

Chapter IV

Elementary Functions

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4 Elementary Functions

4.1 Logarithm function

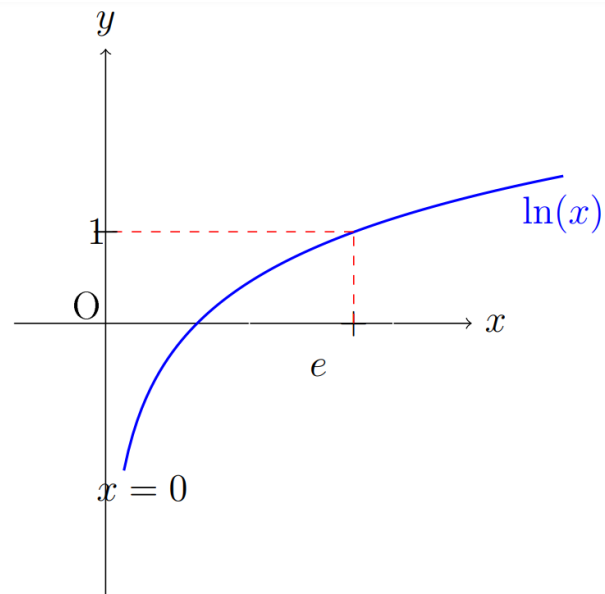
Definition 4.1.1 The natural logarithm function, denoted as $\ln(x)$, is a specific type of logarithmic function with a base equal to the mathematical constant "e".

- The natural logarithm $\ln(x)$ is the primitive of the reciprocal function $\frac{1}{x}$
- The natural logarithm $\ln(x)$

$$\begin{aligned} \ln: \mathbb{R}_+^* &\rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ x &\rightarrow \ln x \end{aligned}$$

- The function $\ln(x)$ is continuous, strictly increasing and defines a bijection on \mathbb{R}^{*+} .
- $\ln(x)$ is differentiable on \mathbb{R}^{*+} with $\frac{d\ln(x)}{dx} = \frac{1}{x}$
- Its reciprocal function is e^x

x	$\ln x$
$\rightarrow 0^+$	$\rightarrow -\infty$
1	0
e	1
$\rightarrow +\infty$	$\rightarrow +\infty$



4.1.1 Properties of logarithms

Let $a > 0$ and $b > 0$ be strictly positive real numbers, and $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$:

- $\ln(a \cdot b) = \ln(a) + \ln(b)$
- $\ln\left(\frac{a}{b}\right) = \ln(a) - \ln(b)$
- $\ln\left(\frac{1}{a}\right) = -\ln(a)$
- $\ln(a^\alpha) = \alpha \ln(a)$
- $\ln(\sqrt{x}) = \frac{1}{2} \ln x$

4.1.2 Equations and inequalities with logarithms

- $\ln(a) = \ln(b) \Leftrightarrow a = b$
- $\ln(a) \geq \ln(b) \Leftrightarrow a \geq b$
- $\ln(a) < \ln(b) \Leftrightarrow a < b$
- $\ln(a) \leq 0 \Leftrightarrow 0 < a \leq 1$
- $\ln(a) > 0 \Leftrightarrow a > 1.$

