



Results

Proposition 1. *Given $a \in \mathbf{R}$, define $f : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ by*

$$f(x) = a^x \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathbf{R}$$

Then f is differentiable and its derivative is the function $f' : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ defined by

$$f'(x) = \ln(a)a^x \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathbf{R}$$

This proposition encompasses the special case $f(x) = e^x$ then $f'(x) = e^x$.

