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1-1 function

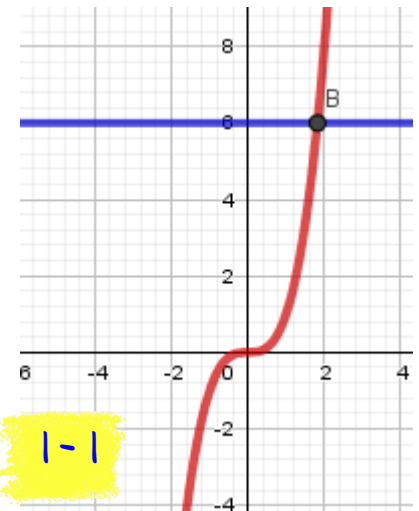
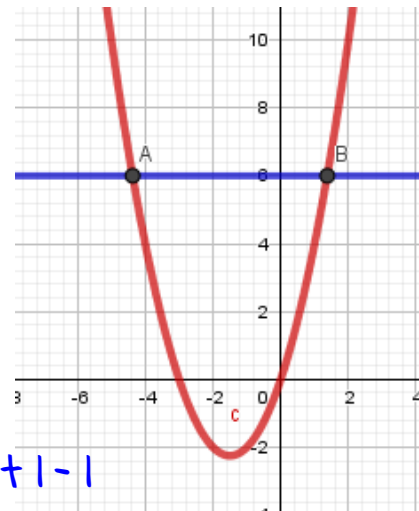
A function f is called a one to one function if it never takes on the same value twice; that is $f(x_1) \neq f(x_2)$ whenever $x_1 \neq x_2$.

i.e. if $x_1 \neq x_2 \Rightarrow f(x_1) \neq f(x_2)$

or if $f(x_1) = f(x_2) \Rightarrow x_1 = x_2$

Horizontal Line Test

A function is 1 – 1 $\Leftrightarrow$ no horizontal line intersects its graph more than once.



Example 1

- a) Is the function $f(x) = x^3$ one-to-one?
- b) Is $g(x) = x^2$ one-to-one?

solution

Example 2

Use definition to show that

$$f(x) = \sqrt[3]{\frac{x+2}{2}} \text{ is 1-1.}$$

solution

Inverse Function

Let f be a one-to-one function with domain A and range B . Then the inverse function f^{-1} has the domain B and A and is denoted by:

$$f^{-1}: B \rightarrow A$$
$$f^{-1}(y) = x \Leftrightarrow f(x) = y$$



Don't mistake the (-1) in f^{-1} for an exponent. Thus:

$$f^{-1}(x) \neq \frac{1}{f(x)} = [f(x)]^{-1}$$



remark

If f is not 1-1, then f^{-1} is not uniquely defined.

Example 3

If $f(1) = 5, f(3) = 7, f(8) = -10$ then $f^{-1}(5) = \dots, f^{-1}(7) = \dots, f^{-1}(10)$
 $= \dots \dots$

Cancellation Equations: $f: A \rightarrow B$

① $f^{-1}(f(x)) = x \quad \forall x \in A \text{ i.e. } \forall x \in D_f$

② $f(f^{-1}(x)) = x \quad \forall x \in B \text{ i.e. } \forall x \in D_{f^{-1}}$

Example

$$f(x) = x^3, \quad f^{-1}(x) = x^{\frac{1}{3}}$$
$$f^{-1}(f(x)) = \dots\dots\dots$$



How to Find the Inverse Function of a 1 – 1 function

① Write $y = f(x)$

② Solve this equation for x in terms of y if possible.

③ Express f^{-1} as a function of x , interchange x and y .

