

Winter 2005 midterm. Find the limits.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \textcircled{1} \text{ a) } & \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(2x^3+2)(x^2+3x)}{4x^5+5} \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2x^5+6x^4+2x^2+6x}{4x^5+5} \quad \text{multiply top and bottom by } \frac{1}{x^5} \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2 + \frac{6}{x} + \frac{2}{x^3} + \frac{6}{x^4}}{4 + \frac{5}{x^5}} \\
 &= \frac{2}{4} = \frac{1}{2}.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \textcircled{1} \text{ b) } & \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{\sqrt{4x^2+7x+2}}{3x+5} \quad \text{Multiply top and bottom by } \frac{1}{x} \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{\frac{1}{x} \sqrt{4x^2+7x+2}}{\frac{1}{x}(3x+5)}
 \end{aligned}$$

To bring $\frac{1}{x}$ inside the square root, we replace $\frac{1}{x}$ with $\frac{1}{x} = -\sqrt{\frac{1}{x^2}}$, with a negative sign since

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{-\sqrt{4 + \frac{7}{x} + \frac{2}{x^2}}}{3 + \frac{5}{x}} \quad x \rightarrow \underline{-\infty} \\
 &= \frac{-\sqrt{4}}{3} = -\frac{2}{3}.
 \end{aligned}$$

(c) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{x+4} - 2}{x}$, Here setting $x=0$ gives $\frac{0}{0}$ so we must do some algebra.

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{x+4} - 2}{x} \cdot \left(\frac{\sqrt{x+4} + 2}{\sqrt{x+4} + 2} \right)$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+4) - 2^2}{x(\sqrt{x+4} + 2)}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x}{x(\sqrt{x+4} + 2)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x+4} + 2}$$

Now setting $x=0$ does not give $\frac{0}{0}$, instead we get

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{0+4} + 2} = \frac{1}{4}.$$

Question 2.

Find y' . Do not simplify.

(a) $y = x^{3/2} + x^{2/3} + x^{1/3}$

$$y' = \frac{3}{2}x^{1/2} + \frac{2}{3}x^{-1/3} + \frac{1}{3}x^{-2/3}$$

(b) $y = \frac{1 + \cos(x)}{1 + \sin(x)} = (1 + \cos(x))(1 + \sin(x))^{-1}$.

By the product rule,

$$\begin{aligned} y' &= (1 + \cos(x))'(1 + \sin(x))^{-1} + (1 + \cos(x))((1 + \sin(x))^{-1})' \\ &= (-\sin(x))(1 + \sin(x))^{-1} + (1 + \cos(x))(-1)(1 + \sin(x))^{-2} \cdot \cos(x) \\ &= \frac{-\sin(x)}{1 + \sin(x)} - \frac{\cos(x)(1 + \cos(x))}{(1 + \sin(x))^2}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{or } \frac{-\sin(x)(1+\sin(x)) - \cos(x)(1+\cos(x))}{(1+\sin(x))^2}$$

$$(c) y = \sin(e^{x^2}).$$

Then if $y = f(u) = \sin(u)$, $u(v) = e^v$, $v(x) = x^2$, then the chain rule gives

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{df}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dv} \cdot \frac{dv}{dx}, \text{ so}$$

$$\frac{df}{du} = \cos(u), \quad \frac{du}{dv} = e^v, \quad \frac{dv}{dx} = 2x, \text{ so}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \cos(u) \cdot e^v \cdot 2x, \text{ or } = \cos(e^{x^2}) \cdot e^{x^2} \cdot 2x.$$

Question 3.

$$\text{Consider } f(x) = \begin{cases} -3x & \text{if } x < -1 \\ -3 & \text{if } x = -1 \\ x^2 + 2 & \text{if } x > -1 \end{cases}$$

(a) Does $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1}$ exist, if so what is its value?

Solution: We test left and right:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -1^-} -3x = (-3)(-1) = 3.$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} x^2 + 2 = (-1)^2 + 2 = 3.$$

So yes, $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} f(x)$ exists since the left and right are equal.

$$\text{In fact, } \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} f(x) = 3.$$

(b) Is $f(x)$ continuous at $x = -1$?

Solution: No. If it were continuous then $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} f(x)$ would be equal to $f(-1)$, which is -3 .

Question 4.

Prove the theorem:

If $f'(x)$ exists then $(cf(x))' = c(f'(x))$.

