

SECTION 3-9: DERIVATIVES OF EXPONENTIAL FUNCTIONS AND LOGARITHMS

1. Quick Review Differentiation:

(a) Find dy/dx for $x^2 - y^3 = x \sin(y)$.

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

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

(b) Find y' for $y = x(\sin(x))^{-1}$

$$y' = 1 \cdot (\sin(x))^{-1} + x(-1)(\sin(x))^{-2}(\cos(x)) = x \csc(x)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sin(x)} - \frac{x \cos(x)}{(\sin(x))^2} \quad \parallel \quad y' = 1 \cdot \csc(x) + x(-\csc(x) \cot(x))$$

$$= \csc(x) - x \csc(x) \cot(x)$$

(c) Find y' for $y = x \sin^{-1}(x)$

$$y' = 1 \cdot \sin^{-1}(x) + x \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} = \sin^{-1}(x) + \frac{x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

2. Let $f(x) = e^x$. Estimate $f'(x)$ (a.k.a. the slope of the tangent line) using the slope of a secant line for each of the values below. (Use a calculator!)

Pattern?

$$(a) f'(0) \approx \frac{e^{0.001} - e^0}{0.001 - 0} = 1.0005 \approx f(0) = 1 \quad \text{Note.}$$

$$(b) f'(1) \approx \frac{e^{1.001} - e^1}{1.001 - 1} = 2.71964 \approx f(1) = e = 2.71828$$

$$(c) f'(2) \approx \frac{e^{2.001} - e^2}{2.001 - 2} = 7.39275 \approx f(2) = e^2 = 7.38905$$

$$(d) f'(-1) \approx \frac{e^{-1.001} - e^{-1}}{-1.001 - (-1)} = 0.36769 \approx f(-1) = e^{-1} = 0.36787$$

3. Derivative Rules for Exponential Functions

$$\frac{d}{dx} [e^x] = e^x$$

y-values equal derivative values

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

Again, y-values
equal derivative
values

Note: $a^x = e^{(\ln a)x}$
Do you see the relationship?

4. Examples:

(a) $y = x^4 e^x$

$$y' = 4x^3 e^x + x^4 e^x$$

$f' \cdot g + f \cdot g'$

(b) $y = e^{x^2} = e^{(x^2)}$ ← chain rule!

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

(c) $y = 5^{-x} = 5^{(-x)}$ ← chain rule!

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

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

Alternate:
 $y = (\frac{1}{5})^x$
 $y' = \ln(\frac{1}{5}) (\frac{1}{5})^x$

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

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

↑ ↑
 power rule exponential rule

Do you see why different rules are used?

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

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

$$= P_0 k e^{kt}$$

→ Rewrite in terms of $P(t)$
 $P(t) = P_0 e^{kt}$
 So $P'(t) = k P(t)$ ||

In words:
 $P'(t)$ is proportional to $P(t)$.

6. A population of bacteria has an initial population of 200 bacteria. The population is growing at a rate of 4% per hour. → $P' = 0.04 P$ or $k = 0.04$

(a) Write an exponential function $P(t)$ that relates the total population as a function of t where the units of t should be hours and the units of P should be number of bacterial.

$$P(t) = 200 e^{0.04t}$$

check: $P(0) = 200 e^0 = 200$
 $P(1) = 200 e^{0.04} = 208.162$
 $\frac{208 - 200}{200} = \frac{8}{200} = \frac{4}{100} = 4\%$

(b) Find and interpret $P'(1)$.

$$P'(t) = (200)(0.04) e^{0.04t} = 8 e^{0.04t}$$

$$P'(1) = 8 e^{0.04} \approx 8.3264.$$

// At 1 hour, the population is increasing at a rate of 8 bacteria per hour.

(c) Find and interpret $P'(10)$.

$$P'(10) = 8 e^4 = 436.7$$

At 10 hours, the population is increasing at a rate of 437 bacteria per hour.