The resulting equation is $y = f^{-1}(x)$

Example 4

Find the inverse of $f(x) = x^3 + 2$

solution

①

②

③



remark

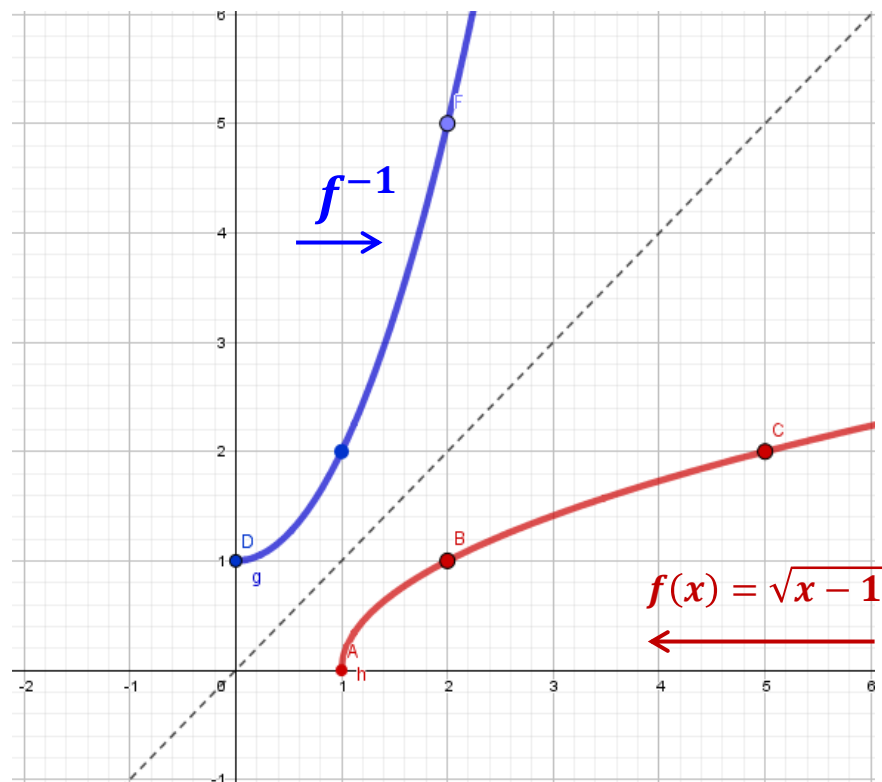
The graph of f^{-1} is obtained by reflecting the graph of $f(x)$ about the line $y = x$

Example 5

Sketch the graph of $f(x) = \sqrt{x-1}$ and its inverse function using the same coordinate axes.

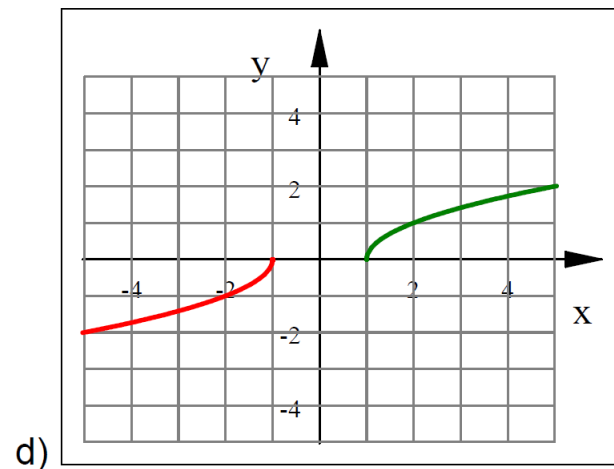
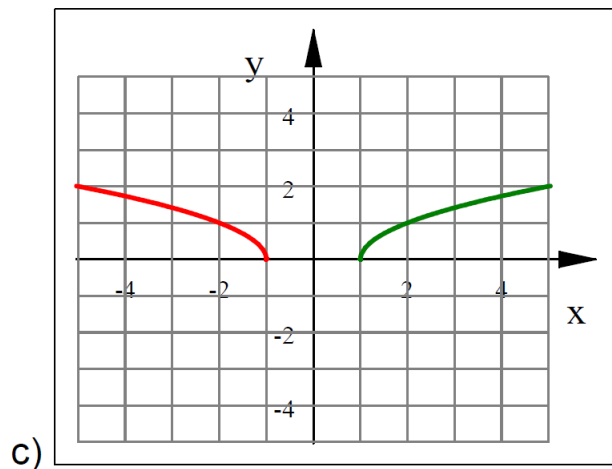
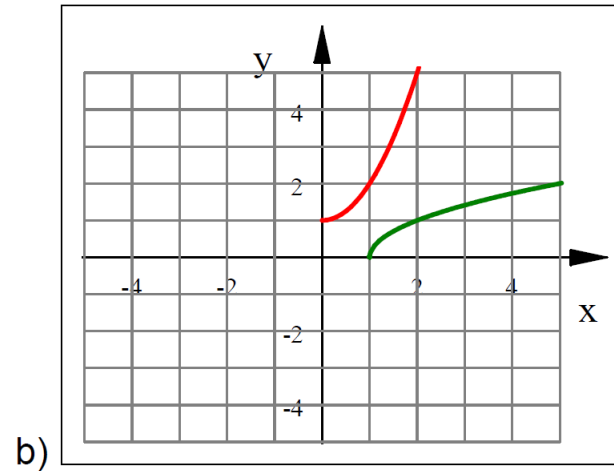
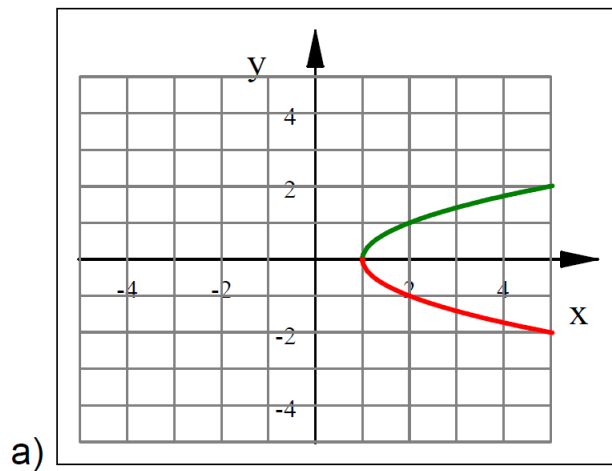
x	1	2	5
y	0	1	2
	(1,0)	(2,1)	(5,2)