Solution:

By definition,

$$\begin{aligned}(cf(x))' &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{cf(x+h) - cf(x)}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{c(f(x+h) - f(x))}{h} \\ &= c \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} \quad \text{by limit laws.} \\ &= cf'(x).\end{aligned}$$

Question 5

Find the slope of the line tangent to the curve given by $x^2y^2 - x^3y^3 = 12$ at the point $(2, -1)$

Solution. We need y' , we find it by implicit differentiation.

$$(x^2y^2 - x^3y^3)' = (12)'$$

Each of $(x^2y^2)'$ and $(x^3y^3)'$ is a product rule:

$$(x^2y^2)' = (x^2)'y^2 + x^2(y^2)' = 2xy^2 + x^2 \cdot 2yy'$$

$$(x^3y^3)' = (x^3)'y^3 + x^3(y^3)' = 3x^2y^3 + x^3 \cdot 3y^2y'$$

So we get

$$2xy^2 + x^2 \cdot 2yy' + 3x^2y^3 + x^3 \cdot 3y^2y' = 0.$$

$$\text{or } x^2 \cdot 2yy' + x^3 \cdot 3y^2y' = -3x^2y^3 - 2xy^2$$

$$y' = \frac{-3x^2y^3 - 2xy^2}{x^2 \cdot 2y + x^3 \cdot 3y^2}$$

Now set $x=2, y=-1$.

$$y' = \frac{-3(2)^2(-1)^3 - 2(2)(-1)^2}{(2)^2 \cdot 2(-1) + (2)^3 \cdot 3(-1)^2} = \frac{-12 - 4}{-8 + 24} = \frac{-16}{16} = -1$$

$$\frac{-16}{-32} = \frac{1}{2}$$

Question 6. Let $f(x) = \sqrt{x+2}$. Find $f'(x)$ directly from the definition of the derivative.

Solution: From the definition

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{(x+h)+2} - \sqrt{x+2}}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\sqrt{(x+h)+2} - \sqrt{x+2}}{h} \right) \left(\frac{\sqrt{(x+h)+2} + \sqrt{x+2}}{\sqrt{(x+h)+2} + \sqrt{x+2}} \right)$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+h)+2 - (x+2)}{h(\sqrt{(x+h)+2} + \sqrt{x+2})}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h}{h(\sqrt{(x+h)+2} + \sqrt{x+2})} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\sqrt{(x+h)+2} + \sqrt{x+2}}$$

$= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x+2}}$. We check that is right using derivative rules.

Question 7. A related rates problem, I just did these problems to death. See for example, the ladder question from last week (which was not done in class).

Question 1. Find the limits, if they exist.

(a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{x^3 - 5x^2}{x^2 - 25}$. Plugging $x=5$ gives $\frac{0}{0}$, so we have to factor out an $(x-5)$.

Factoring: $x^2 - 25 = (x-5)(x+5)$.

$$x^3 - 5x^2 = x(x^2 - 5x) = x^2(x-5).$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{x^2(x-5)}{(x-5)(x+5)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{x^2}{x+5} = \frac{25}{5+5} = \frac{25}{10} = \frac{5}{2}.$$

(b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{4x^2 - x}}{3x - 1}$ Multiply top and bottom by $\frac{1}{x}$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{x} \sqrt{4x^2 - x}}{\frac{1}{x}(3x - 1)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{\frac{1}{x^2} \cdot \sqrt{4x^2 - x}}}{\frac{1}{x}(3x - 1)}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{4 - \frac{1}{x}}}{3 - \frac{1}{x}} = \frac{\sqrt{4}}{3} = \frac{2}{3}.$$

Question 2: Find $f'(x)$.

(a) $f(x) = \pi^{\frac{1}{3}} + 3x^3 - \frac{2}{x^3} + e^{\sec x}$.

$$= 0 + 3 \cdot 3x^2 - 2 \cdot (-3)x^{-4} + e^{\sec x} \cdot \sec x \tan x.$$

$$= 9x^2 + \frac{6}{x^4} + \sec x \tan x e^{\sec x}.$$

$$(b) f(x) = (\sin^2 x + \sin x^2)(x^3 + \cos(3x))$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } f'(x) &= (\sin^2 x + \sin x^2)'(x^3 + \cos(3x)) + (\sin^2 x + \sin x^2)(x^3 + \cos(3x))' \\ &= (2\sin x \cos x + \cos(x^2) \cdot 2x)(x^3 + \cos(3x)) \\ &\quad + (\sin^2 x + \sin x^2)(3x^2 + 3 \cdot (-\sin(3x))). \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (c) f(x) &= \frac{(3x+2)^{20}}{x^2+2x} & \left(\frac{f}{g}\right)' &= \frac{f'g - g'f}{g^2} \\ &= \frac{((3x+2)^{20})'(x^2+2x) - (x^2+2x)'(3x+2)^{20}}{(x^2+2x)^2} \\ &= \frac{(20 \cdot (3x+2)^{19} \cdot 3)(x^2+2x) - (2x+2)(3x+2)^{20}}{(x^2+2x)^2} \end{aligned}$$

Question 3.

