

Calculus, week 11, Fall 24

§ The logarithm function

Recall:

integer $\int x^n dx = \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1} + C$
 $\forall n \neq -1.$

Q: $\int \frac{1}{x} dx = ?$

Def. (§ 7.2)

The function definition continuous on $[1, x]$ or $[x, 1]$

$\ln x := \int_1^x \frac{1}{t} dt, \quad \underline{x > 0},$

is called the (natural) logarithm function

Remark

Many people write " $\log x$ " for " $\ln x$ "

Thm (§7.3)

(i) The function $\ln x$ is ^a differentiable function from $(0, \infty)$ to $\mathbb{R}$

$$\ln: (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

(ii)

$$\bullet \frac{d}{dx}(\ln x) = \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^{>0} \quad \forall x > \underline{0}.$$

$$\rightarrow \bullet \frac{d}{dx}(\ln |x|) = \frac{1}{x} \quad \forall x \neq 0$$

In particular, $\ln x$ is strictly increasing on $(0, \infty)$.

$$\Rightarrow \ln: (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

is one-to-one.

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$$\ln|x| = \begin{cases} \ln x & \text{if } x > 0 \\ \ln(-x) & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dx}(\ln|x|) = \begin{cases} \frac{d}{dx}(\ln x) = \frac{1}{x} & \text{if } x > 0 \\ \frac{d}{dx}(\ln(-x)) & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

NOTE:

$$\int \frac{1}{x} dx = \ln|x| + C$$

$$\underset{\text{chain rule}}{\frac{d}{dx}(\ln(-x))} = \frac{1}{-x} \cdot \frac{d(-x)}{dx} = -1$$

$$= \frac{1}{x}$$

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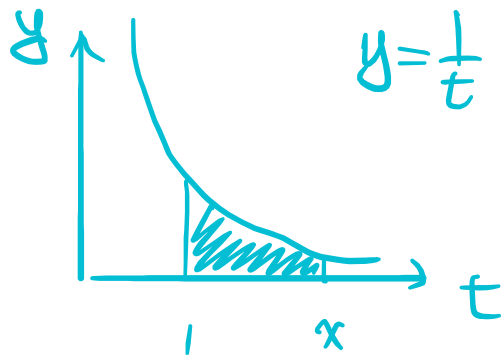
$$(iii) \ln x = \int_1^x \frac{1}{t} dt$$

$$\begin{cases} = \int_1^1 \frac{1}{t} dt = 0 & \text{if } x = 1 \\ > 0 & \text{if } x > 1 \\ < 0 & \text{if } x < 1 \end{cases}$$

Remark

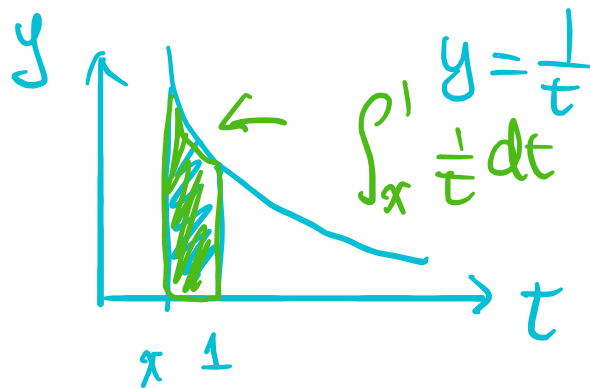
$$\ln x = \int_1^x \frac{1}{t} dt$$

= the area of



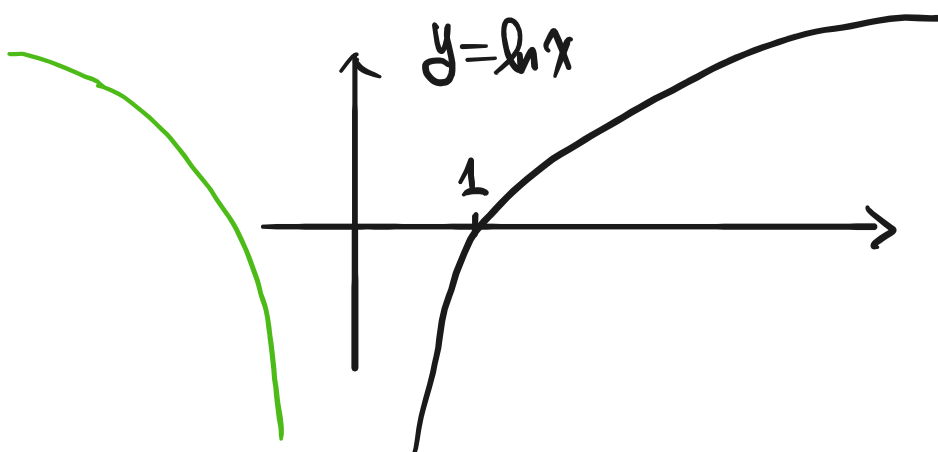
($x > 1$)