The coordinate of f^{-1} :



Example

The figure which represent a graph of a function and its inverse at the same coordinate axis is



Logarithmic Functions

If $a > 0, a \neq 1, a^x$

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{increasing} \\ \text{decreasing} \end{array} \right.$

and so it is 1 – 1 by Horizontal Line Test.

So it has an inverse function f^{-1} which is called the logarithmic function with base a and is denoted by $\log_a$

$$f^{-1}(x) = y \Leftrightarrow f(y) = x$$
$$\log_a(x) = y \Leftrightarrow x = a^y$$



note

$\log_a(x)$: is the exponent to which the base a must be raised to give x .

$$\log_2 8 = \text{---}$$

Cancellation Equations:

$$① \quad \log_a(a^x) = x \quad \forall \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$$

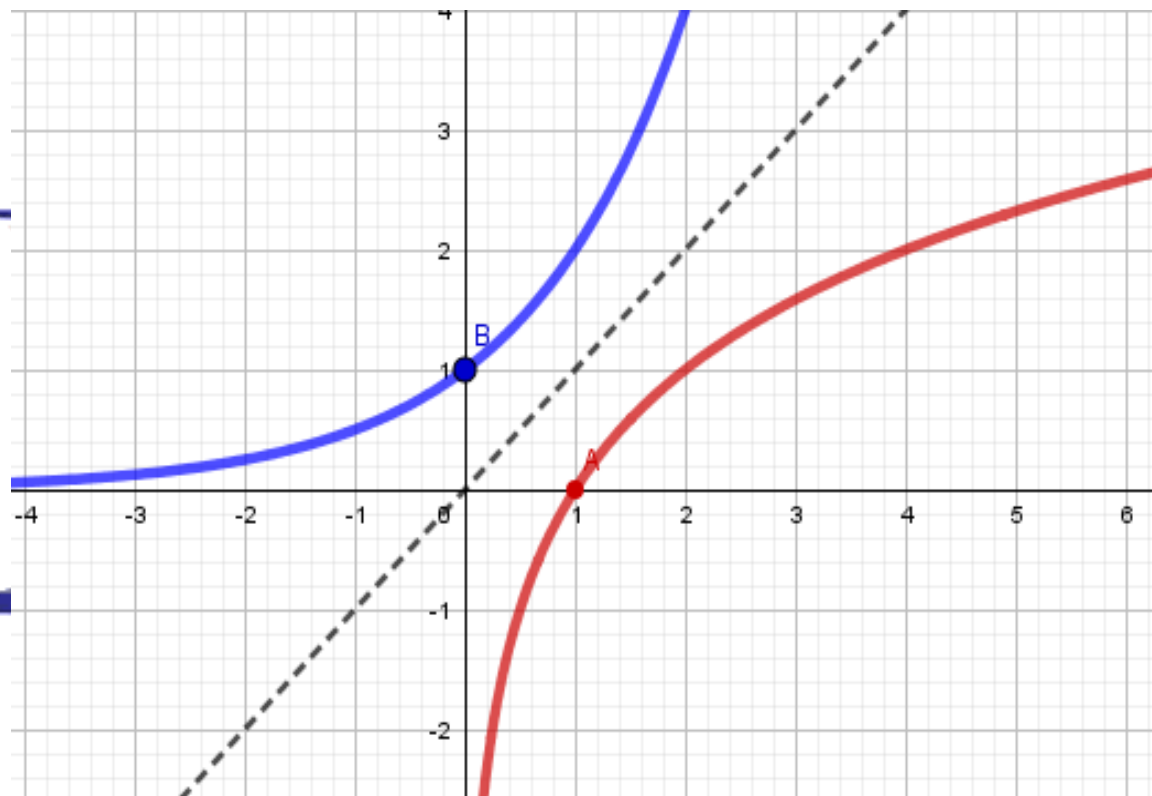
$$② \quad a^{\log_a x} = x \quad \forall \quad x > 0$$

