V = 12000 e^0 = 12000 \times 1$
 $= \$ 12,000$ ✓

(ii) $\frac{2}{3}$ of New Car value $= \frac{2}{3} \times 12000 = 8000$ --- (1)

$\therefore V = 12000 e^{-0.2t} = 8000$ (give for (1))

or $e^{-0.2t} = \frac{8000}{12000}$

or $e^{-0.2t} = \frac{2}{3}$

$\Rightarrow \log_e \frac{2}{3} = -0.2t$

or $-0.2t = \ln\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)$ [$\frac{2}{3} = 0.666666\dots$]

$t = \frac{-0.40546}{-0.2} = 2.0273$ ✓ years.

Example 25. The number of bacteria, N , present in a culture can be modelled by the equation $N = 7000 + 2000 e^{-0.05t}$ where t is measured in days. Find.

- (i) the number of bacteria when $t=10$ --- [1]
 (ii) the value of t , when the number of bacteria reaches 7500. --- [3]
 (iii) the rate at which the number of bacteria is decreasing after 8 days. --- [3]

Solution (i) at $t=10$, $N = 7000 + 2000 e^{-0.05 \times 10}$
 $= 7000 + 2000 \times e^{-0.5}$
 $= 7000 + 2000 \times 0.6065$
 $= 8213$ ✓

(ii) $7500 = 7000 + 2000 e^{-0.05t}$
 $\Rightarrow e^{-0.05t} = \frac{500}{2000} = 0.25$
 $\Rightarrow \ln 0.25 = -0.05t \Rightarrow t = \frac{\ln 0.25}{-0.05}$
 days $= 27.7$ ✓

(iii) $\frac{dN}{dt} = -100 e^{-0.05t}$
 $t=8$, $\frac{dN}{dt} = -100 e^{-0.05 \times 8}$
 $= -100 e^{-0.4}$
 $= -100 \times 0.67$
 $= -67$ ✓

Example 26. The Profit \$P\$ made by a company in its n^{th} year is modelled by, $P = 1000 e^{an+b}$

In the first year the company made \$2000 profit,

(i) Show that $a+b = \ln 2$ --- [1]

In the second year company made \$3297 profit.

(ii) Find another linear equation connecting a and b . --- [2]

(iii) Solve the two equations from part (i) and part (ii) to find the value of a & b . --- [2]

(iv) Using your values of a and b , find the profit in the 10th year. --- [2]

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Solution (i) $P = 1000 e^{an+b}$ --- ①

for $n=1$, $P=2000 \Rightarrow 2000 = 1000 e^{a+b}$ fm ①

$\Rightarrow a+b = \ln 2$ --- ②

(ii) for $n=2$, $P=3297$

fm ① $3297 = 1000 e^{2a+b}$

$\Rightarrow 2a+b = \ln 3.297$ --- ③

fm ② $a+b = 0.6931$ --- ④ ($\because \ln 2 = 0.6931$)

fm ③ $2a+b = 1.1930$ --- ⑤ ($\because \ln 3.297 = 1.1930$)

Solving ④ & ⑤ $a = 0.5$ and $b = 0.193$ ✓

(iv) for 10th year, fm ① $P = 1000 e^{0.5 \times 10 + 0.193}$

$= 1000 e^{5.193}$

$= 1000 \times 180$

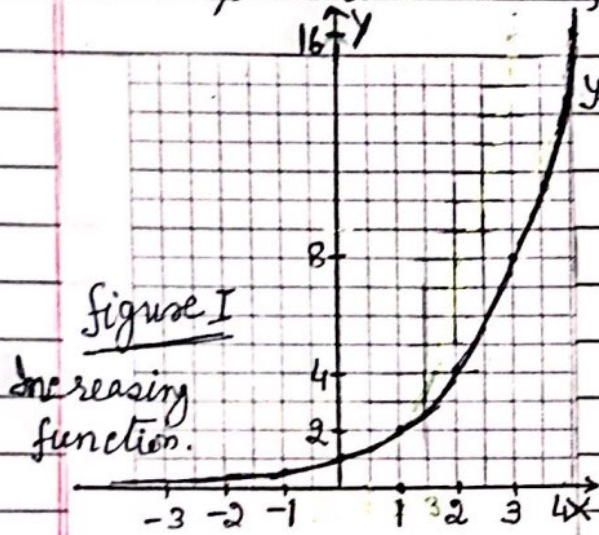
$= \underline{\underline{180,000}}$ ✓

§ Graph of Exponential Function:

$$f(x) = b^x, \quad b \neq 1, \quad b > 0, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$$

