

Chapter 6

Usual functions

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6.1 An overview of inverse function

Let I be an interval of \mathbb{R} , f a function defined on I and $J = f(I)$. Our interest lies in the existence of the inverse function of f , i.e the existence of a function f^{-1} from J into I such that:

$$\forall x \in I, f^{-1}(f(x)) = x \quad \text{and} \quad \forall y \in J, f(f^{-1}(y)) = y$$

Proposition 6.1: Existence of an inverse function

Let I be an interval and f a function defined on I . If f is **continuous** and **strictly monotone on I** then f is a bijection from I to $J = f(I)$ and admits a reciprocal function f^{-1} from J to I which has the following properties:

1. f^{-1} is continuous on J .
2. f^{-1} is strictly monotonic on J and has the same direction of monotonicity as f .
3. f^{-1} is bijective.

Remark 6.1 *The graphical representations of f and f^{-1} are symmetrical with respect to the line with equation $y = x$.*

Example 6.1

Let f be a function defined by:

$$\begin{aligned} f : \mathbb{R}_+^* &\longrightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ x &\longmapsto f(x) = \ln(x) \end{aligned}$$

We have:

x	0	$+\infty$
$f(x)$	$-\infty$	$+\infty$

Set $I = \mathbb{R}_+^*$, then $J = f(I) =]-\infty, +\infty[= \mathbb{R}$

From the table of variations of f we have:

1. f is continuous on I
2. f is strictly increasing on I

then f admits an inverse function f^{-1} denoted by e^x or $\exp(x)$ defined by:

$$\begin{aligned} f^{-1} : \mathbb{R} &\longrightarrow]0, +\infty[\\ x &\longmapsto f^{-1}(x) = e^x \end{aligned}$$

Proposition 6.2: (Differentiability at a point)

Let $f : I \rightarrow J$ be a bijective and differentiable function at $x_0 \in I$.

If we have $f'(x_0) \neq 0$ then f^{-1} is differentiable at $y_0 = f(x_0)$ and moreover:

$$(f^{-1})'(y_0) = \frac{1}{f'(x_0)}$$

Proposition 6.3: (Differentiability on an interval)

Let $f : I \rightarrow J$ be a bijective and differentiable function on I (with I is an open interval).

If we have: $\forall x \in I; f'(x) \neq 0$, then f^{-1} is differentiable on J and moreover:

$$\forall y \in J; (f^{-1})'(y) = \frac{1}{f'(f^{-1}(y))}$$

Example 6.2

Let $f(x) = \ln(x)$ and $I = \mathbb{R}_+^*$, then $J = f(I) = \mathbb{R}$. From the previous example, f is bijective from I into J and admits an inverse function $f^{-1}(x) = e^x$.

We have: for all $x \in \mathbb{R}_+^*$, $f(x)$ is differentiable and moreover $f'(x) = \frac{1}{x} \neq 0$. According to proposition (5.3) f^{-1} is differentiable on $J = \mathbb{R}$ and

$$\forall y \in \mathbb{R}; (f^{-1})'(y) = (e^y)' = \frac{1}{f'(f^{-1}(y))} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{e^y}} = e^y$$

Remark 6.2 In the previous formula, we can replace y by x and write:

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}; (e^x)' = e^x$$

6.2 Logarithmic Functions

6.2.1 The neperian logarithm function

Definition 6.1

The function that satisfies the following two conditions is called the neperian logarithm function and is denoted by \ln :

1. $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}_+^*; (\ln(x))' = \frac{1}{x}$
2. $\ln(1) = 0$

Remark 6.3 (Properties of derivatives)

1. According to the previous definition, the function $\ln(x)$ is differentiable on \mathbb{R}_+^* and $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}_+^*; (\ln(x))' = \frac{1}{x}$.
2. The function $\ln(|x|)$ is differentiable on \mathbb{R}^* and $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^*; (\ln(|x|))' = \frac{1}{x}$
3. Let g be a function *differentiable and non-zero on I* then the function $\ln(|g(x)|)$ is differentiable on I and its derivative: $(\ln(|g(x)|))' = \frac{g'(x)}{g(x)}$

Proposition 6.4: (Limits and classical inequalities)

1. $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \ln(x) = +\infty$
2. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \ln(x) = -\infty$
3. $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\ln(x)}{x} = 0$
4. $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\ln(x)}{x^\alpha} = 0$ (with $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}_+^*$).
5. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x \ln(x) = 0$
6. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\ln(x+1)}{x} = 1$
7. $\forall x \in]-1, +\infty[; \ln(x+1) \leq x$

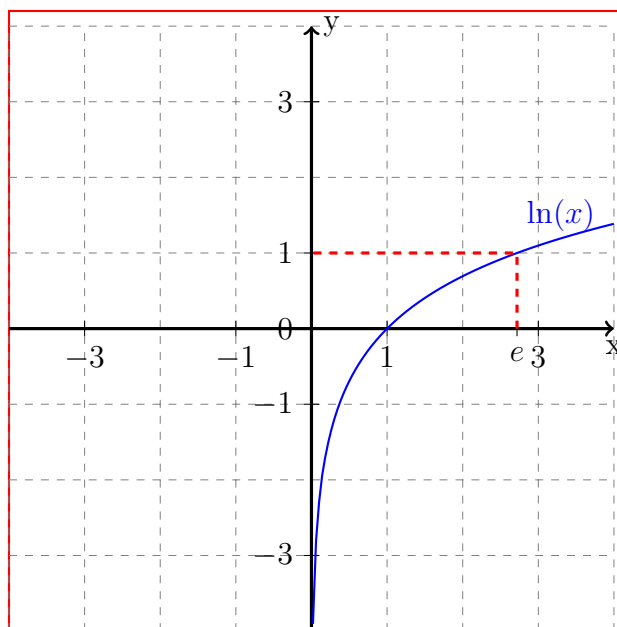


Figure 6.1 – Graphical representation of the function $\ln(x)$

Proposition 6.5: (Algebraic properties of the function $\ln(x)$)

For all $x, y \in \mathbb{R}_+^*$ and $\alpha \in \mathbb{Q}$, we have the following properties:

1. $\ln(x \times y) = \ln(x) + \ln(y)$
2. $\ln\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) = \ln(x) - \ln(y)$
3. $\ln\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = -\ln(x)$
4. $\ln(x^\alpha) = \alpha \ln(x)$

6.2.2 The logarithmic function with base a

Definition 6.2

Let $a \in]0, 1[\cup]1, +\infty[$.

We call the logarithm function with base a and denote \log_a , the function defined by:

$$\forall x \in]0, +\infty[; \log_a(x) = \frac{\ln(x)}{\ln(a)}$$

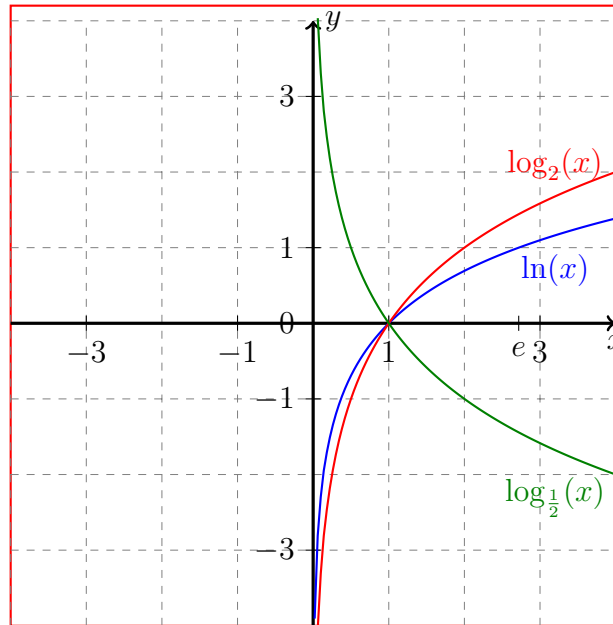


Figure 6.2 – Graphical representation of the logarithmic functions and logarithms with base a for $a = \frac{1}{2}$, $a = 2$

Remark 6.4 (Properties of the function \log_a)

1. We have: $\ln(x) = \log_e(x)$ i.e., the neperian logarithm function is the logarithm function with base e .
2. The logarithm function with base a verifies relations analogous to those stated for the neperian logarithm function.