Graph of $\log_a(x)$ when $a > 1$

$D =$

$R =$

Reflect about



Law of Logarithms

If x and y are positive numbers, then:

$$① \log_a(xy) = \log_a(x) + \log_a(y)$$

$$② \log_{10}(x) = \log(x)$$

$$③ \log_a 1 = 0 \quad \log_a a = 1$$

$$④ \log_a x^r = r \log_a x \quad \boxed{\log_a a^r = r}$$

$$⑤ \log_a \frac{x}{y} = \log_a(x) - \log_a(y)$$

Examples

$$① \log_2 2^2 = _, \quad \log_4 16 = _$$

$$② \log_3 \frac{1}{9} = _$$

$$③ \log_{10} 1000 = _ _ _$$

$$④ \log_{10} 0.001 = _ _ _ _$$

$$⑤ \log_9 3 = _ _ _$$

Example

Evaluate $\log_2 80 - \log_2 5$

Natural Logarithms $\ln(x)$

The logarithm with base e is called natural logarithm and it has a special notation

$$y = \log_e x = \ln x, \\ y = \ln x \Rightarrow x = e^y$$

Cancellation Equations

$$① \ln(e^x) = x \quad \forall \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$② e^{\ln x} = x \quad \forall \quad x > 0$$

$$\ln e = \text{---} \\ \ln 1 = \text{---}$$

Example 7 Find x if $\ln x = 5$

Example 8

Solve the equation $e^{5-3x} = 10$

solution

Example 9

Express $\ln a + \frac{1}{2} \ln b$ as a single logarithm.

solution

Change of Base Formula

For any positive number a ($a \neq 1$) we have:

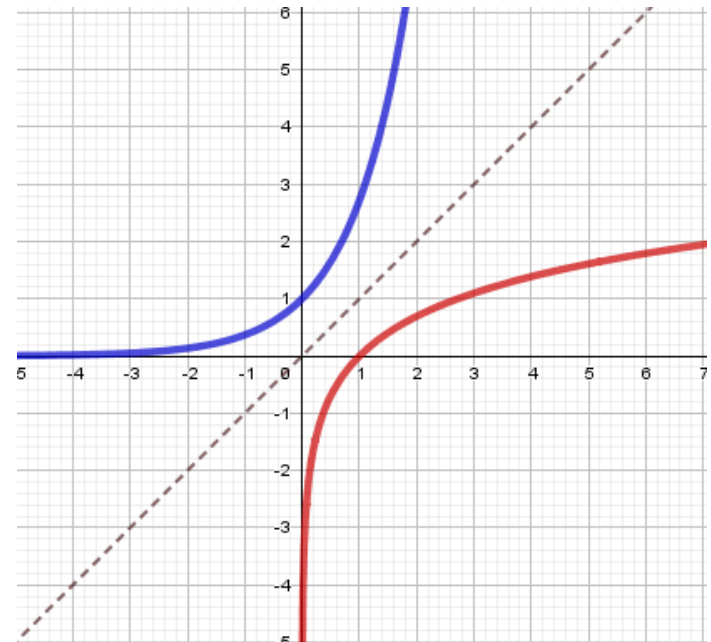
$$\log_a x = \frac{\ln x}{\ln a}$$

Example 10

Evaluate $\log_8 5$

solution

Graph and growth of the natural logarithm $\ln x$



$D =$

$R =$

---function.

