

Finding the Rule of the Inverse of a Log Function

Given $y = 3\log_2 4(x-1) - 6$ find the inverse.

What kind of function will the inverse be?

Exponential

$$\begin{aligned}
 x &= 3\log_2 4(y-1) - 6 \\
 x+6 &= 3\log_2 4(y-1) \\
 \frac{1}{3}(x+6) &= \log_2 4(y-1) \\
 2^{\frac{1}{3}(x+6)} &= 4(y-1) \\
 \frac{1}{4}(2)^{\frac{1}{3}(x+6)} &= y-1
 \end{aligned}$$

Red cloud notes:
 $\log_b x = p \Rightarrow b^p = x$
 $b^q = p \Rightarrow q = \log_b p$

$$f^{-1}(x) = \frac{1}{4}(2)^{\frac{1}{3}(x+6)} + 1$$

$$\text{Dom } f =]1, +\infty[$$

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Finding the Rule of the Inverse of an Exponential Function

Given: $y = \frac{1}{2}(2)^{\frac{1}{4}(x+3)} - 1$

What kind of function will the inverse be?

Logarithmic

$$\begin{aligned}
 y &= \frac{1}{2}(2)^{\frac{1}{4}(x+3)} - 1 \\
 x &= \frac{1}{2}(2)^{\frac{1}{4}(y+3)} - 1 \\
 x + 1 &= \frac{1}{2}(2)^{\frac{1}{4}(y+3)} \\
 2^{\frac{x+1}{2}} &= 2^{\frac{1}{4}(y+3)} \quad \log_2 2 = 1 \\
 \log_2 2^{(x+1)/2} &= \frac{1}{4}(y+3) \quad 2^{\log_2 a} = a \\
 4 \log_2 2^{(x+1)/2} &= y + 3 \\
 f^{-1}(x) &= 4 \log_2 2^{(x+1)/2} - 3
 \end{aligned}$$

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Ran f^{-1} : R

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