

# FUNCTIONS

## EXPONENTIAL

Def. An exponential function is a function of the form  $f(x) = b^x$

where  $b > 0$ .



A: domain 定義域  
B: range 值域

relation between  $A \times B$

For the exponential function

Domain is  $(-\infty, \infty)$

Range is  $(0, \infty)$

## LAW OF EXPONENTS

$a, b > 0, x, y \in (-\infty, \infty)$  then

(i)  $b^{x+y} = b^x \cdot b^y$  (ii)  $(b^x)^y = b^{xy}$

(iii)  $b^{x-y} = \frac{b^x}{b^y}$  (iv)  $(ab)^x = a^x b^x$

## APPLICATIONS

- Population of bacteria
- Half life

Half life of  $^{20}\text{Sr}$  25 years  $m(0) = 24 \text{ mg}$

(a)  $m(t)$  = mass remains  $t$  years; find  $m(t)$

(b)  $m(40)$

(c) estimate  $t$  year such that  $m(t) = 5$

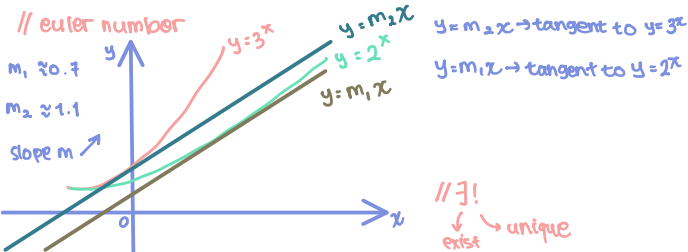
Sol. (a) after 1 period is 25 years, the remain mass is  $25 \times \frac{1}{2}$   
after  $n$  period, the mass  $25 \times (\frac{1}{2})^n$ ,  $t$  years is  $\frac{t}{25}$

Period.  $m(t) = 24 \times (\frac{1}{2})^{\frac{t}{25}}$

(b)  $m(40) = 24 \times (\frac{1}{2})^{\frac{40}{25}} = 24 \times (\frac{1}{2})^{\frac{8}{5}}$

(c)  $24 \times (\frac{1}{2})^{\frac{t}{25}} = 5 \Rightarrow t = 57$

## THE NUMBER e

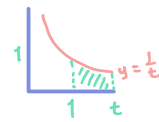


Def.  $\exists!$  number  $b$  with  $2 < b < 3$  such that the slope of the tangent line to  $y = b^x$  at  $(0, 1)$  is 1, here we call it  $e = 2.71828$

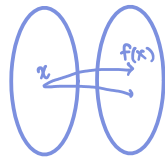
//  $e^x$ : natural exponential function

$e = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1 + \frac{1}{n})^n = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} (1+t)^{\frac{1}{t}} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!}$

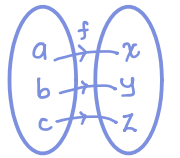
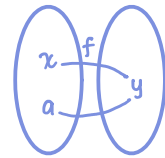
$e$  = the unique number  $a$ , such that  $\int_1^a \frac{1}{t} dt = 1$  //  $a = e$



## ONE TO ONE FUNCTION



IS NOT function



1-1 function

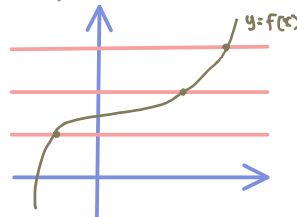
Def. A function  $f$  is called a 1-1 function (if  $f(x_1) \neq f(x_2)$  whenever  $x_1 \neq x_2$  (or if  $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$ , then  $x_1 = x_2$ ).

Test for 1-1 function

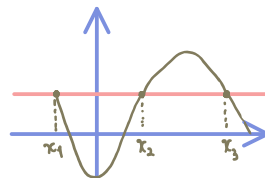
1. Choose  $x_1 \neq x_2$ , check  $f(x_1) \neq f(x_2)$ .

2. Assume  $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$ , check  $x_1 = x_2$ .

$\Rightarrow f(x)$  is a 1-1 function



Horizontal line test no more than one intersection  $\Rightarrow f$  is 1-1.



$f(x_1) = f(x_2) = f(x_3)$   
BUT  $x_1 \neq x_2 \neq x_3$   
 $\Rightarrow f$  is NOT 1-1

Ex.  $f(x) = x^3$ ; is it 1-1?

Sol. // use way 1

Choose any  $x_1 \neq x_2$  without loss of generality (WLOG), we assume  $x_2 > x_1$ .

$$f(x_2) - f(x_1) = x_2^3 - x_1^3 = (x_2 - x_1)(x_2^2 + x_2x_1 + x_1^2)$$

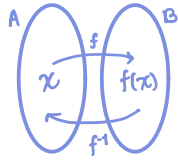
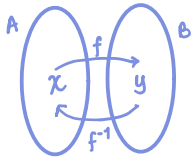
$f(x_1) \neq f(x_2)$

$f$  is a 1-1 function.