Example II

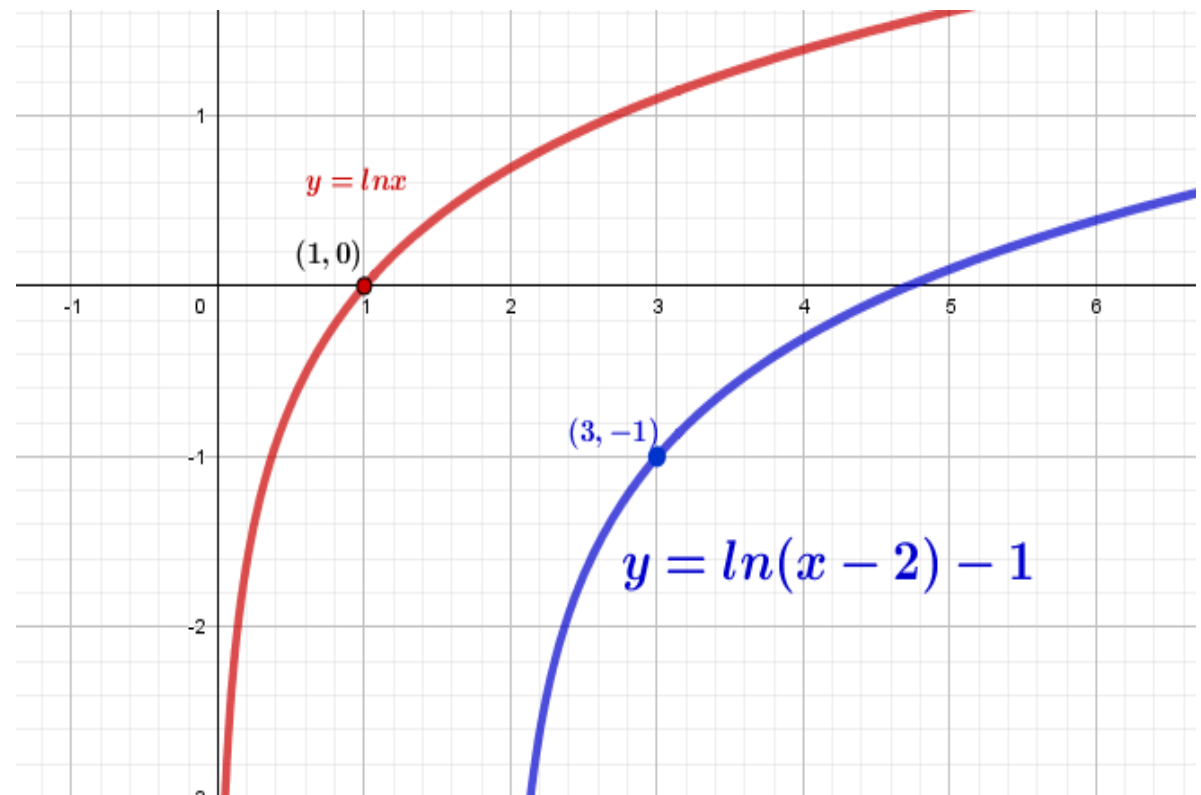
Sketch the graph of $\ln(x - 2) - 1$

solution



Domain =

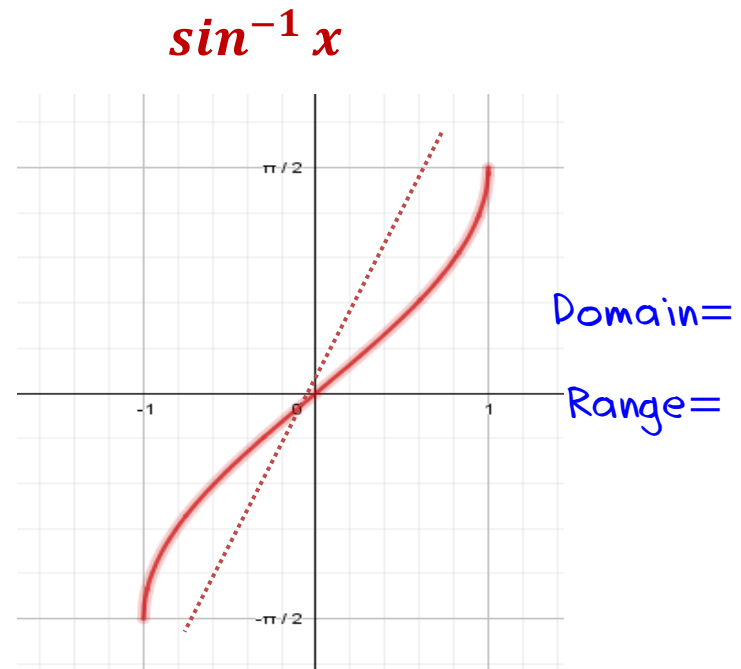
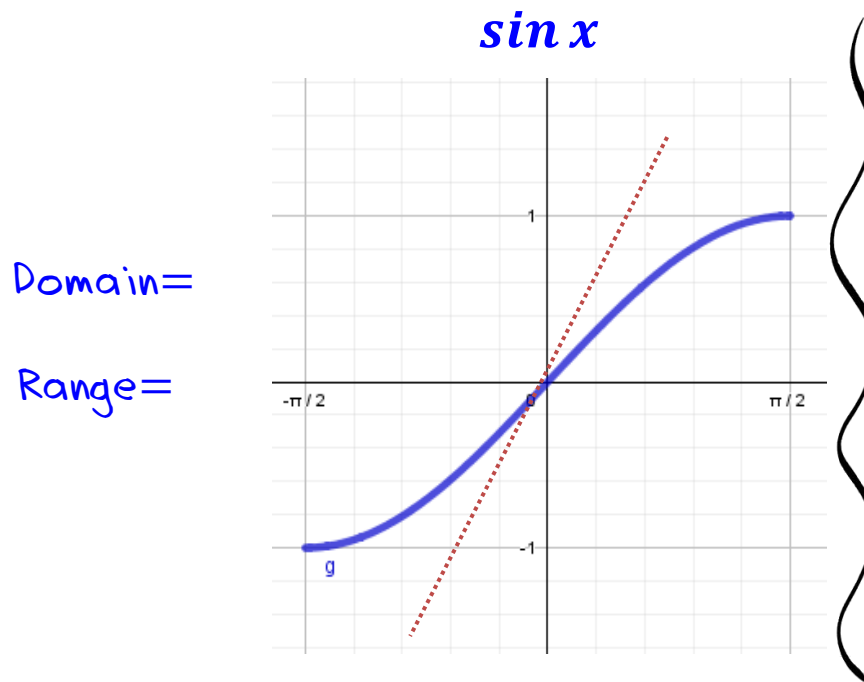
Range =



Inverse Trigonometric Functions

① $f(x) = \sin x$

From the graph, $\sin x$ is not 1 – 1 function by the horizontal line test, but if we restrict the domain to $\left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$, then it will be 1 – 1 and we can define an inverse function $\sin^{-1} x$.





$$\sin^{-1} x \neq \frac{1}{\sin x}$$

