

TODAY: 3.7 Derivatives of Trig. Functions

3.8 ——— Exponential & Logarithmic Functions

3.3 The chain rule.

3.3: The Chain Rule

Last time, we went over some very useful rules for differentiation:

① Constant rule: $\frac{d}{dx} [c] = 0$

② Power rule: $\frac{d}{dx} [x^m] = m x^{m-1}$, for $m \in \mathbb{N}, \mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{Z}$
(recall: $\mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$.)

③ Linear combination Rule:

$$\frac{d}{dx} [a f(x) + b g(x)] = a \frac{d}{dx} [f(x)] + b \frac{d}{dx} [g(x)]$$

$$= a f'(x) + b g'(x)$$

} recall: "prime" notation vs. differential ("d") notation

④ Product rule:

$$\frac{d}{dx} [f(x)g(x)] = f'(x)g(x) + f(x)g'(x)$$

⑤ Quotient rule:

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left[\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \right] = \frac{f'(x)g(x) - f(x)g'(x)}{[g(x)]^2}$$

This time, we add an extremely useful rule:

⑥ THE CHAIN RULE:

$$\frac{d}{dx} [f(g(x))] = f'(g(x))g'(x)$$

function composition: $f \circ g$ is another notation

For example, let's let $g := g(x)$ be an arbitrary function, and let's let $f(u) := u^2$. Then $f(g(x)) = [g(x)]^2$, and we know how to differentiate this via the product rule already:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} [f(g(x))] &= \frac{d}{dx} [g(x)]^2 = \frac{d}{dx} [g(x)g(x)] \\ &= g(x)g'(x) + g'(x)g(x) \\ &= 2g(x)g'(x) \end{aligned}$$

Q. Is this a surprise?

... we already knew from the polynomial rule that $\frac{d}{du} [u^2] = 2u$, so if we'd naively guessed that $\frac{d}{dx} [g(x)]^2 = 2g(x)$, then we would have been wrong!

But let's use what we found:

We know $f'(u) = 2u$, so $f'(g(x)) = 2g(x)$.

We found $\frac{d}{dx} [f(g(x))] = 2g(x)g'(x)$
 $= f'(g(x))g'(x)$ (plugged it in).

As it turns out, this formula is valid with any two functions $f(x)$ and $g(x)$. (I wrote $f := f(u)$ in order to keep notation more clear... See page 131 of text, where they write

$y := y(u)$, $u := u(x)$ and obtain the DIFFERENTIAL FORM:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$$

Recall: differentials are NOT quotients, so "cancelling" does NOT work!

c.f.: $\frac{\sin x}{x} = \sin x = \sin x = 0$

Using the Chain Rule.

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Ex. Suppose $y = (2x^3 + 4)^{15}$. Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$.

(Note: this would be really difficult with the product rule!)

See: If we let $f(x) = x^{15}$ and $g(x) = 2x^3 + 4$, then

$$y = f(g(x)), \text{ and } \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx} [f(g(x))]$$
$$= f'(g(x))g'(x) \text{ by the chain rule}$$

So we find $f'(x)$ and $g'(x)$ to plug in.

$$f'(x) = 15x^{14} \text{ by the power rule,}$$

$$\text{so } f'(g(x)) = \underline{15(2x^3 + 4)^{14}}$$

$$g'(x) = 2(3x^2) = \underline{6x^2} \text{ by the polynomial rule,}$$

$$\text{So: } \frac{dy}{dx} = f'(g(x))g'(x) = 15(2x^3 + 4)^{14} \cdot 6x^2$$
$$= 90(2x^3 + 4)^{14} x^2.$$

Ex. $y = \frac{1}{(3x^7 - x + 1)^2}$. Could do using the quotient rule;

