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# Elementary Functions

In our calculus course, we are going to deal mostly with **elementary functions**. They are

- Power functions ( $x^2$ ,  $\sqrt{x}$ ,  $x^{\frac{1}{3}}$ ,  $\dots$ ),
- Exponential functions ( $2^x$ ,  $e^x$ ,  $\pi^x$ ,  $\dots$ ),
- Logarithmic functions ( $\ln x$ ,  $\log_2 x$ ,  $\dots$ ),
- Trigonometric functions ( $\sin x$ ,  $\cos x$ ,  $\tan x$ ,  $\dots$ ),
- Inverse trigonometric functions ( $\arcsin x$ ,  $\arccos x$ ,  $\arctan x$ ,  $\dots$ ),
- Hyperbolic functions ( $chx$ ,  $shx$ ,  $thx$ ,  $\dots$ ),

and their sums, differences, products, quotients, and compositions. For example

$$f(x) = \frac{\arcsin \sqrt{x^2 - 3}}{\ln(x^4 + 3) - \tan e^{\cos x}}$$
 is an elementary function.

## 1.1 Power functions

### 1.1.1 Review of exponents

We start at the beginning. For a number  $a$  and a positive integer  $n$ ,

$$a^n = \underbrace{a.a.a.\cdots.a.}_{n \text{ times}}$$

### 1.1.2 Basic laws of exponents

$$\begin{aligned} a^1 &= a, & (ab)^n &= a^n b^n, & \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^n &= \frac{a^n}{b^n}, \\ a^m a^n &= a^{m+n}, & \frac{a^m}{b^n} &= a^{m-n}, & (a^m)^n &= a^{mn}. \end{aligned}$$

### 1.1.3 Definition of power functions

**Definition 1.1.1.** Let  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ , we name power function of exponent  $a$ , the function defined by

$$\forall x \in ]0, +\infty[, \quad x^a = e^{a \ln(x)}.$$

For example,  $y = x$ ,  $y = x^4$ ,  $y = x^{\frac{2}{3}}$  are power functions.

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

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

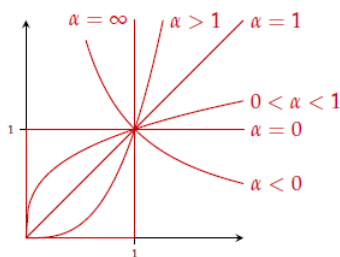


Figure 1.1: Power function with real exponents.

**Definition 1.1.2.** ( *Power functions*  $y = x^n$  )

If  $n$  is an integer greater than 1, then the overall shape of the graph of  $y = x^n$  is determined by the parity of  $n$  (whether  $n$  is even or odd).

- If  $n$  is even, then the graph has a shape similar to the parabola  $y = x^2$ .
- If  $n$  is odd, then the graph has a shape similar to the cubic parabola  $y = x^3$ .

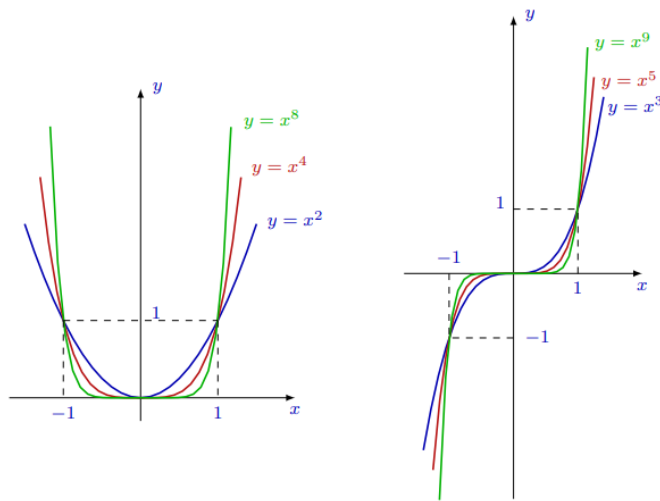


Figure 1.2: Power function with integer exponents.

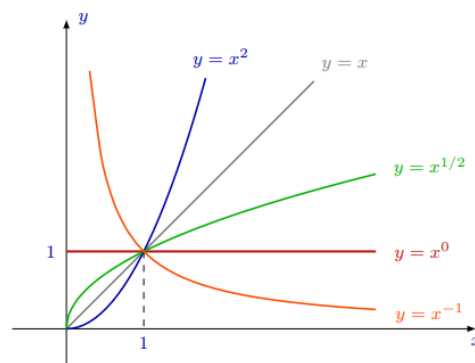


Figure 1.3: The graphs of  $y = x^n$  for some rational  $n$  and  $x > 0$ .

