

2.2 More about Functions

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Essential Question:

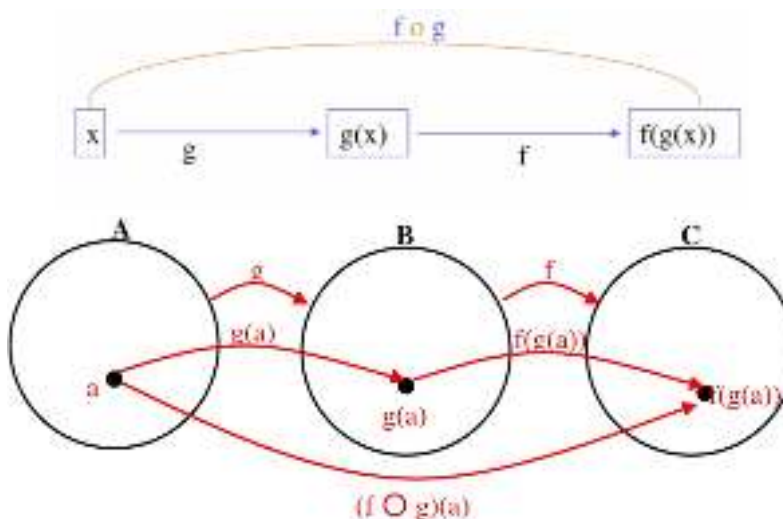
What is function composition, also what does it mean for a function to be bijective(invertible)? Alongside this, what are logarithmic, floor and ceiling functions?

Questions/Cues:

- What is function composition?
- What does it mean when a function is bijective or invertible?
- What is the identity function in terms of function composition?
- What can be said about the graphs of f and its inverse?
- What is logarithmic function and what is its inverse?
- What are the laws of logarithms?
- What is the graph of the logarithmic functions and what are some of its properties?
- What is the floor function and its respective graph?
- What is the ceiling function and its respective graph?

Notes

- Given 2 functions f and g , $(f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x))$



- Function composition is not commutative! $f \circ g \neq g \circ f$
 - If we change order of f and g , we get different function
- Bijective or Invertible = if and only if it's both injective and surjective
 - Injective = one-to-one, for every x there is unique image in the co-domain
 - Surjective = onto, unique pre-image for each element in co-domain, and range = co-domain
- Inverse function = Let $f: A \rightarrow B$, if f is bijective (invertible), then inverse function f^{-1} exists and defined $f^{-1}: B \rightarrow A$
- $(f \circ f^{-1})(x) = (f^{-1} \circ f)(x) = x$

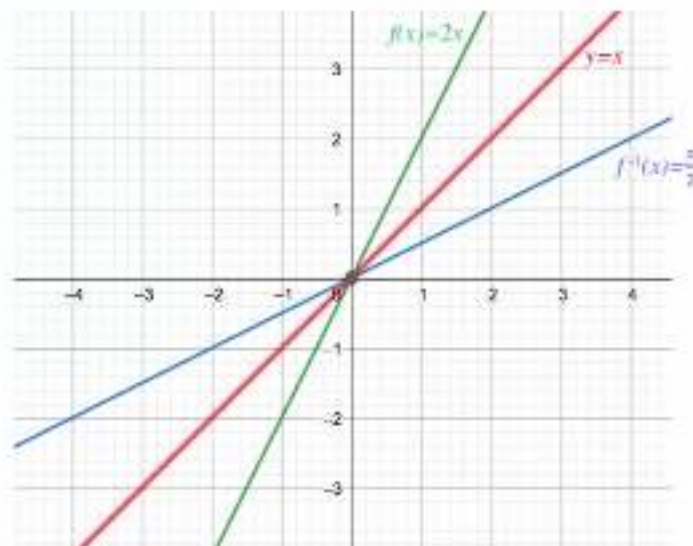
$$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad \text{with } f(x) = 2x$$

$$f^{-1}: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad \text{with } f^{-1}(x) = \frac{x}{2}$$

$$(f \circ f^{-1})(x) = f(f^{-1}(x)) = f\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) = 2 \cdot \frac{x}{2} = x$$

$$(f^{-1} \circ f)(x) = f^{-1}(f(x)) = f^{-1}(2x) = \frac{2x}{2} = x$$

The curves of f and f^{-1} are symmetric with respect to the straight line $y = x$.