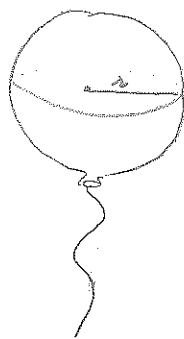
$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{(3x^7 - x + 1)^2 \frac{d}{dx}[1] - 1 \frac{d}{dx}[(3x^7 - x + 1)^2]}{(3x^7 - x + 1)^4} = \frac{-\frac{d}{dx}[9x^{14} - 6x^8 + 6x^7 + x^2 - 2x + 1]}{(3x^7 - x + 1)^4}$$
$$= \frac{-[9 \cdot 14x^{13} - 48x^7 + 42x^6 + 2x - 2]}{(3x^7 - x + 1)^4} = \frac{-126x^{13} + 48x^7 - 42x^6 - 2x + 2}{(3x^7 - x + 1)^4}$$

OR, with the chain rule. $f(x) = x^{-2}$, $g(x) = 3x^7 - x + 1$, so $f'(x) = -2x^{-3}$
by the power rule, $f'(g(x)) = -2(3x^7 - x + 1)^{-3}$, and $g'(x) = 3(7)x^6 - 1 = 21x^6 - 1$,
so $\frac{dy}{dx} = [-2(3x^7 - x + 1)^{-3}][21x^6 - 1] = \frac{-2(21x^6 - 1)}{(3x^7 - x + 1)^3}$.

(CHECK THAT THESE ARE EQUAL)

Ex.
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Balloon



At time $t = T$ when $r(T) = 5$ cm

When $r = 5$ cm, the radius r of the balloon is increasing at the rate of $0.2 \frac{\text{cm}}{\text{sec}}$.

At what rate is the volume increasing at that instant?

What we know: $V(r) = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$

and although we don't know $r(t)$, we do know that $r'(5) = 0.2 \text{ cm/sec}$.

What we want to know: $\left. \frac{dV}{dt} \right|_{t=T}$
such that
 $r(T) = 5$ cm

Can use the chain rule:

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{dV}{dr} \frac{dr}{dt}, \text{ and know how to find } \frac{dV}{dr}$$

$$\frac{dV}{dr} = \frac{d}{dr} \left[\frac{4}{3}\pi r^3 \right] = \frac{4}{3}\pi (3r^2) = 4\pi r^2$$

$$\rightarrow \text{So } \left. \frac{dV}{dr} \right|_{t=T} = 4\pi (r(T))^2 = 4\pi (5)^2 = 100\pi \frac{\text{cm}^2}{\text{cm}}$$

$$\text{and we were given } \left. \frac{dr}{dt} \right|_{t=T} = 0.2 \frac{\text{cm}}{\text{sec}},$$

So plug in:

$$\left. \frac{dV}{dt} \right|_{t=T} = \underbrace{100\pi}_{\frac{dV}{dr}} \underbrace{(0.2)}_{\frac{dr}{dt}} = 20\pi \frac{\text{cm}^3}{\text{sec}}$$

$\approx 62.83 \text{ cm}^3/\text{sec}$

What this balloon example showed ...

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We might not know f and g explicitly, but we might still be able to work with them to get the answer we wanted.

Ex.
Concepts
Questions
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You are on a mathematical quiz show, and are asked to calculate $F'(7)$ for $F = f \circ g = f(g(x))$. The functions f and g are unknown, but you are allowed to ask three questions regarding the numerical values of f , g , f' , and g' at any points you choose. Which three questions should you ask ??

Well, $F'(x) = f'(g(x)) g'(x)$, so $F'(7) = f'(g(7)) g'(7)$

So we need to know: ① $f'(g(7))$ and ② $g'(7)$.

- ② is easy - just ask what $g'(7)$ is.
- For ①, you first ask: what is $g(7)$?

You get the answer $g(7) = u$.

Then ask: what is $f'(u)$?