**Proposition 1.1.3.** 1. For  $a \in \mathbb{R}^*$ , the power function with exponent  $a$  is a continuous

function on  $]0, +\infty[$ , and strictly monotonic (strictly increasing if  $a > 0$  and strictly decreasing if  $a < 0$ ).

2. It is differentiable on  $]0, +\infty[$  with derivative:  $(x^a)' = ax^{a-1}$ ,  $\forall x \in ]0, +\infty[$ .

3. We have:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} x^a = \begin{cases} 0 & : a < 0 \\ 1 & : a = 0 \\ +\infty & : a > 0 \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x^a = \begin{cases} +\infty & : a < 0 \\ 1 & : a = 0 \\ 0 & : a > 0 \end{cases}$$

## 1.2 Logarithm and Exponential Functions

### 1.2.1 Logarithm

**Definition 1.2.1.** The function that satisfies the following two conditions is called the neperian logarithm function and is denoted by  $\ln$

- $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}_+^*$ ,  $\ln'(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ .
- $\ln(1) = 0$ .

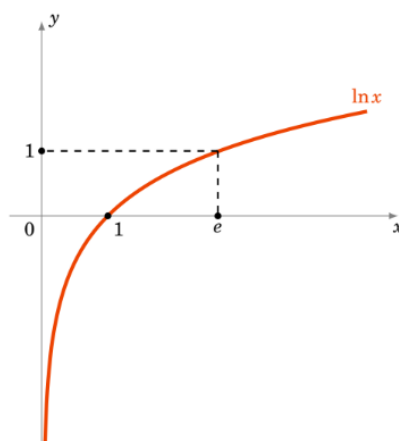


Figure 1.4: Logarithm function

**Remark 1.2.2.** (Properties of derivatives)

1. According to the previous definition, the function  $\ln(x)$  is differentiable on  $\mathbb{R}_+^*$  and  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}_+^*$   $(\ln(x))' = \frac{1}{x}$ .
2. The function  $\ln(|x|)$  is differentiable on  $\mathbb{R}^*$  and  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^*$   $(\ln|x|)' = \frac{1}{x}$ .
3. Let  $g$  be a function differentiable and non-zero on  $I$  then the function  $\ln(|g(x)|)$  is differentiable on  $I$  and its derivative:  $\ln(|g(x)|)' = \frac{g'(x)}{g(x)}$ .

**Proposition 1.2.3.** (Algebraic properties of the function  $\ln(x)$ )

The logarithm function satisfies the following properties: ( for all  $a, b > 0$  ):

1.  $\ln(a \times b) = \ln a + \ln b$ ,
2.  $\ln\left(\frac{a}{b}\right) = \ln a - \ln b$ ,
3.  $\ln\left(\frac{1}{a}\right) = -\ln a$ ,
4.  $\ln(a^n) = n \ln a$ , for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Proposition 1.2.4.** (Limits and classical inequalities)

1.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \ln(x) = +\infty$ , and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \ln(x) = -\infty$ .
2.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\ln(x)}{x} = 0$ .
3.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\ln(x)}{x^p} = 0$ ,  $p \in \mathbb{R}_+^*$ .
4.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\ln(x+1)}{x} = 1$ .
5.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x \ln(x) = 0$ .
6.  $\forall x \in ]-1, +\infty[$ ,  $\ln(x+1) \leq x$ .

**Remark 1.2.5.** Let  $a \in ]0, 1[ \cup ]1, +\infty[$ , we call the logarithm function with base  $a$  and denote  $\log_a$ , the function defined by:

$$\log_a = \frac{\ln x}{\ln a}, \quad \forall x > 0.$$

- We have:  $\ln(x) = \log_e(x)$  i.e., the neperian logarithm function is the logarithm function with base  $e$ .
- $\log_a(a) = 1$ .

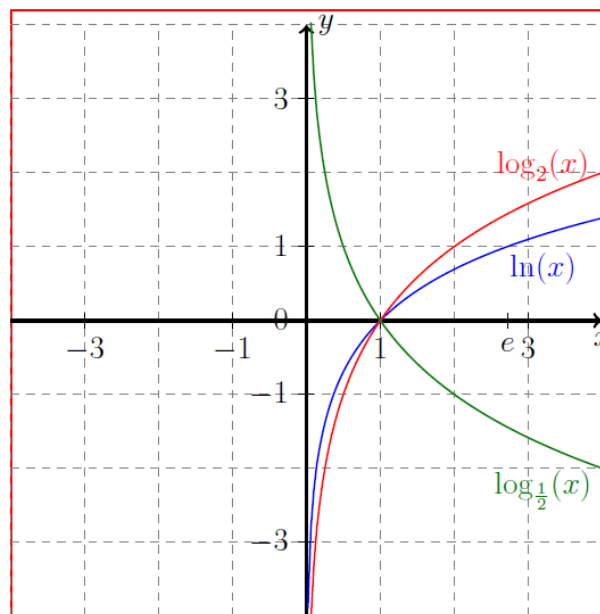


Figure 1.5: Graphical representation of the logarithmic functions and logarithms with base  $a$  for  $a = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $a = 2$