- Logarithmic function = with base b , $b > 0$ and $b \neq 1$ is defined:

$$\log_b x = y \quad \text{if and only if} \quad x = b^y$$

$\log_b x$ is the inverse function of the exponential function b^x

$$\log_b m * n = \log_b m + \log_b n$$

$$\log_b \frac{m}{n} = \log_b m - \log_b n$$

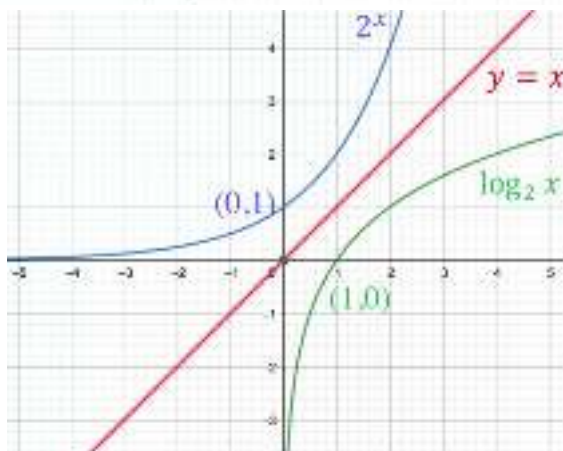
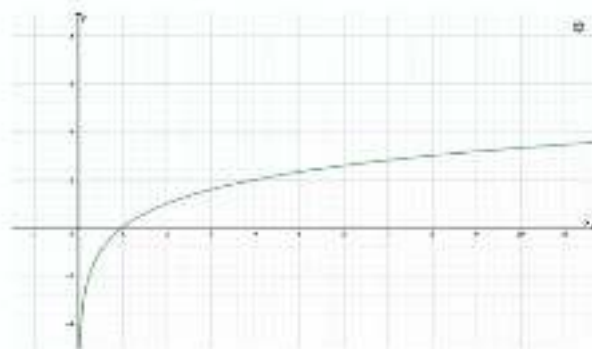
$$\log_b m^n = n \log_b m$$

$$\log_b 1 = 0$$

$$\log_b b = 1$$

Consider $f(x) = \log_2 x$. We will create a table of values for x and $f(x)$ and then sketch a graph of f .

x	1/8	1/4	1/2	1	2	4	8
$f(x)=\log_2 x$	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3



Log properties:

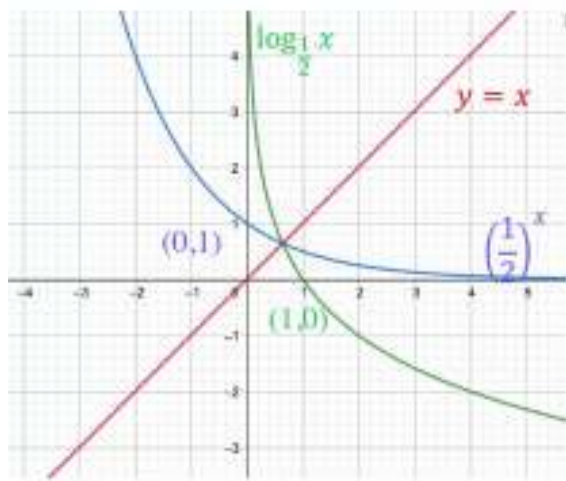
Graph of $\log_2 x$ is symmetric to 2^x with respect to $y=x$.

