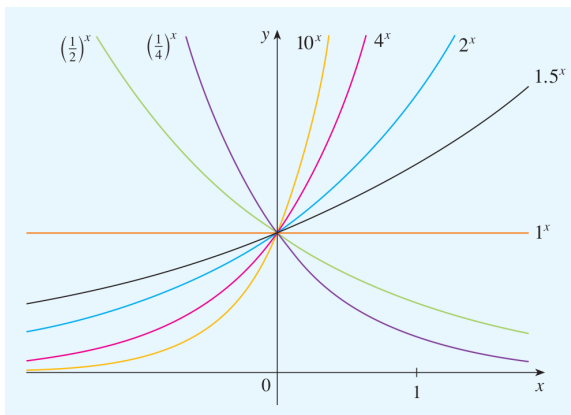


§6.4* General Logarithmic & Exponential Functions

GIVEN ANY $b > 0$, WE DEFINE THE EXPONENTIAL FUNCTION WITH BASE b TO BE b^x .



NOTE: $e^{\ln(b)} = b$

$$[e^{\ln(b)}]^x = b^x$$

$$b^x = e^{(\ln b)x}$$

IF $f(x) = e^x$ THEN $b^x = e^{(\ln b)x} = f((\ln b)x)$

SO THE GRAPH $y = b^x$ IS THE GRAPH $y = e^x$

SCALED HORIZONTALLY

COMPRESSED IF $\ln(b) > 1 \Leftrightarrow b > e$

STRETCHED IF $0 < \ln(b) < 1 \Leftrightarrow 1 < b < e$

IF $0 < b < 1$ THEN $b^{-1} = \frac{1}{b} > 1$

$$b^x = (b^{-1})^{-x} = \left(\frac{1}{b}\right)^{-x}$$

$$\frac{1}{b} > 1$$

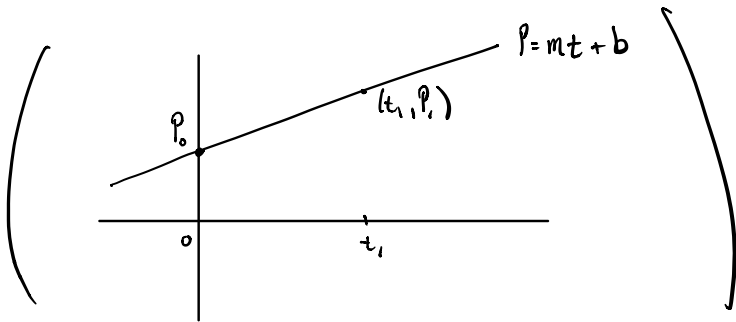
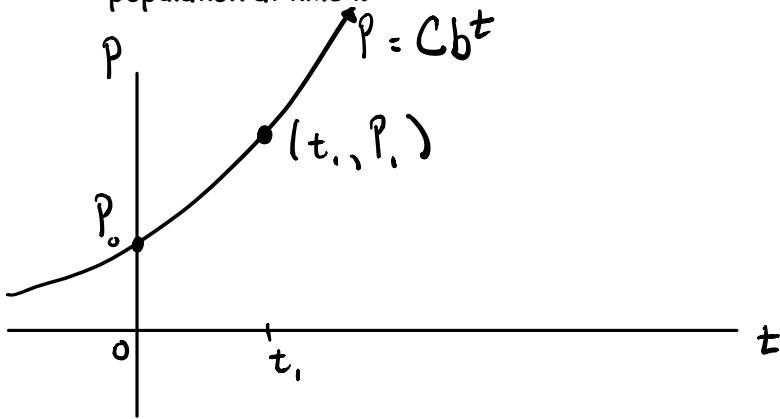
$y = \left(\frac{1}{b}\right)^x$ REFLECTED
ACROSS y -AXIS.