Case I when $b > 1$

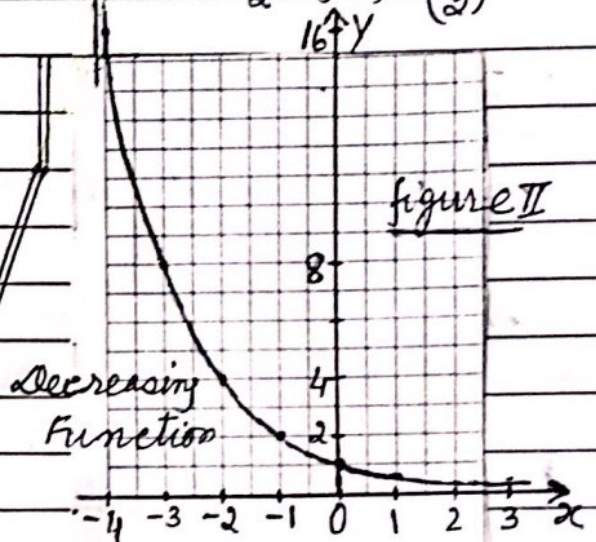
Example: Let $b = 2$ or $f(x) = 2^x$



$y = 2^x$; $x \rightarrow \infty, f(x) \rightarrow \infty$
 $x = 0, f(0) = 1$
 $x \rightarrow -\infty, f(x) \rightarrow 0$

Case II when $0 < b < 1$

Let $b = \frac{1}{2}$, $f(x) = (\frac{1}{2})^x$



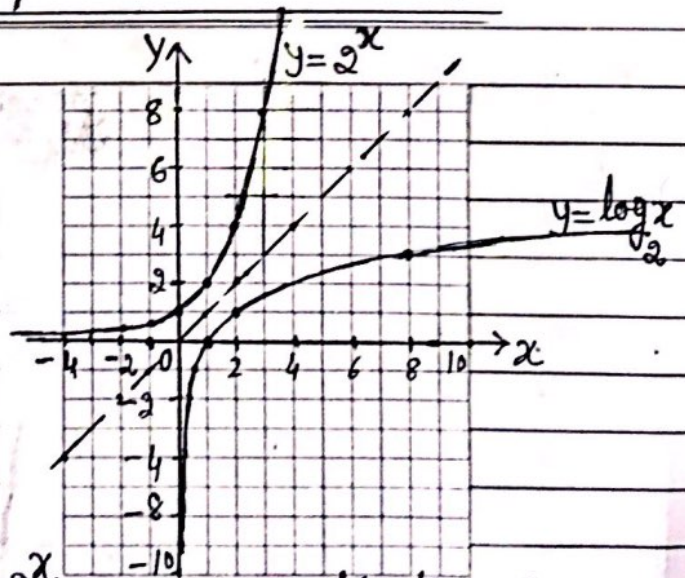
$y = (\frac{1}{2})^x$, $x \rightarrow \infty, f(x) \rightarrow 0$
 $x = 0, f(0) = 1$
 $x \rightarrow -\infty, f(x) \rightarrow \infty$

The graph of $y = (\frac{1}{2})^x$ is the reflection of $y = 2^x$ in y-axis.

§ Graphs of $y = 2^x$ and $y = \log_2 x$

x	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4
$y = 2^x$	0.125	0.25	0.5	1	2	4	8	16

x	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	2	4	8	16
$y = \log_2 x$	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4



The graphs of $y = \log_2 x$ and $y = 2^x$ are the reflection of each other in the line $y = x$
 \therefore are inverse functions.