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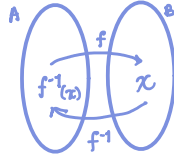
Def. Let  $f: A \rightarrow B$  be a 1-1 function then its inverse function  $f^{-1}: B \rightarrow A$  is defined by  $f^{-1}: B \rightarrow A \Leftrightarrow f(x) = y$  for any  $y \in B$ .

Ex. Known  $f(1) = 10$ ,  $f^{-1}(10) = 1$



$$f^{-1}(f(x)) = x$$

$$x \in A$$



$$f(f^{-1}(x)) = x$$

$$x \in B$$

Find the inverse function of a 1-1 function  $f(x)$ :

1. Set  $y = f(x)$  solve the equation to obtain  $x = g(y)$   
//  $g$  is unique

2. Then the inverse function  $f^{-1}(x) = g(x)$

Ex.  $g(x) = 3 + x + e^x$ ; find  $g^{-1}(4)$ ?

Sol.  $g^{-1}(x) = k$

$$g(k) = x$$

$$g(4) = 4 \Leftrightarrow g^{-1}(4) = k$$

$$4 = 3 + k + e^k$$

$$1 = k + e^k$$

$$k = 0$$

$$g^{-1}(4) = 0 //$$

Ex. Find a formula for the inverse of the function  $y = \frac{e^x}{1+2e^x}$

Sol.  $x = \frac{e^y}{1+2e^y}$ ;  $e^y \rightarrow x = \frac{1}{e^{-y}+2}$

$$e^{-y} + 2 = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$e^{-y} = \frac{1}{x} - 2$$

$$e^{-y} = \frac{1-2x}{x}$$

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

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

$$y = \log_e \left( \frac{x}{1-2x} \right) //$$

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Def.  $\log_b x$  is the inverse function of the function  $f(x) = b^x$ ,  $b > 0$ ,  $b \neq 1$ .

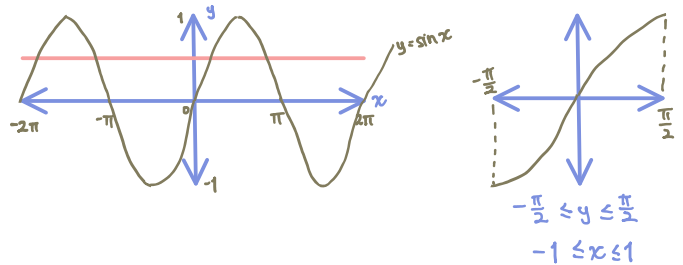
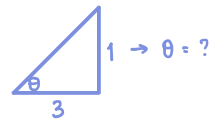
When  $b = e$ ,  $\log_e x = \ln x$  is the natural logarithmic function

$$\log_b x = \frac{\ln x}{\ln b}$$

$$\ln e = 1$$

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Ex.  $\sin^{-1} \frac{1}{2} = ?$

Sol. Set  $\sin^{-1} \frac{1}{2} = y \Leftrightarrow \sin y = \frac{1}{2}$ , between  $-\frac{\pi}{2}$  and  $\frac{\pi}{2}$ , we only have  $\sin \frac{\pi}{6} = \frac{1}{2}$ . So,  $y = \frac{\pi}{6}$ .

	Domain	Range
$y = \sin^{-1} x$	$-1 \leq x \leq 1$	$-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq y \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$
$y = \cos^{-1} x$	$-1 \leq x \leq 1$	$0 \leq y \leq \pi$
$y = \tan^{-1} x$	$-\infty < x < \infty$	$-\frac{\pi}{2} < y < \frac{\pi}{2}$
$y = \cot^{-1} x$	$-\infty < x < \infty$	$0 < y < \pi$
$y = \sec^{-1} x$	$ x  \geq 1$	$0 \leq y < \frac{\pi}{2}, \pi \leq y < \frac{3\pi}{2}$
$y = \csc^{-1} x$	$ x  \geq 1$	$0 < y \leq \frac{\pi}{2}, \pi < y \leq \frac{3\pi}{2}$

Ex. simplify  $\cos(\tan^{-1} x)$

Sol. Set  $\tan^{-1} x = y \Rightarrow \tan y = x$

$$\cos y = \frac{1}{\sec y} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+\tan^2 y}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+x^2}}$$

$> 0$

$$\sec^2 y = 1 + \tan^2 y$$

$$\sec y = \pm \sqrt{1 + \tan^2 y}$$

$$\sec y = \sqrt{1 + \tan^2 y}$$

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