## 1.2.2 Exponential

**Definition 1.2.6.** The inverse function of the function  $\ln(x)$  is called the exponential function and is denoted by:  $\exp(x)$  or  $e^x$ , and satisfies the following properties:

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



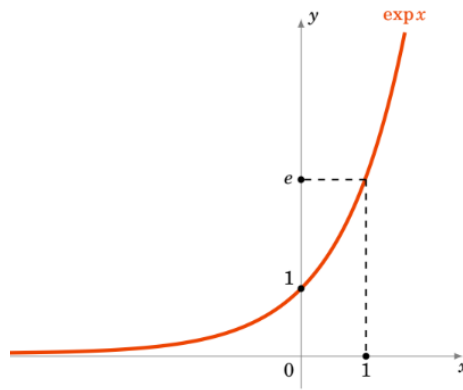


Figure 1.6: Exponential function

- Proposition 1.2.7.**
1. The function  $e^x$  is continuous and strictly increasing on  $\mathbb{R}$ .
  2. The function  $e^x$  is differentiable on  $\mathbb{R}$  and we have:  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, (e^x)' = e^x$ .
  3. If  $u$  is differentiable on  $I$  then: the function  $e^{u(x)}$  is differentiable on  $I$  and its derivative defined by:  $\forall x \in I, (e^{u(x)})' = u'(x).e^{u(x)}$ .

**Proposition 1.2.8.** (Algebraic properties of the function  $e^x$ ):

1.  $e^{x+y} = e^x \times e^y, \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ .
2.  $e^{-x} = \frac{1}{e^x}, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$ .
3.  $e^{x-y} = \frac{e^x}{e^y}, \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ .
4.  $e^{nx} = (e^x)^n,$

**Proposition 1.2.9.** (Limits and inequalities):

1.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} e^x = 0.$
2.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} e^x = +\infty.$
3.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} x e^{-x} = 0, \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{e^x}{x^a} = +\infty, \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{x^a}{e^x} = 0, \quad a \in \mathbb{R}.$

$$4. \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x - 1}{x} = 1.$$

$$5. \forall x \in \mathbb{R}, e^x \geq 1 + x.$$

**Remark 1.2.10.** Let  $a \in ]0, 1[ \cup ]1, +\infty[$ . The inverse function of the function  $\log_a(x)$  is called the exponential function with base  $a$  and is denoted  $a^x$ :

- $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, a^x = e^{x \ln(a)}$ .
- $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, \log_a(a^x) = \log_a(e^{x \ln(a)}) = \frac{\ln(e^{x \ln(a)})}{\ln(a)} = x$ .

## 1.3 Trigonometric Functions

### 1.3.1 Sine function

**Definition 1.3.1.** The sine function  $y = \sin x$  is defined as follows

$$\begin{aligned} \sin : \mathbb{R} &\longrightarrow [-1, 1] \\ x &\longrightarrow \sin x. \end{aligned}$$

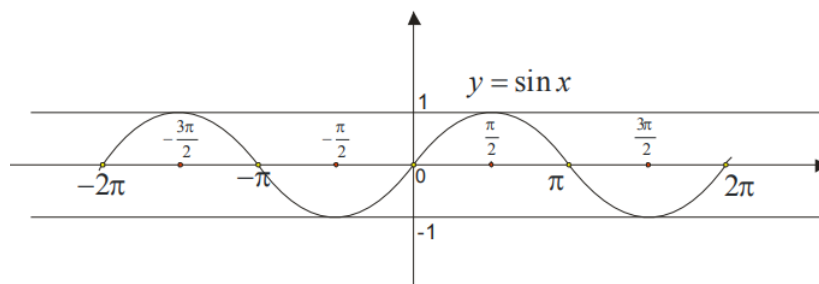


Figure 1.7: Sine function

### 1.3.2 Cosine function

**Definition 1.3.2.** The cosine function  $y = \cos x$  is defined as follows

$$\begin{aligned}\cos : \mathbb{R} &\longrightarrow [-1, 1] \\ x &\longrightarrow \cos x.\end{aligned}$$

