

Goal: Find exponential base  $e$  whos derivative is always equal to itself.

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

$$e^x = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{x+h} - e^x}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x(e^h - 1)}{h}$$

$$he^x = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} e^x(e^h - 1)$$

$$h = e^h - 1$$

$$1 + h = e^h?$$