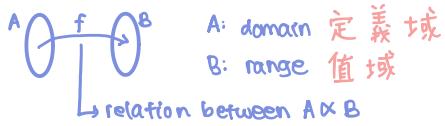


FUNCTIONS

• EXPONENTIAL •

Def. An exponential function is a function of the form $f(x) = b^x$

where $b > 0$.



For the exponential function

Domain is $(-\infty, \infty)$

Range is $(0, \infty)$

• LAW OF EXPONENTS •

$a, b > 0, x, y \in (-\infty, \infty)$ then

$$(i) b^{x+y} = b^x \cdot b^y \quad (iii) (b^x)^y = b^{xy}$$

$$(ii) b^{x-y} = \frac{b^x}{b^y} \quad (iv) (ab)^x = a^x b^x$$

• APPLICATIONS •

- Population of bacteria

- Half-life

Half life of ^{90}Sr 25 years $m(0) = 24 \text{ mg}$

(a) $m(t) = \text{mass remains } t \text{ years}; \text{ find } m(t)$

(b) $m(40)$

(c) estimate t year such that $m(t) = 5$

Sol. (a) after 1 period is 25 years, the remain mass is $25 \times \frac{1}{2}$

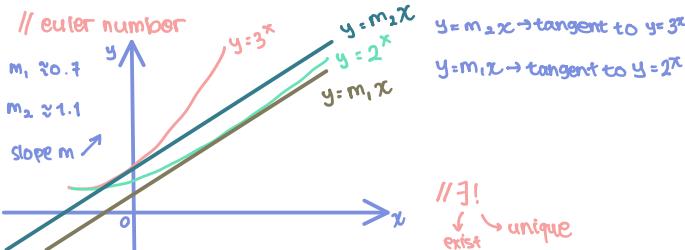
after n period, the mass $25 \times (\frac{1}{2})^n$, t years is $\frac{t}{25}$

Period. $m(t) = 24 \times (\frac{1}{2})^{\frac{t}{25}}$

$$(b) m(40) = 24 \times (\frac{1}{2})^{\frac{40}{25}} = 24 \times (\frac{1}{2})^{\frac{8}{5}}$$

$$(c) 24 \times (\frac{1}{2})^{\frac{t}{25}} = 5 \Rightarrow t = 57$$

• THE NUMBER e •

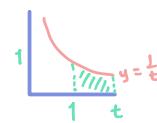


Def. $\exists!$ number b with $2 < b < 3$ such that the slope of the tangent line to $y = b^x$ at $(0, 1)$ is 1, here we call it $e = 2.71828$

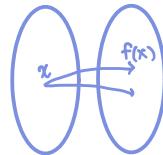
// e^x : natural exponential function

$$e = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \left(1 + t\right)^{\frac{1}{t}} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!}$$

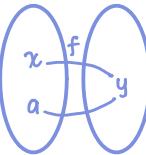
e = the unique number a , such that $\int_1^a \frac{1}{t} dt = 1$ // $a = e$



• ONE TO ONE FUNCTION •



is NOT function



1-1 function

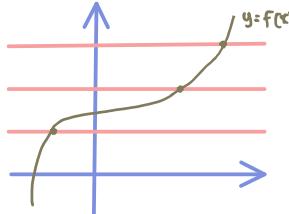
Def. A function f is called a 1-1 function if $f(x_1) \neq f(x_2)$ whenever $x_1 \neq x_2$ (or if $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$, then $x_1 = x_2$).

Test for 1-1 function

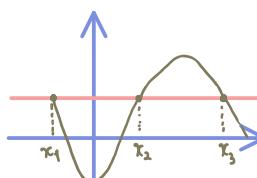
1. Choose $x_1 \neq x_2$, check $f(x_1) \neq f(x_2)$.

2. Assume $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$, check $x_1 = x_2$.

$\Rightarrow f(x)$ is a 1-1 function



Horizontal line test no more than one intersection
 $\Rightarrow f$ is 1-1.



$f(x_1) = f(x_2) = f(x_3)$
BUT $x_1 \neq x_2 \neq x_3$
 $\Rightarrow f$ is NOT 1-1

Ex. $f(x) = x^3$; is it 1-1?

Sol. // use way 1

Choose any $x_1 \neq x_2$ without loss of generality (WLOG), we assume $x_2 > x_1$.

$$f(x_2) - f(x_1) = x_2^3 - x_1^3$$

$$= \underbrace{(x_2 - x_1)}_{> 0} \underbrace{(x_2^2 + x_2 x_1 + x_1^2)}_{> 0}$$

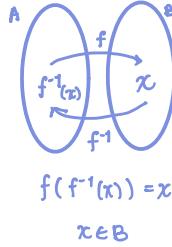
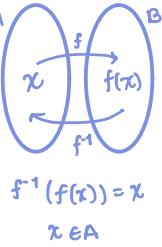
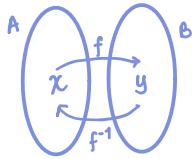
$$f(x_1) \neq f(x_2)$$

f is a 1-1 function.