= $(-1) \cdot$ area of



$$\int_x^1 \frac{1}{t} dt = - \int_1^x \frac{1}{t} dt = -\ln x$$

$$y = \ln|x|$$



Thm (§7.2)

For any $a, b > 0$,

$$(i) \ln(a \cdot b) = \ln a + \ln b$$

$$(ii) \ln\left(\frac{1}{b}\right) = -\ln b$$

$$(iii) \ln\left(\frac{a}{b}\right) = \ln a - \ln b$$

$$(iv) \ln(a^{\frac{p}{q}}) = \frac{p}{q} \cdot \ln a$$

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Since

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\ln(x \cdot b)) \stackrel{\text{chain rule}}{=} \frac{1}{x \cdot b} \cdot \frac{d(x \cdot b)}{dx}$$

$$= \frac{1}{x} = \frac{d}{dx}(\ln x) \quad \forall x > 0$$

we have

$$\ln(x \cdot b) = \ln x + C.$$

for some constant C .

By taking $x=1$,

$$\underline{\ln b} = \ln 1 + C = \underline{C}$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln(x \cdot b) = \ln x + \ln b$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln(a \cdot b) = \ln a + \ln b \Rightarrow (i) \#$$

$$(ii) \ln\left(\frac{1}{b}\right) + \ln b \stackrel{(i)}{=} \ln\left(\frac{1}{b} \cdot b\right) = \ln 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln\left(\frac{1}{b}\right) = -\ln b. \quad \#$$

$$(iii) \ln\left(\frac{a}{b}\right) = \ln\left(a \cdot \frac{1}{b}\right) \stackrel{(i)}{=} \ln a + \ln \frac{1}{b} \\ \stackrel{(ii)}{=} \ln a - \ln b. \quad \#$$

$$(iv) \textcircled{1} \ln(a^p) = \ln(\overbrace{a \cdot (a \cdot \dots a)}^{p \text{ times}})$$

$$\stackrel{(i)}{=} \ln a + \ln \underbrace{a^{p-1}}_{= a \cdot a^{p-2}} = \ln a + \ln a + \ln a^{p-2} \\ = \dots = \overbrace{\ln a + \dots + \ln a}^{p \text{ times}} = p \cdot \ln a.$$

$$(2) \ln(a^{\frac{1}{2}})^2 = \ln a$$

$$\stackrel{110}{=} \ln(a^{\frac{1}{2}}) \Rightarrow \ln(a^{\frac{1}{2}}) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \ln a.$$

$$(3) \ln(a^{\frac{p}{2}}) = \ln((a^{\frac{1}{2}})^p)$$

$$\stackrel{(1)}{=} p \cdot \ln(a^{\frac{1}{2}}) \stackrel{(2)}{=} p \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \ln a$$

$$= \frac{p}{2} \ln a. \quad \#$$

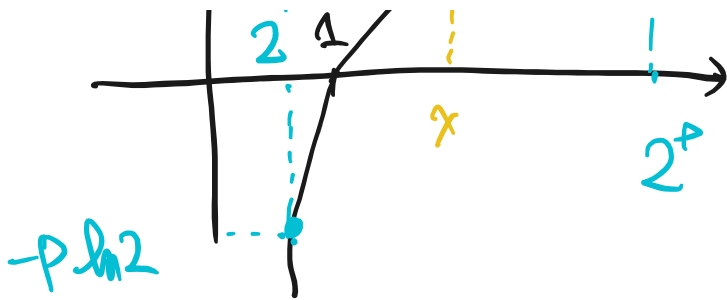
NOTE By (iv),

$$\ln 2^p = p \cdot \ln 2 \xrightarrow{+0} +\infty \text{ as } p \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\ln 2^{-p} = -p \cdot \ln 2 \xrightarrow{-0} -\infty \text{ as } p \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\frac{1}{2^p} \quad y = \ln x$$





$\ln: (0, \infty) \rightarrow (-\infty, \infty)$ $\forall c \in \mathbb{R} \quad \exists p \text{ s.t. } p \cdot \ln 2 > c$
 is onto. $\hookrightarrow \ln x$ is differentiable $\Rightarrow$ continuous $\neg p \cdot \ln 2 < c$
 by IVT, $\exists x$ s.t. $\ln x = c$

Therefore,

$\ln: (0, \infty) \rightarrow (-\infty, \infty)$
 is invertible, i.e. $\exists$

$\exp: (-\infty, \infty) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$
 s.t.

$$\exp(\ln x) = x \quad \forall x > 0$$

$$\ln(\exp y) = y \quad \forall y \in \mathbb{R}$$

The natural logarithm

In particular, we have a number

$$\exp(1) \in \mathbb{R}$$

Notation:

$$e := \exp(1)$$

= the number with the
property

$$\ln(e) = 1 = \int_1^e \frac{1}{t} dt$$

Remark

$$e = 2.718 \dots$$

← "transcendental
number"

That is, $\nexists$ ^{nonzero} polynomial
 $p(x)$.

e is NOT a sol
of $p(x) = 0$

$$\leadsto p(e) \neq 0$$

$\Rightarrow e$ is an irrational number.