Find the value of a if

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} ax^2 - 3 & x \geq 2 \\ bx - a & x < 2 \end{cases}$$

is continuous at $x=2$. Use limits.

Solution: If $f(x)$ is continuous then left and right limits are equal. Therefore we calculate

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} ax^2 - 3 = a(2)^2 - 3 = 4a - 3.$$

on the other hand,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} 6x - a = 6(2) - a = 12 - a.$$

Therefore we need $12 - a = 4a - 3$

$$\Rightarrow 5a = 15$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 3.$$

Question 4: Find y''' if $y = 5x^3 - 6x^2 + 6$.

Solution: Using the power rule repeatedly,

$$y' = 5(3x^2) - 6(2x) + 0 = 15x^2 - 12x$$

$$y'' = 15(2x) - 12(1) = 30x - 12$$

$$y''' = 30$$

Question 5:

Use the definition of the derivative to find $f'(x)$ if $f(x) = \sqrt{x+5}$.

Solution:

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{(x+h)+5} - \sqrt{x+5}}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(\sqrt{(x+h)+5} - \sqrt{x+5})(\sqrt{(x+h)+5} + \sqrt{x+5})}{h(\sqrt{(x+h)+5} + \sqrt{x+5})}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+h)+5 - (x+5)}{h(\sqrt{(x+h)+5} + \sqrt{x+5})}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h}{h(\sqrt{(x+h)+5} + \sqrt{x+5})}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{(x+0)+5} + \sqrt{x+5}} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x+5}}$$

Question 6: Prove the following theorem:

$$(fg)' = f'g + g'f \quad (\text{assuming } f', g' \text{ exist}).$$

Solution: I showed a trick to get the final answer.

It goes like this:

$$(f(x)g(x))' = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h)g(x+h) - f(x)g(x)}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h)g(x+h) - f(x+h)g(x) + f(x+h)g(x) - f(x)g(x)}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h)g(x+h) - f(x+h)g(x)}{h} + \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h)g(x) - f(x)g(x)}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(x+h) \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{g(x+h) - g(x)}{h} + g(x) \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

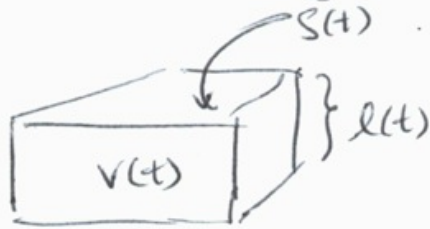
$$= f(x)g'(x) + g(x)f'(x).$$

Question 7. Find the equation of the line tangent to $2x^2y + xy^3 - 3x = 4$ at $(2, 1)$.

Question 8 :

The surface area of a cube is increasing at $4\text{m}^2/\text{s}$. What is the rate of increase of the volume when the length of a side is 10?

Solution :



Name the side length $l(t)$, the surface area $S(t)$ and volume $V(t)$. Then.

$$S(t) = 6 \cdot (l(t))^2$$

$$\text{and } V(t) = (l(t))^3.$$

$$\text{So we get. } \frac{dS}{dt} = 6 \cdot 2 \cdot l(t) \frac{dl}{dt} \quad \textcircled{1}$$

$$\text{and } \frac{dV}{dt} = 3(l(t))^2 \cdot \frac{dl}{dt} \quad \textcircled{2}$$

$$\text{From } \textcircled{1} \text{ we get } 4 = 6 \cdot 2 \cdot 10 \frac{dl}{dt}$$

$$\text{so that } \frac{dl}{dt} = \frac{4}{120} = \frac{1}{30} \text{ when } l(t) = 10.$$

$$\text{Therefore } \frac{dV}{dt} = 3(10)^2 \cdot \frac{1}{30} = \frac{300}{30} = 10\text{m}^3/\text{s}$$

$$\text{when } l(t) = 10.$$

Solution: We use implicit differentiation.

