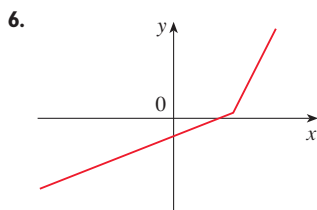
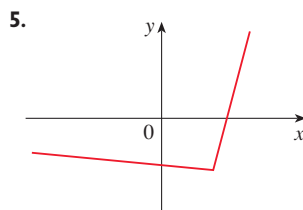
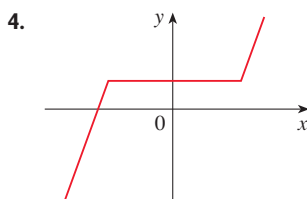
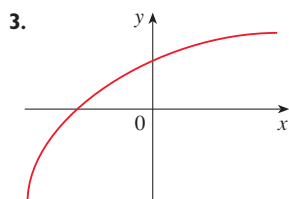
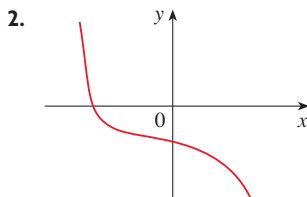
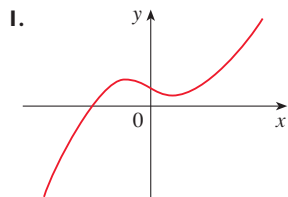


3.2 INVERSE FUNCTIONS AND LOGARITHMS

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1–10 ■ A function f is given by a graph or a formula. Determine whether f is one-to-one.



7. $f(x) = 7x - 3$

8. $f(x) = x^2 - 2x + 5$

9. $f(x) = 4 - 3x$

10. $f(x) = 3x^2 + 5x - 4$

11–16 ■ Find a formula for the inverse of the function.

11. $f(x) = 4x + 7$

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

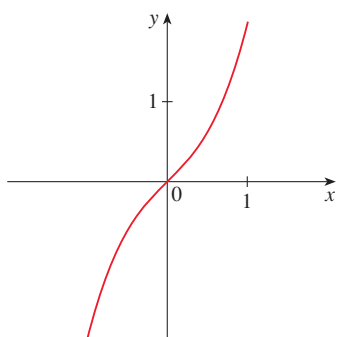
13. $f(x) = \frac{1+3x}{5-2x}$

14. $f(x) = 5 - 4x^3$

15. $f(x) = \sqrt{2+5x}$

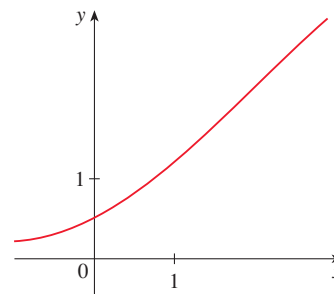
16. $f(x) = x^2 + x, \quad x \geq -\frac{1}{2}$

17. Use the given graph of f to sketch the graph of f^{-1} .



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18. Use the given graph of f to sketch the graphs of f^{-1} and $1/f$.



19. Find $g'(3)$, where g is the inverse function of $f(x) = 3 + x^2 + \sin \pi x, -0.4 < x < 0.4$.

20–32 ■ Find the exact value of the expression.

20. $\log_2 64$

21. $\log_6 \frac{1}{36}$

22. $\log_8 4$

23. $\log_3 \frac{1}{27}$

24. $e^{\ln 6}$

25. $\log_3 3^{\sqrt{5}}$

26. $\log_8 6 - \log_8 3 + \log_8 4$

27. $\log_8 2$

28. $\ln e^{\sqrt{2}}$

29. $\log_{10} 0.1$

30. $\log_3 108 - \log_3 4$

31. $\log_{10} 1.25 + \log_{10} 80$

32. $\log_5 10 + \log_5 20 - 3 \log_5 2$

33–35 ■ Express the quantity as a single logarithm.

33. $\log_2 x + 5 \log_2(x+1) + \frac{1}{2} \log_2(x-1)$

34. $\ln 10 + \frac{1}{2} \ln 9$

35. $\frac{1}{3} \ln x - 4 \ln(2x+3)$

36. Use Formula 14 to evaluate each logarithm correct to six decimal places.

(a) $\log_{0.7} 14$

(b) $\log_2 5$

(c) $\log_5 26.05$

(d) $\log_3 e$

37–38 ■ Use Formula 14 to graph the given functions on a common screen. How are these graphs related?