Final answer:

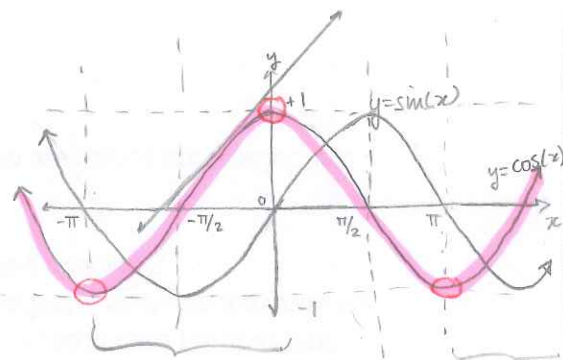
$$F'(7) = f'(u) \cdot g'(7)$$

3.7: Trig. Functions

Two big rules:

① $\frac{d}{dx} [\sin x] = \cos x$

② $\frac{d}{dx} [\cos x] = -\sin x$



Proof of ①:

recall the def'n of the derivative: $f'(x) = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x + \Delta x) - f(x)}{\Delta x}$. For us:

$$\frac{d}{dx} [\sin x] = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x + \Delta x) - \sin(x)}{\Delta x}$$

Recall: $\sin(x + y) = \sin x \cos y + \cos x \sin y$

$$\text{So, } \frac{d}{dx} [\sin x] = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x \cos \Delta x + \cos x \sin \Delta x - \sin x}{\Delta x}$$

$$= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \left[\cos x \left(\frac{\sin \Delta x}{\Delta x} \right) - \sin x \left(\frac{1 - \cos \Delta x}{\Delta x} \right) \right] \quad (\text{just re-factoring})$$

$$= \cos x \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin \Delta x}{\Delta x} - \sin x \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{1 - \cos \Delta x}{\Delta x} \right)$$

(limit laws of sum & constant multiplication - note x is held constant by this limit in Δx)

Recall: $\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin \theta}{\theta} = 1$, $\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos \theta}{\theta} = 0$.

$$\text{So, } \frac{d}{dx} [\sin x] = \cos x (1) - \sin x (0) = \cos x$$

NICE PROOF!

The proof for $\frac{d}{dx} [\cos x] = -\sin x$ is similar.

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$$\frac{d}{dx} [x^2 \sin x] = x^2 \frac{d}{dx} [\sin x] + \frac{d}{dx} [x^2] \cdot \sin x \quad \text{prod. rule}$$

$$= x^2 \cos x + 2x \sin x$$

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$$\frac{d}{dx} \left[\frac{\cos x}{1 - \sin x} \right] = \frac{(1 - \sin x) \frac{d}{dx} [\cos x] - \cos x \frac{d}{dx} [1 - \sin x]}{(1 - \sin x)^2}$$

$$= \frac{(1 - \sin x)(-\sin x) - \cos x(-\cos x)}{(1 - \sin x)^2}$$

$$= \frac{-\sin x + \sin^2 x + \cos^2 x}{(1 - \sin x)^2}$$

← Recall: $\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta = 1$

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

$$= \frac{1}{1 - \sin x}$$

Ex. $y = (\cos x)^3$. Let $f(u) = u^3$, let $g(x) = \cos x$. Then $f'(u) = 3u^2$, and so $f'(g(x)) = 3(\cos x)^2$. Also, $g'(x) = -\sin x$, so by the chain rule,

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f'(g(x)) g'(x) = 3(\cos x)^2 (-\sin x) = -3 \sin x (\cos x)^2$$

Ex. $y = \cos(x^3)$. Let $f(u) = \cos u$, $g(x) = x^3$. Then $f'(u) = -\sin u$, so $f'(g(x)) = -\sin x^3$. Also, $g'(x) = 3x^2$. So by the chain rule,

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f'(g(x)) g'(x) = (-\sin x^3)(3x^2) = -3x^2 \sin x^3$$

The other trig fns. ...

$$\tan x = \frac{\sin x}{\cos x}, \quad \cot x = \frac{\cos x}{\sin x}$$

$$\sec x = \frac{1}{\cos x}, \quad \csc x = \frac{1}{\sin x}$$

Can use differentiation rules to find the derivatives of these, where the derivatives exist.

