

# $\exp(x)$ = inverse of $\ln(x)$

Last day, we saw that the function  $f(x) = \ln x$  is one-to-one, with domain  $(0, \infty)$  and range  $(-\infty, \infty)$ . We can conclude that  $f(x)$  has an inverse function which we call the natural exponential function and denote (temporarily) by  $f^{-1}(x) = \exp(x)$ . The definition of inverse functions gives us the following:

$$y = f^{-1}(x) \text{ if and only if } x = f(y)$$

$$y = \exp(x) \text{ if and only if } x = \ln(y)$$

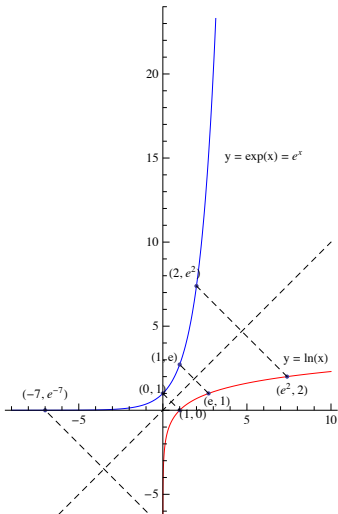
The cancellation laws give us:

$$f^{-1}(f(x)) = x \quad \text{and} \quad f(f^{-1}(x)) = x$$

$$\exp(\ln x) = x \quad \text{and} \quad \ln(\exp(x)) = x$$

# Graph of $\exp(x)$

We can draw the graph of  $y = \exp(x)$  by reflecting the graph of  $y = \ln(x)$  in the line  $y = x$ .



have that the graph  $y = \exp(x)$  is one-to-one and continuous with domain  $(-\infty, \infty)$  and range  $(0, \infty)$ . Note that  $\exp(x) > 0$  for all values of  $x$ . We see that

$$\exp(0) = 1 \quad \text{since} \quad \ln 1 = 0$$

$$\exp(1) = e \quad \text{since} \quad \ln e = 1,$$

$$\exp(2) = e^2 \quad \text{since} \quad \ln(e^2) = 2,$$

$$\exp(-7) = e^{-7} \quad \text{since} \quad \ln(e^{-7}) = -7.$$

In fact for any rational number  $r$ , we have

$$\exp(r) = e^r \quad \text{since} \quad \ln(e^r) = r \ln e =$$

$r,$

by the laws of Logarithms.

# Definition of $e^x$ .

**Definition** When  $x$  is rational or irrational, we define  $e^x$  to be  $\exp(x)$ .

$$e^x = \exp(x)$$

**Note:** This agrees with definitions of  $e^x$  given elsewhere (as limits), since the definition is the same when  $x$  is a rational number and the exponential function is continuous.

Restating the above properties given above in light of this new interpretation of the exponential function, we get:

When  $f(x) = \ln(x)$ ,  $f^{-1}(x) = e^x$  and

$$e^x = y \text{ if and only if } \ln y = x$$

$$e^{\ln x} = x \text{ and } \ln e^x = x$$

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- ▶ Switching back to  $x$ , we get

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# Summary of formulas

$$\boxed{\ln(x)}$$

$$\ln(ab) = \ln a + \ln b, \quad \ln\left(\frac{a}{b}\right) = \ln a - \ln b$$

$$\ln a^x = x \ln a$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \ln x = \infty, \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \ln x = -\infty$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \ln |x| = \frac{1}{x}, \quad \frac{d}{dx} \ln |g(x)| = \frac{g'(x)}{g(x)}$$

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# Summary of methods

Logarithmic Differentiation

Solving equations

(Finding formulas for inverse functions)

Finding slopes of inverse functions (using formula from lecture 1).

Calculating Limits

Calculating Derivatives

Calculating Integrals (including definite integrals)