37. $y = \log_3 x, \quad y = \log_{10} x$

38. $y = \log_2 x, \quad y = \ln x, \quad y = \log_{10} x$

39–47 ■ Make a rough sketch of the graph of each function. Do not use a calculator. Just use the graphs given in Figures 13, 14, and 15 and, if necessary, the transformations of Section 1.2.

39. $y = \log_{1.1} x$

40. $y = \log_{100} x$

41. $y = 1 + \log_5(x - 1)$

42. $y = \ln(-x)$

43. $y = -\ln(-x)$

44. $y = \ln(x + 3)$

45. $y = \ln|x + 3|$

46. $y = \ln(x^2)$

47. $y = \ln(1/x)$

48–63 ■ Solve the equation for x .

48. $e^x = 16$

49. $\ln x = -1$

50. $\ln(2x - 1) = 3$

51. $e^{3x-4} = 2$

52. $\log_2 x = 3$

53. $2^{x-5} = 3$

54. $3^{x+2} = m$

55. $5^{\log_5(2x)} = 6$

56. $\ln x = \ln 5 + \ln 8$

57. $\ln x^2 = 2 \ln 4 - 4 \ln 2$

58. $\ln(e^{2x-1}) = 5$

59. $\ln(x + 6) + \ln(x - 3) = \ln 5 + \ln 2$

60. $\ln x + \ln(x - 1) = 1$

61. $2^{3^x} = 5$

62. $\log_2(\log_3(\log_4 x)) = C$

63. $\ln\left(\frac{x-2}{x-1}\right) = 1 + \ln\left(\frac{x-3}{x-1}\right)$

64–67 ■ Find the solution of the equation correct to four decimal places.

64. $\ln(x - 5) = 3$

65. $e^{5x-1} = 12$

66. $e^{2-3x} = 20$

67. $2^{-x} = 5$

68–74 ■ Find the limit.

68. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 5^+} \ln(x - 5)$

69. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \log_{10}(4x)$

70. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \log_2(x^2 - x)$

71. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \ln(1 + x^2)$

72. $\lim_{x \rightarrow (\pi/2)^-} \log_{10}(\cos x)$

73. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln x}{1 + \ln x}$

74. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \ln(1 + e^{-x^2})$

75–78 ■ Find the domain and range of the function.

75. $g(x) = \ln(4 - x^2)$

76. $F(t) = \sqrt{t} \ln(t^2 - 1)$

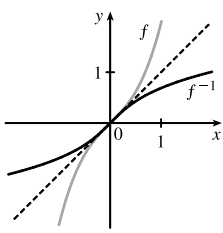
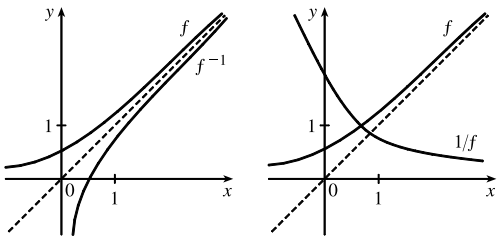
77. $f(x) = \log_{10}(1 - x)$

78. $G(t) = \ln(t^3 - t)$

79. Find the inverse function of $y = e^{\sqrt{x}}$.80. Without using a calculator, determine which of the numbers $\log_{10} 99$ or $\log_9 82$ is larger.81. Solve the equation $4^x - 2^{x+3} + 12 = 0$.

