

# A VISUAL PROOF THAT $e^s > s^e, \forall s \in [0, \infty) \setminus \{e\}$

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## Abstract

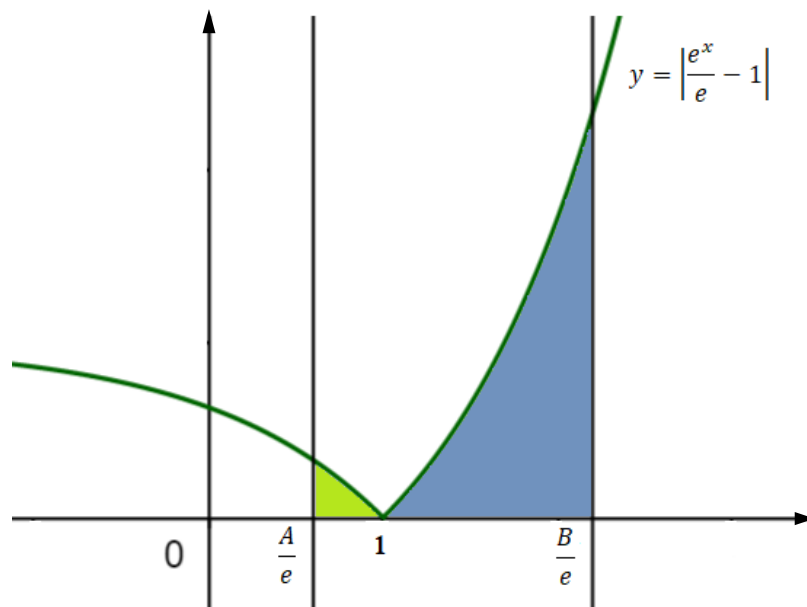
The beauty of mathematics fascinates humans and when we are dealing with some special constants that surely encourage us to understand some class relations through numerous visual proofs of inequalities and when the constants are  $e$  and  $\pi$  then nothing more to say There are visual proofs of the beautiful inequality  $\pi^e < e^\pi$ . We have provided an alternative visual proof for this inequality using an area argument with the help of the theorem, for all real numbers  $s \geq 0$  and  $s \neq e, e^s > s^e$ .

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## Theorem

For all real numbers  $s \geq 0$  and  $s \neq e, e^s > s^e$ .

**Proof:**



Let us take a function,  $\psi: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  defined by  $\psi(x) = \left| \frac{e^x}{e} - 1 \right|, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$

if  $0 \leq A < e < B$ , then  $\frac{A}{e} < 1$  and  $\frac{B}{e} > 1$

Clearly  $\int_{\frac{A}{e}}^{\frac{B}{e}} \psi(x) dx > 0, \forall x \geq 0$

$\Rightarrow \int_{\frac{A}{e}}^1 \psi(x) dx > 0$  and  $\int_1^{\frac{B}{e}} \psi(x) dx > 0$

$\Rightarrow \int_{\frac{A}{e}}^1 \left(1 - \frac{e^x}{e}\right) dx > 0$  and  $\int_1^{\frac{B}{e}} \left(\frac{e^x}{e} - 1\right) dx > 0$

$\Rightarrow \left[x - \frac{e^x}{e}\right]_{\frac{A}{e}}^1 > 0$  and  $\left[\frac{e^x}{e} - x\right]_1^{\frac{B}{e}} > 0$

$\Rightarrow e^{\frac{A}{e}} > A, \forall A \in [0, e)$  and  $e^{\frac{B}{e}} > B, \forall B \in (e, \infty)$

$\Rightarrow e^A > A^e, \forall A \in [0, e)$  and  $e^B > B^e, \forall B \in (e, \infty)$

Therefore,  $e^s > s^e, \forall s \geq 0$  and  $s \neq e$

**Corollary:**  $\pi^e < e^\pi$

Since,  $\pi > e$  we have from above theorem  $e^\pi > \pi^e$

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