

1A03/17A3

Last Day Inverse Functions

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{eg. } f(3) = 2 \Rightarrow f^{-1}(2) = 3 \\ f \text{ does } \Rightarrow f^{-1} \text{ undoes} \end{array} \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{l} f(3) = 2 \\ f^{-1}(2) = 3 \end{array}} \right\} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} f(f^{-1}(x)) = x \\ f^{-1}(f(x)) = x \end{array}$$

eg. Given $f(x) = x^3$, find $f^{-1}(x)$

Solution

$$\begin{array}{ccc} y = x^3 & \xrightarrow{\text{new!}} & x = y^3 \\ \underline{\underline{y = x^3}} & & \underline{\underline{y = x^{1/3} = f^{-1}(x)}} \end{array}$$

eg. $f(x) = x + e^x$

a) Find $f^{-1}(f(12))$

b) Find $f^{-1}(1)$

Solution

a) $f(12) = ??$

$f^{-1}(??) = 12$

b) What people try

$f(x) = x + e^x = y$



$y + e^y = x$

Solve for y

NOOOOO! FAIL

Only wanted $f^{-1}(1)$ not $f^{-1}(x)$

$$f^{-1}(1) = a \quad \text{if} \quad f(a) = 1$$

$$a + e^a = 1$$

Let's try a pretty # $a=0?$ $0 + e^0 = 1 \checkmark$

$$\boxed{f^{-1}(1) = 0} \quad \text{Done!}$$

Graphs of Inverse Functions

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} f^{-1}(x) \text{ domain} = \text{range of } f(x) \\ f^{-1}(x) \text{ range} = \text{domain of } f(x) \\ \text{since } x \leftrightarrow y \text{ swapped} \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} (a, b) \text{ on } f(x) \\ \text{is } (b, a) \text{ on } f^{-1}(x) \end{array}$$

HLT horizontal line test

If our graph of $f(x)$ has any horizontal line
crosses at most once $\Rightarrow f^{-1}(x)$ exists (is a funct.)

\Rightarrow $f(x)$ invertible

\Rightarrow each x has a unique y & y has a unique x

$f(x)$ is one-to-one "1-1"

Classic Example of $f^{-1}(x)$

e.g. $2^3 = 8$

$$\log_2 8 = 3$$

$$y = f(x) = a^x$$

$$y = f^{-1}(x) = \log_a x$$

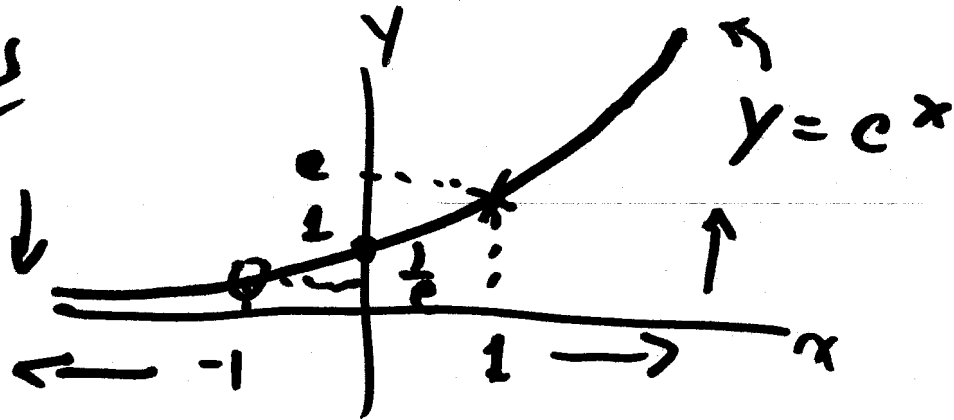
$$f(x) = 2^x$$

exponent to #

$$f^{-1}(x) = \log_2 x$$

~~From~~ # to exponent

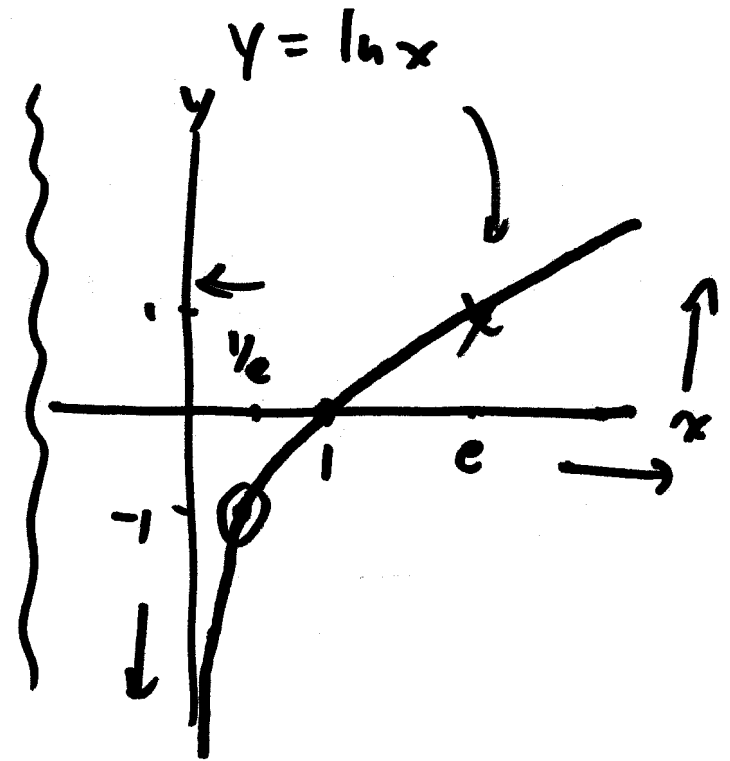
Pics



$$\frac{1}{e} = e^{-1}$$

$$e^{\infty} = \infty, \quad e^{-\infty} = 0$$

$$e^x > 0 \text{ } \underline{\text{range}}$$



$$\ln(\infty) = \infty$$

$$\ln(0^+) = -\infty$$

Domain $\{ \ln x \text{ defined for } \underline{x > 0} \}$

$$5^2 = 25$$

$$\log_5 25 = 2$$

$$3^4 = 81$$

$$\log_3 81 = 4$$

$$\log_9 81 = 2$$

$$9^2 = \underline{\underline{81}}$$

Note

$$a^{\log_a x} = x$$

$$\log_a (a^x) = x$$

$$y = e^x$$

"Euler's Number"

$$\log_e x = \ln x$$

Watch out:

$$\log_e x = \ln x = \log x \text{ (in math)}$$

but

$$\log_{10} x = \log x \text{ (in eng.)}$$

We avoid by not using this!

eg $7e^x = 5e^x + 4$ find x

Solution

$$7e^x - 5e^x = 4 \Rightarrow 2e^x = 4$$

$$e^x = 2$$

$$\ln(\cancel{e^x}) = \ln 2$$

x

$$x = \ln 2$$

$$e^{\ln x} = \ln e^x = x$$

$$e^x$$