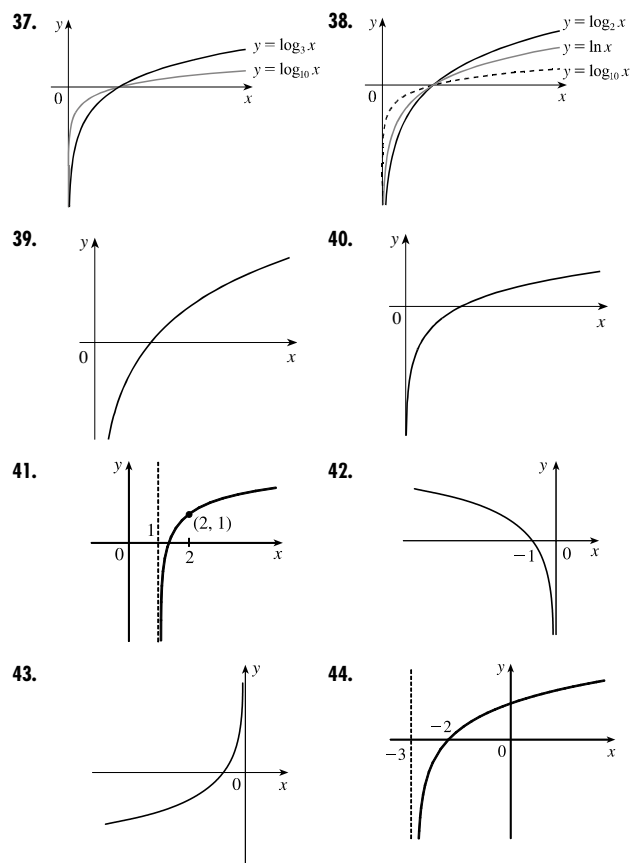
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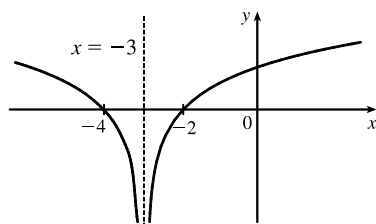
1. No
2. Yes
3. Yes
4. No
5. No
6. Yes
7. Yes
8. No
9. Yes
10. No
11. $f^{-1}(x) = \frac{1}{4}(x - 7)$
12. $f^{-1}(x) = \frac{2(1+x)}{1-x}$
13. $f^{-1}(x) = \frac{5x-1}{2x+3}$
14. $f^{-1}(x) = \left(\frac{5-x}{4}\right)^{1/3}$
15. $f^{-1}(x) = \frac{x^2-2}{5}, x \geq 0$
16. $f^{-1}(x) = \frac{1}{2}(-1 + \sqrt{1+4x})$
17. 
18. 
19. $\frac{1}{\pi}$

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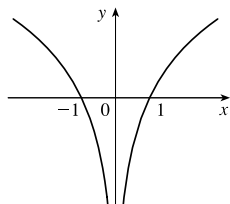
20. 6
21. -2
22. $\frac{2}{3}$
23. -3
24. 6
25. $\sqrt{5}$
26. 1
27. $\frac{1}{3}$
28. $\sqrt{2}$
29. -1
30. 3
31. 2
32. 2
33. $\log_2(x(x+1)^5\sqrt{x-1})$
34. $\ln 30$
35. $\ln\left(\frac{x^{1/3}}{(2x+3)^4}\right)$
36. (a) -7.399054 (b) 2.321928
(c) 2.025563 (d) 0.910239



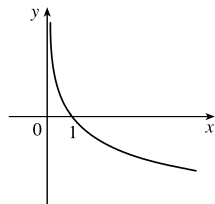
45.



46.



47.



48. $x = 4 \ln 2$

50. $x = \frac{1}{2}(e^3 + 1)$

52. $x = 8$

54. $x = \log_3 m - 2$

56. $x = 40$

58. $x = 3$

60. $x = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \sqrt{1 + 4e})$

62. $x = 4^{3^{2^C}}$

64. $x \approx 25.0855$

66. $x \approx -0.3319$

68. $-\infty$

70. ∞

72. $-\infty$

74. 0

76. $(1, \infty), \mathbb{R}$

78. $(-1, 0) \cup (1, \infty), \mathbb{R}$

80. $\log_9 82$

49. $x = 1/e$

51. $x = \frac{1}{3}(\ln 2 + 4)$

53. $x = 5 + \frac{\ln 3}{\ln 2}$

55. $x = 3$

57. $x = \pm 1$

59. $x = 4$

61. $x = \frac{\ln(\ln 5 / \ln 2)}{\ln 3}$

63. $x = \frac{2 - 3e}{1 - e}$

65. $x \approx 0.6970$

67. $x \approx -2.3219$

69. $-\infty$

71. ∞

73. 1

75. $(-2, 2), (-\infty, \ln 4]$

77. $(-\infty, 1), \mathbb{R}$

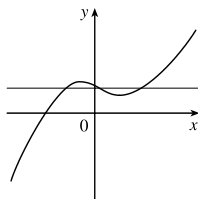
79. $y = (\ln x)^2, x \geq 1$

81. $x = \log_2 6, x = 1$

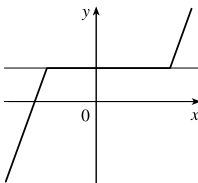
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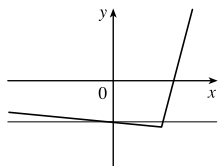
1. The diagram shows that there is a horizontal line which intersects the graph more than once, so the function is not one-to-one.



