

## Chp 3: Inverse Functions

### 3.1 Exponential Functions

An exponential function is a fn of the form  $f(x) = a^x$ , where  $a$  is a positive constant.

**Thm:** If  $a > 0$  and  $a \neq 1$ , then  $f(x) = a^x$  is a continuous fn w/ domain  $\mathbb{R}$  and range  $(0, \infty)$ . In particular,  $a^x > 0$  for all  $x$ .

If  $a, b > 0$  and  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ , then:

1)  $a^{x+y} = a^x a^y$

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

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

4)  $(ab)^x = a^x b^x$

If  $a > 1$ , then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} a^x = \infty$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} a^x = 0$ .

If  $0 < a < 1$ , then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} a^x = 0$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} a^x = \infty$ .

$e = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (1 + \frac{1}{x})^{1/x} \approx 2.718$

Natural exponential function is  $y = e^x$ .

$f(x) = e^x$  is a continuous fn w/ domain  $\mathbb{R}$  & range  $(0, \infty)$ . Thus  $e^x > 0$  for all  $x$ . Also  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} e^x = 0$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} e^x = \infty$ , so the  $x$ -axis is a horizontal asymptote of  $f(x) = e^x$ .

### 3.2 Inverse Functions and Logarithms

A fn  $f$  is one-to-one (injective) if  $x_1 \neq x_2 \Rightarrow f(x_1) \neq f(x_2)$ .

**Horizontal Line Test:** A fn is one-to-one IFF no horizontal line intersects its graph more than once.

Let  $f: A \rightarrow B$  be a one-to-one fn. Then its inverse function  $f^{-1}: B \rightarrow A$  is defined by  $f^{-1}(y) = x \Leftrightarrow f(x) = y$ .

**Cancellation Equations:**  $\forall x \in A, f^{-1}(f(x)) = x$ , and  $\forall x \in B, f(f^{-1}(x)) = x$ .

**How to find inverse:** Solve  $y = f(x)$  for  $x$ , then interchange  $x$  &  $y$ .

**Thm:** If  $f$  is a one-to-one continuous fn, then its inverse  $f^{-1}$  is also cont.

**Thm:** If  $f$  is a one-to-one diff'ble fn w/ inverse  $f^{-1}$  and  $f'(f^{-1}(a)) \neq 0$ , then  $f^{-1}$  is diff'ble at  $a$  and  $(f^{-1})'(a) = \frac{1}{f'(f^{-1}(a))}$ .

The logarithmic function w/ base  $a$  is  $\log_a$ , defined by  $\log_a x = y \Leftrightarrow a^y = x$ .

$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, \log_a(a^x) = x$ , and  $\forall x > 0, a^{\log_a x} = x$ .

$\log_a$  has domain  $(0, \infty)$  and range  $\mathbb{R}$ , and is cont.

**Laws of Logarithms:** If  $x, y$  are positive, then:

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

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

3)  $\forall r \in \mathbb{R}, \log_a(x^r) = r \log_a x$

If  $a > 1$ , then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \log_a x = \infty$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \log_a x = -\infty$ .

The natural logarithm  $\ln x = \log_e x$  is defined by  $\ln x = y \Leftrightarrow e^y = x$ .

$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, \ln(e^x) = x$ , and  $\forall x > 0, e^{\ln x} = x$ .  $\ln e = 1$ .

**Change of Base Formula:**  $\forall a > 0, a \neq 1$ , we have  $\log_a x = \frac{\ln x}{\ln a}$ .

### 3.3 Derivatives of Log & Exp Functions

**Thm:** The fn  $f(x) = \log_a x$  is diff'ble and  $f'(x) = \frac{1}{x \ln a} = \frac{1}{x \ln a}$ .

$\frac{d}{dx}(\ln x) = \frac{1}{x} = \frac{d}{dx}(\ln|x|)$ .

**Steps in Log Differentiation:**

- 1) Take natural logs of both sides of  $y = f(x)$  and use the laws of logs to simplify.
- 2) Differentiate implicitly w.r.t  $x$ .

3) Solve for  $y'$ .

Thm:  $f(x) = a^x$ ,  $a > 0$  is diff'ble, and  $\frac{d}{dx}(a^x) = a^x \ln a$ .  
 $\frac{d}{dx}(e^x) = e^x$ .

### 3.4 Exponential Growth and Decay

Law of Natural Growth/Decay: If  $y(t)$  is the value of  $y$  at time  $t$  and  $\frac{dy}{dt}$  is proportional to  $y(t)$ , then  $\frac{dy}{dt} = ky$ .

Thm: The only solutions of the diff eq  $\frac{dy}{dt} = ky$  are the exponential fns  $y(t) = y(0)e^{kt}$ .

Relative growth rate of a pop is  $\frac{1}{P} \cdot \frac{dP}{dt}$ .

Newton's Law of Cooling:  $\frac{dT}{dt} = k(T - T_s)$  where  $T(t)$  is temp of object at time  $t$  and  $T_s$  is temp of surroundings.

### 3.5 Inverse Trig Functions

$\arcsin x = \sin^{-1} x = y \Leftrightarrow \sin y = x$  and  $-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq y \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$ .

$\sin^{-1}(\sin x) = x$  for  $-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$  and  $\sin(\sin^{-1} x) = x$  for  $-1 \leq x \leq 1$ .

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

$\arccos x = \cos^{-1} x = y \Leftrightarrow \cos y = x$  and  $0 \leq y \leq \pi$ .

$\cos^{-1}(\cos x) = x$  for  $0 \leq x \leq \pi$  and  $\cos(\cos^{-1} x) = x$  for  $-1 \leq x \leq 1$ .

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

$\arctan x = \tan^{-1} x = y \Leftrightarrow \tan y = x$  and  $-\frac{\pi}{2} < y < \frac{\pi}{2}$ .

$\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}^-} \tan^{-1} x = \frac{\pi}{2}$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\frac{\pi}{2}^+} \tan^{-1} x = -\frac{\pi}{2}$ .

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

$\csc^{-1} x = y$  ( $|x| \geq 1$ )  $\Leftrightarrow \csc y = x$  and  $y \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2}] \cup (\pi, \frac{3\pi}{2}]$ .

$\sec^{-1} x = y$  ( $|x| \geq 1$ )  $\Leftrightarrow \sec y = x$  and  $y \in [0, \frac{\pi}{2}) \cup [\pi, \frac{3\pi}{2})$ .

$\cot^{-1} x = y$  ( $x \in \mathbb{R}$ )  $\Leftrightarrow \cot y = x$  and  $y \in (0, \pi)$ .

Function	Derivative
$\sin^{-1} x$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$
$\cos^{-1} x$	$-\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$
$\tan^{-1} x$	$\frac{1}{1+x^2}$
$\csc^{-1} x$	$-\frac{1}{x\sqrt{x^2-1}}$
$\sec^{-1} x$	$\frac{1}{x\sqrt{x^2-1}}$
$\cot^{-1} x$	$-\frac{1}{1+x^2}$

### 3.7 Indeterminate Forms & L'Hospital's Rule

L'Hospital's Rule: If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{0}{0}$  or  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{\infty}{\infty}$ , then if  $f$  &  $g$  are diff'ble and  $g'(x) \neq 0$ , then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)}$ .