ALL GRAPHS PASS THROUGH $(0, 1)$: $b^0 = 1$.

ex. Suppose a population grows exponentially. That is, the population at time t is given by

$$P(t) = Cb^t$$

If a population has size P_0 At time $t=0$ and has size P_1 at time $t=t_1$, find an expression for the population at time t .



$$P(t) = P_0 \left[\left(\frac{P_1}{P_0} \right)^{t/t_1} \right]^t$$

$$P(t) = P_0 \left(\frac{P_1}{P_0} \right)^{t/t_1}$$

$$P(t) = Cb^t$$

$$C = ?$$

$$b = ?$$

$$P(0) = C \underbrace{b^0}_1 = P_0$$

$$C = P_0$$

$$P(t) = P_0 b^t$$

$$P(t_1) = P_0 b^{t_1} = P_1$$

Solve
for b

$$\left(b^{t_1} \right)^{1/t_1} = \left(\frac{P_1}{P_0} \right)^{1/t_1}$$

$$b = \left(\frac{P_1}{P_0} \right)^{1/t_1}$$

3 Laws of Exponents If x and y are real numbers and $a, b > 0$, then

$$1. b^{x+y} = b^x b^y \quad 2. b^{x-y} = \frac{b^x}{b^y} \quad 3. (b^x)^y = b^{xy} \quad 4. (ab)^x = a^x b^x$$

Proof of 1: $b^{x+y} = (e^{\ln b})^{x+y} = e^{\ln(b)x + \ln(b)y}$

$$= e^{\ln(b)x} e^{\ln(b)y} = \left[e^{\ln(b)} \right]^x \left[e^{\ln(b)} \right]^y$$

$$= b^x b^y \quad \square$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(b^x) = b^x \ln b$$

f f'

Proof: $\frac{d}{dx}(b^x) = \frac{d}{dx}(e^{\ln(b)x})$

$$= e^{\ln(b)x} \cdot \frac{d}{dx}[\ln(b)x]$$

$f' = c f$ SPECIAL CASE: $c=1$
 $b=e$

$$= e^{\ln(b)x} \cdot \ln(b) = b^x \cdot \ln b$$

$\square$

ex. DIFFERENTIATE $f(x) = 3^{\cos(2x)}$

$$y = e^{2x} \quad y' = e^{2x} \cdot 2$$

$$f'(x) = 3^{\cos(2x)} \cdot \ln(3) \cdot \frac{d}{dx}[\cos(2x)]$$

$$= -3^{\cos(2x)} \cdot \ln(3) \sin(2x) (2) = \boxed{-2 \ln(3) \sin(2x) 3^{\cos(2x)}}$$

ex. DIFFERENTIATE $f(x) = \tan(4^{x^2})$

$$f'(x) = \sec^2(4^{x^2}) \cdot \frac{d}{dx}[4^{x^2}] = \sec^2(4^{x^2}) \cdot 4^{x^2} \cdot \ln(4) \frac{d}{dx}[x^2]$$

$$= 2 \ln(4) x \sec^2(4^{x^2}) 4^{x^2}$$

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ex. DIFFERENTIATE $f(x) = [\tan(x)]^{1/x} = [e^{\ln(\tan(x))}]^{1/x}$

$$f(x) = e^{\frac{\ln(\tan x)}{x}}$$

$$f'(x) = e^{\frac{\ln(\tan x)}{x}} \cdot \frac{d}{dx} \left[\frac{\ln(\tan x)}{x} \right]$$

$$f'(x) = e^{\frac{\ln(\tan x)}{x}} \left(\frac{x \frac{\sec^2 x}{\tan x} - \ln(\tan x)}{x^2} \right)$$

$$\int b^x dx = \frac{b^x}{\ln b} + C \quad b \neq 1$$

CHECK: $\frac{d}{dx} \left[\frac{b^x}{\ln b} \right] = \frac{1}{\ln b} \frac{d}{dx} [b^x]$

$$= \frac{1}{\ln b} \cdot b^x \cdot \ln b \quad \checkmark$$

ex. $\int 6^{\sin(3x)} \cos(3x) dx$

let $u = \sin(3x)$

$$du = 3 \cos(3x) dx$$

$$\frac{1}{3} du = \cos(3x) dx$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{1}{3} \int 6^u du = \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{6^u}{\ln 6} + C$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{1}{3 \ln 6} 6^{\sin(3x)} + C$$