6.3 Exponential Functions

6.3.1 The exponential function

Definition 6.3

The inverse function of the function $\ln(x)$ is called the exponential function and is denoted by: $\exp(x)$ or e^x , and satisfies the following properties:

1. $\forall x \in]0, +\infty[; x = e^{\ln(x)}$
2. $\forall y \in \mathbb{R}; y = \ln(e^y)$

Proposition 6.6

1. The function e^x is continuous and strictly increasing on \mathbb{R} .
2. The function e^x is differentiable on \mathbb{R} and we have: $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}; (e^x)' = e^x$
3. If u is differentiable on I then: the function $e^{u(x)}$ is differentiable on I and its derivative defined by: $\forall x \in I; (e^{u(x)})' = u'(x).e^{u(x)}$

Proposition 6.7: (Limits and inequalities)

1. $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} e^x = 0$
2. $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} e^x = +\infty$
3. $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} x e^{-x} = 0$, $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{x^\alpha}{e^x} = 0$, $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{e^x}{x^\alpha} = +\infty$ (with $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$)
4. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x - 1}{x} = 1$
5. $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}; e^x \geq 1 + x$

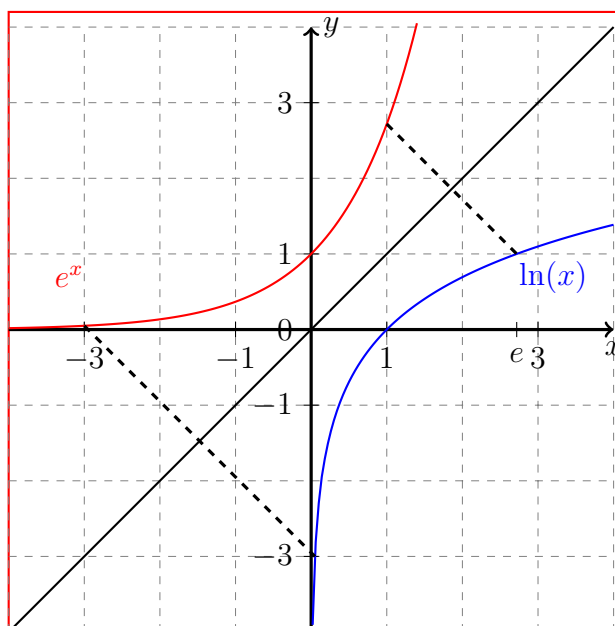


Figure 6.3 – Graphical representation of the function e^x

Proposition 6.8: (Algebraic properties of the function e^x)

For all $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\alpha \in \mathbb{Q}$, we have:

1. $e^{x+y} = e^x \times e^y$

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

3. $e^{x-y} = \frac{e^x}{e^y}$

4. $e^{\alpha x} = (e^x)^\alpha$

6.3.2 The exponential function with base a **Definition 6.4**

Let $a \in]0, 1[\cup]1, \infty[$.

The inverse function of the function $\log_a(x)$ is called the exponential function with base a and is denoted a^x :

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

2. $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}; \log_a(a^x) = \log_a(e^{x \ln(a)}) = \frac{\ln(e^{x \ln(a)})}{\ln(a)} = x$

Remark 6.5 *The function a^x is differentiable on \mathbb{R} and we have:*

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}; (a^x)' = \ln(a)a^x$$

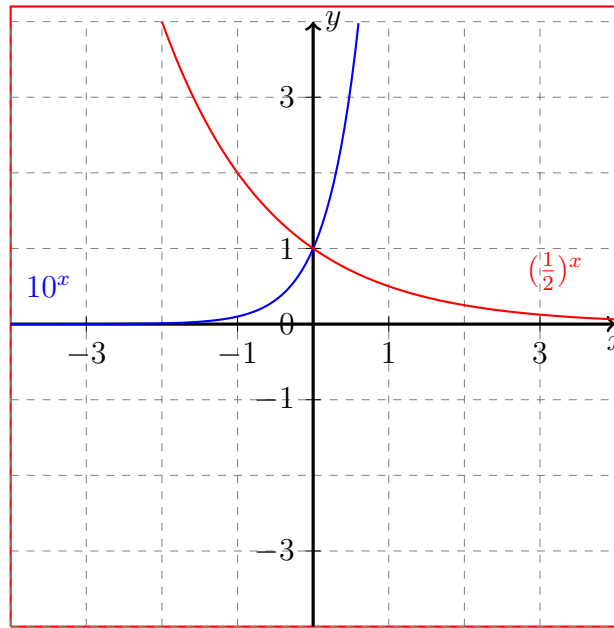


Figure 6.4 – Graphical representation of functions 10^x et $\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^x$

Remark 6.6 The exponential function with base a verifies similar properties to those of the exponential function.

6.4 Power functions

Definition 6.5

Let $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$, we name power function of exponent α , the function defined by:

$$\forall x \in]0, +\infty[; x^\alpha = e^{\alpha \ln(x)}$$

Remark 6.7 If $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$, we have :

$$e^{n \ln(x)} = e^{\sum_{k=1}^n \ln(x)} = \prod_{k=1}^{k=n} e^{\ln(x)} = \prod_{k=1}^{k=n} x = \underbrace{x \times x \times \dots \times x}_{n \text{ fois}} = x^n$$

Proposition 6.9

1. For $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}^*$, the power function with exponent α is a continuous function on $]0, +\infty[$ and strictly monotonic (strictly increasing if $\alpha > 0$ and strictly decreasing if $\alpha < 0$).
2. It is differentiable on $]0, +\infty[$ with derivative : $(x^\alpha)' = \alpha x^{\alpha-1}$, $\forall x \in]0, +\infty[$
3. We have:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} x^\alpha = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{si } \alpha < 0 \\ 1, & \text{si } \alpha = 0 \\ +\infty, & \text{si } \alpha > 0 \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x^\alpha = \begin{cases} +\infty, & \text{si } \alpha < 0 \\ 1, & \text{si } \alpha = 0 \\ 0, & \text{si } \alpha > 0 \end{cases}$$

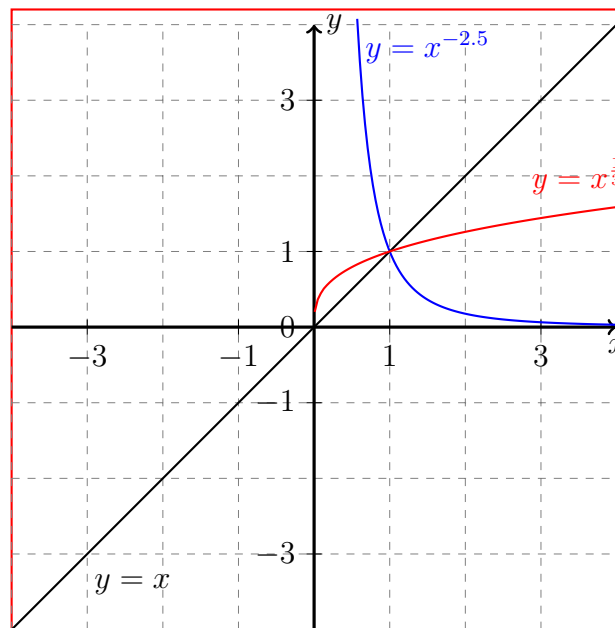


Figure 6.5 – Graphical representation of functions x^α , with $\alpha = -2.5, 1, \frac{1}{3}$

Proposition 6.10

For $x \in \mathbb{R}_+^*$ and $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ we have the following relationships:

1. $x^{\alpha+\beta} = x^\alpha x^\beta$.
2. $x^{-\alpha} = \frac{1}{x^\alpha}$.
3. $x^{\alpha-\beta} = \frac{x^\alpha}{x^\beta}$.
4. $x^{\alpha\beta} = (x^\alpha)^\beta = (x^\beta)^\alpha$.