Example 27. Sketch the graph of $y = e^x - 5$ on the axes, showing the

(i) exact coordinates of any points, where the graph cuts the coordinate axes. --- [3]

(ii) Find the range of value of k for which $e^x - 5 = k$ has no solution.

[SP-20/02/Q10(a)] --- [1]

Solution: (i) $y = e^x - 5$

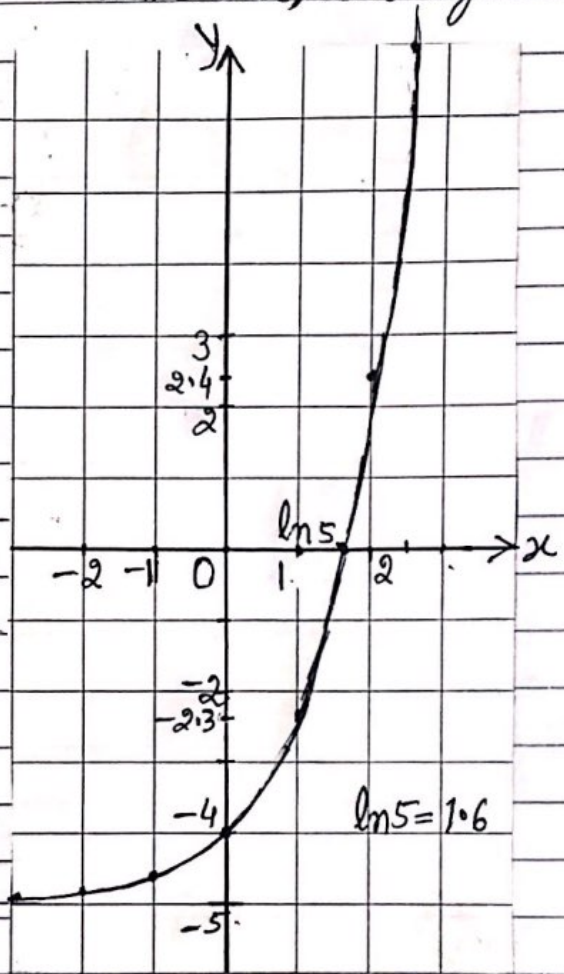
x	-3	-2	-1	0	1	$\ln 5 = 1.6$	2	3
y	-4.9	-4.8	-4.6	-4	-2.3	0	2.4	15

$x \rightarrow -\infty$
 $y \rightarrow -5^+ (-4.999...)$

(ii) $y = e^x - 5 = k$

has no solution when

$k \leq -5$ ✓



Example 28: Sketch the graph of $y = -2e^{-x} + 4$ on the axes, showing exact coordinates of any points where the graph cuts the coordinate axes.

Solution: $y = -2e^{-x} + 4$

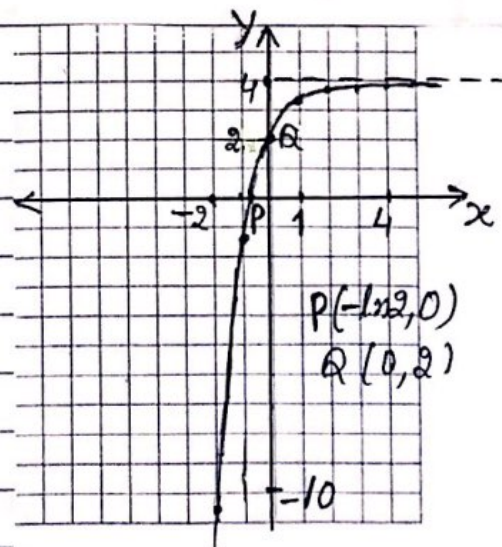
x	-	-2	-1	$-\ln 2$	0	1	2	3	4	5
y	-	-1.07	-1.4	0	2	3.26	3.7	3.9	3.96	3.99

Cuts x -axis at $(-\ln 2, 0)$

Cuts y -axis at $(0, 2)$

$x \rightarrow \infty, y \rightarrow 4$ asymptote ✓

$x \rightarrow -\infty, y \rightarrow -\infty$



Example: Sketch the graph of $y = 4 \ln(2x-4)$ on the axes, showing the exact coordinates of any points, where the graph cuts the coordinate axes.