$$(2x^2y + xy^3)' - (3x)' = (4)'$$

Then we have a couple product rules:

$$\begin{aligned}(2x^2y)' &= (2x^2)'y + 2x^2y' \\ &= 4xy + 2x^2y'\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}(xy^3)' &= (x)'y^3 + x(y^3)' \\ &= y^3 + x3y^2y'\end{aligned}$$

So we get

$$4xy + 2x^2y' + y^3 + x3y^2y' - 3 = 0.$$

$$\text{and } 2x^2y' + x3y^2y' = 3 - y^3 - 4xy$$

$$\Rightarrow y' = \frac{3 - y^3 - 4xy}{2x^2 + x3y^2}.$$

Then set $x=2, y=1$.

$$y' = \frac{3 - 1^3 - 4(2)(1)}{2(2)^2 + (2) \cdot 3(1)^2} = \frac{3 - 1 - 8}{8 + 6} = \frac{-6}{14} = \frac{-3}{7}.$$

So $y = \frac{-3}{7}x + b$, with b chosen so that

$$1 = \frac{-3}{7}(2) + b \Rightarrow b = 1 + \frac{6}{7} = \frac{13}{7}.$$

$$\text{So } y = \frac{-3}{7}x + \frac{13}{7}.$$

Questions: 35-42, 51-58, 63-72.

If $f(x)$ is a function, then recall that

- the domain of $f(x)$ is all numbers x that can be plugged into $f(x)$.
- the range of $f(x)$ is all numbers $f(x)$ that you can get as output from the function $f(x)$.

A function $f(x)$ is called one-to-one if $f(x) = f(y)$ means that $x = y$. In other words, $f(x)$ doesn't take on the same value twice.

Example: Show that $f(x) = 6x - 1$ is one-to-one.

Solution: Suppose that f takes on the same value twice, say $f(x) = f(y)$. Then this means

$$f(x) = f(y) \Rightarrow 6x - 1 = 6y - 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 6x = 6y$$

$$\Rightarrow x = y.$$

So $f(x) = f(y) \Rightarrow x = y$, and $f(x)$ is 1-to-1.

Given a function $f(x)$, if it is one-to-one we can use it to make a new function $f^{-1}(x)$.

If $f(x)$ has domain A and range B , then

$f^{-1}(x)$ has domain B and range A , and its formula is $f^{-1}(y) = x \iff f(x) = y$.

Example: (How to solve for an inverse function).

1. Write $f(x) = y$.

2. Solve for x .

3. Interchange y and x in the final equation.

E.g. If $f(x) = \frac{x}{7x-1}$, what is $f^{-1}(x)$?

Solution: Solve $y = \frac{x}{7x-1}$ for x . We get

$$\Rightarrow y(7x-1) = x$$

$$\Rightarrow 7xy - y = x$$

$$\Rightarrow -y = x - 7xy = x(1-7y)$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{-y}{1-7y}$$

Interchange x and y . So $y = \frac{-x}{1-7x}$, here ' y '

represents $f^{-1}(x)$. So $f^{-1}(x) = \frac{-x}{1-7x}$.

The key property of an inverse function is that
 $f(f^{-1}(x)) = x$ and $f^{-1}(f(x)) = x$. For example, we

just found

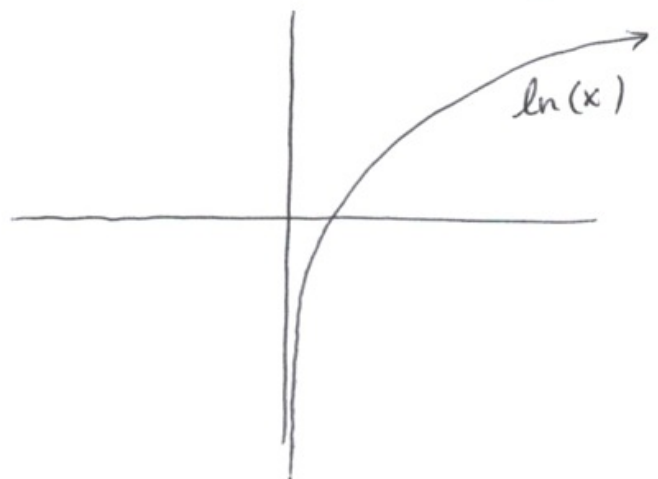
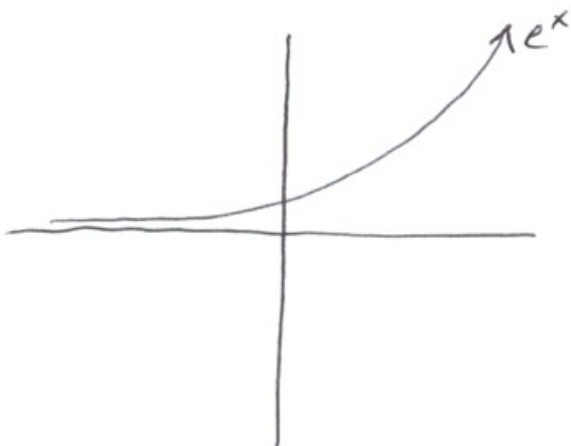
$$f(x) = \frac{x}{7x-1} \text{ and } f^{-1}(x) = \frac{-x}{1-7x}. \text{ So}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(f^{-1}(x)) &= \frac{\frac{-x}{1-7x}}{7\left(\frac{-x}{1-7x}\right)-1} = \frac{\frac{-x}{1-7x}}{\frac{-7x}{1-7x}-1} \\
 &= \frac{\frac{-x}{1-7x}}{\frac{-7x-(1-7x)}{1-7x}} \\
 &= \frac{\frac{-x}{1-7x}}{\frac{-1}{1-7x}} = x \quad (\text{after cancelling})
 \end{aligned}$$

