

Question:

What is $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \ln x$?

What is $\ln 1$

What is $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \ln x$?

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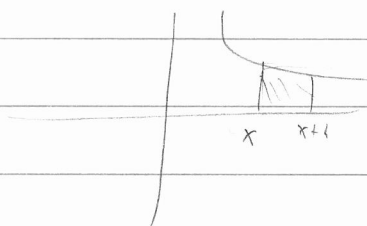
Theorem: for $x > 0$ $\frac{d}{dx} \ln x = \frac{1}{x}$

Proof: $\frac{d}{dx} \ln x = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\ln(x+h) - \ln(x)}{h}$

What is $\ln(x+h) - \ln(x)$? The area under $1/t$ between $x+h$ & x

That is

$$\ln(x+h) - \ln x =$$



So $\ln(x+h) - \ln x \leq$ the area of the rectangle $\frac{1}{x} \cdot h = \frac{h}{x}$

& $\ln(x+h) - \ln x \geq$ the area of the rectangle $\frac{1}{x+h} \cdot h = \frac{h}{x+h}$

$$\text{So } \frac{1}{x} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h/(x+h)}{h} \leq \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\ln(x+h) - \ln x}{h} \leq \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h/x}{h} = \frac{1}{x}$$

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Properties of natural logarithm

$$(1) \ln(xy) = \ln x + \ln y$$

$$(2) \ln\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = -\ln x$$

$$(3) \ln\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) = \ln(x) - \ln y$$

$$(4) \ln(x^r) = r \ln x$$

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Proof: (1) Fix y and consider the function $\ln xy - \ln x$.

What is its derivative?

$$\frac{d}{dx} (\ln xy - \ln x) = \frac{y}{xy} - \frac{1}{x} = 0$$

Thus $\ln xy - \ln x = C$, some constant.

But which constant? Since this is true for all x , it must be true for $x=1$. That is

$$C = \ln(1 \cdot y) - \ln 1 = \ln y$$

i.e. $\ln xy - \ln x = \ln y$ or $\ln xy = \ln x + \ln y$

(2) Again: $\frac{d}{dx} (\ln \frac{1}{x} + \ln x) = \frac{1}{1/x} \cdot \frac{-1}{x^2} + \frac{1}{x} = 0$

$$\rightarrow \ln \frac{1}{x} + \ln x = C \quad \text{setting } x=1 \Rightarrow C=0$$

$$\text{so } \ln \frac{1}{x} = -\ln x$$

(3) $\ln \left(\frac{x}{y}\right) = \ln \left(x \cdot \frac{1}{y}\right) = \ln x + \ln \frac{1}{y} = \ln x - \ln y$

(4) $\ln(x^n) = \ln(x \cdot \dots \cdot x) = \ln(x) + \ln(x) + \dots + \ln(x) = n \cdot \ln x$

$$m \ln(x^{n/m}) = \ln(x^{n/m \cdot m}) = \ln(x^n) = n \ln x$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln(x^{n/m}) = \frac{n}{m} \ln x$$

Then for any real r , find r_n rational such that

$$r_n \rightarrow r \quad \text{the} \quad \ln(x^{r_n}) \rightarrow \ln(x^r)$$

$$\text{But } \ln(x^{r_n}) = r_n \ln x \rightarrow r \cdot \ln x$$

$$\text{so } \ln(x^r) = r \cdot \ln x$$

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Now we may concretely answer the question
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \ln x$ As $x \rightarrow 0^+$ the $1/x \rightarrow \infty$ and so

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \ln x = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \ln \frac{1}{x} = - \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \ln x = -\infty.$$

The exponential function

Definition We define the exponential function $\exp(x)$ as the inverse to $\ln x$.

ie. $y = \exp(x) \iff x = \ln y \quad (y > 0)$

Thus: $\ln(\exp x) = x$ & $\exp(\ln x) = x$.

Properties: (1) $(\exp x)^r = \exp(rx)$

(2) $\exp(x+y) = \exp(x) \cdot \exp(y)$

(3) $\exp(-x) = 1 / \exp(x)$

(4) $\exp(x-y) = \exp x / \exp y$.

What does property 1 imply?

Inputting $x=1$, we get that

$$\exp(r) = (\exp(1))^r.$$

So if we define $e = \exp(1)$ then we see that

$$\boxed{\exp(x) = e^x}$$

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Hence also we have $\ln(x) = \log_e x$.

What is e ? $e = 2.718281828459045 \dots$
called Euler's number.