Solution: $y = 4 \ln(2x-4)$ — (1)

for x -int, $y = 0 \Rightarrow 4 \ln(2x-4) = 0$

$\Rightarrow 2x-4 = 1$ ($\because \ln 1 = 0$)

$\Rightarrow x = 2.5$ ✓

\therefore graph intersects x -axis at $(2.5, 0)$

for y -int, put $x = 0$ in (1) $y = 4 \ln(0-4)$

but $\ln(-4)$ is not defined.

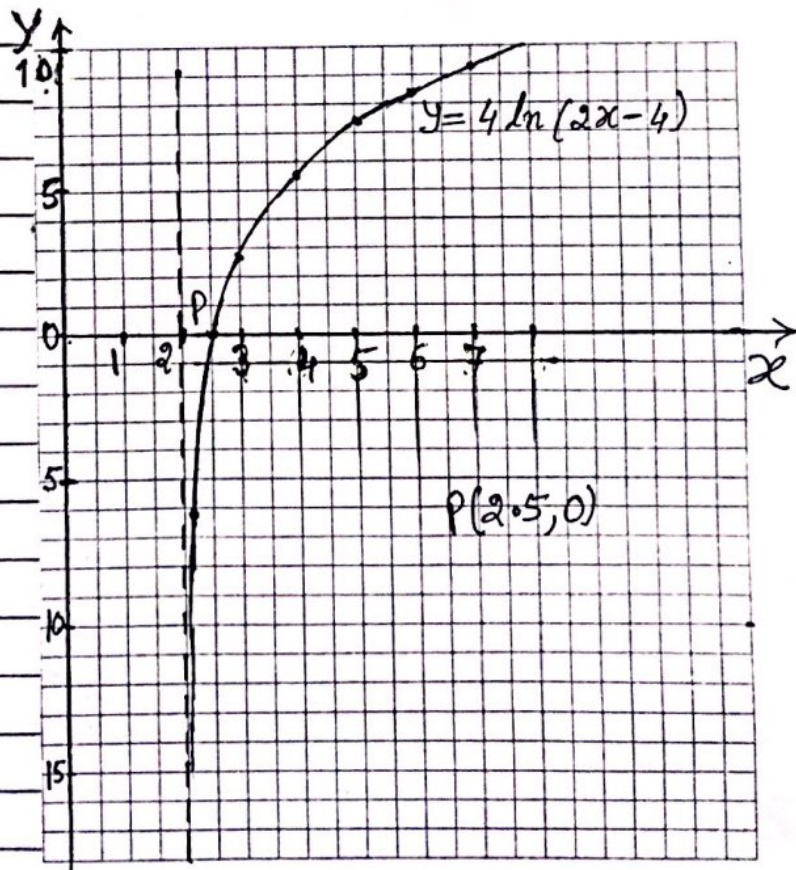
\therefore Curve does not intersect y -axis ✓

Now $\ln(2x-4)$ is def when $2x-4 > 0$
 $x > 2$

$x \rightarrow \infty, y \rightarrow \infty$ and $x \rightarrow 2^+, y = -\infty$

x	2.01	2.1	2.5	3	4	5	6	7
y	-15.6	-6.4	0	2.7	5.5	7.2	8.3	9.2

$x = 2$ line is the asymptote to curve.



Example 29. Sketch the graph of $y = 3 \ln(2x+2)$ on the axes, showing exact coordinates of any points, where the graph cuts the coordinate axes.