2. The function is one-to-one because no horizontal line intersects the graph more than once.
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5. The diagram shows that there is a horizontal line which intersects the graph more than once, so the function is not one-to-one.



6. The function is one-to-one because no horizontal line intersects the graph more than once.
7. $x_1 \neq x_2 \Rightarrow 7x_1 \neq 7x_2 \Rightarrow 7x_1 - 3 \neq 7x_2 - 3 \Rightarrow f(x_1) \neq f(x_2)$, so f is 1-1.
8. $f(x) = x^2 - 2x + 5 \Rightarrow f(0) = 5 = f(2)$, so f is not one-to-one.
9. $f(x) = 4 - 3x \Rightarrow f'(x) = -3 < 0 \Rightarrow f$ is decreasing and hence one-to-one.
10. $f(x) = 3x^2 + 5x - 4 \Rightarrow f'(x) = 6x + 5 \Rightarrow f'(x) < 0$ and f is decreasing for $x < -\frac{5}{6}$ while $f'(x) > 0$ and f is increasing for $x > -\frac{5}{6}$. Thus, any horizontal line $y = k$ [where $k > f(-\frac{5}{6})$] will intersect the graph of f more than once, so f fails the horizontal line test and is not 1-1.

11. $y = f(x) = 4x + 7 \Rightarrow 4x = y - 7 \Rightarrow x = (y - 7)/4$. Interchange x and y : $y = (x - 7)/4$. So $f^{-1}(x) = (x - 7)/4$.

12. $y = f(x) = \frac{x-2}{x+2} \Rightarrow xy + 2y = x - 2 \Rightarrow x(1-y) = 2(y+1) \Rightarrow x = \frac{2(1+y)}{1-y}$. Interchange x and y : $y = \frac{2(1+x)}{1-x}$. So $f^{-1}(x) = \frac{2(1+x)}{1-x}$.

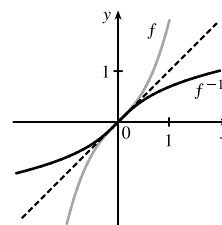
13. $y = f(x) = \frac{1+3x}{5-2x} \Rightarrow 5y - 2xy = 1 + 3x \Rightarrow 5y - 1 = 3x + 2xy \Rightarrow x(3+2y) = 5y - 1 \Rightarrow x = \frac{5y-1}{2y+3}$. Interchange x and y : $y = \frac{5x-1}{2x+3}$. So $f^{-1}(x) = \frac{5x-1}{2x+3}$.

14. $y = f(x) = 5 - 4x^3 \Rightarrow 4x^3 = 5 - y \Rightarrow x^3 = (5-y)/4 \Rightarrow x = \left(\frac{5-y}{4}\right)^{1/3}$. Interchange x and y : $y = \left(\frac{5-x}{4}\right)^{1/3}$. So $f^{-1}(x) = \left(\frac{5-x}{4}\right)^{1/3}$.

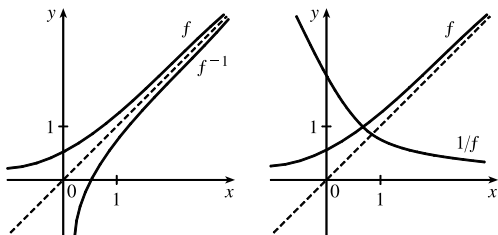
15. $y = f(x) = \sqrt{2+5x} \Rightarrow y^2 = 2+5x$ and $y \geq 0 \Rightarrow 5x = y^2 - 2 \Rightarrow x = \frac{y^2-2}{5}, y \geq 0$. Interchange x and y : $y = \frac{x^2-2}{5}, x \geq 0$. So $f^{-1}(x) = \frac{x^2-2}{5}, x \geq 0$.

