

Unit 4 log derivative

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Inverse functions

- Today we will discuss logarithmic differentiation.

Logarithmic differentiation

Often we come across exponentiated quantities such as $f(x) = x^x$.

$$\begin{aligned}(x^x)' &\neq x x^{x-1} \\ (e^{x \ln x})' &= e^{x \ln x} (x \ln x)' \\ &= x^x (x' \ln x + x (\ln x)') \\ &= x^x (\ln x + 1)\end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}y &= x^x \Leftrightarrow \ln y = x \ln x \\ \Leftrightarrow \frac{y'}{y} &= \ln x + 1 \Leftrightarrow \frac{d(x^x)}{dx} = x^x (\ln x + 1)\end{aligned}$$

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So in the example, $y' = y(x \ln x)' = x^x(\ln x + 1)$. In the case of different bases, useful formulas are

and

$$\log_a x = \frac{\ln(b)}{\ln(a)} \log_b x = \frac{\log_b x}{\log_b(a)} \quad (3)$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\log_{10} x)' &\neq \frac{1}{x} & (2^x)' &\neq 2^x \\ \left(\frac{\ln x}{\ln 10} \right)' &= \frac{1}{\ln 10} \cdot \frac{1}{x} & (e^{x \ln 2})' &= e^{x \ln 2} (x \ln 2)' \\ & & &= 2^x \ln 2. \end{aligned}$$

Compute the derivative of the following functions:

1. $f(x) = e^{\sin x + \cos x} \ln x$
2. $f(x) = \pi^{\tan x}$
3. $f(x) = \ln [e^x + \ln \ln \ln x]$
4. $f(x) = \log_{10} (2x + 3)$

$$\ln(a \cdot b) =$$

$$1. y = e^{\sin x + \cos x} \ln x$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow \ln y &= \ln(e^a \ln x) \\ &= \ln e^a + \ln(\ln x) \\ &= (\underline{\sin x} + \underline{\cos x}) \ln e + \ln(\ln x)\end{aligned}$$

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

$$(2) \frac{d(f(x))}{dx} = e^{\sin + \cos x} \left(\cos - \sin + \frac{1}{x \ln x} \right)$$

2. $\Gamma^{\tan x} = y \Leftrightarrow \ln y = \tan x \cdot \ln \Gamma$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{y} y' = \tan(x) \sec^2(x)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{y} y' &= \ln(n) \sec^2(x) \\ \text{chain rule} \rightarrow \\ \frac{1}{n^{\tan x}} (n^{\tan x})' &= \ln n \sec^2 x \end{aligned}$$

3. $f(x) = \ln(e^x + \ln^3(x))$

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$$\frac{1}{g(x)} \cdot g'(x) = \frac{1}{g(x)} \left(\frac{d}{dx} (e^x + \ln^3 x) \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{g(x)} \left(e^x + \ln(\ln x) \right)'$$

$$= \frac{1}{e^x + \ln^3 x} \left(e^x + \frac{1}{(\ln^2 x) \ln x} \cdot x \right)$$

$$4. \left(\log_{10}(2x+3) \right)' = \left(\frac{\ln(2x+3)}{\ln 10} \right)'$$

$$= \frac{1}{\ln 10} \cdot \frac{1}{2x+3} \cdot (2x+3)'$$

Logarithm and Absolute Value

The function F is defined by the equation

$$F(x) = \ln|x| = \begin{cases} \ln x, & x > 0 \\ \ln(-x), & x < 0 \end{cases}$$

$\ln(\ln x)$

What is its derivative?

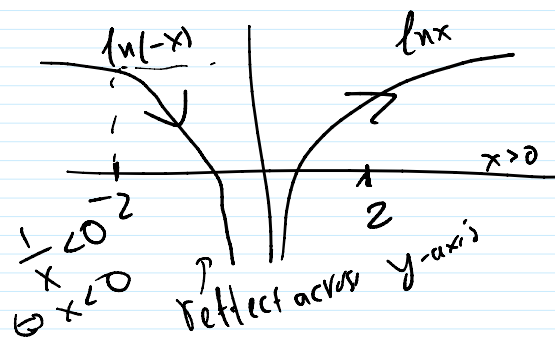
1. $F'(x) = \frac{1}{x}$

2. $F'(x) = \frac{1}{|x|}$

3. F is not differentiable

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} \frac{1}{x} & x > 0 \\ \frac{1}{-x}(-x)', & x < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$= \frac{1}{x}, x \neq 0$$



A different type of logarithm

Calculate the derivative of

$$f(x) = \log_{x+1}(x^2 + 1)$$

Note: This is a new function. We have not given you a formula for it yet, That is on purpose.

Hint: If you do not know where to start, remember the definition of logarithm:

$$\log_a b = c \iff a^c = b.$$

$$\log_a b = \frac{\ln b}{\ln a}$$

$$\left(\log_{x+1}(x^2+1) \right)' = \left(\frac{\ln(x^2+1)}{\ln(x+1)} \right)'$$

$$a = x+1$$

$$b = x^2+1$$

Logarithmic differentiation

Calculate the derivative of

$$g(x) = x^{\tan x}$$

$$y = x^{\tan x}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \ln y = \tan x \ln x$$

$$g' = \left(e^{\tan x \ln x} \right)'$$

$$\Leftrightarrow = x^{\tan x} \cdot (\tan x \ln x)'$$

More logarithmic differentiation

Calculate the derivative of

$$f(x) = (\sin x)^{\cos x} + (\cos x)^{\sin x}$$

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

$$= f_1(x) + f_2(x)$$

$$(\sin x^{\cos x})' = (y)'$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \ln y = \cos x \ln \sin x$$

More logarithmic differentiation

Calculate the derivative of

$$f(x) = (\sin x)^{\cos x} + (\cos x)^{\sin x}.$$

What is wrong with this answer?

$$\ln f(x) = (\cos x) \ln(\sin x) + (\sin x)(\ln \cos x)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [\ln f(x)] = \frac{d}{dx} [(\cos x) \ln(\sin x)] + \frac{d}{dx} [(\sin x)(\ln \cos x)]$$

$$\frac{f'(x)}{f(x)} = -(\sin x) \ln(\sin x) + (\cos x) \frac{\cos x}{\sin x} \\ + (\cos x) \ln(\cos x) + (\sin x) \frac{-\sin x}{\cos x}$$

$$f'(x) = f(x) \left[-(\sin x) \ln(\sin x) + (\cos x) \ln(\cos x) + \frac{\cos^2 x}{\sin x} - \frac{\sin^2 x}{\cos x} \right]$$

Hard derivatives made easier

Calculate the derivative of

$$h(x) = \sqrt[3]{\frac{(\sin^6 x) \sqrt{x^7 + 6x + 2}}{3^x (x^{10} + 2x)^{10}}}$$

An Implicit Function

Find y' if $x^y = y^x$.