

LOGARITHM FUNCTIONS, EXPONENTIAL FUNCTIONS, AND INVERSE TRIG FUNCTIONS

I LOGARITHM FUNCTIONS:

$$(a) \frac{d}{dx} (\ln x) = \frac{1}{x} \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad (a) \int \frac{1}{x} dx = \ln|x| + C$$

$$(b) \frac{d}{dx} (\ln f(x)) = \frac{f'(x)}{f(x)} \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad (b) \int \frac{f'(x)}{f(x)} dx = \ln|f(x)| + C \quad \text{VERY IMPORTANT}$$

Note that $\ln x$ is the same as the logarithm $\log_e x$ where natural log
 $e \approx 2.71828 \dots$ (e is called the base of the natural logarithm)

Here are the five properties of logarithm from an algebra class:

$$(1) \log_a(M) + \log_a(N) = \log_a(MN)$$

$$(2) \log_a(M) - \log_a(N) = \log_a\left(\frac{M}{N}\right)$$

$$(3) \log_a(M^k) = k \log_a(M)$$

$$(4) \log_a a = 1$$

$$(5) \log_a 1 = 0$$

II EXPONENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

The exponential function $y = e^x$ can be defined as the inverse (NOT the reciprocal) function of the natural logarithm function $y = \ln x$

$$(a) \frac{d}{dx} (e^x) = e^x \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad (a) \int e^x dx = e^x + C$$

$$(b) \frac{d}{dx} (e^{f(x)}) = f'(x) e^{f(x)} \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad (b) \int f'(x) e^{f(x)} dx = e^{f(x)} + C$$

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III INVERSE TRIGONOMETRIC FUNCTIONS: $\overbrace{\arcsin x}$, $\overbrace{\arccos x}$, $\overbrace{\arctan x}$

The inverse trigonometric functions are $\sin^{-1} x$, $\cos^{-1} x$, $\tan^{-1} x$, etc...

$$(a) \frac{d}{dx} (\sin^{-1} x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \quad \leftarrow \dots \rightarrow (a) \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx = \sin^{-1}(x) + C$$

$$(a)' \frac{d}{dx} \left(\sin^{-1} \left(\frac{x}{a} \right) \right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2-x^2}} \quad \leftarrow \dots \rightarrow (a)' \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2-x^2}} dx = \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{x}{a} \right) + C \quad *$$

$$(b) \frac{d}{dx} (\tan^{-1} x) = \frac{1}{1+x^2} \quad \leftarrow \dots \rightarrow (b) \int \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx = \tan^{-1} x + C$$

$$(b)' \frac{d}{dx} \left(\tan^{-1} \left(\frac{x}{a} \right) \right) = \frac{a}{a^2+x^2} \quad \leftarrow \dots \rightarrow (b)' \int \frac{1}{a^2+x^2} dx = \frac{1}{a} \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{x}{a} \right) + C \quad *$$

Note: Derivatives of other inverse trig functions can be found on page 38