Domain: $(0, \infty)$

Range: $(-\infty, \infty)$

x-intercept: $(1, 0)$

Increasing on: $(0, \infty)$

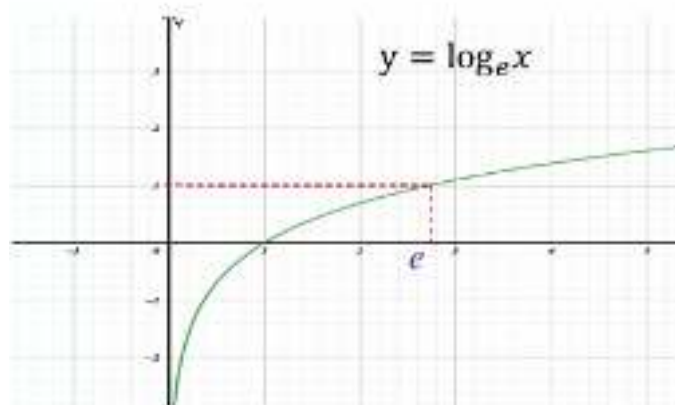


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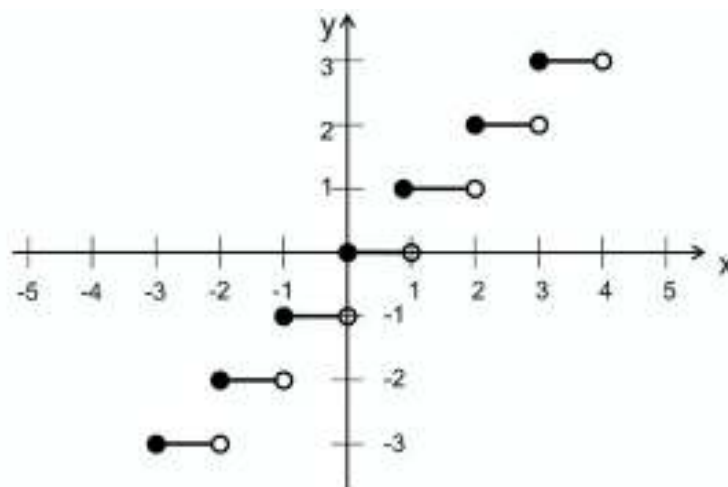
Graph of $\log_{\frac{1}{2}} x$
 is symmetric to $(\frac{1}{2})^x$
 with respect to $y=x$
 Domain: $(0, \infty)$
 Range: $(-\infty, \infty)$
 x-intercept: $(1, 0)$
 Decreasing on: $(0, \infty)$

$$\ln x = \log_e x \text{ where } e = 2.71828$$

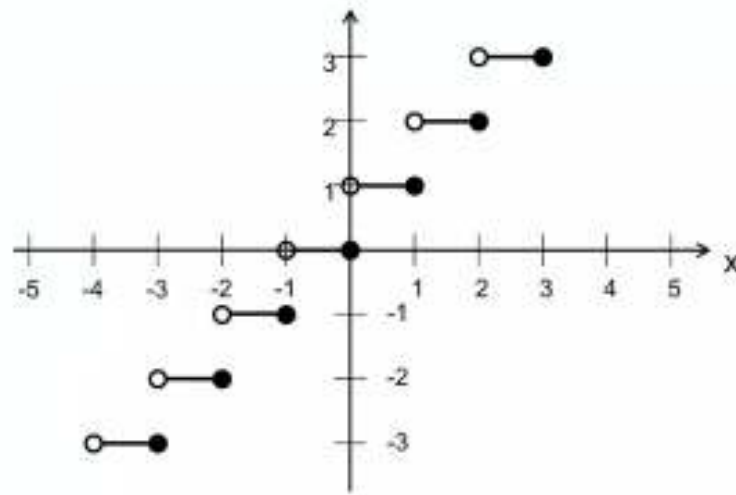
$$\ln e = \log_e e = 1$$



- Floor function = function $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ takes real number x as input, returns largest integer that is less than or equal to x , denoted $\text{floor}(x) = \lfloor x \rfloor$
 - Floor of any integer is itself



- Ceiling function = function $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ takes real x as input, returns smallest integer that is greater than or equal to x , denoted $\text{ceiling}(x) = \lceil x \rceil$
 - Ceiling of any integer is itself



Let n be an integer and x a real number. Show that:

$$\lfloor x+n \rfloor = \lfloor x \rfloor + n$$

Proof:

- Let $m = \lfloor x \rfloor$
- hence, $m \leq x < m+1$ (by definition)
- $m+n \leq x+n < m+n+1$
- this implies that $\lfloor x+n \rfloor = m+n$ (by definition)
- hence, $\lfloor x+n \rfloor = \lfloor x \rfloor + n$

Summary

In this week, we learned what function composition is and what it means for a function to be bijective (invertible). Also, we looked at the logarithmic, floor and ceiling functions.