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Chapter 4 Test**

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**1. Graph**

$$f(x) = 3^{x-4}$$

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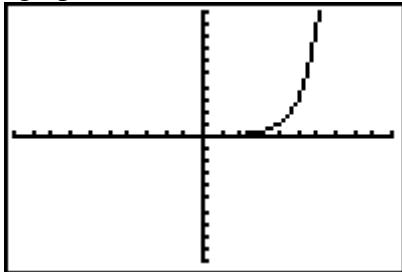
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$$f(x) = e^{x-2} + 4$$

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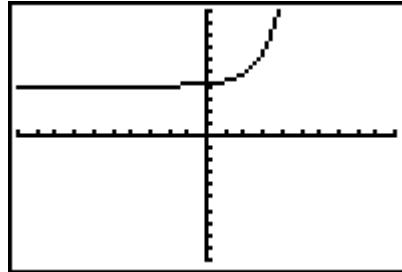
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**2. Use the Change of Base**

Evaluate (4 decimal places if necessary):

$$\log_5 13$$

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$$= \frac{\log 13}{\log 5}$$

$$= 1.5937$$

Graph:  $f(x) = \log_2(x - 5)$

(Have to show change of base setup for credit)

$$f(x) = \log_2(x - 5)$$

$$f(x) = \frac{\log(x - 5)}{\log 2}$$

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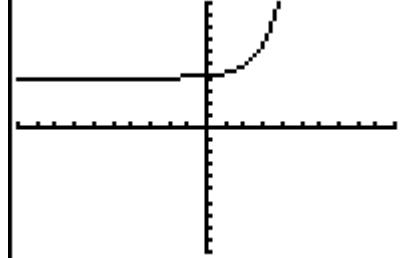
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**3. Use the definition of a log**

Write in logarithmic form:  $5^{x-3} = 7$

$$\log_5 7 = x - 3$$

Write in exponential form:  $\log_7(x - 1) = 2$

$$7^2 = x - 1$$

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4. Use properties of logs

<p>Write as separate logs:</p> $\log \frac{x^3 y}{z^4 \sqrt{w}}$ $\log \frac{x^3 y}{z^4 \sqrt{w}}$ $\log(x^3 y) - \log(z^4 \sqrt{w})$ $\log x^3 + \log y - [\log z^4 + \log \sqrt{w}]$ $\log x^3 + \log y - \log z^4 - \log \sqrt{w}$ $3 \log x + \log y - 4 \log z - \log w^{\frac{1}{2}}$ $3 \log x + \log y - 4 \log z - \frac{1}{2} \log w$	<p>Write as separate logs:</p> $\log_9 \sqrt[9]{\frac{x^2}{y^3}}$ $\log_9 \sqrt[9]{\frac{x^2}{y^3}}$ $\log \left( \frac{x^2}{y^3} \right)^{\frac{1}{9}}$ $\frac{1}{9} \log \left( \frac{x^2}{y^3} \right)$ $\frac{1}{9} \log x^2 - \frac{1}{9} \log y^3$ $\frac{2}{9} \log x - \frac{3}{9} \log y$ $\frac{2}{9} \log x - \frac{1}{3} \log y$
<p>Condense into a single log:</p> $5 \log x - 7 \log y + 3 \log z$ $5 \log x - 7 \log y + 3 \log z$ $\log x^5 - \log y^7 + \log z^3$ $\log \frac{x^5}{y^7} + \log z^3$ $\log \frac{x^5 z^3}{y^7}$	<p>Condense into a single log:</p> $3 \log(x-1) + 4 \log x - 7 \log(x+2)$ $3 \log(x-1) + 4 \log x - 7 \log(x+2)$ $\log(x-1)^3 + \log x^4 - \log(x+2)^7$ $\log[x^4(x-1)^3] - \log(x+2)^7$ $\log \frac{x^4(x-1)^3}{(x+2)^7}$

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5. Solve using equality of exponents

$4^{x-1} = 64$ $4^{x-1} = 64$ $4^{x-1} = 4^3$ $x - 1 = 3$ $x = 3 + 1$ $x = 4$	$9^{4x-1} = 27^{x+3}$ $9^{4x-1} = 27^{x+3}$ $3^{2(4x-1)} = 3^{3(x+3)}$ $2(4x - 1) = 3(x + 3)$ $8x - 2 = 3x + 9$ $8x - 3x = 9 + 2$ $5x = 11$ $\frac{5x}{5} = \frac{11}{5}$ $x = \frac{11}{5}$
$2^{x-3} = \sqrt[3]{2}$ $2^{x-3} = \sqrt[3]{2}$ $2^{x-3} = 2^{\frac{1}{3}}$ $x - 3 = \frac{1}{3}$ $3(x) + 3(-3) = 3\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)$ $3x - 9 = 1$ $3x = 1 + 9$ $3x = 10$ $\frac{3x}{3} = \frac{10}{3}$ $x = \frac{10}{3}$	

