

These two examples lead to the following set of rules for differentiating inverse trigonometric functions:

$\frac{d(\sin^{-1} u)}{du} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-u^2}} du$	$\frac{d(\csc^{-1} u)}{du} = \frac{-1}{u\sqrt{u^2-1}} du$
$\frac{d(\cos^{-1} u)}{du} = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{1-u^2}} du$	$\frac{d(\sec^{-1} u)}{du} = \frac{1}{u\sqrt{u^2-1}} du$
$\frac{d(\tan^{-1} u)}{du} = \frac{1}{1+u^2} du$	$\frac{d(\cot^{-1} u)}{du} = \frac{-1}{u^2+1} du$

Examples:

Differentiate each of the following...

$$f(x) = x^3 \sin^{-1}(3x^2)$$

$$f'(x) = 3x^2 \sin^{-1}(3x^2) + x^3 \left(\frac{6x}{\sqrt{1-9x^4}} \right)$$

$$f(x) = \sqrt{3x - \tan^{-1} \sqrt{x}}$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{2} [3x - \tan^{-1} \sqrt{x}]^{-1/2} \left[3 - \frac{1}{1+(\sqrt{x})^2} \left(\frac{1}{2} x^{-1/2} \right) \right]$$

$$\frac{\frac{1}{2} x^{-1/2}}{1+x}$$

$$f(x) = \frac{\cot^3 5x}{\cot^{-1}(5x)} \rightarrow (\cot 5x)^3$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{\left[3(\cot 5x)^2 (-\csc^2 5x)(5) \right] \cot^{-1} 5x - (\cot^3 5x) \left[\frac{-5}{1+25x^2} \right]}{[\cot^{-1}(5x)]^2}$$

$$f(x) = \tan \left[\overset{\text{csc}^{-1}}{\text{arc csc}}(x^5) \right]$$

$$f'(x) = \sec^2 \left[\text{csc}^{-1}(x^5) \right] \left[\frac{-5x^4}{x^5 \sqrt{x^{10}-1}} \right]$$

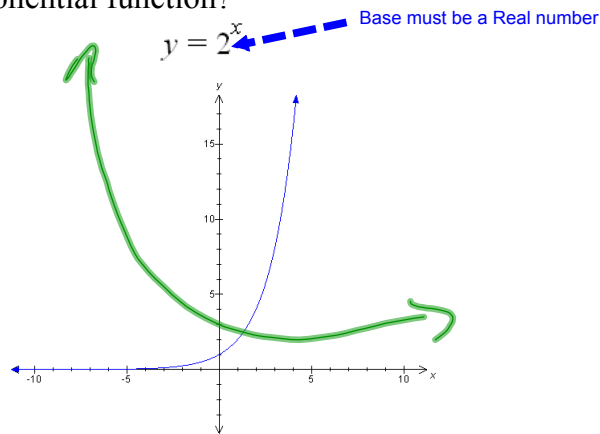
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Differentiating Exponential Functions

What is an exponential function?



When you do not have a rule to differentiate resort to the definition...

$$f(x) = a^x \quad f(x+h) = a^{x+h} \quad \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

Let's try and differentiate $y = a^x$, $a \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{a^{x+h} - a^x}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{a^x a^h - a^x}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{a^x(a^h - 1)}{h} \end{aligned}$$

This factor does not depend on h , therefore we can move to the front of the limit

Thus we now have...

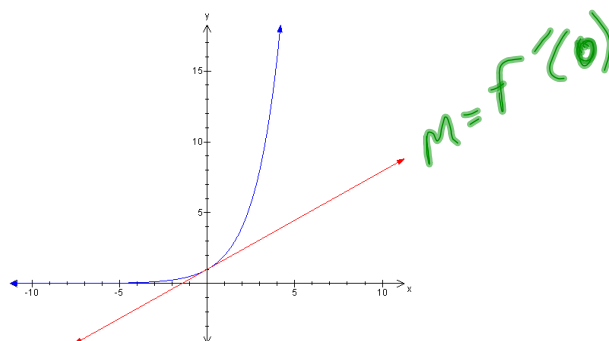
$$f'(x) = a^x \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{a^h - 1}{h}$$

What would be the value of $f'(0)$?

$a^0 = 1$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{a^h - 1}{h} = f'(0)$$

What would this represent in terms of slope??



We have determined that $f'(x) = a^x \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{a^h - 1}{h}$

and that $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{a^h - 1}{h} = f'(0)$

Same thing!

Therefore given $f(x) = a^x$, then $f'(x) = a^x f'(0)$

Here are a couple of numerical examples...

■ $a=2$; here apparently $f'(0) \approx 0.69$
 ■ $a=3$; here apparently $f'(0) \approx 1.10$

h	$\frac{2^h - 1}{h}$	$\frac{3^h - 1}{h}$
0.1	0.7177	1.1612
0.01	0.6956	1.1047
0.001	0.6934	1.0992
0.0001	0.6932	1.0987

There must then be some number between 2 and 3 such that

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{a^h - 1}{h} = 1$$

This number turns out to be "e"...Euler's Number

`e^(1)`
2.718281828

This leads to the following definition...

Definition of the Number e

e is the number such that $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^h - 1}{h} = 1$

$y = e^x$

What does this mean geometrically?

- Geometrically, this means that
 - of all the exponential functions $y = a^x$,
 - the function $f(x) = e^x$ is the one whose tangent at $(0, 1)$ has a slope $f'(0)$ that is exactly 1.

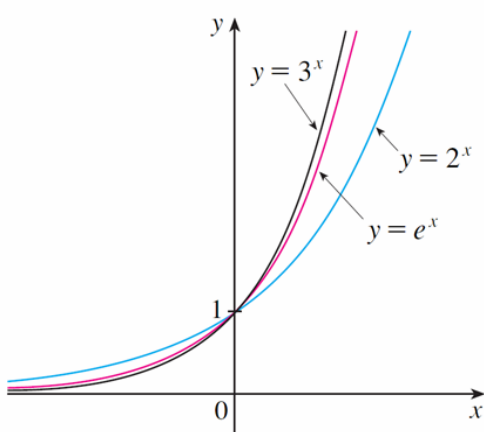


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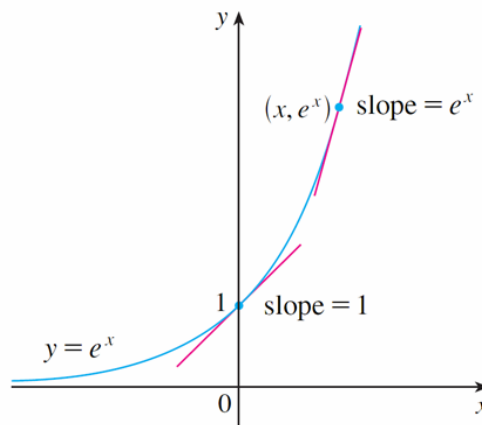


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This leads to the following differentiation formula...

Derivative of the Natural Exponential Function

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

(1) ← slope of tangent

This is the ONLY function that is its own derivative

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

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

In General...

$$\frac{d(e^u)}{dx} = e^u \bullet du$$