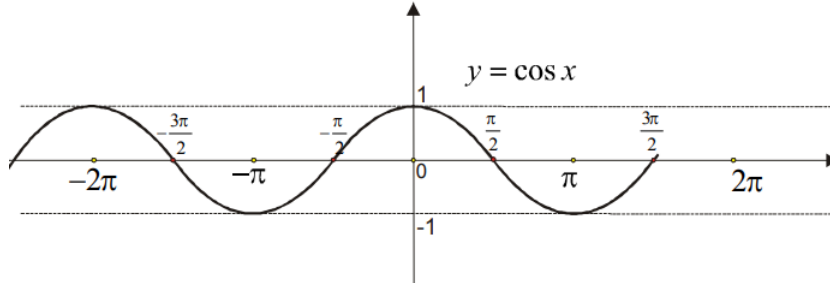


Figure 1.8: Cosine function

**Properties:** For all  $x, \in \mathbb{R}$ , we have

- $|\cos(x)| \leq 1$ , and  $|\sin(x)| \leq 1$ .
- $\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x = 1$ .
- $\cos(x)$  and  $\sin(x)$  are  $2\pi$ -periodic, and

$$\begin{cases} \cos(x + 2\pi) = \cos(x) \\ \sin(x + 2\pi) = \sin(x) \end{cases}$$

- The function  $\cos(x)$  is even and the function  $\sin(x)$  is odd.
- The functions  $\cos(x)$  and  $\sin(x)$  belong to  $C^{+\infty}(\mathbb{R})$  and we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \forall x \in \mathbb{R}, & \begin{cases} (\cos(x))' = -\sin(x) \\ \text{and} \\ (\sin(x))' = \cos(x) \end{cases} \\ \forall x \in \mathbb{R}, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, & \begin{cases} \cos(x)^{(n)} = \cos(x + \frac{n\pi}{2}) \\ \text{and} \\ \sin(x)^{(n)} = \sin(x + \frac{n\pi}{2}) \end{cases} . \end{aligned}$$

**Properties:** For all  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ , we have the following formulas:

- $\cos(x + y) = \cos(x) \cos(y) - \sin(x) \sin(y)$ .
- $\cos(x - y) = \cos(x) \cos(y) + \sin(x) \sin(y)$ .
- $\sin(x + y) = \sin(x) \cos(y) + \cos(x) \sin(y)$ .
- $\sin(x - y) = \sin(x) \cos(y) - \cos(x) \sin(y)$ .
- $\cos(2x) = \cos^2(x) - \sin^2(x) = 2 \cos^2(x) - 1 = 1 - 2 \sin^2(x)$ .
- $\sin(2x) = 2 \sin(x) \cos(x)$ .
- $\sin(x) + \sin(y) = 2 \sin\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{x-y}{2}\right)$ .
- $\sin(x) - \sin(y) = 2 \cos\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{x-y}{2}\right)$ .
- $\cos(x) + \cos(y) = 2 \cos\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{x-y}{2}\right)$ .
- $\cos(x) - \cos(y) = -2 \sin\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{x-y}{2}\right)$ .

### 1.3.3 Tangent function

**Definition 1.3.3.** *The tangent function is one of the main trigonometric functions and defined by:*

$$\begin{aligned} \tan : \mathbb{R} \setminus \left\{ \frac{\pi}{2} + k\pi \right\} &\longrightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ x &\longrightarrow \tan x = \frac{\sin x}{\cos x}, \quad k \in \mathbb{Z} \end{aligned}$$

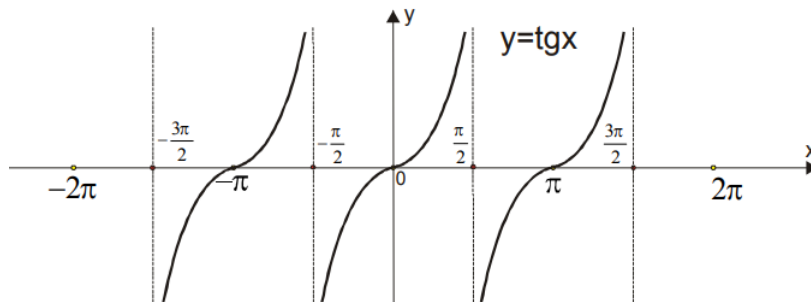


Figure 1.9: Tangent function

**Proposition 1.3.4.** *The function  $\tan(x)$  checks the following properties:*

- *The function  $\tan(x)$  is differentiable on  $\mathbb{R} \setminus \left\{ \frac{\pi}{2} + k\pi \right\}$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  and we have:*

$$(\tan(x))' = \frac{1}{\cos^2(x)} = 1 + \tan^2(x).$$

- *The function  $\tan(x)$  is  $\pi$ -periodic i.e:  $\tan(x + \pi) = \tan(x)$ .*
- *For any  $x, y \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \left\{ \frac{\pi}{2} + k\pi \right\}$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  we have:*