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6. Solve a basic log equation

$$\log_3(4x - 1) = 2$$

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$$3^2 = 4x - 1$$

$$9 = 4x - 1$$

$$9 + 1 = 4x$$

$$10 = 4x$$

$$\frac{10}{4} = \frac{4x}{4}$$

$$\frac{5}{2} = x$$

$$\ln(x - 8) = 3$$

$$\ln(x - 8) = 3$$

$$e^3 = x - 8$$

$$e^3 + 8 = x$$

7. Solve a log equation by using properties of logs:

$$\log_3(x) + \log_3(x - 6) = 3$$

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$$\log_3 x(x - 6) = 3$$

$$3^3 = x(x - 6)$$

$$27 = x^2 - 6x$$

$$0 = x^2 - 6x - 27$$

$$0 = (x - 9)(x + 3)$$

$$x - 9 = 0 \quad x + 3 = 0$$

$$x = 9 \quad x = -3$$

but  $x = -3$  doesn't work so  $x = 9$

$$\log(x + 2) - \log(x + 1) = 1$$

$$\log(x + 2) - \log(x + 1) = 1$$

$$\log \frac{x+2}{x+1} = 1$$

$$10^1 = \frac{x+2}{x+1}$$

$$10(x+1) = \frac{x+2}{x+1}(x+1)$$

$$10x + 10 = x + 2$$

$$10x - x = 2 - 10$$

$$9x = -8$$

$$\frac{9x}{9} = \frac{-8}{9}$$

$$x = \frac{-8}{9}$$

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8. Solve miscellaneous log problems:

Find the domain of:

$$f(x) = \log_2(7x - 1)$$

$$7x - 1 > 0$$

$$7x > 1$$

$$\frac{7x}{7} > \frac{1}{7}$$

$$x > \frac{1}{7}$$

Evaluate without using a calculator:

$$\log_3 9$$

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$$\log_3 3^2$$

$$2$$

Evaluate without using a calculator:

$$\log_2 \sqrt{8}$$

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$$\log_2 8^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\log_2 (2^3)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\log_2 2^{\frac{3}{2}}$$

$$\frac{3}{2}$$

Evaluate without using a calculator:

$$5^{\log_5(4x-1)}$$

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$$4x - 1$$

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9. Solve an exponential equation

$9^{x-1} = 5$ $9^{x-1} = 5$ $\ln(9^{x-1}) = \ln 5$ $(x-1)\ln 9 = \ln 5$ $x\ln 9 - \ln 9 = \ln 5$ $x\ln 9 = \ln 5 + \ln 9$ $\frac{x\ln 9}{\ln 9} = \frac{\ln 5 + \ln 9}{\ln 9}$ $x = \frac{\ln 5 + \ln 9}{\ln 9}$	$4^{x+3} - 2 = 7$ $4^{x+3} - 2 = 7$ $4^{x+3} = 7 + 2$ $4^{x+3} = 9$ $\ln(4^{x+3}) = \ln 9$ $(x+3)\ln 4 = \ln 9$ $x\ln 4 + 3\ln 4 = \ln 9$ $x\ln 4 = \ln 9 - 3\ln 4$ $\frac{x\ln 4}{\ln 4} = \frac{\ln 9 - 3\ln 4}{\ln 4}$ $x = \frac{\ln 9 - 3\ln 4}{\ln 4}$
$4e^{2x-1} - 3 = 5$ $4e^{2x-1} - 3 = 5$ $4e^{2x-1} = 5 + 3$ $4e^{2x-1} = 8$ $\frac{4e^{2x-1}}{4} = \frac{8}{4}$ $e^{2x-1} = 2$ $\ln(e^{2x-1}) = \ln 2$ $2x - 1 = \ln 2$ $2x = 1 + \ln 2$ $\frac{2x}{2} = \frac{1 + \ln 2}{2}$ $x = \frac{1 + \ln 2}{2}$	

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10. Solve an exponential equation (compound interest problem)

Given interest is compounded continuously and principal is 3000, ending amount is 5000, rate is 2%, find time.

$$A = Pe^{rt}$$

$$5000 = 3000e^{0.02t}$$

$$\frac{5000}{3000} = \frac{3000e^{0.02t}}{3000}$$

$$\frac{5000}{3000} = e^{0.02t}$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{5000}{3000}\right) = \ln(e^{0.02t})$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{5000}{3000}\right) = 0.02t$$

$$\frac{\ln\left(\frac{5000}{3000}\right)}{0.02} = t$$

$$25.5 = t$$

Given interest is compounded continuously and principal is 4000, ending amount is 4100, time is 3 years, find the rate.

$$A = Pe^{rt}$$

$$4100 = 4000e^{3r}$$

$$\frac{4100}{4000} = \frac{4000e^{3r}}{4000}$$

$$\frac{4100}{4000} = e^{3r}$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{4100}{4000}\right) = \ln(e^{3r})$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{4100}{4000}\right) = 3r$$

$$\frac{\ln\left(\frac{4100}{4000}\right)}{3} = r$$

$$0.0082 = r$$

$$0.82\% = r$$