

Exponential Function

Defn Let $C \neq 0$, $a > 0$, $a \neq 1$

$$f(x) = Ca^x$$

is called an exponential function.

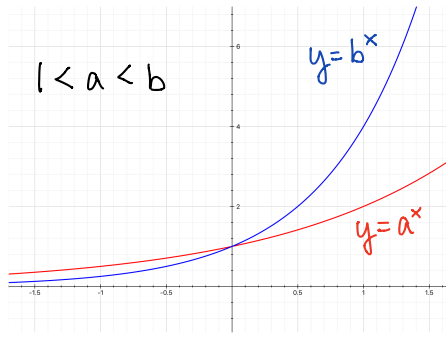
Note $f(0) = C$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x+1) &= Ca^{x+1} \\ &= Ca^x \cdot a \\ &= a f(x) \end{aligned}$$

C = initial value

a = growth factor

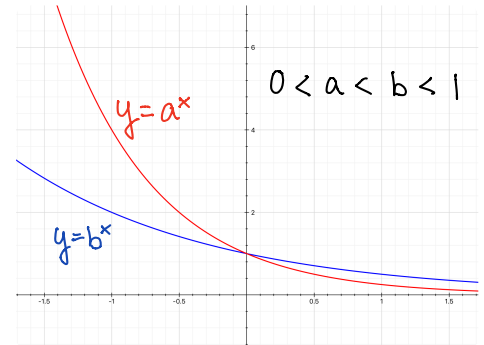
Graph of Exponential functions



For $a > 1$, $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} a^x = 0$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} a^x = \infty$$

a^x is increasing



For $0 < a < 1$, $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} a^x = \infty$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} a^x = 0$$

a^x is decreasing

Properties of $f(x) = a^x$

- Domain = \mathbb{R} , Range = $(0, \infty)$
- No x-intercept, y-intercept = 1
- has horizontal asymptote $y = 0$ but no vertical asymptote
- One-to-one
- It passes through points $(0, 1)$, $(1, a)$, $(-1, \frac{1}{a})$

Logarithm

Let $a > 0, a \neq 1$

Then a^x is one-to-one

$\therefore a^x$ has inverse

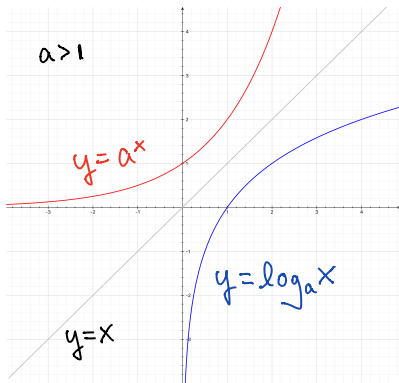
Defn Define

$$f(x) = \log_a x$$

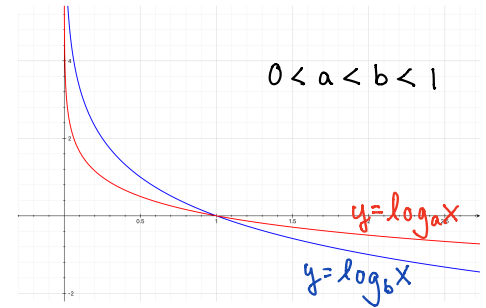
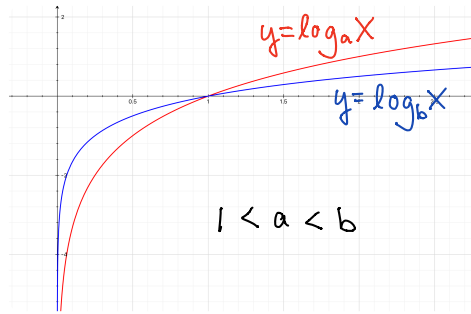
to be the inverse of a^x

$$a^x = y \iff \log_a y = x$$

"What power of a is y ?"



Graph of Logarithmic functions



For $a > 1, \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \log_a x = -\infty$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \log_a x = \infty$$

$\log_a x$ is increasing

Properties of $f(x) = \log_a x$

• Domain = $(0, \infty)$, Range = \mathbb{R}

• x-intercept = 1, No y-intercept

• has vertical asymptote $x = 0$ but no horizontal asymptote

• One-to-one

• It passes through points $(1, 0), (a, 1), (\frac{1}{a}, -1)$

For $0 < a < 1, \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \log_a x = \infty$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \log_a x = -\infty$$

$\log_a x$ is decreasing

Recall:

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

n	$\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n$
1	2
2	2.25
10	2.5937...
1000	2.7169...
100000	2.718267...