6.5 Circular (or trigonometric) functions

6.5.1 Recalls on the functions $\cos(x)$ and $\sin(x)$.

Proposition 6.11

The functions $\begin{cases} x \mapsto \cos(x) \\ \text{and} \\ x \mapsto \sin(x) \end{cases}$ are defined on \mathbb{R} and satisfy the following properties:

1. $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}; |\cos(x)| \leq 1 \wedge |\sin(x)| \leq 1$
2. $\cos(x)$ and $\sin(x)$ are 2π -periodic i.e.:

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}; \begin{cases} \cos(x + 2\pi) = \cos(x) \\ \text{and} \\ \sin(x + 2\pi) = \sin(x) \end{cases}$$

3. The function $\cos(x)$ is even and the function $\sin(x)$ is odd, i.e.:

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}; \begin{cases} \cos(-x) = \cos(x) \\ \text{and} \\ \sin(-x) = -\sin(x) \end{cases}$$

4. The functions $\cos(x)$ and $\sin(x)$ belong to $C^\infty(\mathbb{R})$ and we have:

$$\text{a } \forall x \in \mathbb{R}; \begin{cases} (\cos(x))' = -\sin(x) \\ \text{and} \\ (\sin(x))' = \cos(x) \end{cases}$$

$$\text{b } \forall x \in \mathbb{R}, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}; \begin{cases} \cos^{(n)}(x) = \cos(x + n\frac{\pi}{2}) \\ \text{and} \\ \sin^{(n)}(x) = \sin(x + n\frac{\pi}{2}) \end{cases}$$

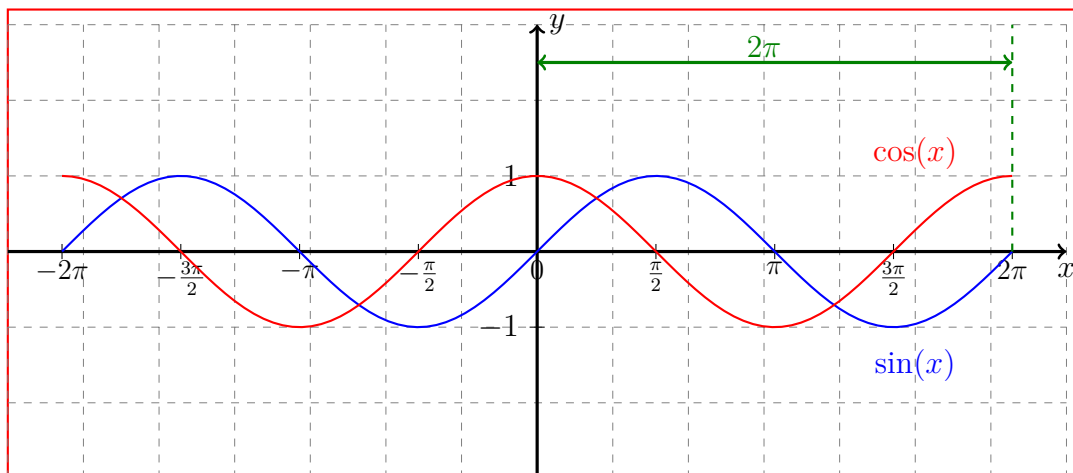


Figure 6.6 – Graphical representation of functions $\sin(x)$ and $\cos(x)$

Proposition 6.12: (Formules d'addition)

For all $(x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$, we have the following formulas:

- $\cos(x + y) = \cos(x) \cos(y) - \sin(x) \sin(y)$
- $\cos(x - y) = \cos(x) \cos(y) + \sin(x) \sin(y)$
- $\sin(x + y) = \sin(x) \cos(y) + \cos(x) \sin(y)$
- $\sin(x - y) = \sin(x) \cos(y) - \cos(x) \sin(y)$
- $\cos(2x) = \cos^2(x) - \sin^2(x) = 2 \cos^2(x) - 1 = 1 - 2 \sin^2(x)$
- $\sin(2x) = 2 \sin(x) \cos(x)$
- $\sin(x) + \sin(y) = 2 \sin\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{x-y}{2}\right)$
- $\sin(x) - \sin(y) = 2 \cos\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{x-y}{2}\right)$
- $\cos(x) + \cos(y) = 2 \cos\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{x-y}{2}\right)$
- $\cos(x) - \cos(y) = -2 \sin\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{x-y}{2}\right)$

6.5.2 Recall about the function $\tan(x)$ **Definition 6.6**

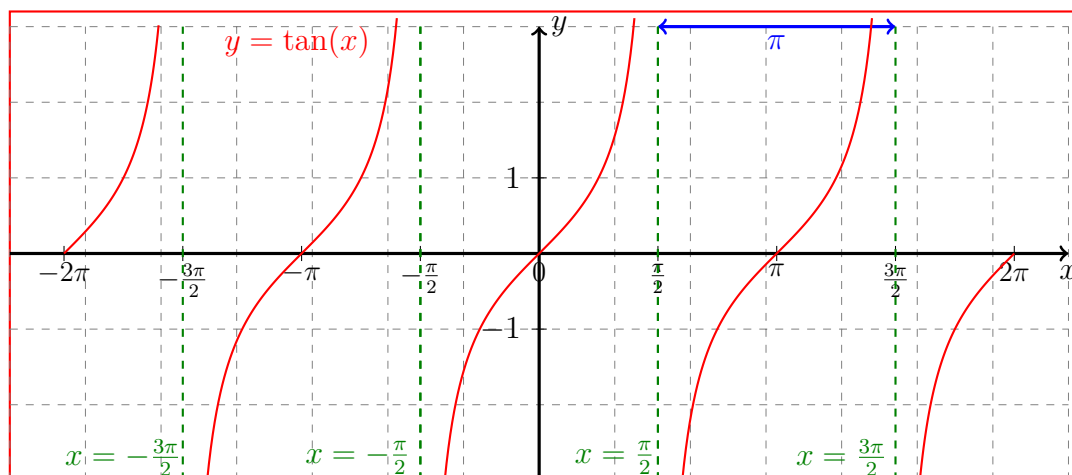
The tangent function is one of the main trigonometric functions and defined by:

$$\begin{aligned} \tan : \mathbb{R} \setminus \left\{ \frac{\pi}{2} + k\pi/k \in \mathbb{Z} \right\} &\longrightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ x &\longmapsto \tan(x) = \frac{\sin(x)}{\cos(x)} \end{aligned}$$

Proposition 6.13

The function $\tan(x)$ is differentiable on $\mathbb{R} \setminus \left\{ \frac{\pi}{2} + k\pi/k \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$ and we have:

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \left\{ \frac{\pi}{2} + k\pi/k \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}; (\tan(x))' = \frac{1}{\cos^2(x)} = 1 + \tan^2(x)$$

Figure 6.7 – Graphical representation of the function $\tan(x)$

Proposition 6.14

The function $\tan(x)$ checks the following properties:

1. The function $\tan(x)$ is π -periodic i.e :

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \left\{ \frac{\pi}{2} + k\pi/k \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}; \tan(x + \pi) = \tan(x)$$

2. For any $x, y \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \left\{ \frac{\pi}{2} + k\pi/k \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$ we have:

$$\begin{cases} \tan(x + y) = \frac{\tan(x) + \tan(y)}{1 - \tan(x)\tan(y)} \\ \text{and} \\ \tan(x - y) = \frac{\tan(x) - \tan(y)}{1 + \tan(x)\tan(y)} \end{cases}$$

3. $\forall x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \left\{ \frac{\pi}{2} + k\pi/k \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}; \tan(2x) = \frac{2 \tan(x)}{1 - \tan^2(x)}$

Proposition 6.15: (Some usual limits)

1. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x)}{x} = 1$
2. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos(x)}{x^2} = \frac{1}{2}$
3. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos(x) - 1}{x} = 0$
4. $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\frac{\pi}{2}} \tan(x) = -\infty$
5. $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\frac{\pi}{2}} \tan(x) = +\infty$
6. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan(x)}{x} = 1$

6.6 Hyperbolic Functions

6.6.1 Hyperbolic cosine, sine and tangent functions

Any function f defined on \mathbb{R} can be uniquely decomposed into a sum of two functions f_{ev} and f_{od} where f_{ev} is an even function and f_{od} is an odd function. This means for every $x \in \mathbb{R}$ we can write

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

and we choose

$$\begin{cases} f_p(x) = \frac{f(x) + f(-x)}{2} \\ \text{et} \\ f_i(x) = \frac{f(x) - f(-x)}{2} \end{cases}$$

Remark 6.8 We can easily check that this decomposition is unique, and f_{ev} is an even function and f_{od} is an odd function.