$-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \sin^{-1}(x) \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$, therefore $\sin^{-1} x$ is either in the

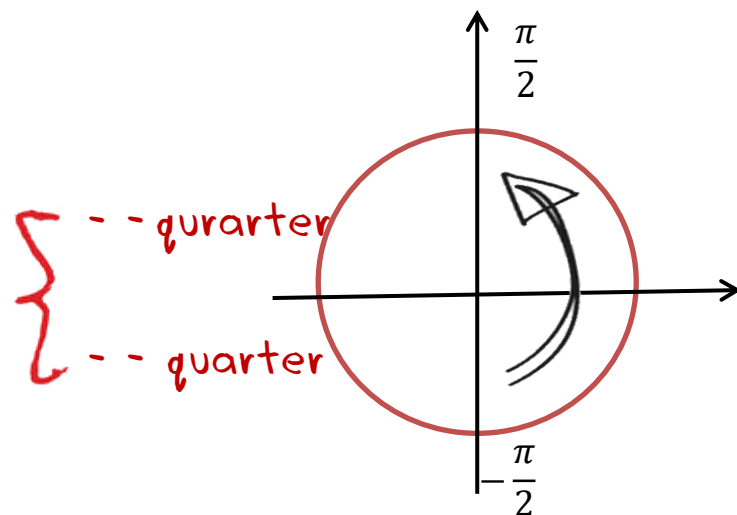
Cancellation Equations

① $\sin^{-1}(\sin x) = x \quad -\frac{\pi}{2} \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$

② $\sin(\sin^{-1} x) = x \quad -1 \leq x \leq 1$

$$\sin^{-1} x = y \Leftrightarrow \sin y = x$$

$$-1 \leq x \leq 1, \quad -\frac{\pi}{2} \leq y \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$$