$$e \approx 2.718281828459045...$$

Some other fact about e

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

Important bases

- $\log x = \log_{10} x$ (common log)
- $\ln x = \log_e x$ (natural log)

Formula Let $a > 0, a \neq 1$. Then

Exponential

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

$$a^1 = a$$

$$a^0 = 1$$

$$a^x \cdot a^y = a^{x+y}$$

$$\frac{a^x}{a^y} = a^{x-y}$$

$$(a^x)^y = a^{xy}$$



Logarithmic

$$\log_a a^x = x$$

$$\log_a a = 1$$

$$\log_a 1 = 0$$

$$\log_a(xy) = \log_a x + \log_a y$$

$$\log_a\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) = \log_a x - \log_a y$$

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

$$\log_x y = \frac{\log_a y}{\log_a x}$$

Ex Prove log formula
from exp formula

eg

$$a^{y \log_a x} = (a^{\log_a x})^y = x^y \Rightarrow \log_a x^y = y \log_a x$$

Exercises

① Express $\log 72$ and $\log 75$
in terms of $a = \log 2$ and $b = \log 3$

Sol

$$\text{Note } 72 = 2^3 \cdot 3^2$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow \log 72 &= \log(2^3 \cdot 3^2) \\ &= 3 \log 2 + 2 \log 3 \\ &= 3a + 2b\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Also, } 75 = 3 \cdot 5^2 = 3 \cdot \left(\frac{10}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{3 \cdot 10^2}{2^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow \log 75 &= \log 3 + 2 \log 10 - 2 \log 2 \\ &= b - 2a + 2\end{aligned}$$

② Find implied (natural) domain of

$$f(x) = \ln \frac{1}{x-7} + 5 \ln x - \frac{1}{3} \ln(100-x)$$

and express $f(x)$ in the form $\ln(g(x))$

Sol $\ln y$ is defined $\Leftrightarrow y > 0$

$$\therefore \text{Need } \frac{1}{x-7}, x, 100-x > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x > 7 \text{ and } x > 0 \text{ and } x < 100$$

$$\therefore D_f = (7, 100)$$

For $7 < x < 100$,

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= \ln \frac{1}{x-7} + \ln x^5 - \ln(100-x)^{\frac{1}{3}} \\ &= \ln \frac{x^5}{(x-7)(100-x)^{\frac{1}{3}}}\end{aligned}$$

Rmk

$f(x)$ and $\ln \frac{x^5}{(x-7)(100-x)^{\frac{1}{3}}}$ are not exactly the same

$$\text{Domain} = (-\infty, 0) \cup (7, 100) \neq D_f$$

③ Solve $3^{2x} = 7 \cdot 3^x + 18$

Sol Note $3^{2x} = (3^x)^2$

$$\therefore (3^x)^2 = 7 \cdot 3^x + 18$$

$$(3^x)^2 - 7 \cdot 3^x - 18 = 0$$

$$(3^x - 9)(3^x + 2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 3^x = 9 \quad \text{or} \quad 3^x = -2 \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{no solution} \\ \because 3^x > 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$3^x = 3^2$$

3^x is one-to-one $\Rightarrow x = 2$



Compare: $y^2 = 4 = 2^2$

~~\Rightarrow~~ $y = 2$ (y may be -2)

Reason: y^2 is not one-to-one

④ Solve $7^{x+2} = 9^{2x-5}$

Sol $\log 7^{x+2} = \log 9^{2x-5}$

$$(x+2) \log 7 = (2x-5) \log 9$$

$$x(\log 7 - 2 \log 9) = -2 \log 7 - 5 \log 9$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{-2 \log 7 - 5 \log 9}{\log 7 - 2 \log 9}$$

Rmk

$$x = \frac{-2 \ln 7 - 5 \ln 9}{\ln 7 - 2 \ln 9} \text{ is also an answer}$$

⑤ Let $f(x) = \log(5x-1)$. Find $f^{-1}(x)$.

