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	COMMON LOGARITHMS	NATURAL LOGARITHMS
BASE		
LOGARITHMIC FORM		
EXPONENTIAL FORM		
log <sub>b</sub> 1		
log <sub>b</sub> b		
log <sub>b</sub> b <sup>x</sup>		
blog x		

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#### Lesson Objectives (p. 531):

use the number *e* to write and graph exponential functions representing real-world situations; solve equations and problems involving *e* or natural logarithms.

### **Vocabulary**

- 1. Natural logarithm (p. 531): a logarithm with a base of e, abbreviated as ln.
- **2.** Natural logarithmic function (p. 532): the function  $f(x) = \ln x$ , which is the inverse of the natural exponential function  $f(x) = e^x$ .

#### **Key Concepts**

**3.** Natural Logarithmic Function (p. 532):

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	COMMON LOGARITHMS	NATURAL LOGARITHMS
BASE	10	<i>e</i> = 2.718
LOGARITHMIC FORM	$\log x = y$ $\log 100 = 2$	$ \ln x = y \\ \ln 100 \approx 4.6 $
EXPONENTIAL FORM	$x = 10^y$ $100 = 10^2$	$x = e^y$ $100 \approx e^{4.6}$
log <sub>b</sub> 1	log1 = 0	In 1 = 0
log <sub>b</sub> b	log10 = 1	In <i>e</i> = 1
log <sub>b</sub> b <sup>x</sup>	$\log 10^x = x$	In $e^x = x$
$b^{\log_{b} x}$	$10^{\log x} = x$	$e^{\ln x} = x$