Example

Find D_f , $f(x) = \sin^{-1}(x - 1)$

solution

Example 12

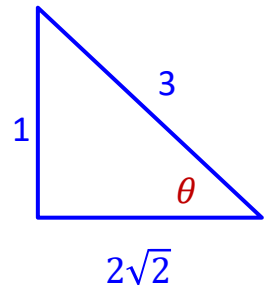
Evaluate the following:

a $\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$

solution

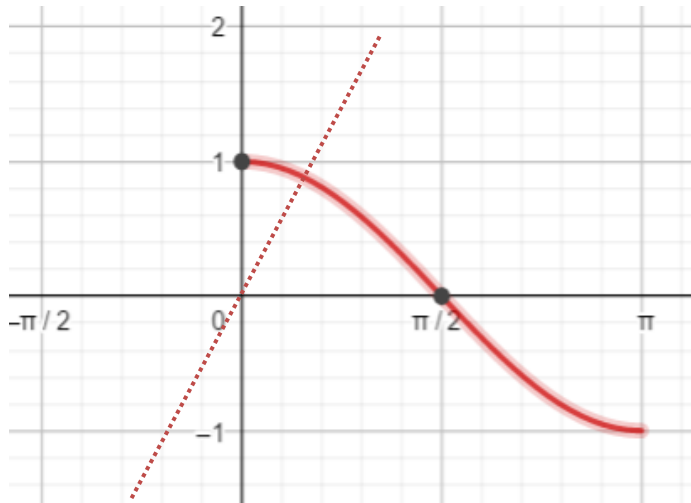
b $\sin^{-1}\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)$

c $\tan\left(\sin^{-1}\frac{1}{3}\right) =$



② $f(x) = \cos x$

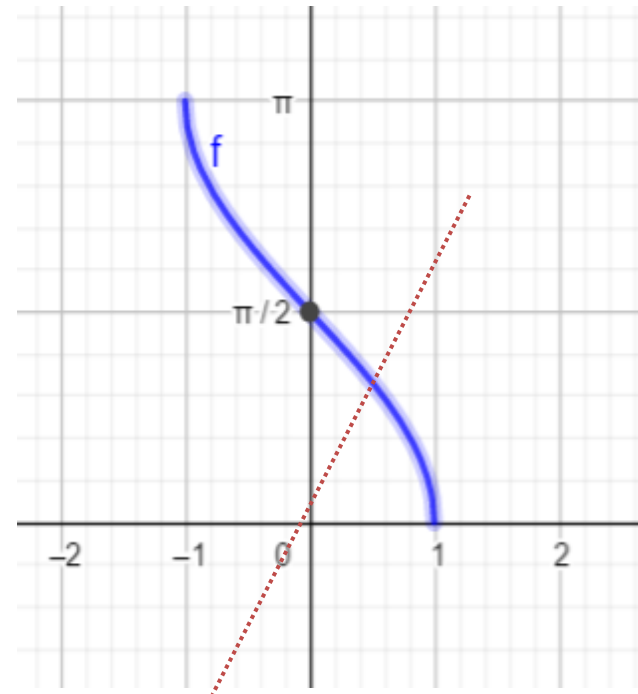
$\cos x$



$D =$

$R =$

$\cos^{-1} x$



$D =$

$R =$

$$\cos^{-1} x = y \Leftrightarrow \cos y = x$$

$$-1 \leq x \leq 1, 0 \leq y \leq \pi$$



$$\cos^{-1} x \neq \frac{1}{\cos x}$$

$\cos^{-1} x$ is either in the $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{--- quarter} \\ \text{--- quarter} \end{array} \right.$

