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Mathematics II
Transcendental Function
Chapter Six
The Exponential Function

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6.5. The Exponential Function

- The Function

$$y = e^x$$

e=2.718281828459045

$$e^2 = e \cdot e \quad , e^{-2} = \frac{1}{e^2} \quad , e^{1/2} = \sqrt{e}$$

- When we take logarithm of e:

$$\ln e^r = r \ln e = r \cdot 1 = r$$

- Which means that ***ln and exp*** are inverse of each others and

$$\ln e^2 = 2$$

Definition

For every real number x , $e^x = \ln^{-1} x = \exp x$

Inverse Equations for e^x and $\ln x$

$$e^{\ln x} = x \quad \text{all } x > 0$$

$$\ln(e^x) = x \quad \text{all } x$$

Examples

1. $\ln e^2$

2. $\ln e^{-1}$

3. $\ln \sqrt{e}$

4. $\ln e^{\sin x}$

5. $e^{\ln 2}$

6. $e^{\ln(x^2+1)}$

7. $e^{3\ln 2}$

Example:

Find k if $e^{2k} = 10$

General Exponential Function a^x

- Definition
- For any numbers $a > 0$ and x , the exponential function with base a is
$$a^x = e^{x \ln a}$$
- Laws of Exponents for e^x

$$1. e^{x_1} \cdot e^{x_2} = e^{x_1+x_2}$$

$$2. e^{-x} = \frac{1}{e^x}$$

$$3. \frac{e^{x_1}}{e^{x_2}} = e^{x_1-x_2}$$

$$4. (e^{x_1})^{x_2} = e^{x_1 x_2} = (e^{x_2})^{x_1}$$

Examples

a. $e^{x+\ln 2}$

b. $e^{-\ln x}$

c. $\frac{e^{2x}}{e}$

d. $(e^3)^x$

Simplify $\ln \frac{e^{2x}}{5}$

Solve:

1. $e^{3y} = 2 + \cos x$

2. $\ln(y - 1) - \ln y = 3x$

Remark

1. To remove logarithm from an equation, exponentiate both sides

2. To remove exponentials take logarithm for both sides

The Derivative and Integral of e^x

- Derivative

- If $y = e^x$, Then $\frac{d}{dx} e^x = e^x$

- If u is any differentiable function of x , then

$$\frac{d}{dx} e^u = e^u \frac{du}{dx}$$

- Integration

$$\int e^u du = e^u + c$$

Examples

- Differentiate

- $y = 5e^x$

- $y = e^{-x}$

- $y = e^{\sin x}$

- Integrate

- $\int_0^{\ln 2} e^{3x} dx$

- $\int_0^{\pi/2} e^{\sin x} \cos x dx$

- **Example:** find area under the curve $y = e^{-x}$ for $x=0$ to $x=b$ where $b>0$.
- **Simplify** $e^{\ln 2 + 3 \ln x}$
- **Solve** $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2xe^{-y}$, for $y=0$ when $x=2$