16. $y = f(x) = x^2 + x \Rightarrow x^2 + x - y = 0 \Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{2}(-1 \pm \sqrt{1+4y})$ by the quadratic formula. But $x \geq -\frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{2}(-1 + \sqrt{1+4y})$. Interchange x and y : $y = \frac{1}{2}(-1 + \sqrt{1+4x})$. So $f^{-1}(x) = \frac{1}{2}(-1 + \sqrt{1+4x})$.

17. The function f is one-to-one, so its inverse exists and the graph of its inverse can be obtained by reflecting the graph of f through the line $y = x$.



18. For the graph of $1/f$, the y -coordinates are simply the reciprocals of f . For example, if $f(0) = \frac{1}{2}$, then $1/f(0) = 2$. If we draw the horizontal line $y = 1$, we see that the only place where the graphs intersect is on that line.



19. $f(0) = 3 \Rightarrow g(3) = 0$ and $f'(x) = 2x + \pi \cos \pi x \Rightarrow f'(0) = \pi$. Therefore, $g'(3) = \frac{1}{f'(g(3))} = \frac{1}{f'(0)} = \frac{1}{\pi}$.

20. $\log_2 64 = 6$ since $2^6 = 64$.

21. $\log_6 \frac{1}{36} = -2$ since $6^{-2} = \frac{1}{36}$.

22. $\log_8 4 = \frac{2}{3}$ since $8^{2/3} = 4$.

23. $\log_3 \frac{1}{27} = -3$ since $3^{-3} = \frac{1}{27}$.

24. $e^{\ln 6} = 6$

25. $\log_3 3^{\sqrt{5}} = \sqrt{5}$

26. $\log_8 6 - \log_8 3 + \log_8 4 = \log_8 \frac{6 \cdot 4}{3} = \log_8 8 = 1$

27. $\log_8 2 = \frac{1}{3}$ since $8^{1/3} = 2$.

28. $\ln e^{\sqrt{2}} = \sqrt{2}$

29. $\log_{10} 0.1 = \log_{10} 10^{-1} = -1$

30. $\log_3 108 - \log_3 4 = \log_3 \frac{108}{4} = \log_3 27 = 3$

31. $\log_{10} 1.25 + \log_{10} 80 = \log_{10} (1.25 \cdot 80)$
 $= \log_{10} 100 = \log_{10} 10^2 = 2$

32. $\log_5 10 + \log_5 20 - 3 \log_5 2 = \log_5 (10 \cdot 20) - \log_5 2^3$
 $= \log_5 \frac{200}{8} = \log_5 25$
 $= \log_5 5^2 = 2$

33. $\log_2 x + 5 \log_2 (x+1) + \frac{1}{2} \log_2 (x-1)$
 $= \log_2 x + \log_2 (x+1)^5 + \log_2 \sqrt{x-1}$
 $= \log_2 (x(x+1)^5 \sqrt{x-1})$

34. $\ln 10 + \frac{1}{2} \ln 9 = \ln 10 + \ln 9^{1/2} = \ln 10 + \ln 3 = \ln 30$

