

Huygens

Find b, Solve for e y = 0 y = 1/x y = 1/x y = 1/x x = 1 x

the relationship between the area under the rectangular hyperbola xy=1 and the logarithm

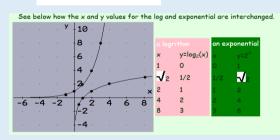
defined a curve, y=ak^x, which he called logarithmic and we now call exponential

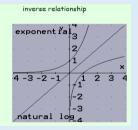
1668 med log base e the natural log, but did not name Nicholas Mercator the series expansion of log(1+x)

 $e = \lim_{n \to \infty} (1 + \frac{1}{n})^n$

Jacob Bernoulli

continuous compound interest & the limit used to define e understood that log and exponential were inverses of each other





| 1690 | e appears, but as a b, not an e | Leibniz | |
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| 1697 | | Johann Bernoulli | calculation of exponential series using term by term integration |

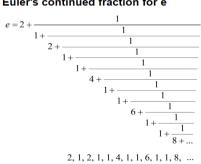
1731 named as the base Euler **e** approximation 2. 7 1828 1828 45 90 45 2 35

$$e = 1 + \frac{1}{1!} + \frac{1}{2!} + \frac{1}{3!} + \frac{1}{4!} + \frac{1}{5!} + \frac{1}{6!} + \frac{1}{7!} + \frac{1}{8!} + \frac{1}{9!} + \frac{1}{10!} + \frac{1}{11!} + \frac{1}{12!} + \frac{1}{13!} + \frac{1}{14!} + \frac{1}{15!} + \frac{1}{16!} + \frac{1}{17!} + \frac{1}{18!} + \frac{1}{19!} + \dots$$

$$e = 1 + \frac{1}{1} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{24} + \frac{1}{120} + \frac{1}{720} + \frac{1}{5040} + \frac{1}{40320} + \frac{1}{362880} + \frac{1}{362880} + \frac{1}{39916800} + \frac{1}{479001600} + \frac{1}{13!} + \frac{1}{14!} + \frac{1}{15!} + \frac{1}{16!} + \frac{1}{17!} + \frac{1}{18!} + \frac{1}{19!} + \dots$$

$$e^{ix} = \cos(x) + i\sin(x)$$

$$(\cos(x) + i\sin(x))^{n} = \cos(nx) + i\sin(nx) = cis(nx)$$



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