4.1.3 Special limits

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \ln x = +\infty$$

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

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

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

4.2 Exponential function

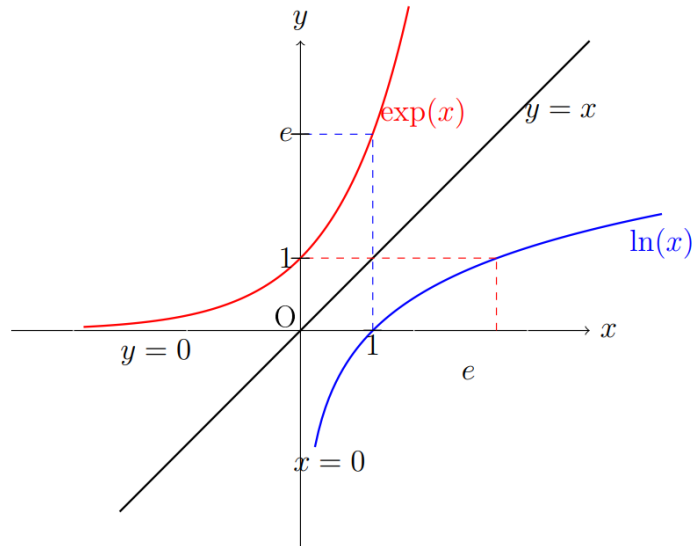
Definition 4.2.1 The exponential is the inverse function of $\ln(x)$, it is defined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \exp: \mathbb{R} &\rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+^* \\ x &\rightarrow e^x \end{aligned}$$

➤ The function $\exp: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+^*$ is:

- Continuous.
- Strictly increasing.
- Positive.
- Differentiable, with: $\frac{de^x}{dx} = e^x$.

➤ Its reciprocal function is $\ln(x)$.



4.2.1 Properties of exponentials

Let a, b and n be real numbers:

- $e^a \times e^b = e^{a+b}$
- $\frac{1}{e^a} = e^{-a}$
- $\frac{e^a}{e^b} = e^{a-b}$
- $(e^a)^n = e^{na}$

4.2.2 Equations and inequalities with logarithms

- $e^a = e^b \Leftrightarrow a = b$
- $e^a \geq e^b \Leftrightarrow a \geq b$
- $e^a < e^b \Leftrightarrow a < b$
- $e^a \geq b > 0 \Leftrightarrow a \geq \ln b$
- $e^a < b \Leftrightarrow a < \ln b \quad b > 0$

4.2.3 Link between exponential function and logarithm

- $\ln(e^a) = a.$
- $e^{\ln(a)} = a .$
- $e^x > 0 \forall x \in \mathbb{R}.$
- $e^a = b \Leftrightarrow a = \ln(b).$

4.2.4 Special limits

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} e^x = +\infty$$

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

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

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

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} x e^x = +\infty$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{e^x}{x^n} = +\infty$$

Power functions

Definition 4.3.1 A power function is a function of the form $f(x) = ax^b$, where a is a given constant.

For example, $y = x, y = 2x^5, y = \sqrt[3]{x} = x^{\frac{1}{3}}, y = x^{2/3}$ are power functions.

In a power function $f(x) = ax^b$, the base x is a variable, and the exponent b is a constant.

The appearance of the graph of a power function depends on the constant a .

Power function	Degree	Name
$y = a$	0	Constant
$y = a \cdot x$	1	Linear
$y = a \cdot x^2$	2	Quadratic
$y = ax^3$	3	Cubic

- For $n = 0$ the function is constant.
- For $n=1$ the function is linear. It is increasing if $a > 0$ and decreasing if $a < 0$.
- If $n > 1$, then the overall shape of the graph of $y = ax^n$ is determined by the parity of n (whether n is even or odd) and the sign of a .
 - If n is even, the graph of the function is symmetric with respect to $y - axis$ ($x = 0$).
 - If n is odd, the graph of the function is symmetric with respect to the origin, $(0,0)$.

4.3 Trigonometric functions

4.3.1 Sine function

$$\text{Sin: } \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [-1,1]$$

$$x \rightarrow \sin x$$

- Continuity: $\text{Sin } x$ is continuous on \mathbb{R} .
- Parity: $\text{sin } x$ is an odd function:

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R} \sin(-x) = -\sin(x)$$

- $\text{Sin } x$ is a periodic function, its period is 2π

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R} : \sin(x + 2\pi) = \sin(x)$$

- $\text{Sin } x$ is derivable on \mathbb{R} with $(\sin x)' = \cos x$.