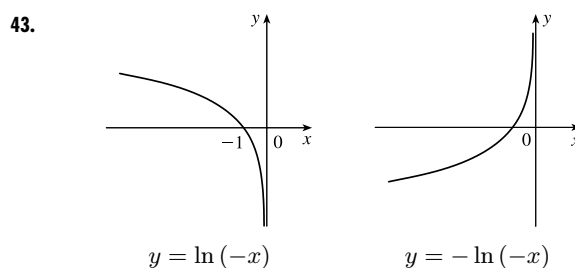
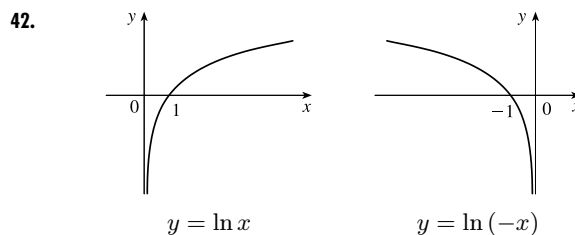
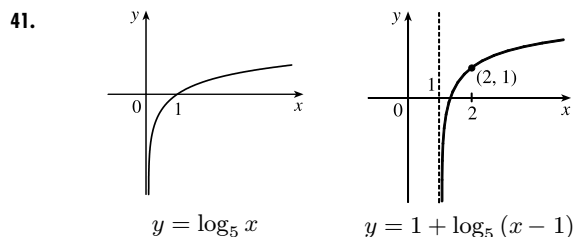
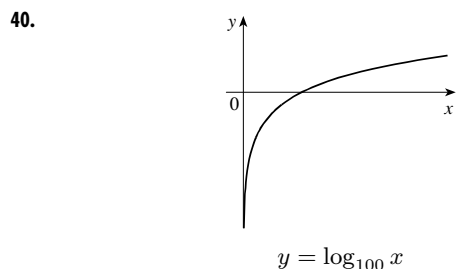
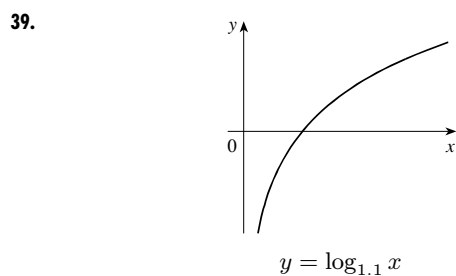
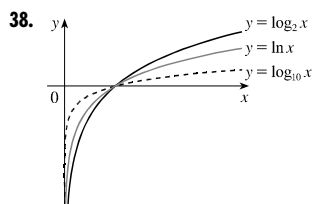
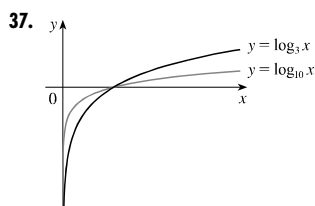
35. $\frac{1}{3} \ln x - 4 \ln (2x+3) = \ln (x^{1/3}) - \ln (2x+3)^4$
 $= \ln \left(\frac{x^{1/3}}{(2x+3)^4} \right)$

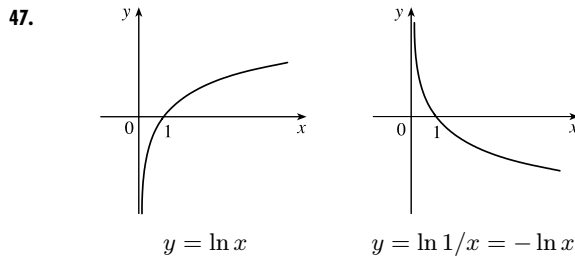
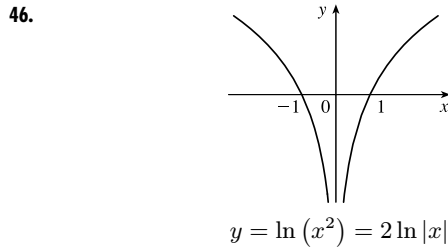
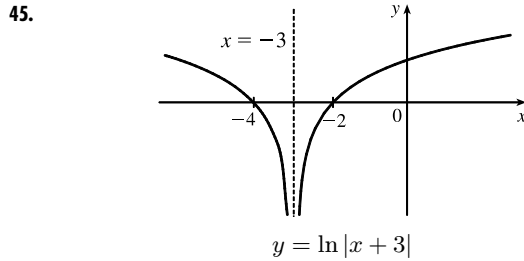
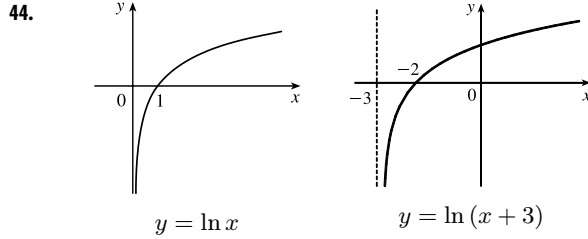
36. (a) $\log_{0.7} 14 = \frac{\ln 14}{\ln 0.7} \approx -7.399054$

(b) $\log_2 5 = \frac{\ln 5}{\ln 2} \approx 2.321928$

(c) $\log_5 26.05 = \frac{\ln 26.05}{\ln 5} \approx 2.025563$

(d) $\log_3 e = \frac{1}{\ln 3} \approx 0.910239$





48. $e^x = 16 \Leftrightarrow \ln e^x = \ln 16 \Leftrightarrow$
 $x = \ln 16 = \ln 2^4 = 4 \ln 2$

49. $\ln x = -1 \Leftrightarrow e^{\ln x} = e^{-1} \Leftrightarrow x = 1/e$

50. $\ln(2x-1) = 3 \Leftrightarrow e^{\ln(2x-1)} = e^3 \Leftrightarrow 2x-1 = e^3$
 $\Leftrightarrow x = \frac{1}{2}(e^3 + 1)$