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \tan(x + y) = \frac{\tan(x) + \tan(y)}{1 - \tan(x)\tan(y)} \\ \text{and} \\ \tan(x - y) = \frac{\tan(x) - \tan(y)}{1 + \tan(x)\tan(y)} \end{array} \right.$$

- *$x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \left\{ \frac{\pi}{2} + k\pi \right\}$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ , we have  $\tan(2x) = \frac{2 \tan(x)}{1 - \tan^2(x)}$ .*

**Proposition 1.3.5.** *(Some usual limits)*

1.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x)}{x} = 1.$
2.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos(x)}{x^2} = \frac{1}{2}.$
3.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos(x) - 1}{x} = 0.$

$$4. \lim_{x \rightarrow -\frac{\pi}{2}} \tan(x) = -\infty.$$

$$5. \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}} \tan(x) = +\infty.$$

$$6. \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan(x)}{x} = 1.$$

### 1.3.4 Cotangent function

**Definition 1.3.6.** The cotangent function  $y = \cot x$  is defined by:

$$\begin{aligned} \cot : \mathbb{R} \setminus \{k\pi\} &\longrightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ x &\longrightarrow \cot x = \frac{\cos x}{\sin x}, \quad k \in \mathbb{Z} \end{aligned}$$

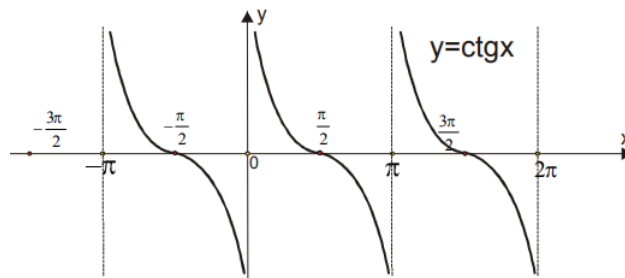


Figure 1.10: Cotangent function

## 1.4 Inverse Trigonometric Functions

### 1.4.1 The function arcsine

According to the variation table below, we have: the function  $\sin(x)$  is continuous and strictly increasing on  $[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}]$ , then the function  $\sin(x)$  represents a bijection from  $[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}]$  to  $[-1, 1]$ .

$x$	$-\frac{\pi}{2}$	$0$	$+\frac{\pi}{2}$
$\sin(x)' = \cos(x)$	+		
$\sin(x)$			

**Definition 1.4.1.** The inverse function of the restriction of  $\sin(x)$  on  $[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}]$  is called the arcsine function and is denoted by  $\arcsin(x)$  or  $\sin^{-1}(x)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \arcsin : [-1, 1] &\longrightarrow \left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right] \\ x &\longrightarrow \arcsin(x) \end{aligned}$$

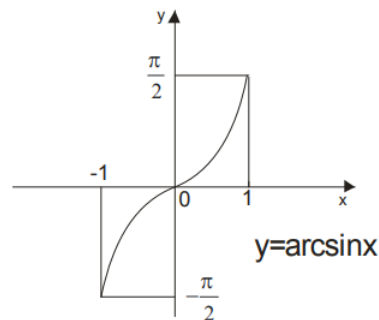


Figure 1.11: Arcsine function

**Proposition 1.4.2.** The function  $\arcsin(x)$  has the following properties:

1. The function  $\arcsin(x)$  is continuous and strictly increasing on  $[-1, 1]$ .
2.  $\arcsin(\sin x) = x$ ,  $x \in \left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$ .
3.  $\sin(\arcsin(x)) = x$ ,  $x \in [-1, 1]$ .
4. The function  $\arcsin(x)$  is odd.

5. The arcsin function is indefinitely differentiable on  $] - 1, 1[$ , and

$$\arcsin'(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - x^2}}.$$

More general

$$\arcsin'(f(x)) = \frac{f'(x)}{\sqrt{1 - f(x)^2}}.$$

**Remark 1.4.3.** some usual values for the function  $\arcsin(x)$ :

$$\begin{array}{lll} \arcsin(-1) = -\frac{\pi}{2} & \arcsin(0) = 0 & \arcsin(1) = \frac{\pi}{2} \\ \arcsin\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) = -\frac{\pi}{6} & \arcsin\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{\pi}{6} & \arcsin\left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right) = -\frac{\pi}{4} \\ \arcsin\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right) = \frac{\pi}{4} & \arcsin\left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) = -\frac{\pi}{3} & \arcsin\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) = \frac{\pi}{3} \end{array}$$

### 1.4.2 The Arccosine Function

In the variation table below, we have, the function  $\cos(x)$  is continuous and strictly decreasing on  $[0, \pi]$ , so the function  $\cos(x)$  makes a bijection from  $[0, \pi]$  into  $[-1, 1]$ .

