

§3.9 - Derivatives of Log & Exp Functions

Find y'' if $4y + y^2 = x^2$

Soln: Use Implicit Diff.

$$\frac{d}{dx} \{4y + y^2\} = \frac{d}{dx} \{x^2\}$$

$$\Rightarrow 4 \frac{dy}{dx} + 2y \frac{dy}{dx} = 2x$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x}{2+y}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{x}{2+y} \right) = \frac{(2+y)(1) - (x)(0 + \frac{dy}{dx})}{(2+y)^2}$$

Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ if $e^y = x$

Implicit Diff. $\frac{d}{dx}(e^y) = \frac{d}{dx}(x)$

$$e^y \frac{dy}{dx} = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{e^y} = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\ln(e^y) = \ln x$$

$$y \ln e = \ln x \quad \therefore y = \ln x$$

$$\Downarrow$$

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

Thm (Derivative of Natural Log)

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \frac{d}{dx}(\ln x) = \frac{1}{x}, \text{ for } x > 0$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \frac{d}{dx}(\ln |x|) = \frac{1}{x}, \text{ for } x \neq 0$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad \frac{d}{dx}(\ln |u(x)|) = \frac{u'(x)}{u(x)}, \text{ for } u(x) \neq 0$$

Reason for ② If $x > 0$ then ② is ① ③

$$\text{If } x < 0 \Rightarrow |x| = -x$$

$$\therefore \frac{d}{dx} (\ln|x|) = \frac{d}{dx} (\ln(-x)) = \frac{1}{(-x)} \cdot (-1) = \frac{1}{x}$$

Ex 1 Find derivative

① $y = \ln(3x) + 2 \ln|\cos x|$

Soln: $y' = \frac{1}{(3x)} (3) + 2 \left(\frac{1}{\cos x} \right) (-\sin x)$ ✓

Recall, $(\ln(3x))' = \frac{1}{3x} (3) = \frac{1}{x}$

or, $(\ln(3x))' = (\ln 3 + \ln x)' = \frac{1}{x}$

$$\textcircled{b} \quad \underline{y = b^x} \quad (b > 0, b \neq 1)$$

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$$\ln y = \ln(b^x) = x \ln b$$



$$\frac{d(\ln y)}{dx} = \frac{d(x \ln b)}{dx}$$

$$\frac{1}{y} \frac{dy}{dx} = \ln b \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = y \ln b = b^x \ln b$$

Thm:

$$\boxed{\frac{d(b^x)}{dx} = b^x \ln b}$$

Ex2

$$\text{Find } \frac{dy}{dx} \text{ if } \ln\left(\frac{x^3}{y}\right) = x^2 + 2^x$$

$$\Rightarrow 3 \ln x - \ln y = x^2 + 2^x \quad \text{use Implicit Diff}$$

$$3\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) - \frac{1}{y} \frac{dy}{dx} = 2x + 2^x \ln 2 \quad \text{diff. w.r.t. } x$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -y \left[2x + 2^x \ln 2 - \frac{3}{x} \right] \checkmark$$

Logarithmic Differentiation Method

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Step 1 - take natural log of both sides & simplify using Law of Logarithms

Step 2 - differentiate both sides implicitly w.r.t. x

Step 3 - Solve for $\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)$

Ex3 Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$

(a) $y = x^{2x}$ (Use Log. Diff)

$$\ln y = \ln(x^{2x}) = 2x \ln x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\ln y) = \frac{d}{dx}(2x \ln x)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{y} \frac{dy}{dx} = 2 \left[x \left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + (\ln x)(1) \right]$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2y \left[1 + \ln x \right] = 2x^{2x} \left[1 + \ln x \right]$$

$$(b) \quad y = \frac{(2x+1)^3 e^{\sin x}}{\sqrt{x^2-1}}$$

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Use Log. Diff.

$$\ln y = 3 \ln(2x+1) + \sin x - \frac{1}{2} \ln(x^2-1)$$

$$\frac{1}{y} \frac{dy}{dx} = 3 \left(\frac{1}{2x+1} \right) (2) + \cos x - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{x^2-1} \right) (2x)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = y \left[\frac{6}{2x+1} + \cos x - \frac{x}{x^2-1} \right] \checkmark$$

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$$\text{If } f(x) = \log_{10} x, \quad f'(e) = ?$$