

LOGARITHMIC FUNCTIONS (1.4)

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1. Find exact values if possible:

A.. $\log_4\left(\frac{1}{64}\right)$

$$= \log_4 4^{-3}$$

$$= -3$$

B. $\log_2(-4)$

undefined

C. $\ln(e^\pi)$

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D. $\log_9(3)$

$$\log_9 9^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\frac{1}{2}$$

2. Derive the tripling time formula for $P = P_0 a^{nt}$. What does this tripling time depend on? Do we need to make any assumptions about a and n ?

Formula $3P_0 = P_0 a^{nt}$

$$3 = a^{nt}$$

$$\log 3 = \log a^{nt}$$

$$\log 3 = nt \log a$$

or could
use natural
logs

$$t = \frac{\log 3}{n \log a}$$

$$a > 1$$

$$n > 0$$

3. Let $S(D) = 0.159 + 0.118 \log(D)$ where S is the slope of a beach and D is the average diameter (in mm) of the sand particles on the beach. Suppose a particular beach rises 9 meters for every 100 meters inland. What size sand would you expect to find on that beach?

$$S(D) = 0.159 + 0.118 \log(D)$$

$$0.09 = 0.159 + 0.118 \log(D)$$

$$-0.069 = 0.118 \log(D)$$

$$\log(D) = \frac{-0.069}{0.118}$$

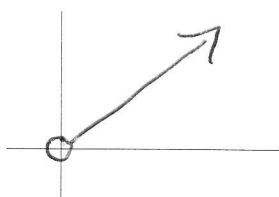
$$D = 10^{\frac{-0.069}{0.118}}$$

$$\approx 0.260$$

The size of the sand on this beach is expected to be about 0.26 mm diameter.

4. Sketch a graph of each function. Include the domain.

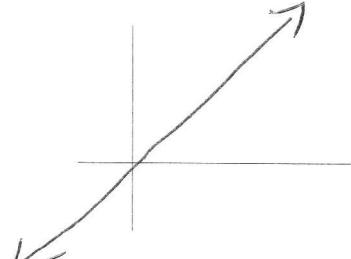
A. $y = 7^{\log_7 x}$



$$y = x, x > 0$$

$$D: \{x | x > 0\}$$

B. $y = \ln e^x$



$$y = x$$