$x$	0	$\pi$
$(\cos(x))' = -\sin(x)$	-	
$\cos(x)$	1	-1

**Definition 1.4.4.** The inverse function of the restriction of  $\cos(x)$  on  $[0, \pi]$  is called the arccosine function and is denoted by  $\arccos(x)$  or  $\cos^{-1}(x)$ :

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



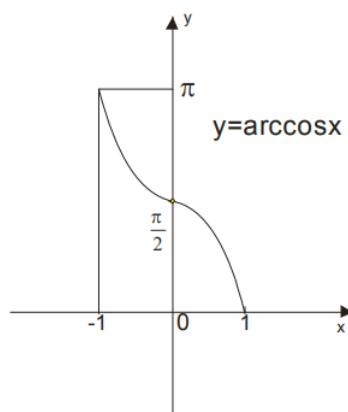


Figure 1.12: Arccosine function

**Proposition 1.4.5.** *The function  $\arccos(x)$  has the following properties:*

1. *The function  $\arccos(x)$  is continuous and strictly decreasing on  $[-1, 1]$ .*
2.  $\arccos(\cos x) = x, \quad x \in [0, \pi]$ .
3.  $\cos(\arccos(x)) = x, \quad x \in [-1, 1]$ .
4. *The function  $\arccos(x)$  is neither even nor odd.*
5. *The arccos function is indefinitely differentiable on  $] - 1, 1[$ , and*

$$\arccos'(x) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}.$$

*More general*

$$\arccos'(f(x)) = -\frac{f'(x)}{\sqrt{1-f(x)^2}}.$$

**Remark 1.4.6.** *some usual values for the function  $\arccos(x)$ :*

$$\begin{array}{lll} \arccos(-1) = \pi & \arccos(0) = \frac{\pi}{2} & \arccos(1) = 0 \\ \arccos\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) = -\frac{2\pi}{3} & \arccos\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{\pi}{3} & \arccos\left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right) = \frac{3\pi}{4} \\ \arccos\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right) = \frac{\pi}{4} & \arccos\left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) = \frac{5\pi}{6} & \arccos\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) = \frac{\pi}{6} \end{array}$$

### 1.4.3 The Arctangent function

The function  $\tan(x) = \frac{\sin(x)}{\cos(x)}$  is defined on  $D = \mathbb{R} \setminus \{\frac{\pi}{2} + k\pi, k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ . It is continuous and differentiable on its domain of definition and for all  $x \in D$  we have:

$$(\tan(x))' = \frac{1}{\cos^2(x)} = 1 + \tan^2(x)$$

Consider the restriction of the function  $\tan(x)$  on the interval  $]-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}[$ , from the table of variation below we have: the function  $\tan(x)$  is continuous and strictly increasing on  $]-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}[$ , then the function  $\tan(x)$  makes a bijection from  $]-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}[$  into  $\mathbb{R}$ .

$x$	$-\frac{\pi}{2}$	$\frac{\pi}{2}$
$(\tan(x))' = \frac{1}{\cos^2}$		
$\tan(x)$	$-\infty$	$+\infty$

**Definition 1.4.7.** We call the arctangent function  $\arctan(x)$  or  $\tan^{-1}(x)$  the inverse of the tangent function on  $]-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}[$  defined by:

$$\begin{aligned} \arctan : ]-\infty, +\infty[ &\longrightarrow ]-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}[ \\ x &\longrightarrow \arctan(x) \end{aligned}$$

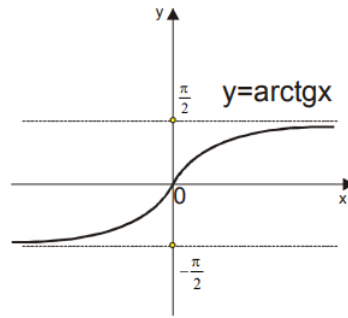


Figure 1.13: Arctan function

**Proposition 1.4.8.** *The function  $\arctan(x)$  has the following properties:*

1. *The function  $\arctan(x)$  is continuous and strictly increasing on  $\mathbb{R}$ , with values in  $]-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}[$ .*
2.  $\arctan(\tan x) = x, \quad x \in \left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$ .
3.  $\tan(\arctan(x)) = x, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$ .
4. *The function  $\arctan(x)$  is odd.*
5. *The function  $\arctan \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R})$ , and we have*

$$\arctan'(x) = \frac{1}{1+x^2}.$$

*More general*

$$\arctan'(f(x)) = \frac{f'(x)}{1+f^2(x)}.$$

**Remark 1.4.9.** *The table below shows some usual values for the function  $\arctan(x)$ .*

$\tan(0) = 0$	$\arctan(0) = 0$
$\tan\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$	$\arctan\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right) = \frac{\pi}{6}$
$\tan\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = 1$	$\arctan(1) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$
$\tan\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) = \sqrt{3}$	$\arctan(\sqrt{3}) = \frac{\pi}{3}$

