

**Learning Goal:** I will be able to take derivatives of natural logarithms and natural exponential functions

**Minds On:** RAFT

**Action:** Class note + practice

**Consolidation:**

**Minds On**

## Two New Functions

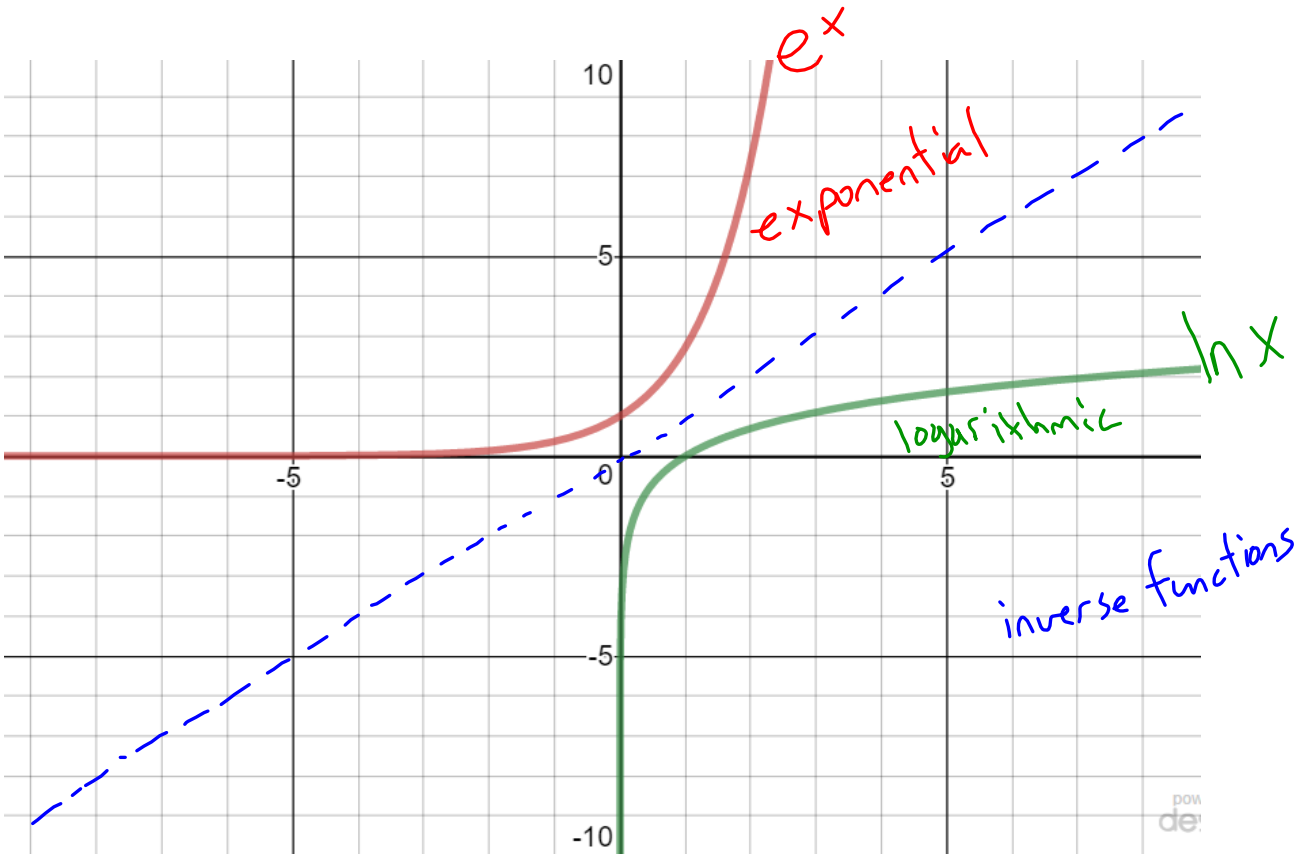
Today we will look at two new functions:

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

$$g(x) = \ln x$$

Graph them both in Desmos

What do you notice?



**Action**

Old School Derivative

$$f(x) = e^x \quad e^5 = 148.41$$

$x$	$f(x)$	EJ	CA	AM	$f'(x)$ JS	PV	G	$f'(x)$
-2	0.14	0.44	0.21	0.31	0.18	0.12	0.17	0.24
-1	0.37	0.50	0.40	0.44	0.36	0.34	0.40	0.40
0	1	1.00	0.80	1.00	1	1.00	1.00	0.97
1	2.72	2.67	2.5	2.80	2.44	2.50	2.67	2.60
2	7.39	8.00	7.2	7.20	7.5	7.50	8.00	7.57
3	20.09	18.00	19.00	19.00	20	16.00	20.00	19.5

# Action

## 5.1 Derivatives of Exponential Functions

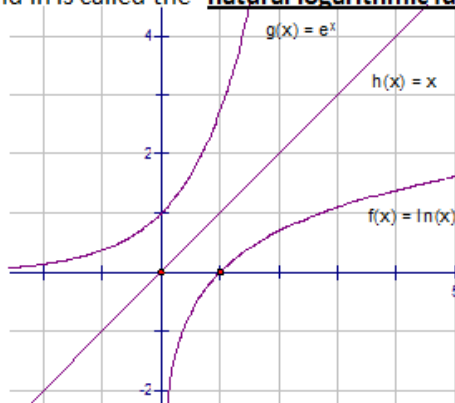
Exponential functions are often used to model rapid change. We are going to look at the function  $y = e^x$  and its derivative. The number 'e' is a special irrational number, just like  $\pi$ . It is also referred to as the "natural number".

