

What is the derivative of exponential functions.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dM}{dt}(t) &= \frac{2^{(t+dt)} - 2^t}{dt} \\ &= \frac{2^t \cdot 2^{dt} - 2^t}{dt} \\ &= 2^t \cdot \frac{(2^{dt} - 1)}{dt},\end{aligned}$$

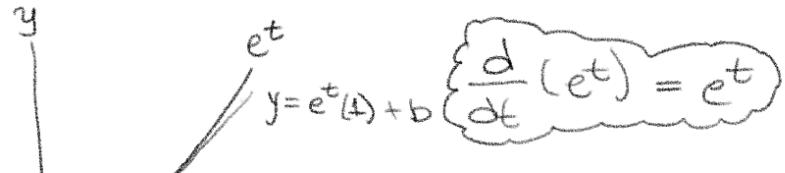
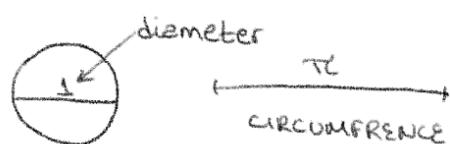
Can relate additive and multiplicative ideas.

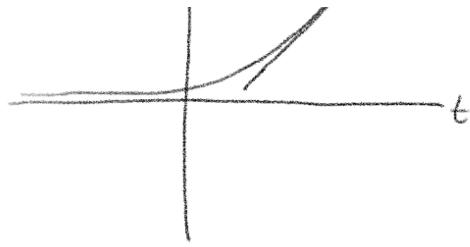
$dt \rightarrow 0$ .

Meaning the derivative of an exponential is itself by some constant  
 $\hookrightarrow$  its proportional to itself.

There is a base with a proportionality constant. That base is  $e$  ( $2.71828\dots$ ).

→ This is the definition of  $e$ ; much in the same way  $\pi$  is the ratio of a circles circumference to its diameter.





Euler's number can be used to express exponentials

in a different way; that is using the chain rule.

$$\frac{d(e^{ct})}{dt} = ce^{ct}$$

$$2^t = e^{\ln(2)t}, \text{ knowing } 2 = e^{\ln(2)}$$

It is important

$$\frac{d}{dt}(2^t) = \frac{d}{dt}(e^{\ln(2)t}).$$

to note that the size

$$\text{of a changing variable } (e^z) = \ln(2) \cdot e^{\ln(2)t}$$

$$\text{and the rate of change } (\partial e^z) = \ln(2) \cdot 2^t$$

is proportional to the constant

expressed in e-based exponentials

$$(f(t) = e^{kt}).$$