Definition 6.7: (Hyperbolic cosine)

We call the hyperbolic cosine function and denoted (**ch** or **cosh**), the even part of the exponential function defined by:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ch} : \mathbb{R} &\longrightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ x &\longmapsto \text{ch}(x) = \frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Definition 6.8: (Hyperbolic sine)

The hyperbolic sine function, denoted by (**sh** or **sinh**), is the odd part of the exponential function defined by:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{sh} : \mathbb{R} &\longrightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ x &\longmapsto \text{sh}(x) = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Definition 6.9: (Hyperbolic tangent)

The hyperbolic tangent function, denoted by (**th** or **tanh**), is the quotient of the hyperbolic sine function with the hyperbolic cosine function and defined by:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{th} : \mathbb{R} &\longrightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ x &\longmapsto \text{th}(x) = \frac{\text{sh}(x)}{\text{ch}(x)} = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{e^x + e^{-x}} \end{aligned}$$

Proposition 6.16

- The function $\text{ch}(x)$ is a function defined on \mathbb{R} , continuous and even.
- The function $\text{sh}(x)$ is a function defined on \mathbb{R} , continuous and odd.
- The function $\text{th}(x)$ is a function defined on \mathbb{R} , continuous and odd.
- The functions $\text{ch}(x)$, $\text{sh}(x)$ and $\text{th}(x)$ are differentiable on \mathbb{R} and their derivatives are defined by:

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}; \begin{cases} (\text{ch}(x))' = \text{sh}(x) \\ (\text{sh}(x))' = \text{ch}(x) \\ (\text{th}(x))' = \frac{1}{\text{ch}(x)^2} = 1 - \text{th}(x)^2 \end{cases}$$

Proof

These properties can be verified using the properties of the e^x function. In our proof, we're interested with the function $\text{th}(x)$.

We have:

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}; \text{th}(x) = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{e^x + e^{-x}}$$

- **The continuity:** The functions $(e^x - e^{-x})$ and $(e^x + e^{-x})$ are continuous on \mathbb{R} , with $e^x + e^{-x} \neq 0$ then the quotient function $\frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{e^x + e^{-x}}$ is continuous on $\mathbb{R} \implies \text{th}(x)$ is continuous on \mathbb{R}
- **The parity:** We have:

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}; \text{th}(-x) = \frac{e^{-x} - e^x}{e^{-x} + e^x} = -\frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{e^x + e^{-x}} = -\text{th}(x)$$

So $\text{th}(x)$ is odd.

- **The differentiability:** The functions $(e^x - e^{-x})$ et $(e^x + e^{-x})$ are differentiable on \mathbb{R} , with $e^x + e^{-x} \neq 0$ then the quotient function $\frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{e^x + e^{-x}}$ is differentiable on $\mathbb{R} \implies \text{th}(x)$ is differentiable on \mathbb{R} and we have:

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}; (\text{th}(x))' = \left(\frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{e^x + e^{-x}} \right)' = \frac{(e^x + e^{-x})(e^x + e^{-x}) - (e^x - e^{-x})(e^x - e^{-x})}{(e^x + e^{-x})^2}$$

$$\iff \text{th}(x)' = 1 - \left(\frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{e^x + e^{-x}} \right)^2 = 1 - \text{th}(x)^2$$

$$\text{also } \text{th}(x)' = \frac{4}{(e^x + e^{-x})^2} = \frac{1}{\text{ch}(x)^2}.$$

Remark 6.9 *The functions $\text{ch}(x)$, $\text{sh}(x)$ and $\text{th}(x)$ have the following properties:*

1. $\text{ch}(0) = 1$, $\text{sh}(0) = 0$ and $\text{th}(0) = 0$.
2. $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \text{sh}(x) = -\infty$, $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \text{ch}(x) = +\infty$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \text{th}(x) = -1$
3. $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \text{sh}(x) = +\infty$, $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \text{ch}(x) = +\infty$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \text{th}(x) = 1$

Therefore, the above results can be grouped together in tabular form.

x	$-\infty$	0	$+\infty$
$\text{sh}(x)' = \text{ch}(x)$		+	
$\text{sh}(x)$	$-\infty$	0	$+\infty$

(a) *Function sh(x)*

x	$-\infty$	0	$+\infty$
$\text{ch}(x)' = \text{sh}(x)$	-	0	+
$\text{ch}(x)$	$+\infty$	1	$+\infty$

(b) *Function ch(x)*

Figure 6.8 – *Functions sh(x) and ch(x)*

x	$-\infty$	0	$+\infty$
$\text{th}(x)' = \frac{1}{\text{ch}(x)^2}$		+	
$\text{th}(x)$	-1	0	1

Figure 6.9 – *Function th(x)*

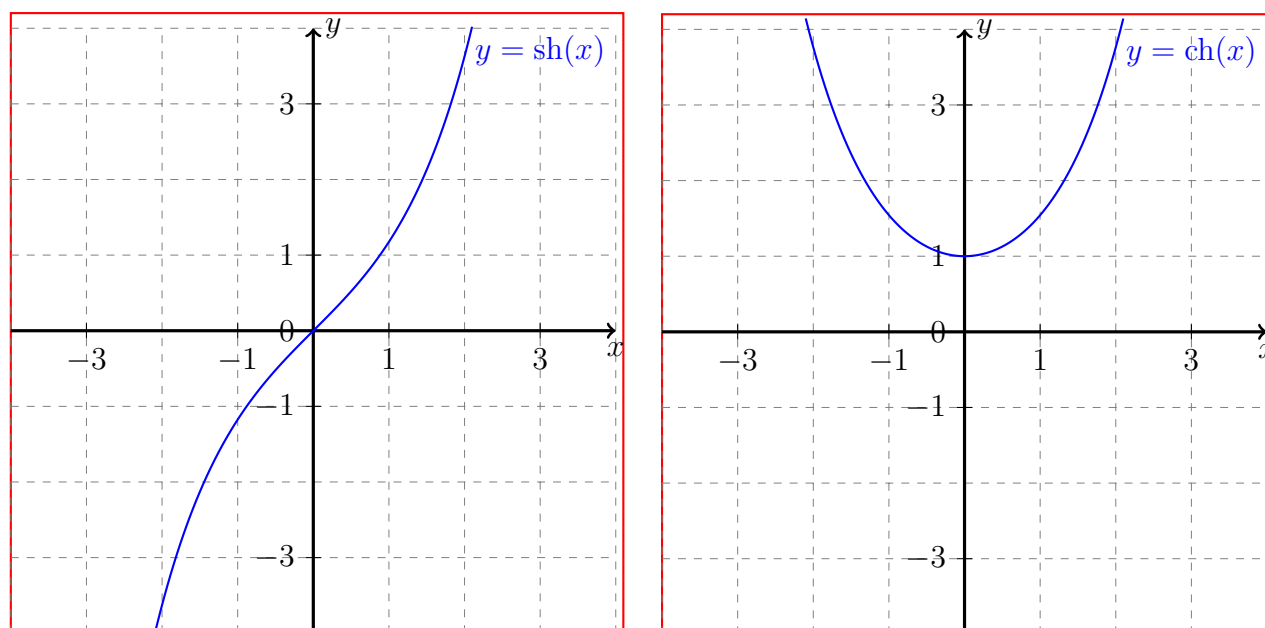
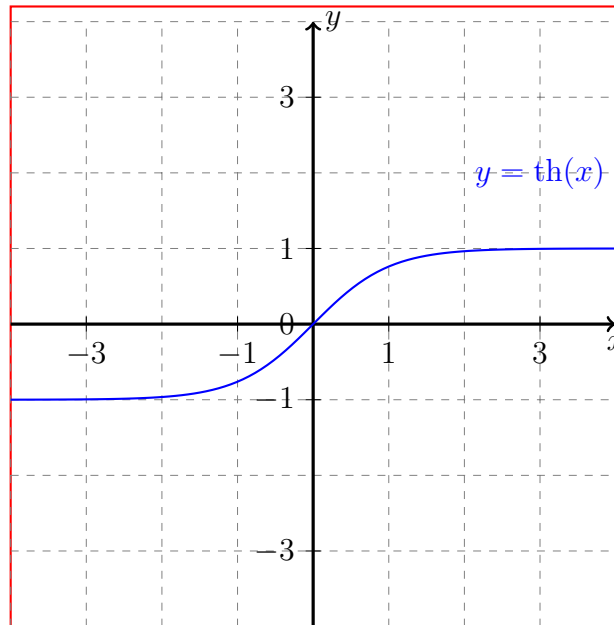