4.3.2 Cosine function

$$\text{Cos: } \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [-1,1]$$

$$x \rightarrow \cos x$$

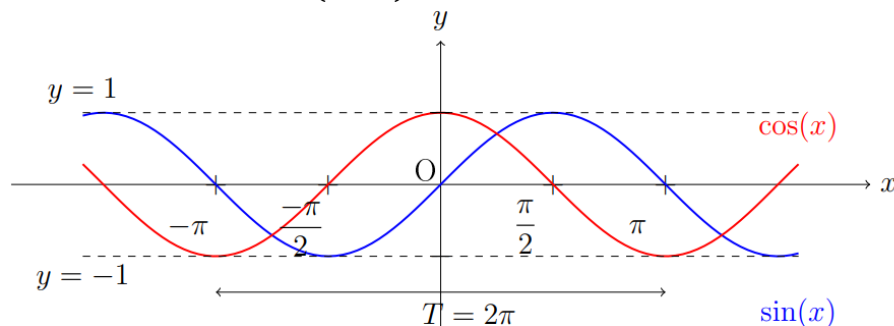
- Continuity: $\text{Cos } x$ is continuous on \mathbb{R} .
- Parity: $\text{cos } x$ is an even function.

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, \cos(-x) = \cos(x)$$

- $\text{Cos } x$ is a periodic function, its period is 2π .

$$\text{Cos}(x + 2\pi) = \text{Cos } x$$

- $\text{Cos } x$ is derivable on \mathbb{R} with $(\cos x)' = -\sin x$.



Properties

The sine and cosine functions satisfy the following properties, for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$,

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

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

Addition formulas $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}$, we have

- $\cos(x + y) = \cos(x)\cos(y) - \sin(x)\sin(y)$
- $\cos(x - y) = \cos(x)\cos(y) + \sin(x)\sin(y)$
- $\sin(x + y) = \sin(x)\cos(y) + \cos(x)\sin(y)$
- $\sin(x - y) = \sin(x)\cos(y) - \cos(x)\sin(y)$

4.3.3 Tangent function

$$\tan: \mathbb{R} - \left\{ \frac{\pi}{2} + k\pi, k \in \mathbb{Z} \right\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$x \rightarrow \tan x = \frac{\sin x}{\cos x}$$

- Continuity: $\tan x$ is continuous on $\mathbb{R} - \left\{ \frac{\pi}{2} + k\pi, k \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$
- Parity: $\tan x$ is an odd function:

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R} - \left\{ \frac{\pi}{2} + k\pi, k \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}, \tan(-x) = -\tan(x)$$

- $\tan x$ is a periodic function. Its period is π

$$\tan(x + \pi) = \tan x$$

- $\tan x$ is differentiable on $\mathbb{R} - \left\{ \frac{\pi}{2} + k\pi, k \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$.
- $(\tan x)' = 1 + \tan^2 x = \frac{1}{\cos^2 x}$

4.4 Inverse functions of the trigonometric functions

4.4.1 Arcsine function

The function:

$$\text{Sin: } \left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2} \right] \rightarrow [-1, 1]$$

$$x \rightarrow \sin x$$

Is bijective (because it is continuous and strictly increasing on $\left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2} \right]$). Its inverse function is $(\sin x)^{-1} = \text{arcsine}$

$$\arcsin: [-1,1] \rightarrow \left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$$

- $\text{Arcsin } x$ is continuous and differentiable on $[-1,1]$.
- $(\arcsin x)' = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}, |x| < 1$.
- $(\arcsin x)' > 0$: $\text{Arcsin } x$ is strictly increasing.