Determine domain and range of f and f^{-1}

Sol Let $y = f(x) = \log(5x-1)$

$$\text{Then } 10^y = 5x-1$$

$$10^y + 1 = 5x$$

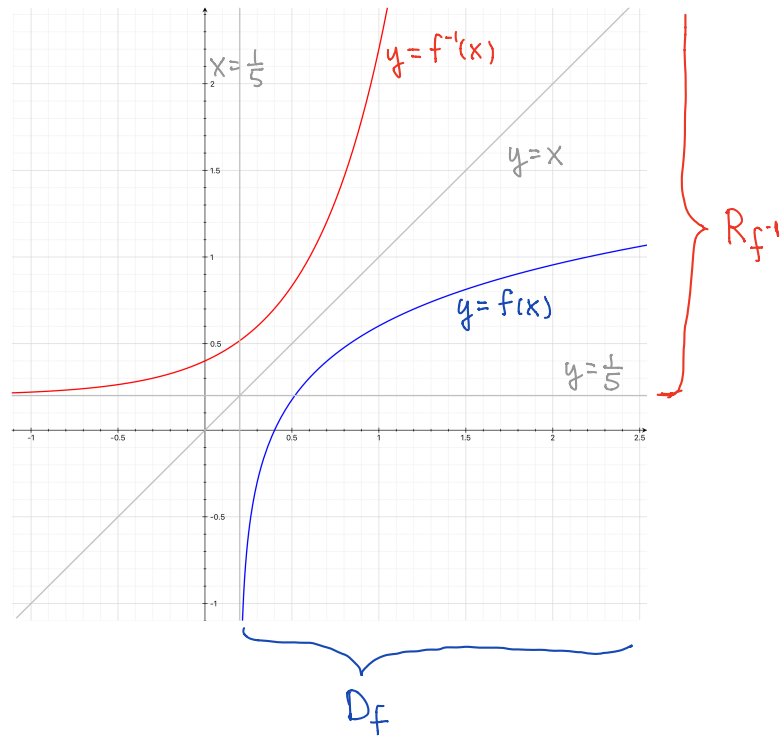
$$x = \frac{10^y + 1}{5} = f^{-1}(y)$$

$$\therefore f^{-1}(x) = \frac{10^x + 1}{5}$$

For D_f , need $5x-1 > 0 \Rightarrow x > \frac{1}{5}$

$$\therefore R_{f^{-1}} = D_f = \left(\frac{1}{5}, \infty\right)$$

Also, $R_f = D_{f^{-1}} = \mathbb{R} = (-\infty, \infty)$



$y = f(x)$ has vert. asymptote $x = \frac{1}{5}$ ($\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{1}{5}} f(x) = -\infty$)

\Updownarrow

$y = f^{-1}(x)$ has hor. asymptote $y = \frac{1}{5}$ ($\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f^{-1}(x) = \frac{1}{5}$)

⑥ Let $f(x) = \frac{10e^x}{1+e^x}$.

Find $f^{-1}(x)$, range of f and f^{-1} .

Sol Let $y = f(x) = \frac{10e^x}{1+e^x}$

then $y(1+e^x) = 10e^x$

$e^x(y-10) = -y$

$e^x = \frac{y}{10-y}$

$x = \ln\left(\frac{y}{10-y}\right) = f^{-1}(y)$

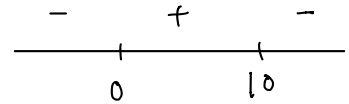
$\therefore f^{-1}(x) = \ln\left(\frac{x}{10-x}\right)$

$f(x)$ is defined for any $x \in \mathbb{R}$

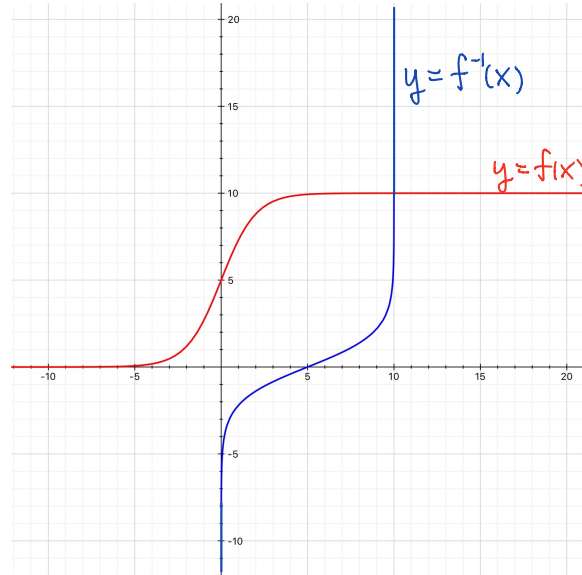
$\therefore R_{f^{-1}} = D_f = \mathbb{R}$