Figure 6.10 – *Graphical representation of functions sh(x) et ch(x)*

Figure 6.11 – Graphical representation of the function $\text{th}(x)$ **Proposition 6.17**

For every real x , we have:

- $\text{ch}(x) + \text{sh}(x) = e^x$
- $\text{ch}(x) - \text{sh}(x) = e^{-x}$
- $\text{ch}(x)^2 - \text{sh}(x)^2 = 1$

Proposition 6.18: (Addition formulas)

For all $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$, we have the following formulas:

- $\text{ch}(x + y) = \text{ch}(x)\text{ch}(y) + \text{sh}(x)\text{sh}(y)$
- $\text{ch}(x - y) = \text{ch}(x)\text{ch}(y) - \text{sh}(x)\text{sh}(y)$
- $\text{sh}(x + y) = \text{sh}(x)\text{ch}(y) + \text{ch}(x)\text{sh}(y)$
- $\text{sh}(x - y) = \text{sh}(x)\text{ch}(y) - \text{ch}(x)\text{sh}(y)$
- $\text{th}(x + y) = \frac{\text{th}(x) + \text{th}(y)}{1 + \text{th}(x)\text{th}(y)}$
- $\text{th}(x - y) = \frac{\text{th}(x) - \text{th}(y)}{1 - \text{th}(x)\text{th}(y)}$

Proof

We prove these formulas by using the expressions of hyperbolic functions with the exponential function. We have:

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{ch}(x)\operatorname{ch}(y) + \operatorname{sh}(x)\operatorname{sh}(y) &= \frac{1}{4} \left((e^x + e^{-x})(e^y + e^{-y}) + (e^x - e^{-x})(e^y - e^{-y}) \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{4} (2e^x e^y + 2e^{-x} e^{-y}) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (e^{(x+y)} + e^{-(x+y)}) \\ &= \operatorname{ch}(x+y). \end{aligned}$$

The other relations are shown using the same method.

Proposition 6.19: (Some usual limits of hyperbolic functions)

1. $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\operatorname{ch}(x)}{e^x} = \frac{1}{2}$
2. $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\operatorname{sh}(x)}{e^x} = \frac{1}{2}$
3. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\operatorname{sh}(x)}{x} = 1$
4. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\operatorname{ch}(x) - 1}{x^2} = \frac{1}{2}$

6.7 Inverse Trigonometric Functions

6.7.1 The function arc-sinus

According to the variation table below, we have:

The function $\sin(x)$ is **continuous** and **strictly increasing** on $[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}]$, then the function $\sin(x)$ represents a bijection from $[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}]$ to $[-1, 1]$.

x	$-\frac{\pi}{2}$	0	$+\frac{\pi}{2}$
$\sin(x)' = \cos(x)$		$+$	
$\sin(x)$	-1	0	1

Figure 6.12 – Function $\sin(x)$

Definition 6.10

The inverse function of the restriction of $\sin(x)$ on $[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}]$ is called the arcsine function and is denoted by $\arcsin(x)$ or $\sin^{-1}(x)$:

$$\begin{aligned} \arcsin : [-1, 1] &\longrightarrow [-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}] \\ x &\longmapsto \arcsin(x) \end{aligned}$$

Proposition 6.20

The function $\arcsin(x)$ has the following properties:

1. The function $\arcsin(x)$ is continuous and strictly increasing on $[-1, 1]$. (According to the inverse function theorem)
2. $\forall x \in [-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}]; \arcsin(\sin(x)) = x$.
3. $\forall y \in [-1, 1]; \sin(\arcsin(y)) = y$.
4. $\forall x \in [-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}], \forall y \in [-1, 1]; (\sin(x) = y \iff x = \arcsin(y))$.
5. The function $\arcsin(x)$ is odd.

Proof

Let's prove property (5).

1. The function $\arcsin(x)$ is defined on $[-1, 1]$, so in this case the domain of definition is symmetric about 0.
2. Let $x \in [-1, 1]$ and:

$$\arcsin(-x) = y \tag{6.1}$$

$$\iff -x = \sin(y) \iff x = -\sin(y) \iff x = \sin(-y) \text{ (Since } \sin(x) \text{ is odd)}$$

$$\text{We have: } y \in [-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}] \implies -y \in [-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}]$$

$$\text{So we obtain: } \arcsin(x) = -y \iff -\arcsin(x) = y$$

$$\text{From equation (6.1) we get: } \arcsin(-x) = -\arcsin(x)$$

\implies The function $\arcsin(x)$ is odd.

Remark 6.10 *The following table contains some usual values for the function $\arcsin(x)$*

$\sin(0) = 0$	$\arcsin(0) = 0$
$\sin(\frac{\pi}{6}) = \frac{1}{2}$	$\arcsin(\frac{1}{2}) = \frac{\pi}{6}$
$\sin(\frac{\pi}{4}) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$	$\arcsin(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}) = \frac{\pi}{4}$
$\sin(\frac{\pi}{3}) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$	$\arcsin(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}) = \frac{\pi}{3}$
$\sin(\frac{\pi}{2}) = 1$	$\arcsin(1) = \frac{\pi}{2}$

Proposition 6.21

The arcsine function is differentiable on $] - 1, 1[$ and verifies:

$$\forall x \in] - 1, 1[; (\arcsin(x))' = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - x^2}}$$

Proof

The function $\sin(x)$ has the following two properties:

1. $\sin(x)$ is differentiable on $] - \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}[$.
2. $\forall x \in] - \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}[; (\sin(x))' = \cos(x) \neq 0$

\implies (from proposition (5.3)), the function $\arcsin(x)$ is differentiable on $] - 1, 1[$ and we have:

$$\forall x \in] - 1, 1[; (\arcsin(x))' = \frac{1}{\cos(\arcsin(x))} \quad (6.2)$$

Let $x \in] - 1, 1[$, and $y = \arcsin(x)$

$$\implies y \in] - \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}[\wedge \cos(y) > 0$$

Based on the relationship $\cos^2(y) + \sin^2(y) = 1$, we deduce that: $\cos(y) = \sqrt{1 - \sin^2(y)}$.
Since for all $x \in] - 1, 1[$ we have: $\sin(\arcsin(x)) = x$

$$\implies \cos(\arcsin(x)) = \sqrt{1 - x^2}$$

From equation (6.2) we obtain:

$$\forall x \in] - 1, 1[; (\arcsin(x))' = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - x^2}}$$