We can also check that $f^{-1}(f(x)) = x$, but the calculations are very similar.

Fact: In general, you get the graph of $f^{-1}(x)$ from the graph of $f(x)$ by reflecting in the line $y=x$. (This can also help you check your formula for $f^{-1}(x)$ once you get good at graphing).

Example: The graph of e^x is on the left. It's inverse function is called $\ln(x)$ and is on the right.



In general, $\log_a(x)$ is the inverse of the function $f(x) = a^x$. The function $\ln(x)$ is: $\ln(x) = \log_e(x)$.

What number is $\log_a(x)$? The number $\log_a(x)$ is the answer to the question: To what power must a be raised in order to get x ?

So, e.g. if $x > 0$ then

$$\log_{10}(100) = 2, \quad \log_3(27) = 3, \quad \log_2\left(\frac{1}{32}\right) = \log_2(2^{-5}) = -5.$$

The equations $f(f^{-1}(x)) = x$ and $f^{-1}(f(x)) = x$ become

$$\log_a(a^x) = x \quad \text{and} \quad a^{\log_a(x)} = x.$$

Logarithm Rules.

Exp rule that matches

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \log_a(xy) = \log_a x + \log_a y \quad (a^x \cdot a^y = a^{x+y})$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \log_a\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) = \log_a x - \log_a y \quad (a^x / a^y = a^{x-y})$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad \log_a(x^r) = r \log_a x \quad ((a^x)^r = a^{x \cdot r})$$

Example: What is the exact value of $2 \log_4(8)$?

Solution: Using logarithm rules,

$$2 \log_4(8) = \log_4(8^2) = \log_4(64) = \log_4(4^3) = 3.$$

We can use logarithms to solve for variables that appear in the exponent.

Example: Solve for x :

$$e^{10x^2-1} = 5.$$

Solution: Take \ln of both sides, and use the fact that $\ln(e^y) = y$ for any y , because e^x and $\ln(x)$ are inverse to one another.

$$\ln(e^{10x^2-1}) = \ln(5)$$

$$\Rightarrow 10x^2 - 1 = \ln(5)$$

$$\Rightarrow 10x^2 = \ln(5) + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 = \frac{\ln(5) + 1}{10}, \quad \text{so } x = \pm \sqrt{\frac{\ln(5) + 1}{10}}.$$

Example: Solve for x :

$$\ln(x^3 + 1) = 10.$$

Solution: Here, we take exponents of both sides and use $e^{\ln(y)} = y$ for every y . Then we get

$$e^{\ln(x^3+1)} = e^{10}$$

$$\Rightarrow x^3 + 1 = e^{10}$$

$$x = \sqrt[3]{e^{10} - 1}.$$

Last, it is important to note that we don't need to work with logarithms in different bases. If we want to talk about $\log_a(x)$, we can write it in terms of $\ln(x)$:

$$\log_a(x) = \frac{\ln(x)}{\ln(a)}.$$

Why is this true?

If $y = \log_a(x)$, then this means

$a^y = x$, so taking \ln of both sides:

$$\ln(a^y) = \ln(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow y \ln(a) = \ln(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{\ln(x)}{\ln(a)}.$$

This is the reason that we always work with e^x and $\ln(x)$, because this formula allows us to change to a different base if necessary.