ex. $\frac{d}{dx} [\tan x] = \frac{d}{dx} \left[\frac{\sin x}{\cos x} \right] = \frac{\cos(x) \frac{d}{dx} [\sin x] - \sin(x) \frac{d}{dx} [\cos x]}{(\cos x)^2}$

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$\frac{d}{dx} [\tan x] = \sec^2(x)$

$= \frac{\cos(x) \cos(x) - \sin(x) (-\sin(x))}{(\cos x)^2}$

$= \frac{\cos^2 x + \sin^2 x}{\cos^2 x} = \frac{1}{\cos^2 x} = \sec^2 x$

* RECALL: $\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta = 1$

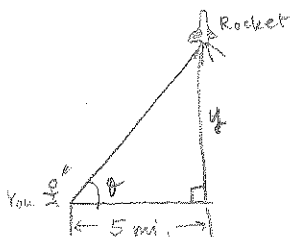
See p. 172 of the text for the rest of the formulas!

(8) $\frac{d}{dx} [\cot x] = -\csc^2(x)$

(9) $\frac{d}{dx} [\sec x] = \sec x \tan x$

(10) $\frac{d}{dx} [\csc x] = -\csc x \cot x$

ex. 12, p. 175



You're standing 5 mi. from the launchpad, and you observe the elevation θ of the line of sight to the rocket. At the time T when $\theta(T) = 60^\circ$, θ is increasing by $3^\circ/\text{sec}$. What is the velocity of the rocket at time T ?

Given: $\theta(T) = 60^\circ = \left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)$ radians (use $180^\circ = \pi \text{ rad}$)

$\left. \frac{d\theta}{dt} \right|_{t=T} = \theta'(T) = 3^\circ/\text{sec} = \frac{3}{\text{sec}} \cdot \frac{\pi \text{ rad}}{180} = \frac{\pi}{60} \text{ rad/sec}$

Know: $\tan \theta = \frac{y}{5 \text{ miles}}$ ($\sin = \frac{o}{h}$, $\cos = \frac{a}{h}$, $\tan = \frac{o}{a}$, where $\begin{matrix} \theta \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \theta \end{matrix}$)

$\Rightarrow y(\theta) = 5 \tan \theta \Rightarrow y'(\theta) = 5 \sec^2 \theta$

Want: $\left. \frac{dy}{dt} \right|_{t=T} = \left. \frac{dy}{d\theta} \cdot \frac{d\theta}{dt} \right|_{t=T} = 5 \sec^2 \theta \cdot \left. \frac{d\theta}{dt} \right|_{t=T} = 5 \sec^2 \left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) \cdot \frac{\pi}{60} = \frac{\pi}{3} \frac{\text{miles}}{\text{sec}}$

3.8: Exponential, Logarithmic Fns.

Recall: An exponential fn. is of the form $f(x) = a^x$, for $a > 0$ constant.

(Has a very different character than $f(x) = x^a$!)

Until now, we have been pretty cavalier abt. using exponential functions, but we haven't really defined them carefully.

Recall again:

$$a^0 = 1$$

$$a^3 = a \cdot a \cdot a$$

$$a^1 = a$$

$$a^m = \underbrace{a \cdot a \cdot \dots \cdot a}_{m \text{ times}}$$

$$a^2 = a \cdot a$$

$$a^{-m} = \frac{1}{a^m}, \text{ and } a^{\frac{p}{q}} = \sqrt[q]{a^p} = (\sqrt[q]{a})^p$$

$\sqrt{2}$
 a , a^π , a^e

So we know how to define the exponential for all rational exponents (that is, we can define

$$f(x) = a^x \text{ for } x \in \mathbb{Q}.$$

$$\hookrightarrow a = \left\{ \frac{p}{q} : p, q \in \mathbb{Z}, q \neq 0 \right\}.$$

What abt. irrational exponents?