51. $e^{3x-4} = 2 \Leftrightarrow \ln(e^{3x-4}) = \ln 2 \Leftrightarrow 3x-4 = \ln 2$
 $\Leftrightarrow x = \frac{1}{3}(\ln 2 + 4)$

52. $\log_2 x = 3 \Leftrightarrow x = 2^3 = 8$

53. $2^{x-5} = 3 \Leftrightarrow \log_2 3 = x-5 \Leftrightarrow x = 5 + \log_2 3$.
 Or: $2^{x-5} = 3 \Leftrightarrow \ln(2^{x-5}) = \ln 3 \Leftrightarrow$
 $(x-5) \ln 2 = \ln 3 \Leftrightarrow x-5 = \frac{\ln 3}{\ln 2} \Leftrightarrow$
 $x = 5 + \frac{\ln 3}{\ln 2}$

54. $3^{x+2} = m \Leftrightarrow \log_3 m = x+2 \Leftrightarrow x = \log_3 m - 2$

55. $6 = 5^{\log_5(2x)} = 2x \Leftrightarrow x = 3$

56. $\ln x = \ln 5 + \ln 8 = \ln 40 \Leftrightarrow x = 40$

57. $\ln x^2 = 2 \ln 4 - 4 \ln 2 = 4 \ln 2 - 4 \ln 2 = 0 \Leftrightarrow x^2 = 1$
 $\Leftrightarrow x = \pm 1$

58. $5 = \ln(e^{2x-1}) = 2x-1 \Leftrightarrow x = 3$

59. $\ln(x+6) + \ln(x-3) = \ln 5 + \ln 2 \Leftrightarrow$
 $\ln((x+6)(x-3)) = \ln 10 \Leftrightarrow (x+6)(x-3) = 10$
 $\Leftrightarrow x^2 + 3x - 18 = 10 \Leftrightarrow x^2 + 3x - 28 = 0 \Leftrightarrow$
 $(x+7)(x-4) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = -7 \text{ or } 4$. However, $x = -7$
 is not a solution since $\ln(-7+6)$ is not defined. So $x = 4$
 is the only solution.

60. $\ln x + \ln(x-1) = \ln(x(x-1)) = 1 \Leftrightarrow$
 $x(x-1) = e^1 \Leftrightarrow x^2 - x - e = 0$. The quadratic
 formula gives $x = \frac{1}{2}(1 \pm \sqrt{1+4e})$, but we reject the
 negative root since the natural logarithm is not defined for
 $x < 0$. So $x = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \sqrt{1+4e})$.

61. $2^{3^x} = 5 \Leftrightarrow 3^x = \log_2 5 \Leftrightarrow \log_3(\log_2 5) = x$.
 Or: $2^{3^x} = 5 \Leftrightarrow \ln 2^{3^x} = \ln 5 \Leftrightarrow 3^x \ln 2 = \ln 5 \Leftrightarrow$
 $3^x = \frac{\ln 5}{\ln 2}$. Hence $\ln 3^x = x \ln 3 = \ln\left(\frac{\ln 5}{\ln 2}\right) \Leftrightarrow$
 $x = \frac{\ln(\ln 5 / \ln 2)}{\ln 3}$.

62. $\log_2[\log_3(\log_4 x)] = C \Leftrightarrow 2^C = \log_3(\log_4 x) \Leftrightarrow$
 $3^{2^C} = \log_4 x \Leftrightarrow x = 4^{3^{2^C}}$

63. $\ln\left(\frac{x-2}{x-1}\right) = 1 + \ln\left(\frac{x-3}{x-1}\right) \Leftrightarrow$
 $\ln\left(\frac{x-2}{x-1}\right) - \ln\left(\frac{x-3}{x-1}\right) = 1 \Leftrightarrow \ln\left(\frac{x-2}{x-3}\right) = 1$
 $\Leftrightarrow \frac{x-2}{x-3} = e^1 = e$. Thus $x-2 = (x-3)e \Leftrightarrow$
 $x(1-e) = 2-3e \Leftrightarrow x = \frac{2-3e}{1-e}$.