Question: What is $\frac{d}{dx} e^x$?

Use implicit differentiation $y = e^x \Rightarrow x = \ln y$

so $1 = \frac{1}{y} \cdot \frac{dy}{dx}$ i.e. $\frac{dy}{dx} = y = e^x$

Therefore, we get one of the most important equations in calculus.

$$\boxed{\frac{d}{dx} e^x = e^x}$$

We can use this to calculate the derivative of all exponentials and logarithms.

Note that $a^x = e^{\ln(a^x)} = e^{x \cdot \ln a}$

Therefore by chain rule we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} a^x &= \frac{d}{dx} e^{x \cdot \ln a} = e^{x \cdot \ln a} \cdot \ln a \\ &= a^x \cdot \ln a. \end{aligned}$$

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Finally, for logarithms:

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

$$\text{So } 1 = \frac{d}{dx} a^y = a^y \cdot \ln a \cdot \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{a^y \cdot \ln a} = \frac{1}{x \cdot \ln a}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \log_a x = \frac{1}{x \cdot \ln a}$$

So, we can define all exponentials and logarithms and their derivatives in terms of e , but what is e ?

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

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

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \cdot \ln \left(1 + \frac{x}{n}\right) = x \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln \left(1 + \frac{x}{n}\right)}{x/n} \quad \text{let } h = \frac{x}{n}$$

$\Rightarrow h \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$

$$= x \cdot \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\ln(1+h)}{h} = x \cdot \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\ln(1+h) - \ln(1)}{h}$$

$$= x \left(\frac{d}{dx} \ln x \right) \Big|_{x=1} = x$$

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

n	$\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n$
1	2
10	2.5937...
100	2.70481
1000	2.71692
10000	2.7181459
$\vdots$	
∞	2.718281828459045... = e

Growth rates of exp and ln:

(1) exp grows faster than any power.

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

(2) exp decays faster than any power

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

(3) ln grows slower than any power

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

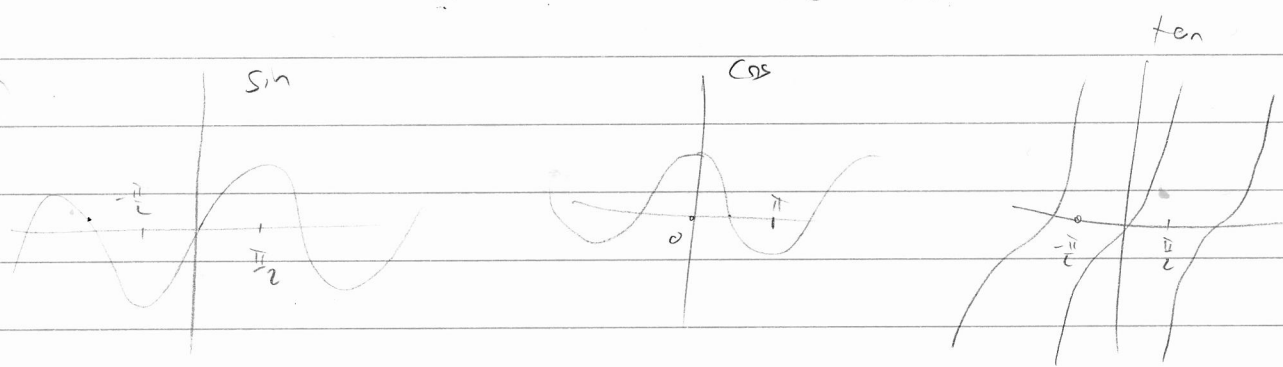
(4) ln decays slower than any power

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x^a \ln x = 0$$

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Inverse trig functions and their derivatives

The trigonometric functions, $(\sin, \cos, \tan)$ all fail the horizontal line test and so are not one-to-one. So in order to talk about their inverses we must restrict their domains.



So we define the inverse trig functions as the unique values in these ranges:

$$y = \sin^{-1} x \iff x = \sin(y) \quad \& \quad -\frac{\pi}{2} \leq y \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$y = \cos^{-1} x \iff x = \cos y \quad \& \quad 0 \leq y \leq \pi$$

$$y = \tan^{-1} x \iff x = \tan y \quad \& \quad -\frac{\pi}{2} < y < \frac{\pi}{2}$$

We read these as $\arcsin$, $\arccos$ & $\arctan$.

