

Integral Calculus

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Chapter 3: Logarithmic and Exponential Functions

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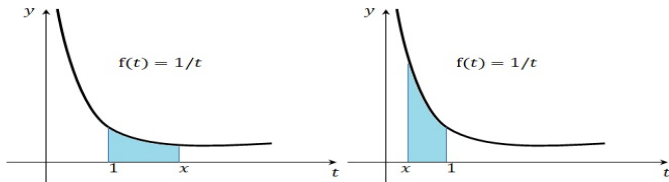
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■ Consider the function $f(t) = \frac{1}{t}$. It is continuous on the interval $(0, +\infty)$ and this implies that the function is integrable on the interval $[1, x]$. The area of the region under the graph can be expressed as

$$F(x) = \int_1^x \frac{1}{t} dt$$



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- (3) The natural logarithmic function is differentiable and continuous on the domain. From the fundamental theorem of calculus, we have

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\ln x) = \frac{d}{dx} \int_1^x \frac{1}{t} dt = \frac{1}{x} > 0, \quad \forall x > 0.$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \int_{g(x)}^{h(x)} f(t) dt = f(h(x)) h'(x) - f(g(x)) g'(x) \quad \forall x \in J.$$

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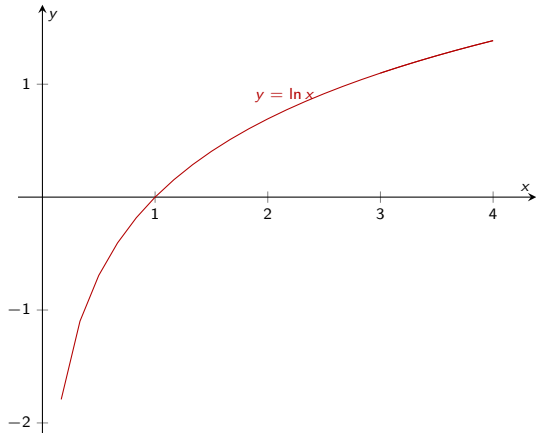
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From the previous properties, we have the graph of the natural logarithmic function.



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$$(5) \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \ln x = \infty \text{ and } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \ln x = -\infty.$$

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■ Differentiation of Natural Logarithmic Function

From our discussion above, we found that

$$\frac{d}{dx} \ln x = \frac{1}{x}$$

Hence,

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

Therefore,

$$\frac{d}{dx} \ln(|x|) = \frac{1}{x} \quad \forall x \neq 0.$$

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$$\begin{aligned} y' &= \frac{1}{5} \left(\frac{1}{x-1} - \frac{1}{x+1} \right) y \\ \Rightarrow y' &= \frac{1}{5} \left(\frac{1}{x-1} - \frac{1}{x+1} \right) \sqrt[5]{\frac{x-1}{x+1}}. \end{aligned}$$

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$$y = \exp(x) = e^x \Leftrightarrow \ln y = x$$

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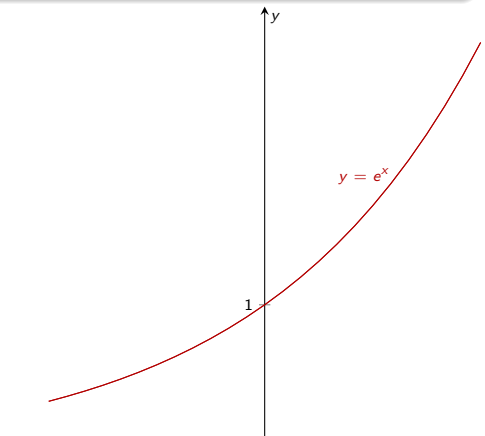
Also, $\ln e = 1$ and $\ln e^r = r \ln e = r$.

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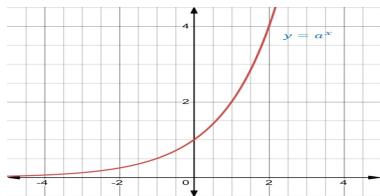
$$a^x = e^{x \ln a} \text{ for every } a > 0.$$

Explanation: $\ln a^x = x \ln a \Rightarrow e^{\ln a^x} = e^{x \ln a} \Rightarrow a^x = e^{x \ln a}$ for every $a > 0$.

(1) The function a^x is called the general exponential function with base a .

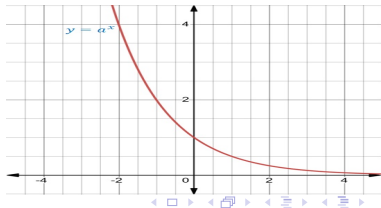
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■ (2) General Logarithmic Function

Definition

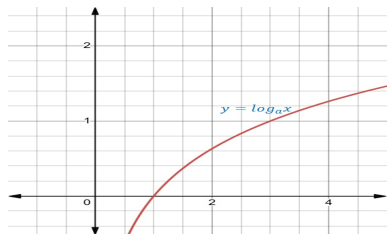
The general logarithmic function is defined as follows:

$$\log_a : (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R},$$

$$x = a^y \Leftrightarrow y = \log_a x.$$

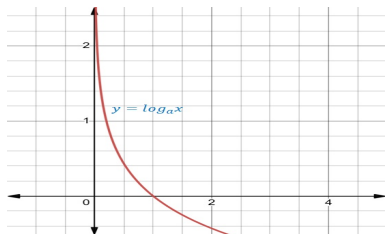
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- 1 The general logarithmic function $\log_a x = \frac{\ln x}{\ln a}$.
- Proof.* From the definition, we have $y = \log_a x \Rightarrow x = a^y$.
By taking the natural logarithm of both sides, we have

$$\ln x = \ln a^y = y \ln a \Rightarrow y = \frac{\ln x}{\ln a}$$

- 2 If $a > 1$, the function $\log_a x$ is increasing while if $0 < a < 1$, the function $\log_a x$ is decreasing.
- 3 The natural logarithmic function $\ln x = \log_e x$.
- 4 The general logarithmic function $\log_{10} x = \log x$.
- 5 The general logarithm $\log_a a = 1$.

■ Rules of the general logarithmic function

Theorem

If $x, y > 0$ and $r \in \mathbb{R}$, then

- 1 $\log_a xy = \log_a x + \log_a y$
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