The Power Rule If n is any real number and $f(x) = x^n$, then

$$f'(x) = nx^{n-1}$$

Proof: Let $y = x^n$. Find y' .



$$\ln y = \ln(x^n) = n \ln x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [\ln y] = \frac{d}{dx} [n \ln x]$$

$$\frac{1}{y} y' = n \frac{1}{x} \Rightarrow y' = n \frac{y}{x} = n \frac{x^n}{x} = nx^{n-1} \quad \square$$

$$f(x) = x^{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$f'(x) = \sqrt{2} x^{\sqrt{2}-1}$$

In general there are four cases for exponents and bases:

Constant base, constant exponent

$$1. \frac{d}{dx} (b^n) = 0 \quad (b \text{ and } n \text{ are constants})$$

Variable base, constant exponent

$$2. \frac{d}{dx} [f(x)]^n = n[f(x)]^{n-1} f'(x)$$

Constant base, variable exponent

$$3. \frac{d}{dx} [b^{g(x)}] = b^{g(x)} (\ln b) g'(x)$$

Variable base, variable exponent

4. To find $(d/dx)[f(x)]^{g(x)}$, logarithmic differentiation can be used, as in the next example.

EXAMPLE 4 Differentiate $y = x^{\sqrt{x}}$.

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left(\ln(y) = \ln(x^{\sqrt{x}}) = \sqrt{x} \ln x \right)$$

$$\frac{1}{y} y' = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} \ln x + \sqrt{x} \frac{1}{x}$$

$$y' = y \left(\frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} \ln x + \sqrt{x} \frac{1}{x} \right)$$

$$y' = x^{\sqrt{x}} \left(\frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} \ln x + \sqrt{x} \frac{1}{x} \right)$$

FOR ANY $b > 0$, WE DEFINE THE GENERAL LOGARITHMIC FUNCTION WITH BASE b , $\log_b x$, TO BE THE INVERSE FUNCTION OF THE GENERAL EXPONENTIAL FUNCTION WITH BASE b .

THAT IS,

$$\log_b x = y \iff b^y = x$$

$\begin{array}{ccc} \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ \text{"log - BASE - b"} & \xleftrightarrow[\text{FUNCTIONS}]{\text{INVERSE}} & \text{"EXPONENTIAL - BASE - b"} \end{array}$

