

DERIVATIVES OF LOGARITHMIC AND EXPONENTIAL FUNCTIONS

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Honors Calculus



PROPERTIES OF LOGS REVIEW

ALSO on p.13

The Product Rule: $\log_a MN = \log_a M + \log_a N$

The Quotient Rule: $\log_a \frac{M}{N} = \log_a M - \log_a N$

The Power Rule: $\log_a M^p = p \cdot \log_a M$



DERIVATIVE OF NATURAL LOGS

Basic: $\frac{d}{dx} \ln x = \frac{1}{x}$

Other natural logs:

$$\frac{d}{dx} \ln(f(x)) = \frac{1}{f(x)} \cdot f'(x)$$

***In other words, “1 over the function times the derivative of the function”



FIND THE DERIVATIVE

1. $y = \ln(2x^2 + 1)$ *function*

$$y' = \frac{1}{f(x)} \cdot \frac{d}{dx} f(x)$$

$$y' = \frac{1}{2x^2 + 1} \cdot \frac{4x}{1}$$

$$y' = \frac{4x}{2x^2 + 1}$$



$$2. y = \ln(\tan x)$$

$$y' = \frac{1}{\tan x} \cdot \sec^2 x$$

$$y' = \frac{\sec^2 x}{\tan x}$$



$$3. y = (\overset{1st}{\cos x})(\overset{2nd}{2 \ln x})$$

$$\overset{1st}{\frac{d}{dx}} \overset{2nd}{2 \ln x} + \overset{Product}{2 \ln x} \cdot \overset{1st}{\frac{d}{dx}} \overset{2nd}{\cos x}$$

$$y' = (\cos x) \left(2 \cdot \frac{1}{x} \right) + (2 \ln x) (-\sin x)$$

$$y' = \frac{2}{x} \cos x - 2 \ln x \sin x$$



$$4. y = \ln \left(\frac{3x}{3-x} \right)$$

$$\frac{1}{\frac{3x}{3-x}} = 1 \div \frac{3x}{3-x}$$

$$1 \cdot \frac{3-x}{3x} = \frac{3-x}{3x}$$

$$y' = \frac{1}{f(x)} \cdot \frac{d}{dx} f(x)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} = \frac{3x}{3-x} \quad \text{Quotient Rule}$$

$$y' = \left(\frac{3-x}{3x} \right) \left(\frac{(3-x)(3) - (3x)(-1)}{(3-x)^2} \right)$$

$$\frac{\cancel{(3-x)}}{3x} \cdot \frac{9 \quad 3}{(3-x)^2}$$

$$y' = \frac{3}{x(3-x)}$$

$$5. y = \ln(7 - x)^4$$

$$y = 4 \ln(7 - x)$$

$$y' = 4 \cdot \frac{1}{7 - x} \cdot -1$$

$$y' = \frac{-4}{7 - x}$$

use prop. of logs to
rewrite 1st!



$$6. y = \ln e^{x^7}$$

$$y = x^7 \cdot \ln e$$

$$y = x^7$$

$$y' = 7x^6$$

Prop. of Logs

$$\ln e = 1$$

$$\ln e^{\sin x}$$

$$y = \sin x$$

$$\ln e^{\sqrt{x+2}} = \sqrt{x+2}$$

$$e^{\ln x^7} = x^7$$



**IF YOU HAVE A LOG OF ANY OTHER
BASE...USE THE CHANGE OF BASE FORMULA**

Change of Base formula: $\log_b a = \frac{\ln a}{\ln b}$

$$\log_7 x = \frac{\ln x}{\ln 7}$$



FIND THE DERIVATIVE

1. $\log_8 x$

Rewrite: $y = \frac{\ln x}{\ln 8}$ ← constant

$$y = \frac{1}{\ln 8} \ln x$$

$$y' = \frac{1}{(\ln 8)} \cdot \frac{1}{x}$$

$$y' = \frac{1}{x \ln 8}$$

Log of any other base...
rewrite w/ change of base
formula $\ln_b a = \frac{\ln a}{\ln b}$

$$\frac{\ln \#}{\ln \text{base}}$$

like $2 \ln x$

$$2 \cdot \frac{1}{x} = \frac{2}{x}$$



$$2. \log_5(\cos x)$$



DERIVATIVE OF EXPONENTIALS RULES

$$\frac{d}{dx} a^u = a^u \cdot \ln a \cdot \frac{d(u)}{dx}$$

***In other words...copy the problem, ln of the base, times the derivative of the exponent

Easiest one... $\frac{d}{dx} e^x = e^x \cdot 1 = e^x$



FIND THE DERIVATIVE

1. $y = 3^x$ copy $\cdot \ln$ base $\cdot \frac{d}{dx}$ exp.

$$y' = 3^x \cdot \ln 3 \cdot 1$$

$$y' = 3^x \ln 3$$



$$2. y = 2^x \cdot (x^2 + 1)$$

Product

$$\text{1st} \cdot \frac{d}{dx} \text{2nd} + \text{2nd} \cdot \frac{d}{dx} \text{1st}$$

copy ln base $\frac{d}{dx}$ exp

$$y = 2^x \cdot 2x + (x^2 + 1) 2^x \ln 2$$



$$3. y = 3^{\ln x}$$

$$y' = 3^{\ln x} \cdot \ln 3 \cdot \frac{d}{dx} \ln x$$

$$y' = \frac{3^{\ln x} \ln 3}{x}$$



$$4. y = e^{2x}$$

copy. In base $\cdot \frac{d}{dx} \exp$

$$y' = e^{2x} \cdot \cancel{\ln e} \cdot 2$$

$$y' = 2 \cdot e^{2x}$$



$$5. y = e^{\cos x}$$

$$y' = e^{\cos x} \cdot \cancel{\ln e} \cdot -\sin x$$

$$y' = -\sin x \cdot e^{\cos x}$$

or

$$-e^{\cos x} \sin x$$



$$6. y = e^{x^3+5x}$$

$$y' = e^{x^3+5x} \cdot \cancel{\ln e} \cdot (3x^2+5)$$

$$y' = e^{x^3+5x} (3x^2+5)$$



$$7. y = e^{\ln x^5}$$

same
as

$$y = x^5$$

→ bc

$$y' = 5x^4$$

$e^{\ln \dots}$
or
 $\ln e^{\dots}$

$$y = e^{\ln x^5}$$
$$\ln y = \ln e^{\ln x^5}$$

$$\ln y = \ln x^5 \ln e$$
$$y = x^5$$

$$y = e^{\ln \cos x} \rightarrow y = \cos x$$

$$y = e^{\ln(x^2+1)} \rightarrow y = x^2+1$$