We define: $a^x := \lim_{r \rightarrow x} a^r$, with r rational.

Note that this is our definition — we chose it to be true —

and it's no accident that this is almost what we need in order to make $f(x) = a^x$ continuous on all \mathbb{R} .

You will take it as given, for now, that the familiar rules of exponentiation work for irrational exponents, too!

$$\bullet a^{x+y} = a^x a^y \quad \bullet (a^x)^y = a^{xy} = (a^y)^x$$

$$\bullet a^{-x} = \frac{1}{a^x} \quad \bullet (ab)^x = a^x b^x$$

(Can rigorously prove in Calc II/III.)

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

Looking at the graph, we see no reason why $f(x) = a^x$ should not be diff'ble — so we know that the limit $\lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{a^{\Delta x} - 1}{\Delta x}$ should exist — but what is it?

It's obviously not a fn. of Δx , or of x — so it must just be a fn. of a .

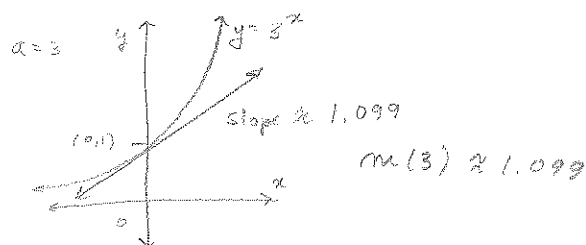
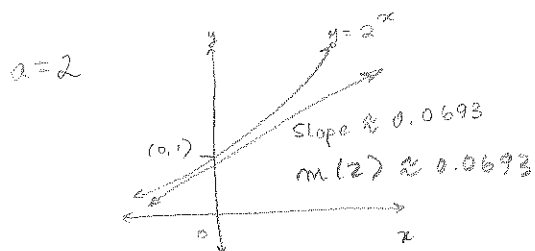
For now, let's call it $m(a)$.

So, we get $\frac{d}{dx} [a^x] = \underline{m(a)} \cdot a^x$, a CONSTANT MULTIPLE OF a^x ITSELF.

Recall: $f'(x)$ is the slope of the line tangent to the graph of f at x .

So for any a , $f'(0) = m(a) \cdot a^0 = m(a)$ — thus, $m(a) =$ slope of line tan. to $f(x) = a^x$ at the point $(0, 1)$.

Check this out for a couple of examples:



See above — these slopes are just $\lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{a^{\Delta x} - 1}{\Delta x}$, so just

compute $\frac{a^{\Delta x} - 1}{\Delta x}$ for successively smaller values of Δx

(i.e., $\Delta x = 0.1, 0.01, 0.001, \text{etc.}$) until some kind of pattern is evident — this gives a good guess as to the limit.

Note that if $m(a)$ is a continuous fn. of a , then we can apply the IVT

to show that for some number e in $(2,3)$, we have $m(e) = 1$, i.e.,

$$\frac{d}{dx} [e^x] = e^x$$

(This is a useful property for a fn. to have!)

ex. $\frac{d}{dx} [e^{kx}] = \frac{d}{dx} [kx] e^{kx} = k e^{kx}$, any const. k

ex. $\frac{d}{dx} [x^3 e^{-x}] = 3x^2 e^{-x} + x^3 (-e^{-x}) = x^2 e^{-x} (3-x)$.

ex. $\frac{d}{dx} [e^{(x^2)}] = \frac{d}{dx} [x^2] e^{(x^2)} = 2x e^{(x^2)}$.

We will not worry abt. $a \neq e$ for another few minutes. For now, though...

Inverse Functions.