For $D_{f^{-1}}$, need $\frac{x}{10-x} > 0$

$\Rightarrow 0 < x < 10$



$\therefore R_f = D_{f^{-1}} = (0, 10)$



$y = f(x)$ has horizontal asymptotes $y = 0, y = 10$

$y = f^{-1}(x)$ has vertical asymptotes $x = 0, x = 10$

Graph by transformation

a. $y = 2^{-x} - 1$

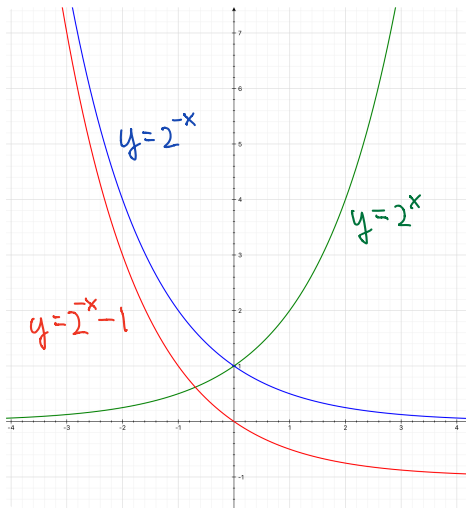
$$2^x$$

↓ Reflect across y-axis

$$2^{-x}$$

↓ ↓ 1 unit

$$2^{-x} - 1$$



b. $y = 3\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{2x}$

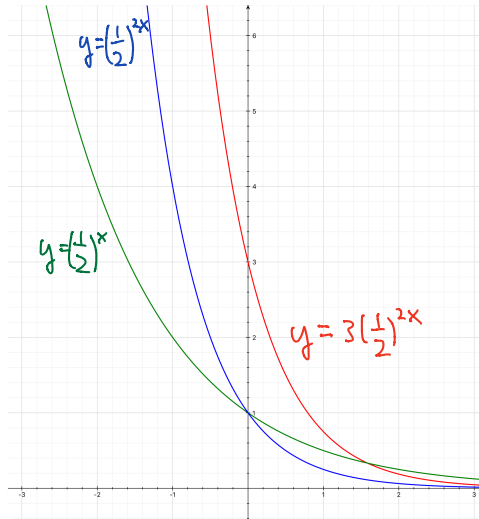
$$\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^x$$

↓ horizontal scaling $\times \frac{1}{2}$

$$\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{2x}$$

↓ vertical scaling $\times 3$

$$3\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{2x}$$



c. $y = -\ln(x+3)$

$$\ln x$$

↓

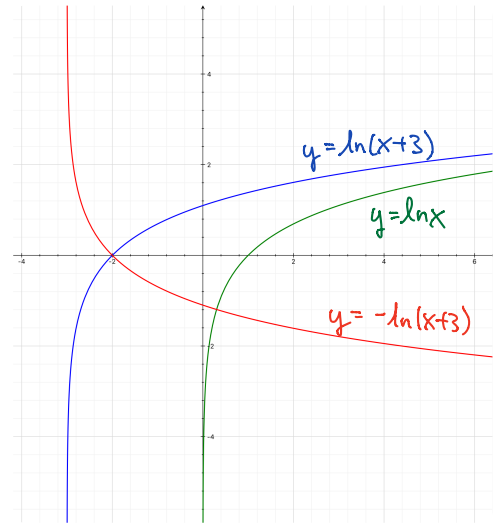
← 3 units

$$\ln(x+3)$$

↓

Reflect across x-axis

$$-\ln(x+3)$$



Partial fractions

Goal: Express a proper rational function as a sum of simpler ones

Rmk: $\frac{p(x)}{q(x)}$ is proper if $\deg p < \deg q$

eg
$$\frac{x}{x^2+3x+2} = \frac{-1}{x+1} + \frac{2}{x+2}$$

$$\frac{x^2+20x+11}{(x+1)^2(x-3)} = \frac{-4}{x+1} + \frac{2}{(x+1)^2} + \frac{5}{x-3}$$

$$\frac{4x^2+14x-9}{(x^2+x+1)(x-2)} = \frac{-x+7}{x^2+x+1} + \frac{5}{x-2}$$

Rmk RHS is easier for integration

Recall

ax^2+bx+c is irreducible (cannot be further factorized)

$$\Leftrightarrow \Delta = b^2 - 4ac < 0$$

- $x^2-1 = (x+1)(x-1)$ is reducible ($\Delta=4$)
- x^2+x+1 is irreducible ($\Delta=-39$)

Procedure: Given proper $\frac{p(x)}{q(x)}$

- ① Factorize $q(x)$ into a product of linear and irreducible quadratic factors
- ② Write down general terms