NOTE: (1) $\log_b b = 1 \iff b^1 = b$ NOTE: $\log_b b^x = x$

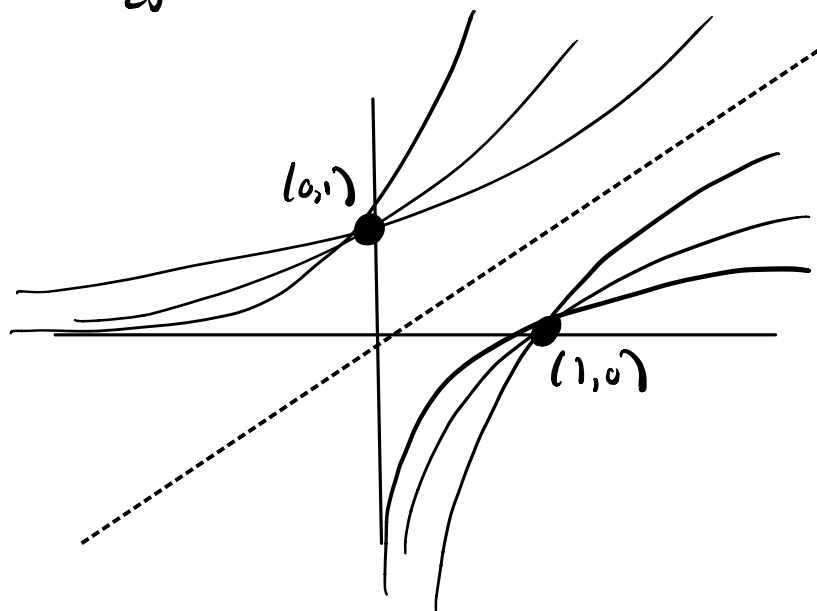
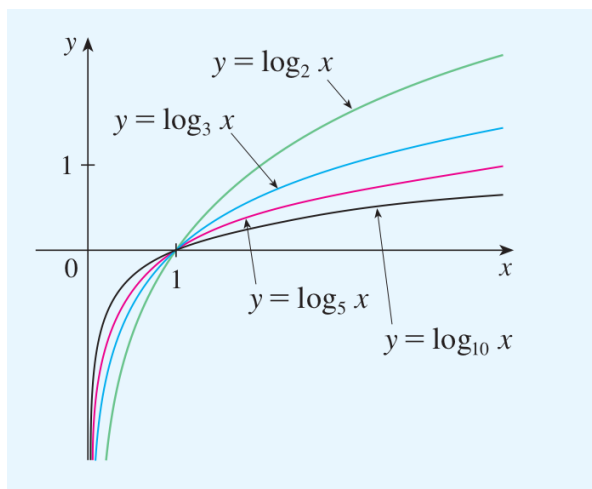
(2) $\log_b 1 = 0 \iff b^0 = 1$

$b^{\log_b x} = x, x > 0$

(3) $\log_e x = \ln x$

EX. $\log_3 27 = x \iff 3^x = 27 \quad x = 3$

EX. $\log_5 \frac{1}{25} = x \iff 5^x = \frac{1}{25} \quad x = -2$



6 Change of Base Formula For any positive number b ($b \neq 1$), we have

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

Proof: Let $y = \log_b x$. $b^y = x$

$$\ln(b^y) = \ln x$$

$$y \ln(b) = \ln x \Rightarrow y = \frac{\ln x}{\ln b} \quad \square$$

$$\left(\log_{2.7} 51 = \frac{\ln(51)}{\ln(2.7)} \right)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} (\log_b x) = \frac{1}{x \ln b}$$

ex. DIFFERENTIATE $f(x) = \log_7 \sqrt{x}$

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x} \ln 7} \cdot \frac{d}{dx} [\sqrt{x}] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x} \ln 7} \cdot \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} = \frac{1}{2 \ln(7) x}$$

ex. EVALUATE $\int \frac{\log_{10} x}{x} dx$

Let $u = \log_{10} x$

$$du = \frac{1}{x \ln 10} dx$$

$$\ln(10) du = \frac{1}{x} dx$$

$$\int \log_{10} x \cdot \frac{1}{x} dx \leadsto \ln(10) \int u du = \frac{\ln 10}{2} u^2 + C$$

$$\leadsto \boxed{\frac{\ln 10}{2} (\log_{10} x)^2 + C}$$

THE NUMBER e AS A LIMIT

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

Set $f(x) = \ln x$.

Then $f'(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ & $f'(1) = 1$.

That is, $1 = f'(1) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(1+h) - f(1)}{h}$ DEF. OF DERIV.

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \left(\ln(1+h) - \underbrace{\ln(1)}_0 \right) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \ln(1+h)$$

$$\therefore 1 = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \ln(1+h)$$

$$\therefore 1 = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{x} \ln(1+x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \ln \left((1+x)^{\frac{1}{x}} \right)$$

$$e^1 = e^{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \ln \left((1+x)^{\frac{1}{x}} \right)}$$

e^x is continuous!

LIMITS CAN PASS THROUGH CONTINUOUS FUNCTIONS.

$$e = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} e^{\ln \left((1+x)^{\frac{1}{x}} \right)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (1+x)^{\frac{1}{x}}$$

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

$$\text{Let } n = \frac{1}{x} \Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{n}.$$

As $x \rightarrow 0^+$, $n \rightarrow \infty$

$$\therefore e = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n$$

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