

The Natural Logarithm Function

Rules of arithmetic logarithms :- for any $x > 0$ and $y > 0$ and any exponent n :

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

$$2. \ln\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) = \ln x - \ln y$$

$$3. \ln(x^n) = n \ln x$$

$$4. \ln\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = - \ln x$$

$$5. \ln(\sqrt[n]{x}) = \frac{1}{n} \ln x$$

Derivative of Natural Logarithm Function

If u is a differentiable function of x , and $f = \ln(u)$ then the derivative of f is :-

$$\frac{df}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx} (\ln(u)) = \frac{u'}{u}$$

Examples:- Find derivative of the following functions:-

1. $y = \ln(5x)$

$$\Rightarrow y' = \frac{5}{5x} = \frac{1}{x}$$

2. $y = \ln(5x^2 + 8)$

$$\Rightarrow y' = \frac{10x}{5x^2+8}$$

$$3. y = \ln(\tan^3 x)$$

$$\Rightarrow y' = \frac{3 \tan^2 x * \sec^2 x}{\tan^3 x} = \frac{3 \sec^2 x}{\tan x}.$$

$$4. y = \ln(\sin(2x))$$

$$\Rightarrow y' = \frac{2 \cos 2x}{\sin 2x} = 2 \cot 2x$$

$$5. y = \ln(\ln 2x)$$

$$\Rightarrow y' = \frac{\frac{2}{2x}}{\ln 2x} = \frac{1}{x * \ln 2x}$$

$$6. y = \sin^{-1}(\ln 2x)$$

$$\Rightarrow y' = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-(\ln 2x)^2}} * \frac{2}{2x}$$

$$7. y = \ln(\cos^{-1}(x))$$

$$\Rightarrow y' = \frac{\frac{-1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}}{\cos^{-1} x} = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} * \frac{1}{\cos^{-1}(x)}.$$

The Exponential Function (e^x)

Exponential function :defined as the inverse of the natural logarithm function .

Law of exponential function (e^x) for all real numbers x and y :

$$1. e^{x+y} = e^x * e^y$$

$$2. e^{x-y} = \frac{e^x}{e^y}$$

$$3. e^{-x} = \frac{1}{e^x}$$

$$4. (e^x)^y = e^{x*y}.$$

Derivative of exponential function:-

If $u(x)$ is a differentiable function of x , and let $f(x) = e^{u(x)}$, then the derivative of f is :-

$$\frac{df}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx}(e^u) = e^u * \frac{du}{dx}$$

Examples: Find y' of the following functions:

1. $y = e^{3x} \Rightarrow y' = e^{3x} * 3 = 3e^{3x}$.

2. $y = e^{5x^2+1} \Rightarrow y' = e^{5x^2+1} * 10x = 10x * e^{5x^2+1}$.

3. $y = \cos(e^{2x}) \Rightarrow y' = -\sin(e^{2x}) * e^{2x} * 2 = -2e^{2x} * \sin(e^{2x})$.

4. $y = e^{\tan(2x)} \Rightarrow y' = e^{\tan 2x} * \sec^2(2x) * 2 = 2 * \sec^2(2x) * e^{\tan 2x}$.

5. $y = e^{\sqrt{x}} \Rightarrow y' = e^{\sqrt{x}} * \left(\frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}\right)$

6. $y = e^{(\sin x + \sqrt[3]{x})} \Rightarrow y' = e^{(\sin x + \sqrt[3]{x})} * (\cos x + \frac{1}{3\sqrt[3]{x^2}})$.

7. $y = \tan^{-1}(e^{3x}) \Rightarrow y' = \frac{1}{1+(e^{3x})^2} * e^{3x} * 3$.

8. $y = e^{\sin^{-1}x} \Rightarrow y' = e^{\sin^{-1}x} * \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$.

The General Exponential Function

If a is a positive number, then $a^x = e^{\ln a^x} = e^{x \ln a}$ for example
 $2^{\sqrt{3}} = e^{\sqrt{3} \ln 2}$.

Derivative of General Exponential Function:

If $a > 0$ and u is a differentiable function of x , then a^u is a differentiable function of x and:

$$\frac{d}{dx} a^u = a^u * \ln a * \frac{du}{dx}$$

Examples: Find y' of the following functions:

1. $y = 3^{2x-5} \longrightarrow y' = 3^{2x-5} * \ln 3 * 2$

2. $y = 5^{\sin x} \longrightarrow y' = 5^{\sin x} * \ln 5 * \cos x$

3. $y = 5^{\sqrt{x}} \longrightarrow y' = 5^{\sqrt{x}} * \ln 5 * \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}$

4. $y = x^2 * \sin(2x^2)$
 $y' = x^2 * \cos(2x^2) * (2x^2 * \ln 2 * 2x) + \sin(2x^2) * 2x.$

5. $y = 2^{\sinh x} \longrightarrow y' = 2^{\sinh x} * \ln 2 * \cosh x.$

6. $y = x^x = e^{\ln x^x} = e^{x \ln x}$
 $y' = e^{x \ln x} * (x * \frac{1}{x} + \ln x * 1)$
 $= e^{x \ln x} (1 + \ln x)$
 $= x^x (1 + \ln x).$

7. $y = \tan^{-1}(2^{3x^2})$
 $y' = \frac{1}{1 + (2^{3x^2})^2} * 2^{3x^2} * \ln 2 * (6x).$