#### 1.4.4 The Arccotangent function

$$k^{-1} : \mathbb{R} \longrightarrow [0, \pi]$$

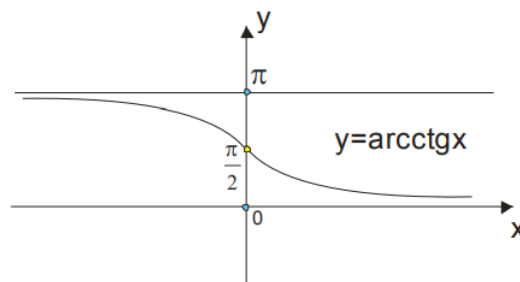


Figure 1.14: Arccotan function

Valid:

- $\arccot(\cot x) = x, \quad x \in [0, \pi].$
- $\cot(\arccot(x)) = x, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$

The function  $\arccot \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R})$ , and we have

$$\arccot'(x) = -\frac{1}{1+x^2}.$$

More general

$$\arctan'(f(x)) = -\frac{f'(x)}{1+f^2(x)}.$$

We have

$$\arctan(0) = \frac{\pi}{2}, \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \arctan(x) = -\frac{\pi}{2}, \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \arctan(x) = \frac{\pi}{2}.$$

It can easily be shown that:

$$\begin{aligned} \arctan x + \arctan x &= \frac{\pi}{2}, & \forall x \in \mathbb{R}. \\ \arctan x + \arctan \frac{1}{x} &= \frac{\pi}{2}, & \forall x > 0. \\ \arctan x + \arctan \frac{1}{x} &= -\frac{\pi}{2}, & \forall x < 0. \end{aligned}$$

## 1.5 Hyperbolic Functions

### 1.5.1 Hyperbolic cosine

**Definition 1.5.1.** We call the hyperbolic cosine function and denoted (*ch* or *cosh*), the even part of the exponential function defined by:

$$\text{ch}(x) = \frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2}$$

### 1.5.2 Hyperbolic sine

**Definition 1.5.2.** The hyperbolic sine function, denoted by (*sh* or *sinh*), is the odd part of the exponential function defined by:

$$\text{sh}(x) = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2}$$

### 1.5.3 Hyperbolic tangent

**Definition 1.5.3.** The hyperbolic tangent function, denoted by (*th* or *tanh*), is the quotient of the hyperbolic sine function with the hyperbolic cosine function and defined by:

$$\text{th}(x) = \frac{\text{sh}(x)}{\text{ch}(x)} = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{e^x + e^{-x}}$$

### 1.5.4 Hyperbolic cotangent

**Definition 1.5.4.** The hyperbolic tangent function, denoted by (*cth* or *ctanh*), is the quotient of the hyperbolic cosine function with the hyperbolic sine function and defined by:

$$cth(x) = \frac{ch(x)}{sh(x)} = \frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{e^x - e^{-x}}$$

Graphs of these functions are obtained from graphics:  $y = e^x$  and  $y = e^{-x}$ , ( $y = \frac{1}{2}e^x$ , and  $y = \frac{1}{2}e^{-x}$ ).

