

Let $y = \ln\left(\frac{6x^{1/5}}{20 + 4x^{1/5}}\right)$. Find the derivative of y with respect to x .

First, we will rewrite y in a more pleasant way:

$$\begin{aligned}\ln\left(\frac{6x^{1/5}}{20 + 4x^{1/5}}\right) &= \ln(6x^{1/5}) - \ln(20 + 4x^{1/5}) \\ &= \ln(6) + \frac{1}{5} \ln(x) - \ln(4(5 + x^{1/5})) \\ &= \ln(6) + \frac{1}{5} \ln(x) - \ln(4) - \ln(5 + x^{1/5})\end{aligned}$$

Now, differentiate

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dx} \left[\ln\left(\frac{6x^{1/5}}{20 + 4x^{1/5}}\right) \right] &= \frac{d}{dx} \left[\ln(6) + \frac{1}{5} \ln(x) - \ln(4) - \ln(5 + x^{1/5}) \right] \\ &= 0 + \frac{1}{5x} - 0 - \frac{\frac{1}{5}x^{-4/5}}{5 + x^{1/5}} \\ &= \frac{1}{5x} - \frac{1}{5x^{4/5}(5 + x^{1/5})}\end{aligned}$$

where ever y is defined.

Let $y = \sqrt{\frac{1}{x(x+1)}}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}y &= \left(\frac{1}{x(x+1)}\right)^{1/2} \\ &= \frac{1^{1/2}}{(x(x+1))^{1/2}} \\ &= \frac{1}{x^{1/2}(x+1)^{1/2}}\end{aligned}$$

That is, $y = \sqrt{\frac{1}{x(x+1)}} = \frac{1}{x^{1/2}(x+1)^{1/2}}$. Natural Log both sides:

$$\begin{aligned}\ln(y) &= \ln\left(\frac{1}{x^{1/2}(x+1)^{1/2}}\right) \\ &= \ln(1) - \ln\left(x^{1/2}(x+1)^{1/2}\right) \\ &= 0 - \ln(x^{1/2}) - \ln((x+1)^{1/2}) \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \ln(x) - \frac{1}{2} \ln(x+1) \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} (\ln(x) + \ln(x+1))\end{aligned}$$

Multiply both sides by -2 and then implicate differentiate:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dx} [-2 \ln(y)] &= \frac{d}{dx} [\ln(x) + \ln(x+1)] \\ -2 \frac{1}{y} \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{x+1} \\ \frac{dy}{dx} &= -\frac{y}{2} \left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{x+1} \right)\end{aligned}$$

Where $y = \sqrt{\frac{1}{x(x+1)}}$

Let $y = \ln \left(\frac{(x^2 + 8)^5}{\sqrt{4 - x}} \right)$. Then

$$y = \ln \left(\frac{(x^2 + 8)^5}{\sqrt{4 - x}} \right) = \dots = 5 \ln(x^2 + 8) - \frac{1}{2} \ln(4 - x)$$

If we set $f(x) = \ln(x^2 + 8)$ and $g(x) = \ln(4 - x)$. Then

$$y = \ln \left(\frac{(x^2 + 8)^5}{\sqrt{4 - x}} \right) = 5f(x) - \frac{1}{2}g(x)$$

and

$$y' = \frac{d}{dx} \left[\ln \left(\frac{(x^2 + 8)^5}{\sqrt{4 - x}} \right) \right] = 5f'(x) - \frac{1}{2}g'(x)$$

Now, find $f'(x)$ and $g'(x)$.

$$f'(x) = (\ln(x^2 + 8))' = \frac{(x^2 + 8)'}{x^2 + 8} = \frac{2x}{x^2 + 8}$$

and

$$g'(x) = (\ln(4 - x))' = \frac{(4 - x)'}{4 - x} = \frac{-1}{4 - x}$$

Therefore, putting everything together we have:

$$y' = \frac{d}{dx} \left[\ln \left(\frac{(x^2 + 8)^5}{\sqrt{4 - x}} \right) \right] = 5f'(x) - \frac{1}{2}g'(x) = 5 \left(\frac{2x}{x^2 + 8} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{-1}{4 - x} \right)$$

Let $y = \cot^{-1}(\sqrt{4x^2 - 1}) + \sec^{-1}(2x)$, $f(x) = \sqrt{4x^2 - 1}$, and $g(x) = 2x$. Then

$$f'(x) = \frac{d}{dx} \left[(4x^2 - 1)^{1/2} \right] = \frac{(4x^2 - 1)'}{2\sqrt{4x^2 - 1}} = \frac{8x}{2\sqrt{4x^2 - 1}} \quad (1)$$

and

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

Since $\frac{d}{dx} [\cot^{-1}(x)] = -\frac{1}{x^2 + 1}$ and chain rule we have

$$\frac{d}{dx} [\cot^{-1}(f(x))] = -\frac{1}{(f(x))^2 + 1} \cdot f'(x) \quad (3)$$

Since $\frac{d}{dx} [\sec^{-1}(x)] = \frac{1}{|x|\sqrt{x^2 - 1}}$ and chain rule we have

$$\frac{d}{dx} [\sec^{-1}(g(x))] = \frac{1}{|g(x)|\sqrt{(g(x))^2 - 1}} \cdot g'(x) \quad (4)$$

By Equations (1) and (3) we have

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left[\cot^{-1}(\sqrt{4x^2 - 1}) \right] = -\frac{1}{(\sqrt{4x^2 - 1})^2 + 1} \cdot \frac{8x}{2\sqrt{4x^2 - 1}} = \dots = -\frac{1}{x\sqrt{x^2 - 1}} \quad (5)$$

By Equations (2) and (4) we have

$$\frac{d}{dx} [\sec^{-1}(2x)] = \frac{1}{|2x|\sqrt{(2x)^2 - 1}} \cdot (2) \quad (6)$$

Therefore, by Equations (5) and (6) we have

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left[\cot^{-1} \left(\sqrt{4x^2 - 1} \right) + \sec^{-1}(2x) \right] = -\frac{1}{(\sqrt{4x^2 - 1})^2 + 1} \cdot \frac{8x}{2\sqrt{4x^2 - 1}} + \frac{2}{|2x|\sqrt{(2x)^2 - 1}}$$