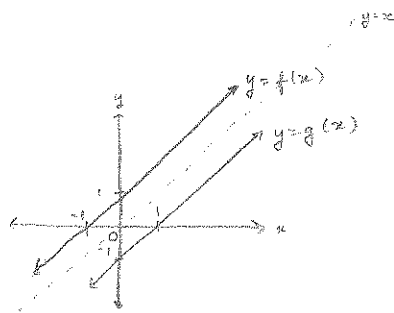
Def. $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ are said to be inverse functions if both:

$$f(g(x)) = x \quad \text{and} \quad g(f(x)) = x$$

ex. $f(x) = x+1$, $g(x) = x-1$.

$$f(g(x)) = (x-1)+1 = x$$

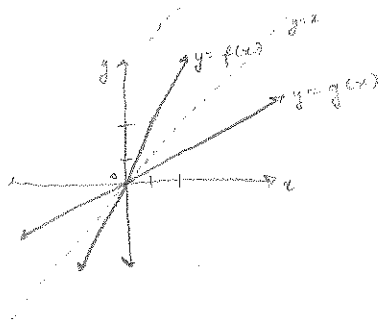
$$g(f(x)) = (x+1)-1 = x$$



ex. $f(x) = 2x$, $g(x) = \frac{x}{2}$

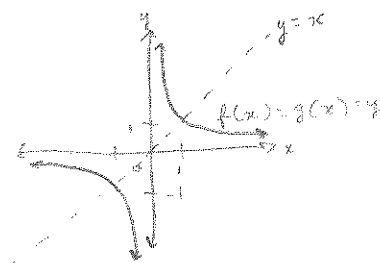
$$f(g(x)) = 2\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) = x$$

$$g(f(x)) = \frac{2x}{2} = x$$



ex. $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$, $g(x) = \frac{1}{x}$

$$f(g(x)) = g(f(x)) = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)} = x$$



Sometimes have to watch out for the domain & range...

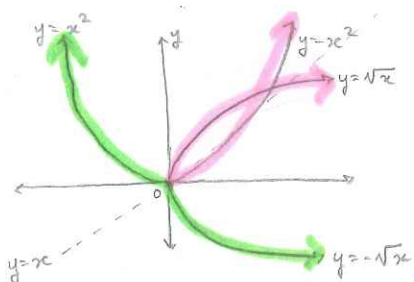
$$f: D \rightarrow R$$

ex. $f(x) = x^2$, $g(x) = \sqrt{x}$.

$$f: (-\infty, +\infty) \mapsto [0, +\infty)$$

$$g: [0, +\infty) \mapsto [0, +\infty)$$

Restrict the domain of f to $f: [0, +\infty) \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$ and the inverses work:



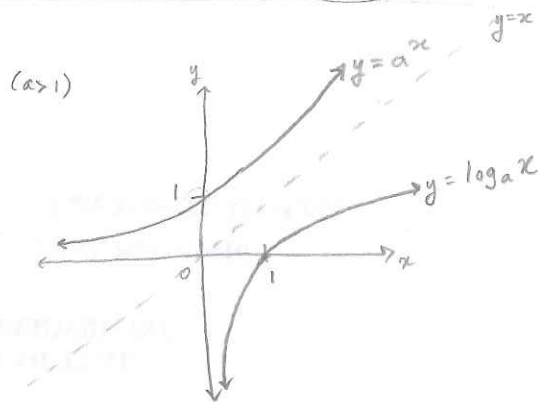
Or, consider $f(x) = x^2$, $f: (-\infty, 0] \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$

and $g(x) = -\sqrt{x}$, $g: (0, +\infty] \rightarrow (-\infty, 0]$

So DOMAIN f = RANGE g
 DOMAIN g = RANGE f ..

The big example of inverse fns.

$$f(x) = a^x, \quad g(x) = \log_a x.$$



Recall: $\log_a y = x$ iff $a^x = y$.

$$\text{So, } f(g(x)) = a^{\log_a x} = x$$

$$g(f(x)) = \log_a(a^x) = x$$

Note, $f: (-\infty, +\infty) \mapsto (0, +\infty)$

$g: (0, +\infty) \mapsto (-\infty, +\infty)$.