64. $\ln(x-5) = 3 \Rightarrow x-5 = e^3 \Rightarrow$
 $x = e^3 + 5 \approx 25.0855$

65. $e^{5x-1} = 12 \Rightarrow 5x-1 = \ln 12 \Rightarrow$
 $x = \frac{1}{5}(\ln 12 + 1) \approx 0.6970$

66. $e^{2-3x} = 20 \Rightarrow 2-3x = \ln 20 \Rightarrow$
 $x = \frac{1}{3}(2 - \ln 20) \approx -0.3319$

67. $2^{-x} = 5 \Rightarrow -x \ln 2 = \ln 5 \Rightarrow$
 $x = -\ln 5 / \ln 2 \approx -2.3219$

68. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 5^+} \ln(x-5) = -\infty$ since $x-5 \rightarrow 0^+$ as $x \rightarrow 5^+$.

69. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \log_{10}(4x) = -\infty$ since $4x \rightarrow 0^+$ as $x \rightarrow 0^+$.

70. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \log_2(x^2 - x) = \infty$ since $x^2 - x \rightarrow \infty$ as $x \rightarrow \infty$.

71. Let $t = 1 + x^2$. As $x \rightarrow \infty$, $t \rightarrow \infty$.
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \ln(1 + x^2) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \ln t = \infty$ by (8).

72. $\lim_{x \rightarrow (\pi/2)^-} \log_{10}(\cos x) = -\infty$ since $\cos x \rightarrow 0^+$ as
 $x \rightarrow (\pi/2)^-$.

73. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln x}{1 + \ln x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{(1/\ln x) + 1} = \frac{1}{0+1} = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} 74. \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \ln(1 + e^{-x^2}) &= \ln\left(1 + \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} e^{-x^2}\right) \\ &= \ln(1 + 0) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$75. g(x) = \ln(4 - x^2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Domain}(g) &= \{x \mid 4 - x^2 > 0\} \\ &= \{x \mid |x| < 2\} = (-2, 2) \end{aligned}$$

Since $4 - x^2 \leq 4$, we have $\ln(4 - x^2) \leq \ln 4$. Also

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} g(x) = -\infty, \text{ so } \text{range}(g) = (-\infty, \ln 4].$$

$$76. F(t) = \sqrt{t} \ln(t^2 - 1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Domain}(F) &= \{t \mid t \geq 0 \text{ and } t^2 - 1 > 0\} \\ &= \{t \mid t > 1\} = (1, \infty) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Range}(F) = \mathbb{R}$$

$$77. f(x) = \log_{10}(1 - x)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Domain}(f) &= \{x \mid 1 - x > 0\} = \{x \mid x < 1\} \\ &= (-\infty, 1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Range}(f) = \mathbb{R}.$$

$$78. G(t) = \ln(t^3 - t)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Domain}(G) &= \{t \mid t^3 - t > 0\} = \{t \mid t(t^2 - 1) > 0\} \\ &= \{t \mid t > 1 \text{ or } -1 < t < 0\} \\ &= (-1, 0) \cup (1, \infty) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Range}(G) = \mathbb{R}.$$

$$79. y = e^{\sqrt{x}} \Rightarrow \ln y = \ln e^{\sqrt{x}} = \sqrt{x} \Rightarrow x = (\ln y)^2.$$

Also note that $\sqrt{x} \geq 0 \Rightarrow y = e^{\sqrt{x}} \geq 1$. Interchange x and y : the inverse function is $y = (\ln x)^2, x \geq 1$.

$$\begin{aligned} 80. \text{ Let } x = \log_{10} 99, y = \log_9 82. \text{ Then } 10^x = 99 < 10^2 &\Rightarrow x < 2, \text{ and } 9^y = 82 > 9^2 \Rightarrow y > 2. \text{ Therefore,} \\ y = \log_9 82 \text{ is larger.} \end{aligned}$$

$$81. \text{ Notice that } 4^x = (2^2)^x = 2^{2x} = (2^x)^2, \text{ and}$$

$$2^{x+3} = 2^3 2^x = 8 \cdot 2^x, \text{ so that } 4^x - 2^{x+3} + 12 = 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$(2^x)^2 - 8 \cdot 2^x + 12 = (2^x - 6)(2^x - 2) = 0 \Leftrightarrow 2^x = 6$$

or $2^x = 2$. Hence, $x = \log_2 6$ or $x = 1$.