4.4.2 Arccosine function

The function

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cos: } [0, \pi] &\rightarrow [-1,1] \\ x &\rightarrow \cos x \end{aligned}$$

is bijective (because it is continuous and strictly decreasing on $[0, \pi]$). It admits an inverse function $(\cos x)^{-1} = \arccos x$

$$\begin{aligned} \arccos: [-1,1] &\rightarrow [0, \pi] \\ x &\rightarrow \arccos x \end{aligned}$$

- $\arccos x$ is continuous and strictly decreasing on $[-1,1]$
- $(\arccos x)' = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}, |x| < 1$

4.4.3 Arctangent function

The function

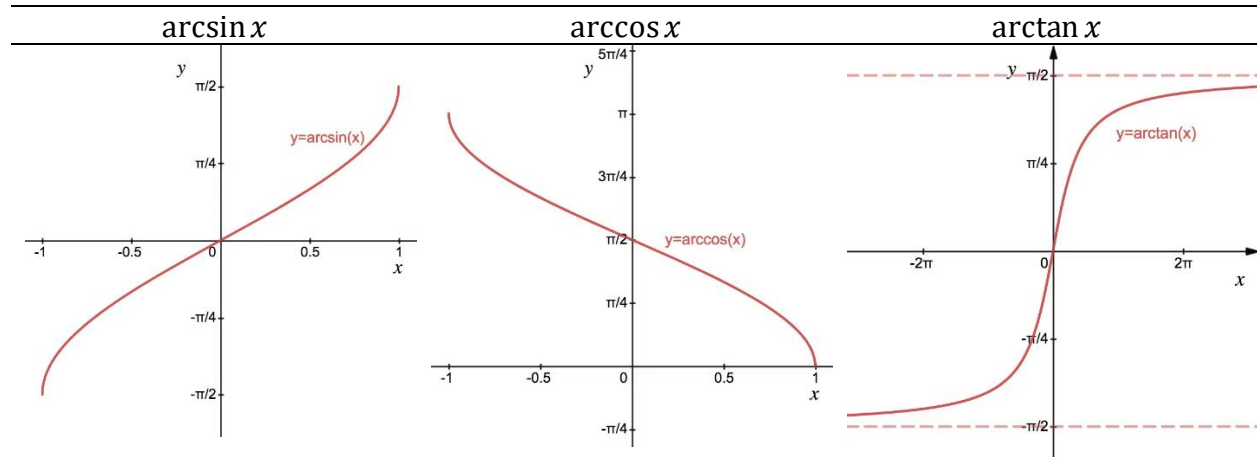
$$\begin{aligned} \tan: \left]-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right[&\rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ x &\rightarrow \tan x = \frac{\sin x}{\cos x} \end{aligned}$$

$$\forall x \in \left]-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right[: (\tan x)' = \frac{1}{\cos^2 x} > 0$$

So $\tan x$ is bijective on $\left]-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right[$, so it admits an inverse function on this domain $(\tan x)^{-1} = \arctan x$

$$\begin{aligned} \arctan: \mathbb{R} &\rightarrow \left]-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right[\\ x &\rightarrow \arctan x \end{aligned}$$

- $\arctan x$ is continuous and strictly increasing on \mathbb{R}
- $(\arctan)'(x) = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$



4.5 Hyperbolic functions

4.5.1 Hyperbolic sine function

The hyperbolic sine function is defined by:

$$\sinh: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad x \rightarrow \sinh x = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2}$$

4.5.2 Hyperbolic cosine function

The hyperbolic cosine function is defined by:

$$\begin{aligned} \cosh: \mathbb{R} &\rightarrow [1, +\infty[\\ x &\rightarrow \cosh x = \frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2} \end{aligned}$$

4.5.3 Hyperbolic tangent function

The hyperbolic tangent function is defined by:

$$\begin{aligned} \tanh: \mathbb{R} &\rightarrow]-1, +1[\\ x &\rightarrow \tanh x = \frac{\sinh x}{\cosh x} = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{e^x + e^{-x}} \end{aligned}$$

4.6 Inverse functions of hyperbolic functions

4.6.1 Hyperbolic sine argument function

4.6.2 Hyperbolic cosine argument function

4.6.3 Hyperbolic tangent argument function