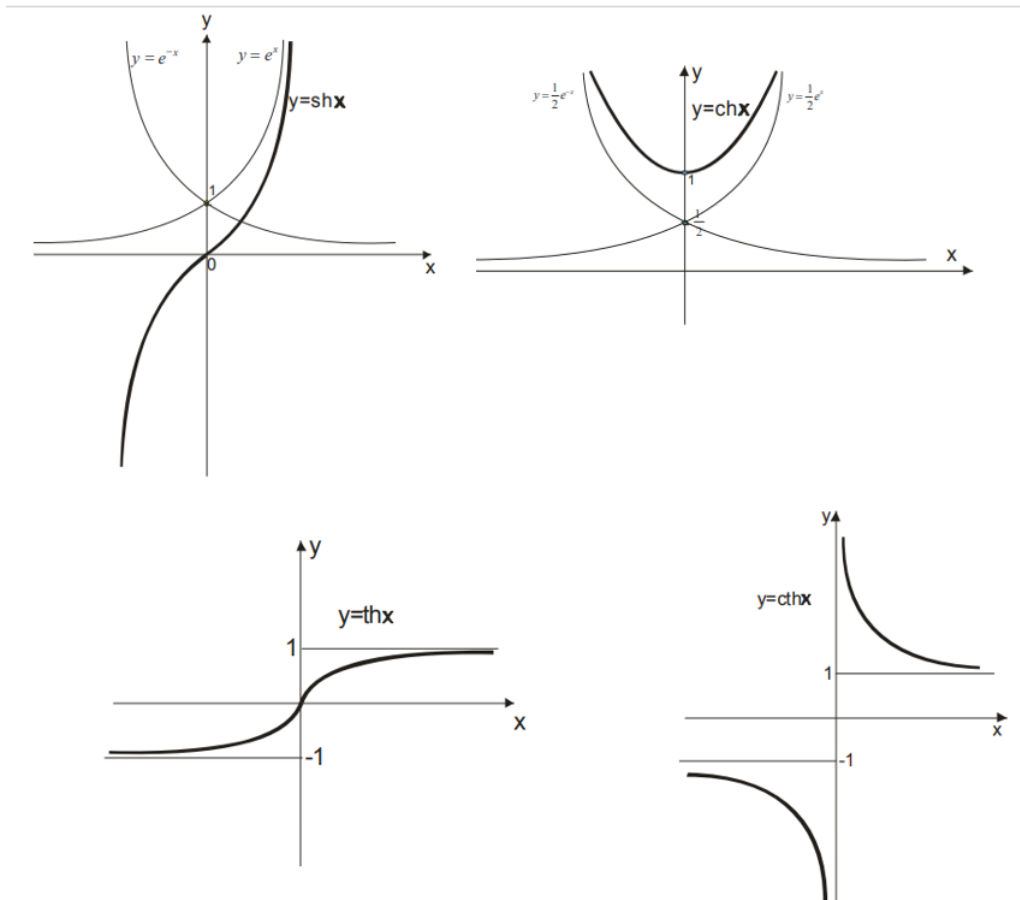


Figure 1.15: Hyperbolic functions

**Proposition 1.5.5.** • The function  $ch(x)$  is a function defined on  $\mathbb{R}$ , continuous and even.

- The function  $sh(x)$  is a function defined on  $\mathbb{R}$ , continuous and odd.
- The function  $th(x)$  is a function defined on  $\mathbb{R}$ , continuous and odd.

- The function  $cth(x)$  is a function defined on  $\mathbb{R}$ , continuous and odd.
- The functions  $ch(x)$ ,  $sh(x)$ ,  $th(x)$  and  $cth(x)$  are differentiable on  $\mathbb{R}$  and their derivatives are defined by:

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}; \begin{cases} (ch(x))' = sh(x) \\ (sh(x))' = ch(x) \\ (th(x))' = \frac{1}{ch^2(x)} = 1 - th^2(x) \\ (cth(x))' = -\frac{1}{sh^2(x)} \end{cases}$$

**Remark 1.5.6.** The hyperbolic functions have the following properties:

1.  $ch(0) = 1$ ,  $sh(0) = 0$ ,  $th(0) = 0$ .
2.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} ch(x) = +\infty$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} sh(x) = -\infty$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} th(x) = -1$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} cth(x) = -1$ .
3.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} ch(x) = +\infty$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} sh(x) = +\infty$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} th(x) = 1$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} cth(x) = 1$ .

**Proposition 1.5.7.** For every real  $x$ , we have:

- $ch(x) + sh(x) = e^x$ ,
- $ch(x) - sh(x) = e^{-x}$ ,
- $ch^2(x) - sh^2(x) = 1$ ,
- $sh(2x) = 2.sh(x).ch(x)$ ,
- $ch(2x) = ch^2(x) + sh^2(x)$ .

**Proposition 1.5.8.** (Addition formulas):

For all  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ , we have the following formulas:

- $ch(x+y) = ch(x).ch(y) + sh(x).sh(y)$ ,
- $ch(x-y) = ch(x).ch(y) - sh(x).sh(y)$ ,

- $sh(x + y) = sh(x).ch(y) + ch(x).sh(y)$ ,
- $sh(x - y) = sh(x).ch(y) - ch(x).sh(y)$ ,
- $th(x + y) = \frac{th(x) + th(y)}{1 + th(x).th(y)}$ ,
- $th(x - y) = \frac{th(x) - th(y)}{1 - th(x).th(y)}$ ,

**Proposition 1.5.9.** (Some usual limits of hyperbolic functions):

1.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{ch(x)}{e^x} = \frac{1}{2}$ ,
2.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{sh(x)}{e^x} = \frac{1}{2}$ ,
3.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{sh(x)}{x} = 1$ ,
4.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{ch(x) - 1}{x^2} = \frac{1}{2}$ .