2.718...

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x	1	2	e	3	4
$\ln x$	0	0.69...	1	1.1...	1.39...

Example

① Find critical point(s) of

$$f(x) = x \ln x, \quad x > 0.$$

Sol

Solve

$$f'(x) = 0$$

$$(x)' \cdot \ln x + x \cdot (\ln x)'$$

$$= \ln x + x \cdot \frac{1}{x} = \ln x + 1$$

$\Leftrightarrow$

$$\ln x = -1$$

$$\ln e = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln e^p = p \cdot \ln e = p$$

$$\Rightarrow x = e^{-1} = \frac{1}{e}$$

is the critical point of $f(x)$.

② $p^2 \underbrace{(x^2 + 2)}_{= 2du}$

$$\int_1^2 \frac{6x^2+2}{x^3+x+1} dx = ?$$

Sol

NOTE: $(\ln u(x))' = \frac{1}{u(x)} \cdot u'(x)$

Let $u = x^3 + x + 1$

$$\Rightarrow du = u' \cdot dx = (3x^2 + 1) dx$$

So $\int_1^2 \frac{6x^2+2}{x^3+x+1} dx = \int_{u(1)}^{u(2)} \frac{2du}{u}$

$$= 2 \cdot \ln|u| \Big|_{u=3}^{u=11}$$

$$= 2(\ln 11 - \ln 3)$$

$$= 2 \ln\left(\frac{11}{3}\right) \quad \#$$

③ $\int \tan x \, dx = \int \frac{\sin x}{\cos x} dx$

Let $u = \cos x \Rightarrow du = -\sin x \, dx$

$$= \int -\frac{1}{u} du = -\ln|u| + C$$

$$= \underline{-\ln|\cos x| + C}$$

$$= \ln\left|\frac{1}{\cos x}\right| + C = \ln|\sec x| + C \quad \#$$

Double check:

$$(\ln|\sec x|)' \xrightarrow{\text{chain rule}} \frac{1}{\sec x} \cdot (\sec x)'$$

$$= \cancel{\cos x} \cdot \tan x \cancel{\sec x} = \tan x.$$

Thm (Eq. (7.3.3))

$$\int \sin x \, dx = -\cos x + C$$

$$\int \cos x \, dx = \sin x + C$$

$$\int \tan x \, dx = \ln|\sec x| + C$$

$$\int \cot x \, dx = \ln|\sin x| + C$$

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$$\int \sec x \, dx = \ln |\sec x + \tan x| + C$$

$$\int \csc x \, dx = \ln |\csc x - \cot x| + C$$

§ Exponential function

Def.

The (natural) exponential function

$$\exp: (-\infty, \infty) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$$

is defined to be the inverse of

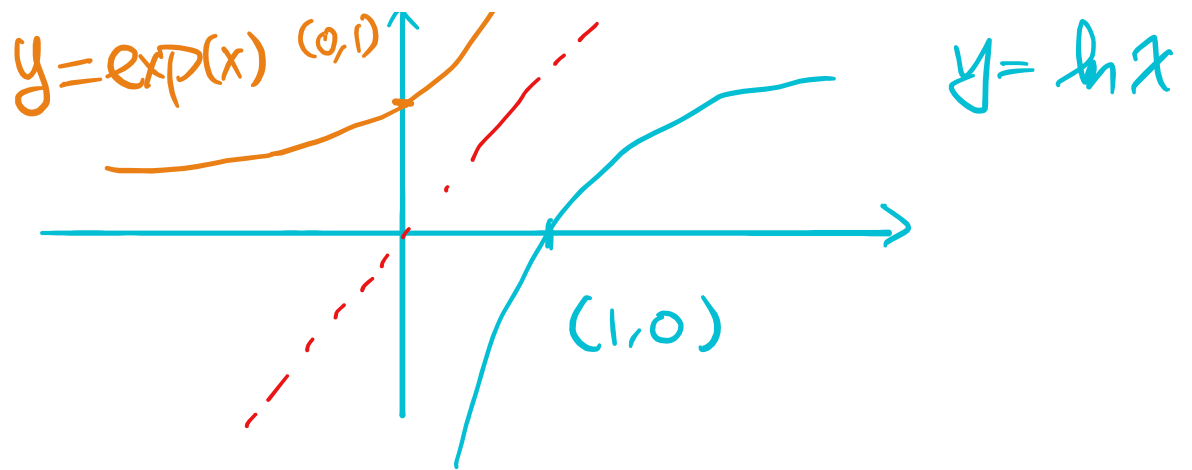
$$\ln: (0, \infty) \rightarrow (-\infty, \infty)$$

That is,

$$\ln(\exp(x)) = x \quad \forall x \in (-\infty, \infty)$$

$$\exp(\ln(y)) = y \quad \forall y \in (0, \infty)$$

 $y = x$



Thm (§ 7.4)

$$(i) \exp(0) = 1$$

$$\exp(1) = e$$

$$(ii) \exp(x) > 0 \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$(iii) \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \exp(x) = 0$$