

What is the domain of definition of $\log(x-1)$ to the base $\tan x$?

Domain for log function is:

$$y = \log_a x, \text{ where } a > 0, a \neq 1, x > 0,$$

We have:

$$\log_{\tan x}(x-1)$$

Therefore, $a = \tan x$, $b = x - 1$:

$$\tan x > 0, \tan x \neq 1$$

$$x - 1 > 0 \text{ or } x > 1$$

For $\tan x$ we have two conditions:

$$\tan x > 0 \rightarrow 0 + k\pi < x < \frac{\pi}{2} + k\pi, k \in \mathbb{Z};$$

$$\tan x \neq 1 \rightarrow x \neq \frac{\pi}{4} + k\pi, k \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

Or, it can be written mathematically:

$$x \in \bigcup_{k \geq 1} \left(k\pi; \frac{\pi}{2} + k\pi \right) \cup \left(1; \frac{\pi}{2} \right) \setminus \left\{ \bigcup_{k \geq 1} \left\{ \frac{\pi}{4} + k\pi \right\} \right\}, k \geq 1, k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Answer:

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