Solution: $y = 3 \ln(2x+2)$ — (1)

for x-intercept, $y=0 \Rightarrow 2x+2=1$
 $\Rightarrow x = -0.5$

\therefore Point $(-0.5, 0)$ ✓ P

Graph cuts y-axis when $x=0$

$\Rightarrow y = 3 \ln 2$ or 2.07

\therefore Point $(0, 3 \ln 2)$ ✓ Q

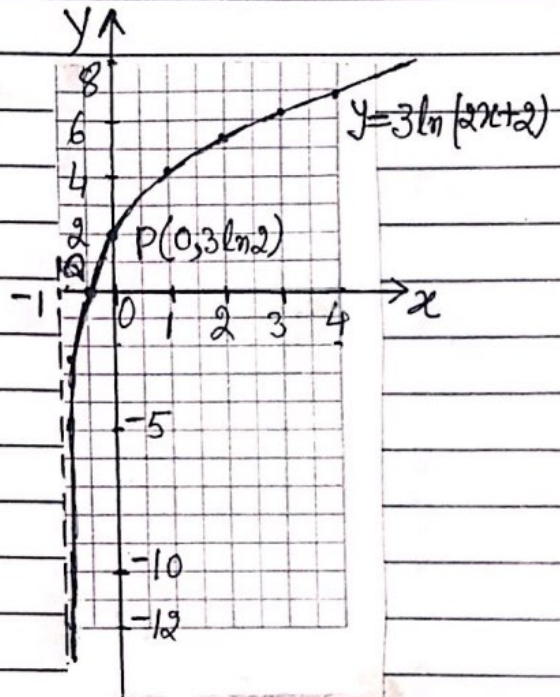
For $\ln(2x+2)$ be meaningful
 $(2x+2) > 0$

or $x > -1$

$x \rightarrow -1, y \rightarrow -\infty$ (Asymptote
 is $x = -1$)

$x \rightarrow \infty, y \rightarrow \infty$

x	-1.99	-0.9	-0.7	-0.5	0	1	2	3	4
y	-11.7	-4.8	-2.5	0	2	4.2	5.4	6.2	6.9



§ To find Inverse of Exponential fuⁿ

Example 30. Given $g(x) = 4e^x - 2$ for $x \in \mathbb{R}$

find $g^{-1}(x)$

[W-13/11/Q12(b)(i)]

Solution:

$$g(x) = 4e^x - 2$$

$$\text{Let } y = 4e^x - 2$$

Interchange x and y

$$x = 4e^y - 2$$

$$\text{or } e^y = \frac{x+2}{4}$$

\Rightarrow

$$y = \ln\left(\frac{x+2}{4}\right)$$

\therefore Required. $g^{-1}(x) = \ln\left(\frac{x+2}{4}\right)$ ✓

Laws of logarithms:

1. $\log_a mn = \log_a m + \log_a n$

Proof: let $\log_a m = x$ & $\log_a n = y$ — (1)

$\Rightarrow m = a^x$ and $n = a^y$

$\therefore mn = a^x \cdot a^y$

or $mn = a^{x+y}$

$\Rightarrow \log_a mn = x+y$
 $\log_a = \log_a m + \log_a n$ fnd

2. $\log_a \frac{m}{n} = \log_a m - \log_a n$

Proof: $\frac{m}{n} = \frac{a^x}{a^y}$ fnd

or $\frac{m}{n} = a^{x-y}$

$\Rightarrow \log_a \frac{m}{n} = x-y$
 $\log_a = \log_a m - \log_a n$ fnd

3. $\log_a m^n = n \log_a m$

Proof: $m^n = (a^x)^n$ fnd

or $m^n = a^{n \cdot x}$

or $\log_a m^n = n \cdot x$
 $= n \cdot \log_a m$ fnd

8. Change of base Property:

$\log_a m = \frac{\log_c m}{\log_c a}$

$\log_c a$

Proof:

let $\log_a m = x$ — (2)

$\Rightarrow a^x = m$

$\Rightarrow \log_c a^x = \log_c m$; $c > 0$
New base

$\Rightarrow x \log_c a = \log_c m$

$x = \frac{\log_c m}{\log_c a}$

$\log_c a$

or fnd

$\log_a m = \frac{\log_c m}{\log_c a}$ — (3)

9. $\log_a a = \frac{1}{\log_a c}$

Proof: let $m=c$ in (3)

$\log_a c = \frac{\log_c c}{\log_c a}$

$\log_a c = \frac{1}{\log_c a}$ [$\because \log_c c = 1$]

or $\log_a a = \frac{1}{\log_a c}$ ✓