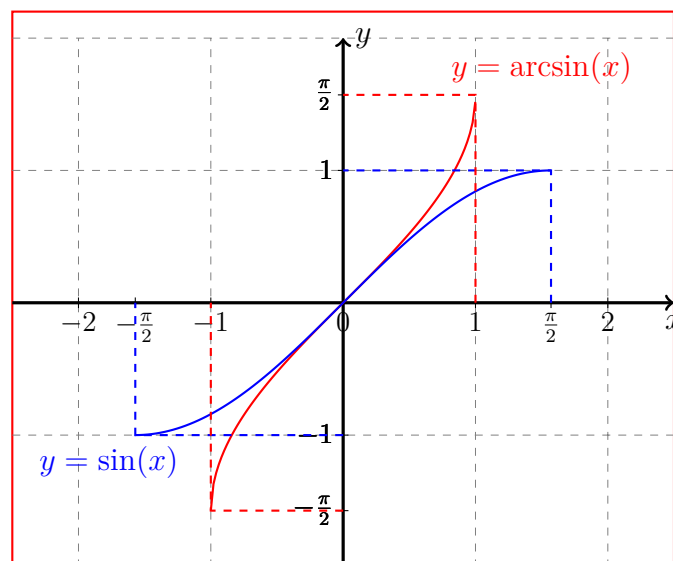


Figure 6.13 – Graphical representation of the function $\arcsin(x)$

6.7.2 The Arccosine Function

In the variation table below, we have:

The function $\cos(x)$ is **continuous** and **strictly decreasing** on $[0, \pi]$, so the function $\cos(x)$ makes a bijection from $[0, \pi]$ into $[-1, 1]$.

x	0	π
$(\cos(x))' = -\sin(x)$	—	
$\cos(x)$	1	-1

Figure 6.14 – The function $\cos(x)$

Definition 6.11

The inverse function of the restriction of $\cos(x)$ on $[0, \pi]$ is called the arccosine function and is denoted by **arccos**(x) or **cos**⁻¹(x) :

$$\begin{aligned} \arccos : [-1, 1] &\longrightarrow [0, \pi] \\ x &\longmapsto \arccos(x) \end{aligned}$$

Proposition 6.22

The function $\arccos(x)$ has the following properties:

1. The function $\arccos(x)$ is continuous and strictly decreasing on $[-1, 1]$. (From the inverse function theorem)
2. $\forall x \in [0, \pi]; \arccos(\cos(x)) = x$.
3. $\forall y \in [-1, 1]; \cos(\arccos(y)) = y$.
4. $\forall x \in [0, \pi], \forall y \in [-1, 1]; (\cos(x) = y \iff x = \arccos(y))$.
5. The function $\arccos(x)$ is neither even nor odd.

Remark 6.11 The table below shows some usual values for the function $\arccos(x)$.

$\cos(0) = 1$	$\arccos(1) = 0$
$\cos(\frac{\pi}{6}) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$	$\arccos(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}) = \frac{\pi}{6}$
$\cos(\frac{\pi}{4}) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$	$\arccos(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}) = \frac{\pi}{4}$
$\cos(\frac{\pi}{3}) = \frac{1}{2}$	$\arccos(\frac{1}{2}) = \frac{\pi}{3}$
$\cos(\frac{\pi}{2}) = 0$	$\arccos(0) = \frac{\pi}{2}$

Proposition 6.23

The arccosine function is differentiable on $] - 1, 1[$ and verifies:

$$\forall x \in] - 1, 1[; (\arccos(x))' = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

Proof

We have the function $\cos(x)$ satisfying the following two properties:

1. $\cos(x)$ is differentiable on $]0, \pi[$.
2. $\forall x \in]0, \pi[; (\cos(x))' = -\sin(x) \neq 0$

\implies (from proposition (6.3)), the function $\arccos(x)$ is differentiable on $] - 1, 1[$ and we have:

$$\forall x \in] - 1, 1[; (\arccos(x))' = \frac{1}{-\sin(\arccos(x))} \quad (6.3)$$

Let $x \in] - 1, 1[$, and $y = \arccos(x)$

$$\implies y \in]0, \pi[\wedge \sin(y) > 0$$

Using the relationship $\cos^2(y) + \sin^2(y) = 1$, we deduce that $\sin(y) = \sqrt{1 - \cos^2(y)}$. Since for any $x \in] - 1, 1[$ we have: $\cos(\arccos(x)) = x$, then we get:

$$\sin(\arccos(x)) = \sqrt{1 - x^2}$$

From equation (6.3) we obtain:

$$\forall x \in] - 1, 1[; (\arccos(x))' = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}.$$

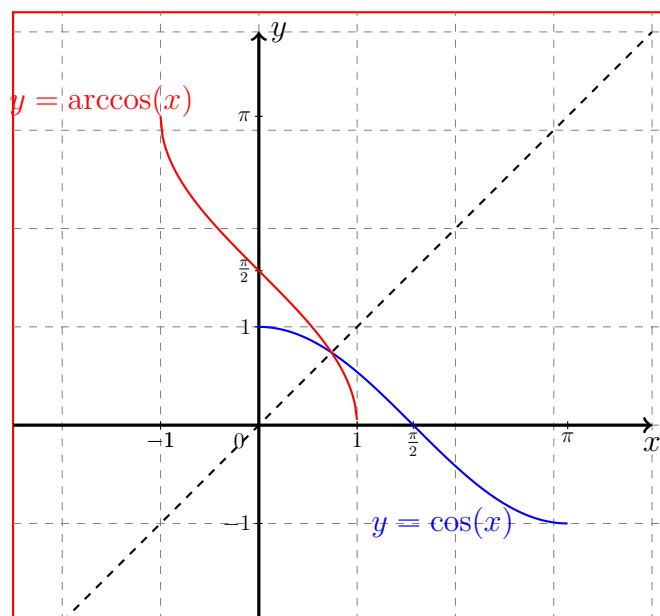


Figure 6.15 – Graphical representation of the function $\arccos(x)$

6.7.3 The Arctangent function

The function $\tan(x) = \frac{\sin(x)}{\cos(x)}$ is defined on $D = \mathbb{R} \setminus \{\frac{\pi}{2} + k\pi : k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$. It is continuous and differentiable on its domain of definition and for all $x \in D$ we have:

$$(\tan(x))' = \frac{1}{\cos^2(x)} = 1 + \tan^2(x)$$

Consider the restriction of the function $\tan(x)$ on the interval $] -\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}[$, from the table of variation below we have: the function $\tan(x)$ is **continuous** and **strictly increasing** on $] -\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}[$, then the function $\tan(x)$ makes a bijection from $] -\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}[$ into \mathbb{R} .

x	$-\frac{\pi}{2}$	$\frac{\pi}{2}$
$(\tan(x))' = \frac{1}{\cos^2}$		
$\tan(x)$	$-\infty$	$+\infty$

Figure 6.16 – The function $\tan(x)$

Definition 6.12

We call the arctangent function **arctan**(x) or **tan**⁻¹(x) the inverse of the tangent function on $] -\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}[$ defined by:

$$\begin{aligned} \arctan :] -\infty, +\infty[&\longrightarrow] -\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}[\\ x &\longmapsto \arctan(x) \end{aligned}$$

Proposition 6.24

The function $\arctan(x)$ has the following properties:

1. The function $\arctan(x)$ is continuous and strictly increasing on \mathbb{R} , with values in $] -\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}[$
2. $\forall x \in] -\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}[; \arctan(\tan(x)) = x$
3. $\forall y \in \mathbb{R}; \tan(\arctan(y)) = y$.
4. $\forall x \in] -\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}[, \forall y \in \mathbb{R}; \tan(x) = y \iff x = \arctan(y)$
5. The function $\arctan(x)$ is odd.

Remark 6.12 The table below shows some usual values for the function $\arctan(x)$.