This is the way we defined the logarithm!

Natural logarithm

It's just $\log_e(x)$

$\ln(x)$

$$\ln(y) = x \text{ iff } e^x = y$$

subset

THEOREM. Let $I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ be an open interval, let f be a diff'ble fn. defined on I with $f'(x) > 0$ for all $x \in I$, or $f'(x) < 0$ for all $x \in I$.

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Then f has an inverse fn. g , g is diff'ble, and for all x in the domain of g ,

$$g'(x) = \frac{1}{f'(g(x))}$$

N.B.: We don't have the tools to prove this theorem (wait until adv. calculus!)

N.B.: Important distinction between the following:

Ⓘ $\forall x \in I, f'(x) > 0$ or $f'(x) < 0$

and

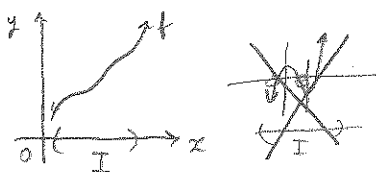
→ Ⓡ $(\forall x \in I f'(x) > 0)$ or $(\forall x \in I f'(x) < 0)$

Think: Ⓘ "Each person in the world is either left-handed or right-handed."

Ⓡ "Either each person in the world is left-handed, or each person in the world is right-handed."

N.B.: The fn. f needs to be "one-to-one" / "injective" on I — so, only one input for each output — in other words, in addition to the vertical line test, f should pass the horizontal line test.

$f'(x) < 0 \forall x \in I$, or $f'(x) > 0 \forall x \in I$ guarantees this — either the fn. is always increasing, or it is always decreasing.



Inverse fns. $\hat{=}$ logarithms.

So, back to $\frac{d}{dx} [a^x] = m(a) a^x$.

We know that $f(x) = a^x$ and $g(x) = \log_a(x)$ are inverses, and we know that the inverse of a function is unique.

[Aside: why is a function's inverse unique?

Suppose f and g_1 are inverses, and f and g_2 are inverses.

Then $f(g_1(x)) = x$, $f(g_2(x)) = x$, $g_1(f(x)) = x$, $g_2(f(x)) = x$.

In particular, $g_2(x) = g_2(f(g_1(x))) = g_1(x)$.
because $f(g_1(x)) = x$
because $g_2(f(x)) = x$

So we can apply Theorem 1 on any open interval $I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ (because for $a > 0$, $f'(x) > 0$ as well) to obtain:

$$g'(x) = \frac{1}{f'(g(x))} \quad \text{with } m(a) a^{x^{\leftarrow}} = f(x)$$
$$= \frac{1}{m(a) a^{\log_a x}} = \frac{1}{m(a) x}$$

In particular, for the natural exponential, there is a corresponding natural log: $\ln(x) \hat{=} \log_e(x)$, and recall that $m(e) = 1$.

So $\frac{d}{dx} [e^x] = e^x$ and $\frac{d}{dx} [\ln(x)] = \frac{1}{x}$.

Let's use this to figure out what $m(a)$ is, finally!

Observe: $a = e^{\ln(a)} \Rightarrow a^x = (e^{\ln(a)})^x = e^{x \ln(a)}$

Know that $\frac{d}{dx} [a^x] = m(a) a^x$ $a^x = e^{x \ln(a)}$

Calculate using chain rule:

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

recall: we already calculated

$$\frac{d}{dx} [e^{kx}] = k e^{kx}$$

using chain rule

Thus, $m(a) a^x = \ln(a) a^x \Rightarrow \boxed{m(a) = \ln(a)}$

So, finally, we have our rules for exponentials & logarithms:

$$\boxed{\frac{d}{dx} [a^x] = \ln(a) a^x}$$

AND

$$\boxed{\frac{d}{dx} [\log_a(x)] = \frac{1}{\ln(a) x}}$$