	$\sin^{-1}$	$\cos^{-1}$	$\tan^{-1}$
Domain	$[-1, 1]$	$[-1, 1]$	$(-\infty, \infty)$
Range	$[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}]$	$[0, \pi]$	$(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2})$
at $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$	$-\frac{\pi}{4}$	$\frac{3\pi}{4}$	

Note that we have the identity

$$\cos x = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - x\right)$$

Therefore $y = \cos^{-1} x \Leftrightarrow \cos y = x$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - y\right) = x$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{\pi}{2} - y = \sin^{-1} x$$

$$\Leftrightarrow y = \frac{\pi}{2} - \sin^{-1} x$$

That is, $\cos^{-1} x = \frac{\pi}{2} - \sin^{-1} x$

Let's find their derivatives!

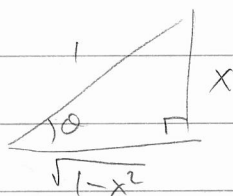
$$(1) \frac{d}{dx} \sin^{-1} x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

proof. Set $y = \sin^{-1} x$, so $\sin y = x$

So, $\cos y \frac{dy}{dx} = x \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{\cos(\sin^{-1} x)}$

What is $\cos(\sin^{-1} x)$?

Create triangle



So $\sin^{-1} x = \theta$ & $\cos \theta = \frac{\sqrt{1-x^2}}{1}$

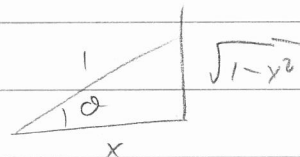
So $\frac{d}{dx} \sin^{-1} x = \frac{1}{\cancel{x/\sqrt{1-x^2}}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$

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$$(2) \quad \frac{d}{dx} \cos^{-1} x = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

proof: Again: $y = \cos^{-1} x \Rightarrow x = \cos y$
So $1 = \frac{dy}{dx} \cdot -\sin y$

$$\& \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-1}{\sin(\cos^{-1} x)}$$



$$= \frac{-1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

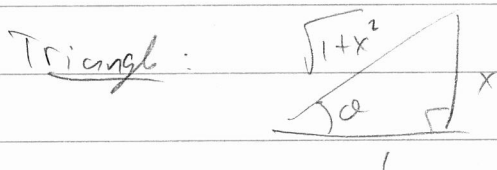
Easier! Use $\cos^{-1} x = \frac{\pi}{2} - \sin^{-1} x$ to

get $\frac{d}{dx} \cos^{-1} x = \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \sin^{-1} x \right) = -\frac{d}{dx} \sin^{-1} x = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$

$$(3) \quad \frac{d}{dx} \tan^{-1} x = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$$

proof: $y = \tan^{-1} x \Rightarrow \tan y = x$
 $\Rightarrow 1 = \sec^2 y \cdot \frac{dy}{dx}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dx} = \frac{1}{\left(\sec^2(\tan^{-1} x) \right)^2} = \left(\cos(\tan^{-1} x) \right)^2$$



$$\cos(\tan^{-1} x) = \cos \theta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+x^2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dx} \tan^{-1} x = \left(\cos(\tan^{-1} x) \right)^2 = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$$

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$$\frac{d}{dx} \sec^{-1} x = \frac{1}{|x| \sqrt{x^2 - 1}}$$

What is $\sec^{-1} x$ in terms of $\cos x$?

$$y = \sec^{-1} x \Leftrightarrow \sec y = x \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{\cos y} = x \\ \Leftrightarrow \cos y = \frac{1}{x} \Leftrightarrow y = \cos^{-1} \frac{1}{x}$$

So $\sec^{-1}(x) = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$ for $|x| \geq 1$

explain

(4) $\frac{d}{dx} \sec^{-1} x = \frac{1}{x^2 \sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{x^2}}} = \frac{1}{|x| \sqrt{x^2 - 1}}$

exercise

Proof $\frac{d}{dx} (\sec^{-1} x) = \frac{d}{dx} \left(\cos^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{x} \right) \right) = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{x^2}}} \cdot \frac{-1}{x^2}$

(5) Similarly $\csc^{-1} x = \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{x} \right)$ & $\cot^{-1}(x) = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{x} \right)$

and

(5) $\frac{d}{dx} (\csc^{-1} x) = \frac{-1}{x^2 \sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{x^2}}} = \frac{-1}{|x| \sqrt{x^2 - 1}}$

(6) $\frac{d}{dx} (\cot^{-1} x) = \frac{-1}{x^2 (1 + x^2)}$