

SECTION 3-9: DERIVATIVES OF EXPONENTIAL FUNCTIONS AND LOGARITHMS

1. Quick Review of Implicit Differentiation: Find  $dy/dx$  for  $x^2 - y^3 = x \sin(y)$ .

$$2x - 3y^2 \frac{dy}{dx} = 1 \cdot \sin(y) + x \cos(y) \frac{dy}{dx} \quad \rightarrow \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2x - \sin(y)}{3y^2 + x \cos(y)}$$

$$2x - \sin(y) = [3y^2 + x \cos(y)] \frac{dy}{dx}$$

2. Derivative Rules for Exponential Functions

$$\frac{d}{dx} [e^x] = e^x \quad \leftarrow f(x) = e^x \text{ has the property that for every } x\text{-value its associated } y\text{-value is also the slope of the tangent. (ie } f(x) = f'(x))$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [a^x] = \ln(a) a^x \quad \leftarrow \text{For } f(x) = a^x, \text{ relationship is proportional (ie. by } \ln(a))$$

Compare  $a > 1$  and  $a < 1$ .

$$\frac{d}{dx} [e^{g(x)}] = g'(x) e^{g(x)} \quad \leftarrow \text{The Chain Rule.}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [a^{g(x)}] = g'(x) \ln(a) a^{g(x)}$$

3. Examples:

(a)  $y = x^4 e^x$   
 $f \cdot g$

$$f' \cdot g + f \cdot g' \\ y' = 4x^3 \cdot e^x + x^4 \cdot e^x = e^x (4x^3 + x^4)$$

(b)  $y = e^{x^2}$

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

(c)  $y = 5^{-x}$

$$y' = (\ln 5) 5^{-x} (-1) \\ = (-\ln 5) 5^{-x}$$

(d)  $f(x) = x^5 + 5^x$

$$f'(x) = 5x^4 + (\ln 5) 5^x$$

Think about the difference

$y = x^3$	$y = e^{2x}$
$y' = 3x^2$	$y' = 2e^{2x}$
$y'' = 6x$	$y'' = 4e^{2x}$
$y''' = 6$	$y''' = 8e^{2x}$
$y^{(4)} = 0$	$y^{(4)} = 2^4 e^{2x}$
$= y^{(5)}$	

4. Let  $P(t) = P_0 e^{kt}$ . Write  $P'(t)$  in terms of  $P(t)$ .

$$P'(t) = (P_0 e^{kt}) (k) = k \cdot P(t)$$

$\uparrow$  the rate of change of  $P$  is proportional to the existing population

5. Write  $y = \log_2(x)$  and  $y = \ln(x)$  in terms of exponential functions.

$$y = \log_2 x \leftrightarrow 2^y = x$$

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

6. Use the expressions in #5 to find formulas for the derivatives of  $y = \log_2(x)$  and  $y = \ln(x)$ .

$$2^y = x$$

$$\ln(2) \cdot 2^y \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = 1$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [\log_2 x] = \frac{1}{(\ln 2)x} \quad ; \quad \frac{d}{dx} [\ln(x)] = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{\ln(2) \cdot 2^y} = \frac{1}{\ln(2)x}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [\log_2(g(x))] = \frac{g'(x)}{\ln(2)g(x)}$$

$$x = e^y$$

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

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

$$\frac{d}{dx} [\ln(g(x))] = \frac{g'(x)}{g(x)}$$

7. Examples:

(a)  $y = x \ln(x)$

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

(b)  $y = \log(x^2 - 5) = \log_{10}(x^2 - 5)$

$$y' = \frac{2x}{\ln(10)(x^2 - 5)}$$

(c)  $y = \ln\left(\frac{x(x^2+1)^3}{100(x+1)}\right) = \ln(x) + 3 \ln(x^2+1) - \ln(100) - \ln(x+1)$

$$y' = \frac{1}{x} + \frac{2x}{x^2+1} - 0 - \frac{1}{x+1} = \frac{1}{x} + \frac{2x}{x^2+1} - \frac{1}{x+1}$$

(d)  $y = (\sin(x))^x$

$$\ln y = x \ln(\sin(x))$$

$$\frac{1}{y} \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = 1 \cdot \ln(\sin(x)) + x \cdot \frac{\cos(x)}{\sin(x)}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = y (\ln(\sin(x)) + x \cot(x))$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = (\sin(x))^x [\ln(\sin(x)) + x \cot(x)]$$