

Graphing Logs & Exponents

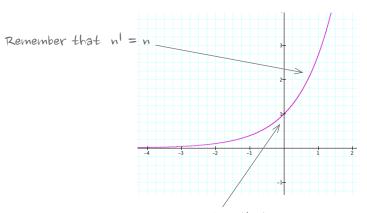
Exponents

Parent function: $y = n^{x}$

- "Base point": (0,1)
- Passes through (1, n)
- Asymptote: y = 0 (i.e., x axis)
- Domain: \mathbb{R} Range: $(0, \infty)$

General equation: $y = a \cdot n^{b(x-h)} + k$

- a = vertical scale; negative flips vertically around the x-axis.
- b = horizontal scale; negative flips horizontally around y-axis



Remember that

regardless of the value of n

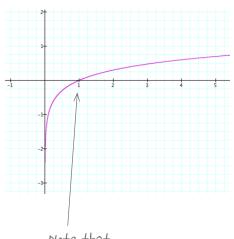
Logarithms

Parent function: $y = log_n(x)$

- "Base point": (1,0)
- Passes through (n, 1)
- Asymptote: x = 0 (i.e., y axis)
- Domain: $(0, \infty)$ Range: R

General equation: $y = a \cdot \log_n b(x - h) + k$

- h,k = horizontal, vertical offsets
- α = vertical scale; negative flips vertically around x-axis
- b = horizontal scale; negative flips horizontally around y-axis



Note that

log(1) = 0regardless of the base