

Chapter 5 Note:

When $s(t)$ is a position function,
we know $s'(t)$ is the velocity
of the object.

Now, acceleration is $s''(t)$.

Supplement - Day 1

Exponential Notation: if a is any real number and n is a positive integer, then the n^{th} power of a is a^n .

$$a^n = \underbrace{a \cdot a \cdot \dots \cdot a}_{n \text{ times}}$$

a is called the base.

n is called the exponent.

Note: $(a^{1/3})^3 = a^{(1/3)(3)} = a^1 = a$

thus $a^{1/3} = \sqrt[3]{a}$

In general, $a^{1/n} = \sqrt[n]{a}$

Rational Exponents: for any rational exponent m/n in lowest terms, where m and n are integers and $n > 0$

$$a^{m/n} = (a^{1/n})^m = (\sqrt[n]{a})^m$$

$$a^{m/n} = (a^m)^{1/n} = \sqrt[n]{a^m}$$

if n is even, we require $a \geq 0$

Laws of Exponents

$$a^0 = 1$$

$$a^{-x} = \frac{1}{a^x}$$

$$a^x a^y = a^{x+y}$$

$$\frac{a^x}{a^y} = a^{x-y}$$

$$(ab)^x = a^x b^x$$

$$\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^x = \frac{a^x}{b^x}$$

$$(a^x)^y = a^{xy}$$

Ex: Simplify $(3^5)^9 = 3^{5 \cdot 9} = 3^{45}$

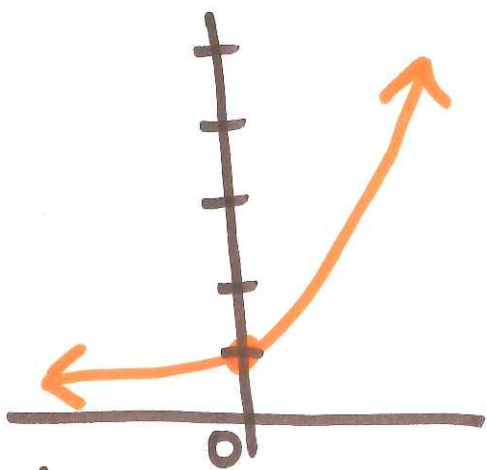
Ex: Simplify $a^3 a^{-6} = a^{3+(-6)} = a^{-3}$
 $= \frac{1}{a^3}$

Exponential Functions

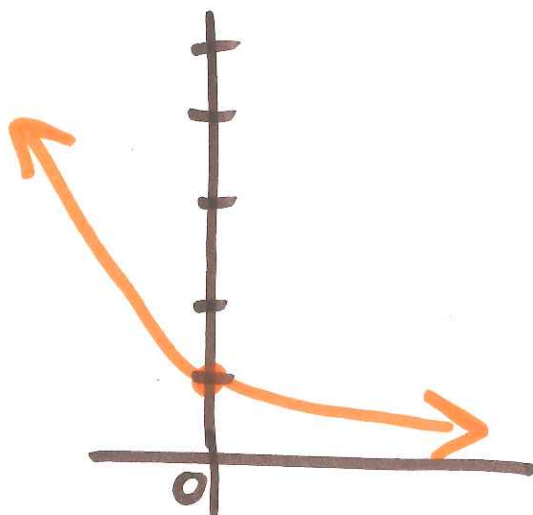
Let $a > 0$ and $a \neq 1$. The exponential function with base a is defined by $f(x) = a^x$ for all real numbers x

Graphs

$f(x) = a^x$ ($a > 0, a \neq 1$) has domain \mathbb{R} and range $(0, \infty)$. The graph looks like:



$a > 1$



$0 < a < 1$

the most important base for an exponential function is e .

$$e = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n$$

e is irrational, but $e \approx 2.71828$

The natural exponent function is

$$f(x) = e^x$$

Logarithmic Functions

Let $a > 0$ and $a \neq 1$. The logarithmic function with base a , denoted \log_a , is defined by

$$y = \log_a(x) \iff a^y = x$$

Properties of Logarithms

$$\log_a(1) = 0 \qquad \log_a(a^x) = x$$

$$\log_a(a) = 1 \qquad a^{\log_a(x)} = x$$

Laws of Logarithms

$$\log_a(AB) = \log_a(A) + \log_a(B)$$

$$\log_a\left(\frac{A}{B}\right) = \log_a(A) - \log_a(B)$$

$$\log_a(A^c) = c \log_a(A)$$

$$\underline{\text{Ex:}} \log_5(5^2) = 2$$

$$\underline{\text{Ex:}} \log_2\left(\frac{2}{2^3}\right) = \log_2(2) - \log_2(2^3) \\ = 1 - 3 = -2$$

Change of Base

$$\log_b(x) = \frac{\log_a(x)}{\log_a(b)}$$

the logarithm with base 10 is called the common log and is denoted by

$$\log(x) = \log_{10}(x)$$

the logarithm with base e is called the natural log and is denoted by

$$\ln(x) = \log_e(x)$$

by our previous definition

$$y = \ln(x) \iff e^y = x$$

Properties of Natural Logs

$$\ln(1) = 0$$

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

$$\ln(e) = 1$$

$$e^{\ln(x)} = x$$

Ex: $\ln(e^9) = 9$

Derivatives

$$\frac{d}{dx} (e^x) = e^x \quad \text{or} \quad (e^x)' = e^x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} (e^{g(x)}) = e^{g(x)} \cdot \frac{d}{dx} (g(x))$$

$$\text{or} \quad (e^{g(x)})' = e^{g(x)} \cdot g'(x)$$

Ex: let $f(x) = e^{4x}$

a) find $f'(x)$.

$$f'(x) = e^{4x} (4) = 4e^{4x}$$

b) find $f''(x)$.

$$f''(x) = 4 \cdot e^{4x} (4) = 16e^{4x}$$