



Math Virtual Learning

Algebra IIB

Logarithmic Transformations

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Objective/Learning Target: Students will write a logarithmic function based on a given transformation

Let's Get Started:

Review: How is the function $f(x) = -3\log(x-4) + 2$ transformed when compared to the parent function?

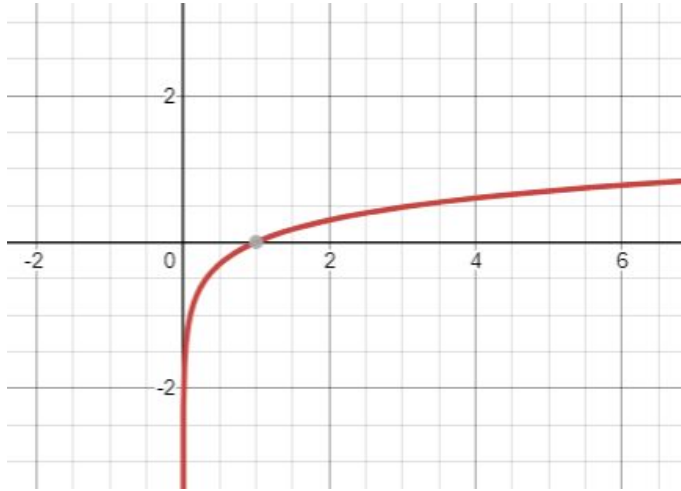
- A. What is the parent function?
- B. What does the parent function look like?
- C. What does the new function look like?
- D. How is the new function different from the parent function?

Use www.desmos.com to check your answer.

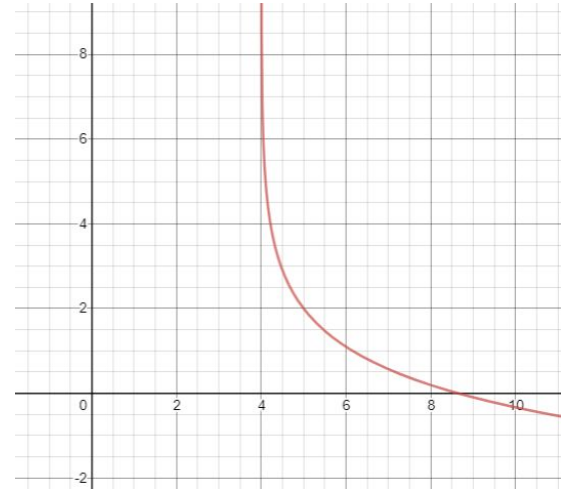
Review Answers

A. $f(x)=\log(x)$

B.



C.



D. It reflected vertically, moved to the right 4 spaces and up 2 spaces. It also stretched vertically by a factor of 3

Introduction to writing logarithmic functions based on a transformation

Watch Video: [Writing equations of functions using transformations](#)

Now the video did not show any transformations of logarithms but stated that ALL transformations act in the same way. Let's turn the last example in the video into a logarithm:

Find the function that is finally graphed after the following transformations are applied to the graph of $y = \log_3(x)$.

- a. Vertically compress by a factor of $\frac{1}{2}$
- b. Shift right 2 units
- c. Reflect about the y-axis

ANSWER

Find the function that is finally graphed after the following transformations are applied to the graph of $y = \log_3(x)$.

- a. Vertically compress by a factor of $\frac{1}{2}$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2} \log_3(x).$$

- b. Shift right 2 units

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2} \log_3(x-2).$$

- c. Reflect about the y-axis

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2} \log_3(-1[x-2]).$$

Distribute the -1

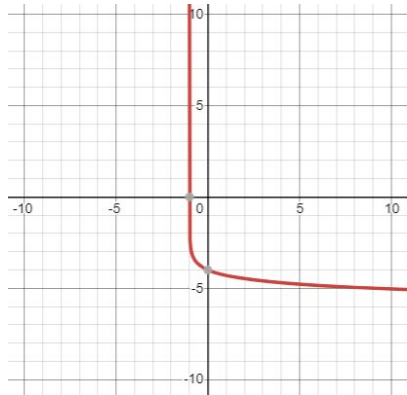
$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2} \log_3(-1x+2).$$

Order Matters!

Example 1

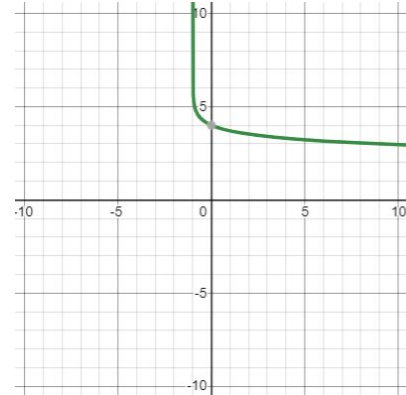
Transform $y=\log(x)$ by
Translating left 1
Translating up 4
Reflecting vertically over x-axis

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= \log(x+1) \\f(x) &= \log(x+1)+4 \\f(x) &= -1[\log(x+1)+4] \\&= -\log(x+1)-4\end{aligned}$$



Example 1

Transform $y=\log(x)$ by
Reflecting vertically over x-axis
Translating left 1
Translating up 4

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= -\log(x) \\f(x) &= -\log(x+1) \\f(x) &= -\log(x+1)+4\end{aligned}$$


Notice that the graphs are not the same!

PRACTICE

Write an equation that models the function described.

1. Shifts the parent function, $y=\log_2x$, 1 unit left
2. Shifts the parent function, $y=\log_{10}x$, 6 units down
3. Shifts the parent function, $y=\log_2x$, 3 units up
4. Vertically stretches the parent function, $y=\log_2x$, by a factor of 4 and reflects it across the x-axis
5. Shifts the parent function, $y=\ln(x)$, 2 units right
6. Shrinks the parent function, $y=\log_2x$, by a factor of 0.3
7. Vertically stretches the parent function, $f(x)=\log_6x$, by a factor of 6, followed by a translation 5 units down
8. Reflects the parent function, $f(x)=\log_5x$ vertically over the x-axis, followed by a translation 9 units left
9. Translates the parent function, $f(x)=\log_{\frac{1}{2}}x$, 3 units left and 2 units up, followed by a reflection over the y-axis
10. Translates the parent function, $f(x)=\ln(x)$, 3 units right and 1 unit up, followed by a horizontal stretch by a factor of 8

ANSWERS

1. $f(x)=\log_2(x+1)$
2. $f(x)=\log_{10}x-6$
3. $f(x)=\log_2x+3$
4. $f(x)=-4\log_2x$
5. $f(x)=\ln(x-2)$
6. $f(x)=0.3\log_2x$
7. $f(x)=6\log_6x-5$
8. $g(x)=-\log_5(x+9)$
9. $g(x)=\log_{\frac{1}{2}}(-x-3)+2$ (ORDER MATTERS!)
10. $g(x)=\ln(8x-24)+1$, 3 units right and 1 unit up, followed by a horizontal stretch by a factor of 8 (ORDER MATTERS!)