$\tan(0) = 0$	$\arctan(0) = 0$
$\tan\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$	$\arctan\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right) = \frac{\pi}{6}$
$\tan\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = 1$	$\arctan(1) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$
$\tan\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) = \sqrt{3}$	$\arctan(\sqrt{3}) = \frac{\pi}{3}$

Proposition 6.25

The function $\arctan(x)$ is differentiable on \mathbb{R} and verifies:

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}; (\arctan(x))' = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$$

Proof

The function $\tan(x)$ has the following two properties:

1. The function $\tan(x)$ is differentiable on $] -\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}[$.
2. $\forall x \in] -\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}[; (\tan(x))' = \frac{1}{\cos^2(x)} = 1 + \tan^2(x) \neq 0$

From proposition (6.3), the function $\arctan(x)$ is differentiable on $] -\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}[$ and we have:

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}; (\arctan(x))' = \frac{1}{1 + \tan^2(\arctan(x))} = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$$

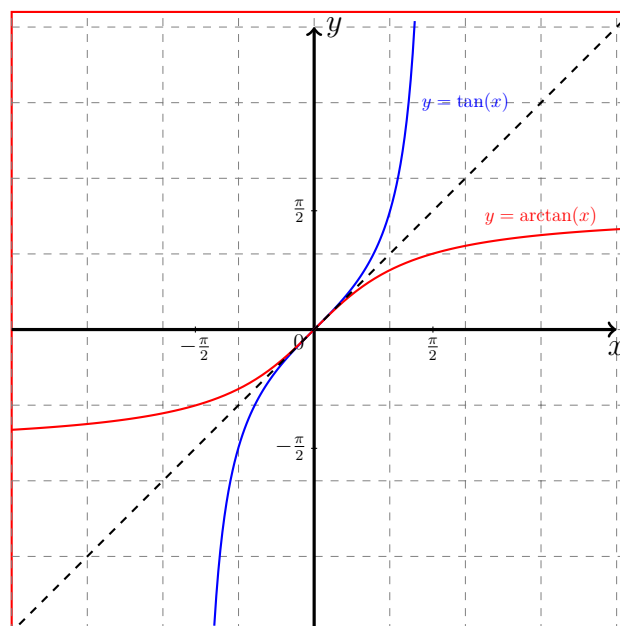


Figure 6.17 – Graphical representation of the function $\arctan(x)$

Proposition 6.26: (Some properties)

1. For any $x \in [-1,1]$ we have:

$$\arccos(x) + \arcsin(x) = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

2. For all $x \in \mathbb{R}_-^*$ we have:

$$\arctan(x) + \arctan\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = -\frac{\pi}{2}$$

3. For every $x \in \mathbb{R}_+^*$ we have:

$$\arctan(x) + \arctan\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

Proof

We'll show properties (2) and (3).

Set $f(x) = \arctan(x) + \arctan\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$.

Since the functions $\frac{1}{x}$ and $\arctan(x)$ are differentiable on \mathbb{R}^* , the function f is differentiable on \mathbb{R}^* and we have:

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{1+x^2} + \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)' \frac{1}{1+\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^2} = \frac{1}{1+x^2} - \frac{1}{x^2} \left(\frac{x^2}{1+x^2}\right) = 0$$

From this we deduce that f is a constant function on each of the intervals $] -\infty, 0[$ and $]0, +\infty[$. On the other hand, we have:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \left(\arctan(x) + \arctan\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \right) = -\frac{\pi}{2}$$

and

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \left(\arctan(x) + \arctan\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \right) = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

so f can't be extended by continuity at 0. So we deduce that:

$$\exists C_1, C_2 \in \mathbb{R} \text{ tq: } f(x) = \begin{cases} C_1 & \text{if } x \in]0, +\infty[\\ C_2 & \text{if } x \in]-\infty, 0[\end{cases}$$

Since $f(1) = 2 \arctan(1) = 2 \left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \frac{\pi}{2} = C_1$

and $f(-1) = 2 \arctan(-1) = 2 \left(-\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = -\frac{\pi}{2} = C_2$

$$\implies f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\pi}{2} & \text{if } x \in]0, +\infty[\\ -\frac{\pi}{2} & \text{if } x \in]-\infty, 0[\end{cases}$$

So $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}_-^*$; $\arctan(x) + \arctan\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = -\frac{\pi}{2}$ and $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}_+^*$; $\arctan(x) + \arctan\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \frac{\pi}{2}$

6.8 The inverse hyperbolic functions

6.8.1 The inverse of hyperbolic Sine function

From the above table of variation of $\text{sh}(x)$ we have: $\text{sh}(x)$ is **continuous** and **strictly increasing** on \mathbb{R} . Hence, it realizes a bijection from \mathbb{R} into \mathbb{R} .

Definition 6.13

The inverse function of the hyperbolic sine function on \mathbb{R} is denoted $\text{argsh}(x)$ or $\text{sh}^{-1}(x)$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{argsh} : \mathbb{R} &\longrightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ x &\longmapsto \text{argsh}(x) \end{aligned}$$

Proposition 6.27

The function $\text{argsh}(x)$ has the following properties:

1. The function $\text{argsh}(x)$ is defined on \mathbb{R} , it is continuous and strictly increasing on \mathbb{R} .
2. $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}; \text{argsh}(\text{sh}(x))=x$.
3. $\forall y \in \mathbb{R}; \text{sh}(\text{argsh}(y))=y$.
4. $\forall (x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2; y = \text{sh}(x) \iff x = \text{argsh}(y)$.
5. $\text{argsh}(x)$ is odd function.

Proof

We'll show that $\text{argsh}(x)$ is odd.

Let $x \in \mathbb{R}$, and

$$y = \text{argsh}(-x) \tag{6.4}$$

(6.4) $\iff \text{sh}(y) = -x \iff \text{sh}(-y) = x$ (Since $\text{sh}(x)$ is odd)

$\implies -y = \text{argsh}(x) \iff y = -\text{argsh}(x)$.

From (6.4), we get: $\text{argsh}(-x) = -\text{argsh}(x)$.

So, $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}; \text{argsh}(-x) = -\text{argsh}(x) \implies \text{argsh}(x)$ is odd.

Proposition 6.28

The function $\text{argsh}(x)$ is differentiable on \mathbb{R} and verifies:

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}; (\text{argsh}(x))' = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+x^2}}.$$

Proof

The $\text{sh}(x)$ function verifies the following two properties:

1. $\text{sh}(x)$ is differentiable on \mathbb{R} .
2. $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}; (\text{sh}(x))' = \text{ch}(x) = \frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2} \neq 0$

From proposition (6.3), the function $\text{argsh}(x)$ is differentiable on \mathbb{R} :

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}; (\text{argsh}(x))' = \frac{1}{\text{sh}'(\text{argsh}(x))} = \frac{1}{\text{ch}(\text{argsh}(x))}$$

On the other hand, we have: $\text{ch}(x)^2 - \text{sh}(x)^2 = 1 \implies \text{ch}(x) = \sqrt{1 + \text{sh}^2(x)}$ because $\text{ch}(x)$ is positive function.

$$\begin{aligned} \implies \forall x \in \mathbb{R}; \text{ch}(\text{argsh}(x)) &= \sqrt{1 + (\text{sh}(\text{argsh}(x)))^2} = \sqrt{1 + x^2} \\ \implies \forall x \in \mathbb{R}; (\text{argsh}(x))' &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + x^2}} \end{aligned}$$

Proposition 6.29

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}; \text{argsh}(x) = \ln(x + \sqrt{1 + x^2})$$