*Euler's number. 2.718*

We learned in Advanced Functions that the inverse of the exponential function is the logarithmic function. For example, the inverse of  $y = 2^x$  is  $y = \log_2 x$ . The inverse of  $y = e^x$  would be  $y = \log_e x$ . This can also be written as  $y = \ln x$ , and  $\ln$  is called the "natural logarithmic function".

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**Properties of  $y = e^x$**



$y = e^x$	$y = \ln x$
The domain is $\{x \in \mathbb{R}\}$	The domain is $\{x \in \mathbb{R}, x > 0\}$ .
The range is $\{y \in \mathbb{R}, y > 0\}$	The range is $\{y \in \mathbb{R}\}$
The function passes through (0,1)	The function passes through (1,0)
$e^{\ln x} = x, x > 0$	$\ln e^x = x, x \in \mathbb{R}$
The line $y = 0$ is the horizontal asymptote	The line $x = 0$ is the vertical asymptote

## Action

### Derivative of $f(x) = e^x$

For the function  $f(x) = e^x$ ,  $f'(x) = e^x$

### Derivative of a Composite Function Involving $e^x$

In general, if  $f(x) = e^{g(x)}$ , then  $f'(x) = e^{g(x)}g'(x)$  by the chain rule

**Action**

**Example 1:** Determine the derivative of  $f(x) = e^{3x}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= (e^{3x})(3) \\ &= 3e^{3x} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} g(x) &= (3x+1)^2 \\ &= 2(3x+1)(3) \end{aligned}$$

## Action

**Example 2:** Determine the derivative of each function.

a)  $g(x) = e^{x^2-x}$

$$g'(x) = (e^{x^2-x})(2x-1)$$

$$= e^{x^2-x}(2x-1)$$

b)  $f(x) = x^2e^x$

$$f'(x) = (2x)(e^x) + (x^2)(e^x)$$

$$= 2xe^x + x^2e^x$$

$$= e^x(2x+x^2)$$

**Example 3:** Given  $f(x) = 3e^{x^2}$ , determine  $f'(-1)$ .

$$f'(x) = 3e^{x^2} \cdot 2x$$

$$= 6xe^{x^2}$$

$$f'(-1) = 6(-1)e^{(-1)^2}$$

$$= -6e^1$$

$$= -6e$$

$$\boxed{= -16.31}$$



## Action

**Example 4:** Determine the equation of the line tangent to  $y = \frac{e^x}{x^2}$ , where  $x = 2$ .

need slope

1. Find  $f'(2)$

$$y = e^x x^{-2}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = (e^x)(x^{-2}) + (e^x)(-2)(x)^{-3}$$

$$= \frac{x \cdot e^x}{x \cdot x^2} - \frac{2e^x}{x^3}$$

$$= \frac{xe^x - 2e^x}{x^3}$$

$$= \frac{e^x(x-2)}{x^3}$$

$$f'(2) = \frac{e^2(2-2)}{2^3}$$

$$= 0$$

$y = mx + b$   
 $m = 0$   
 need a point  $(x, y)$   
 horizontal line

get a point:  $f(2) = \frac{e^2}{(2)^2} = \frac{e^2}{4}$   
 $\approx 1.85$

$y = mx + b$   
 $b = y - mx$   
 $= 1.85 - 0(2)$   
 $= 1.85$   
 $y = 1.85$  or  $y = \frac{e^2}{4}$

**Consolidation**

**Application Question**

12. The number,  $N$ , of bacteria in a culture at time  $t$ , in hours, is

$$N(t) = 1000[30 + e^{-\frac{t}{30}}]$$

- What is the initial number of bacteria in the culture?
- Determine the rate of change in the number of bacteria at time  $t$ .
- How fast is the number of bacteria changing when  $t = 20$ ?
- Determine the largest number of bacteria in the culture during the interval  $0 \leq t \leq 50$ .
- What is happening to the number of bacteria in the culture as time passes?

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a) } N(0) &= 1000[30 + e^{-\frac{0}{30}}] \\ &= 1000[30 + e^0] \\ &= 1000(30 + 1) \\ &= 1000(31) \\ &= 31,000 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b) } N'(t) &= 1000[0 + e^{-\frac{t}{30}} \times -\frac{1}{30}] \\ &= 1000[-\frac{1}{30} e^{-\frac{t}{30}}] \\ &= -\frac{1000}{30} e^{-\frac{t}{30}} \\ &= -\frac{100}{3} e^{-\frac{t}{30}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{c) } N'(20) &= -\frac{100}{3} e^{-\frac{20}{30}} \\ &= -\frac{100}{3} e^{-\frac{2}{3}} \\ &\approx -17 \text{ bacteria/hour} \end{aligned}$$

d)  $e^{-\frac{t}{30}}$  is always  $> 0$  so  $\frac{dN}{dt} \neq 0$  ever (no critical pts)  
 $\therefore$  check ends ( $t=0$  and  $t=50$ )

$$N(0) = 31,000 \quad N(50) \approx 30,149$$

*max at  $t=0$*

e) Based on answer in part d, the number of bacteria must be constantly decreasing.