

General Exponential and Logarithmic Functions

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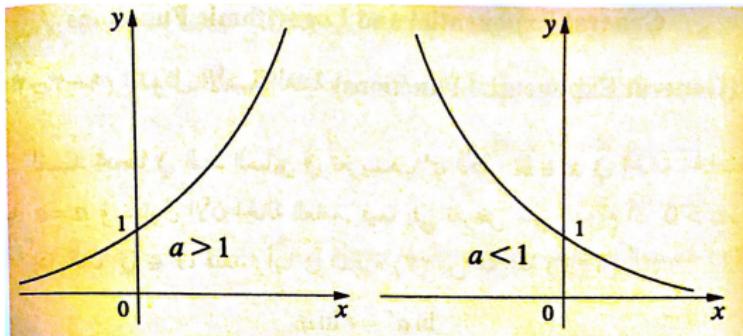


Figure: a^x .

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

$$\log_a\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) = \log_a(x) - \log_a(y),$$

$$\log_a(x^r) = r \log_a x.$$

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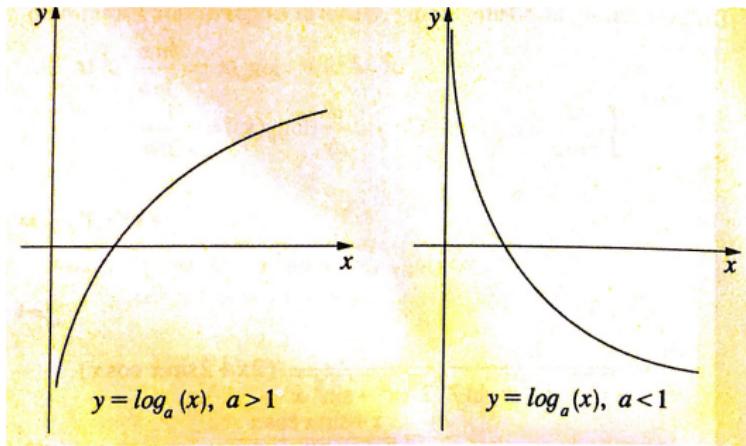


Figure: $\log_a(x)$.

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$$(1) \int \frac{dx}{x \log x}$$

Thanks for listening.