# Math 1 Lecture 10 

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- But let's talk a bit more about inverse functions first. . .


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$$
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\arctan x=y \Longleftrightarrow \tan y=x
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- The domain of $\arctan x$ is $\mathbb{R}$.
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UGH!

Practice Using the Trigonometry Review Sheet!

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We will now take 15 minutes for a quiz. . . insert meme here.

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So before we really try to understand convergence, let's get an intuitive idea about what it means for a sequence to converge or "approach" a limit...

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Does this sequence converge? Yes. To $L=0$. Why? No matter how small an $\varepsilon$ we choose, we can always find $N$ so that $a_{n}$ is within $\varepsilon$ of 0 for $n \geq N$.

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