

Conditions

Write the equations in logarithmic form.

(a) $512 = 8^3$

(b) $49 = (1/7)^{-2}$

(c) $a = b^c$

Solution

As we know, logarithmic functions are the inverse of exponential functions. For example, the inverse of

$y = a^x$ is $y = \log_a x$, which is the same as $x = a^y$

That's why:

a)

$$512 = 8^3$$

$$3 = \log_8 512$$

b)

$$49 = \left(\frac{1}{7}\right)^{-2}$$

$$-2 = \log_{\frac{1}{7}} 49$$

c)

$$a = b^c$$

$$c = \log_b a$$