<u>Factor of $q(x)$</u>	<u>Terms in partial fractions</u>
$ax+b$	$\frac{A}{ax+b}$
$(ax+b)^k$	$\frac{A_1}{ax+b} + \frac{A_2}{(ax+b)^2} + \dots + \frac{A_k}{(ax+b)^k}$
ax^2+bx+c ↑ irreducible	$\frac{Ax+B}{ax^2+bx+c}$
$(ax^2+bx+c)^k$ ↓	$\frac{A_1x+B_1}{ax^2+bx+c} + \frac{A_2x+B_2}{(ax^2+bx+c)^2} + \dots + \frac{A_kx+B_k}{(ax^2+bx+c)^k}$

- ③ Determine the unknown coefficients A_i, B_i in step ② by substitution or comparing coefficients.

$$\text{eg } \frac{9x-13}{x^2+x-12}$$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad x^2+x-12 = (x+4)(x-3)$$

$\textcircled{2}$ General terms:

$$\text{Let } \frac{9x-13}{x^2+x-12} = \frac{A}{x+4} + \frac{B}{x-3}$$

$$\textcircled{3} \Rightarrow 9x-13 = A(x-3) + B(x+4) \\ = (A+B)x + (-3A+4B)$$

Comparing coefficients

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} A+B = 9 \dots \textcircled{1} \\ -3A+4B = -13 \dots \textcircled{2} \end{cases}$$

$$3 \times \textcircled{1} + \textcircled{2} \Rightarrow 7B = 14 \Rightarrow B = 2$$

$$\text{Put } B=2 \text{ into } \textcircled{1} \Rightarrow A=7$$

$$\therefore \frac{9x-13}{x^2+x-12} = \frac{7}{x+4} + \frac{2}{x-3}$$

$$\text{eg } \frac{x^2+20x+11}{(x+1)^2(x-3)} \leftarrow \text{already factorized}$$

Sol General term:

$$\text{Let } \frac{x^2+20x+11}{(x+1)^2(x-3)} = \frac{A}{x+1} + \frac{B}{(x+1)^2} + \frac{C}{x-3}$$

$$x^2+20x+11 = A(x+1)(x-3) + B(x-3) + C(x+1)^2$$

We determine coefficients by substitution this time:

$$\text{Put } x=3 \quad 80 = 16C \Rightarrow C=5$$

$$\text{Put } x=-1 \quad -8 = -4B \Rightarrow B=2$$

$$\text{Put } x=0 \quad 11 = -3A - 3B + C = -3A - 1 \\ \Rightarrow A = -4$$

$$\frac{x^2+20x+11}{(x+1)^2(x-3)} = -\frac{4}{x+1} + \frac{2}{(x+1)^2} + \frac{5}{x-3}$$

$$\text{eg } \frac{4x^2 + 14x - 9}{(x^2 + x + 1)(x - 2)}$$

$\Delta = -3 \Rightarrow$ irreducible

Sol General terms.

$$\frac{4x^2 + 14x - 9}{(x^2 + x + 1)(x - 2)} = \frac{Ax + B}{x^2 + x + 1} + \frac{C}{x - 2}$$

$$4x^2 + 14x - 9 = (Ax + B)(x - 2) + C(x^2 + x + 1)$$

Substitutions (eg $x = 2, 0, 1$) give

3 equations $\xrightarrow{\text{Solve}}$ $A = -1, B = 7, C = 5$

$$\frac{4x^2 + 14x - 9}{(x^2 + x + 1)(x - 2)} = \frac{-x + 7}{x^2 + x + 1} + \frac{5}{x - 2}$$

$$\text{eg } \frac{x^4 + 3x^2 - x + 1}{x^5 + 2x^3 + x}$$

Sol $x^5 + 2x^3 + x = x(x^4 + 2x^2 + 1) = x(x^2 + 1)^2$

$$\text{Let } \frac{x^4 + 3x^2 - x + 1}{x^5 + 2x^3 + x} = \frac{A}{x} + \frac{Bx + C}{x^2 + 1} + \frac{Dx + E}{(x^2 + 1)^2}$$

By substitution/comparing coefficients + Solving eqn:

$$\frac{x^4 + 3x^2 - x + 1}{x^5 + 2x^3 + x} = \frac{1}{x} + \frac{x - 1}{(x^2 + 1)^2} \quad (B = C = 0)$$

Rmk If $\frac{p(x)}{q(x)}$ is improper ($\deg p \geq \deg q$)

we should do long division first

$$\text{eg } \frac{2x^3}{x^2 - 1} = 2x + \frac{2x}{x^2 - 1} = 2x + \frac{1}{x - 1} + \frac{1}{x + 1}$$

Long division

Partial fractions

$$\Rightarrow 2x^3 = (x^2 - 1)(2x) + 2x$$