Cancellation Equations

① $\cos^{-1}(\cos x) = x$, $0 \leq x \leq \pi$

② $\cos(\cos^{-1} x) = x$, $-1 \leq x \leq 1$

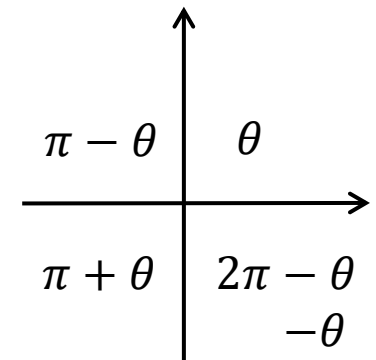
⑥ $\cos^{-1}(-\frac{1}{2})$

solution

Example

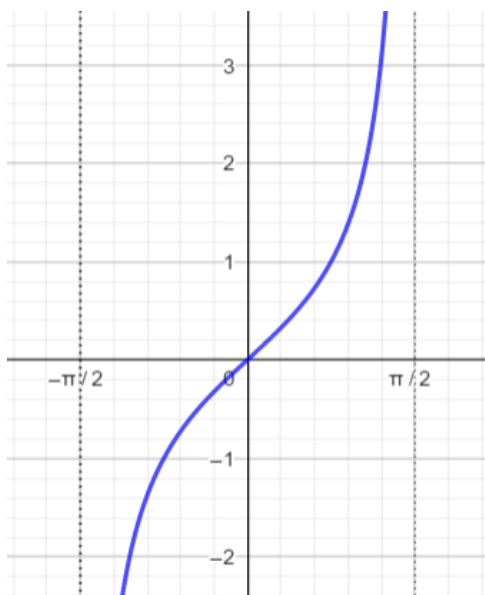
① $\cos^{-1}(\frac{1}{2})$

solution



3 $f(x) = \tan x$

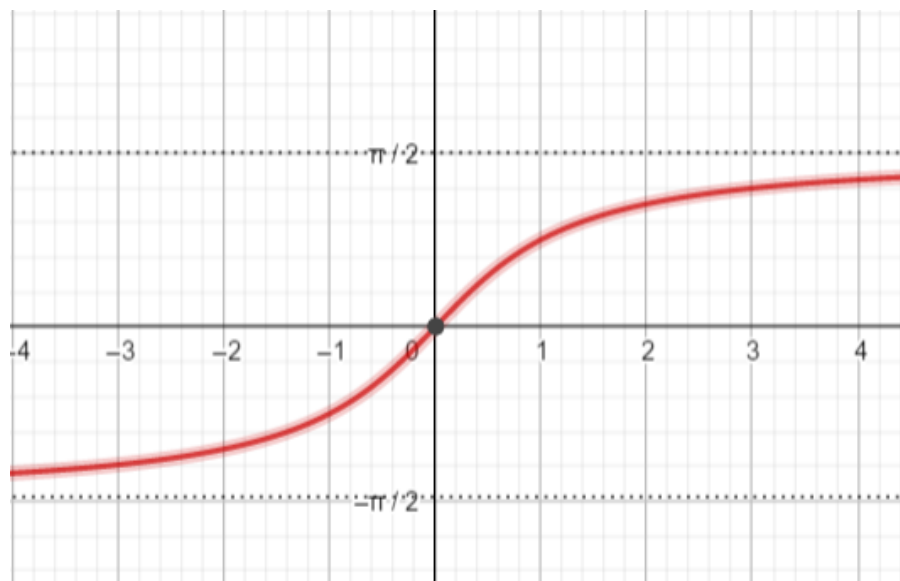
$\tan x$ is not $1-1$, so we restrict the domain to $\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$



$D =$

$R =$

$\tan^{-1} x$



$D =$

$R =$

$$y = \tan^{-1} x \Leftrightarrow \tan y = x$$

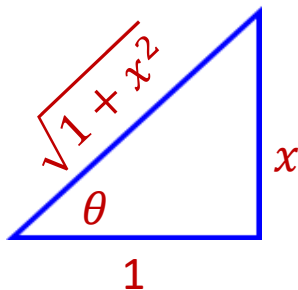
$$x \in (-\infty, \infty), \quad -\frac{\pi}{2} < y < \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{--- quarter} \\ \text{--- quarter} \end{array} \right\}$

Example

Simplify the expression $\cos(\tan^{-1} x)$.

solution



$$\tan^{-1}(1) =$$

$$\tan^{-1}(-1) =$$

Cancellation Equations

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \tan^{-1}(\tan x) = x \quad -\frac{\pi}{2} < x < \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \tan(\tan^{-1} x) = x \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$\tan^{-1} x$ is either in the $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{1st quarter} \\ \text{4th quarter} \end{array} \right.$

Exercise 22

Find the formula for the inverse of the function

$$f(x) = \frac{4x - 1}{2x + 3}$$

Exercise 23

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

Exercise 37(b)

Find the exact value of
 $\log_8 60 - \log_8 3 - \log_8 5$

Exercise 40

Express $\ln(b) + 2\ln(c) - 3\ln d$ as a single logarithm.

Exercise 48(a)

Sketch $\ln(-x)$

Exercise 53(a)

$$2^{x-5} = 3$$

Exercise 51

Solve each equation for x :

(a) $e^{7-4x} = 6$

(b) $\log_5(3x - 10) = 2$

(c) $\ln(3x - 10) = 2$

Solution

Exercise 57

- a Find the domain of $\ln(e^x - 3)$
- b Find f^{-1} and its domain

Exercise 64

Find the exact value of each expression

- a $\tan^{-1}(\sqrt{3})$
- b $\tan^{-1}(-1)$

Exercise

- a $\sin^{-1}(1)$
 $\cos^{-1}(-1)$
- b $\cos^{-1}(1)$
 $\cos^{-1}(0)$



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