• INVERSE •

Def. Let $f: A \rightarrow B$ be a 1-1 function then its inverse function $f^{-1}: B \rightarrow A$ is defined by $f^{-1}: B \rightarrow A \Leftrightarrow f(x) = y$ for any y in B .

Ex. Known $f(1) = 10$, $f^{-1}(10) = 1$



Find the inverse function of a 1-1 function $f(x)$:

- Set $y = f(x)$ solve the equation to obtain $x = g(y)$
// g is unique

- Then the inverse function $f^{-1}(x) = g(x)$

Ex. $g(x) = 3 + x + e^x$; find $g^{-1}(4)$?

Sol. $g^{-1}(x) = k$

$$g(k) = x$$

$$g(k) = 4 \Leftrightarrow g^{-1}(4) = k$$

$$4 = 3 + k + e^k$$

$$1 = k + e^k$$

$$k = 0$$

$$g^{-1}(4) = 0 //$$

Ex. Find a formula for the inverse of the function $y = \frac{e^x}{1+2e^x}$

$$\text{Sol. } x = \frac{e^y}{1+2e^y} : e^y \rightarrow x = \frac{1}{e^y+2}$$

$$e^{-y} + 2 = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$e^{-y} = \frac{1}{x} - 2$$

$$e^{-y} = \frac{1-2x}{x}$$

$$-y = \log_e \left(\frac{1-2x}{x} \right)$$

$$y = -\log_e \left(\frac{1-2x}{x} \right)$$

$$y = \log_e \left(\frac{x}{1-2x} \right) //$$

• LOGARITHMIC •

Def. $\log_b x$ is the inverse function of the function $f(x) = b^x$, $b > 0$, $b \neq 1$.

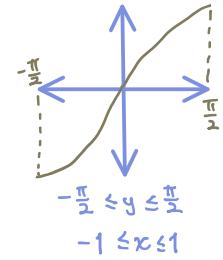
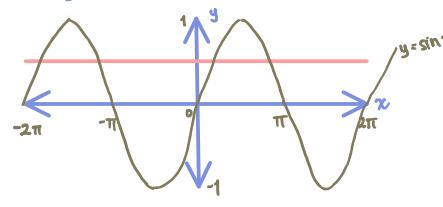
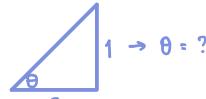
When $b = e$, $\log_e x = \ln x$ is the natural logarithmic function

$$\log_b x = \frac{\ln x}{\ln b}$$

$$\ln e = 1$$

• INVERSE •

• TRIGONOMETRIC •



Ex. $\sin^{-1} \frac{1}{2} = ?$

Sol. Set $\sin^{-1} \frac{1}{2} = y \Leftrightarrow \sin y = \frac{1}{2}$, between $-\frac{\pi}{2}$ and $\frac{\pi}{2}$. We only have $\sin \frac{\pi}{6} = \frac{1}{2}$. So, $y = \frac{\pi}{6}$.

Domain	Range
$y = \sin^{-1} x$	$-1 \leq x \leq 1$
$-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq y \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$	$0 \leq y \leq \pi$
$y = \cos^{-1} x$	$-1 \leq x \leq 1$
$0 \leq y \leq \pi$	$-\infty < x < \infty$
$y = \tan^{-1} x$	$-\infty < x < \infty$
$0 < y < \pi$	$-\infty < x < \infty$
$y = \cot^{-1} x$	$-\infty < x < \infty$
$0 < y < \pi$	$0 \leq x \leq 1$
$y = \sec^{-1} x$	$ x \geq 1$
$0 \leq y \leq \frac{\pi}{2}, \pi \leq y \leq \frac{3\pi}{2}$	$0 \leq y \leq \frac{\pi}{2}, \pi \leq y \leq \frac{3\pi}{2}$
$y = \csc^{-1} x$	$ x \geq 1$

Ex. Simplify $\cos(\tan^{-1} x)$

Sol. Set $\tan^{-1} x = y \Rightarrow \tan y = x$

$$\cos y = \frac{1}{\sec y} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+\tan^2 y}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+x^2}}$$

$$\sec^2 y = 1 + \tan^2 y$$

$$\sec y = \sqrt{1+\tan^2 y}$$

$$\sec y = \sqrt{1+x^2}$$

$$\therefore \cos(\tan^{-1} x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+x^2}}$$