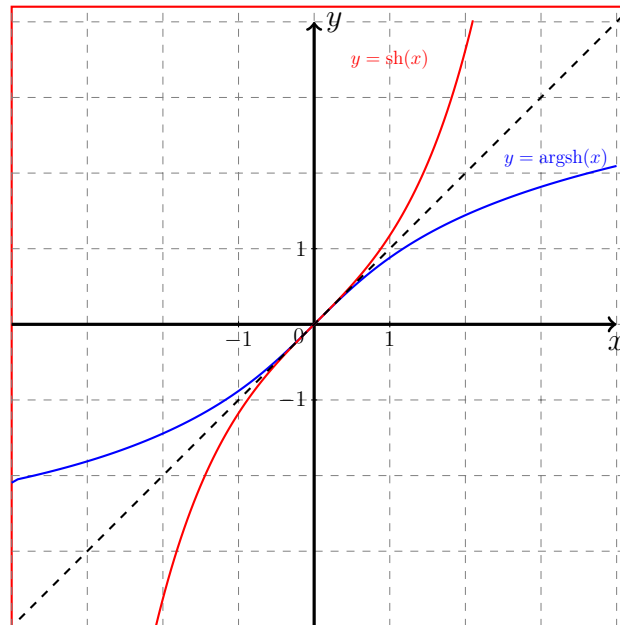


Figure 6.18 – Graphical representation of the function $\text{argsh}(x)$

6.8.2 The inverse hyperbolic cosine function

From the table of variation of the function $\text{ch}(x)$ above we have:

$\text{ch}(x)$ is **continuous** and **strictly increasing** on $[0, +\infty[$. So it forms a bijection from $[0, +\infty[$ into $[1, +\infty[$.

Definition 6.14

The inverse function of the restriction of $\text{ch}(x)$ on $[0, +\infty[$ is denoted by $\text{argch}(x)$ or $\text{ch}^{-1}(x)$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{argch} : [1, +\infty[&\longrightarrow [0, +\infty[\\ x &\longmapsto \text{argch}(x) \end{aligned}$$

Proposition 6.30

The $\text{argch}(x)$ function has the following properties:

1. The function $\text{argch}(x)$ is defined on $[1, +\infty[$, it is continuous and strictly increasing on $[1, +\infty[$.
2. $\forall x \in [0, +\infty[; \text{argch}(\text{ch}(x))=x$.
3. $\forall y \in [1, +\infty[; \text{ch}(\text{argch}(y))=y$.
4. $\forall x \in [0, +\infty[, \forall y \in [1, +\infty[; y = \text{ch}(x) \iff x = \text{argch}(y)$.

Proposition 6.31

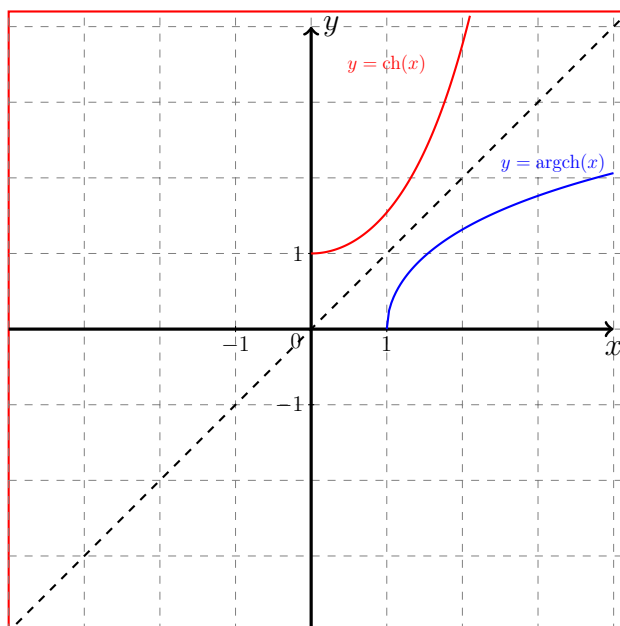
The inverse hyperbolic cosine function is differentiable on $]1, +\infty[$ and verifies:

$$\forall x \in]1, +\infty[; (\text{argch}(x))' = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 - 1}}$$

Remark 6.13 *The proof of proposition (6.31) is similar to the proof of proposition (6.28).*

Proposition 6.32

$$\forall x \in]1, +\infty[; \text{argch}(x) = \ln(x + \sqrt{x^2 - 1})$$

Figure 6.19 – Graphical representation of the function $\operatorname{argch}(x)$

6.8.3 The inverse hyperbolic tangent function

From the table of variation of the function $\operatorname{th}(x)$ above we have: $\operatorname{th}(x)$ is **continuous** and **strictly increasing** on \mathbb{R} . So it makes is a bijection from \mathbb{R} into $] - 1, 1[$.

Definition 6.15

The inverse function of the function $\operatorname{th}(x)$ on \mathbb{R} is denoted by $\operatorname{argth}(x)$ or $\operatorname{th}^{-1}(x)$

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{argth} :] - 1, 1[&\longrightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ x &\longmapsto \operatorname{argth}(x) \end{aligned}$$

Proposition 6.33

The function $\operatorname{argth}(x)$ has the following properties:

1. The function $\operatorname{argth}(x)$ is defined on $] - 1, 1[$, it is continuous and strictly increasing on $] - 1, 1[$.
2. $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}; \operatorname{argth}(\operatorname{th}(x))=x$.
3. $\forall y \in] - 1, 1[; \operatorname{th}(\operatorname{argth}(y))=y$.
4. $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, \forall y \in] - 1, 1[; y = \operatorname{th}(x) \iff x = \operatorname{argth}(y)$.
5. The $\operatorname{argth}(x)$ function is odd.

Proposition 6.34

The function $\operatorname{argth}(x)$ is differentiable on $] - 1, 1[$ and verifies:

$$\forall x \in] - 1, 1[; (\operatorname{argth}(x))' = \frac{1}{1 - x^2}.$$

Proposition 6.35

$$\forall x \in] - 1; 1[; \operatorname{argth}(x) = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left(\frac{1 + x}{1 - x} \right)$$

Proof

Let $x \in] - 1; 1[$, and $y = \operatorname{argth}(x)$.

We have:

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{th}(x) &= \frac{e^y - e^{-y}}{e^y + e^{-y}} = \frac{e^{2y} - 1}{e^{2y} + 1} \\ \implies e^{2y} &= \frac{1 + \operatorname{th}(y)}{1 - \operatorname{th}(y)} = \frac{1 + \operatorname{th}(\operatorname{argth}(x))}{1 - \operatorname{th}(\operatorname{argth}(x))} = \frac{1 + x}{1 - x} \\ \iff e^{2y} &= \frac{1 + x}{1 - x} \iff 2y = \ln \left(\frac{1 + x}{1 - x} \right) \iff y = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left(\frac{1 + x}{1 - x} \right) \\ \implies \forall x \in] - 1, 1[; \operatorname{argth}(x) &= \frac{1}{2} \ln \left(\frac{1 + x}{1 - x} \right) \end{aligned}$$

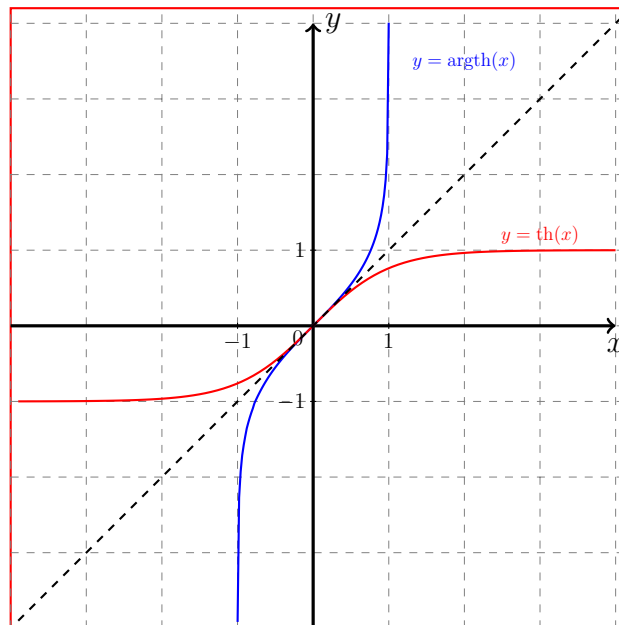


Figure 6.20 – Graphical representation of the function $\operatorname{argth}(x)$