

**Derivatives of Exponential and Logarithmic Functions**  
**Unit Assignment**

**MCV4U**

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**1. Find the derivatives of each of these functions.**

(a)  $y = \ln(4x^2 + 4)$

- To apply the Chain Rule, set  $u$  as  $4x^2 + 4$ 
  - $\frac{d}{du}(\ln(u)) \frac{d}{dx}(4x^2 + 4)$
- The derivative of  $\ln(u)$  with respect to  $u$  is the following.
  - $\frac{1}{u} \frac{d}{dx}(4x^2 + 4)$
  - $\frac{1}{4x^2+4} \frac{d}{dx}(4x^2 + 4)$
  - $\frac{1}{4x^2+4}(8x)$
  - $\frac{2x}{x^2+1}$
- The answer is  $\frac{2x}{x^2+1}$ .

(b)  $y = \frac{2x^4}{e^{5x}}$

- $y = 2x^4 e^{-5x}$
- $y' = 2 \frac{d}{dx}(x^4 e^{-5x})$   
 $= 2(x^4(-5e^{-5x}) + 4x^3 e^{-5x})$   
 $= -10x^4 e^{-5x} + 8x^3 e^{-5x}$

- $y' = \frac{-10x^4 + 8x^3}{e^{5x}}$

(c)  $y = 2^{5x+7}(\ln(5x + 1))$

- $y' = 2^{5x+7} \frac{d}{dx}(\ln(5x + 1)) + \ln(5x + 1) \frac{d}{dx}(2^{5x+7})$   
 $= \frac{5 \cdot 2^{5x+7}}{5x+1} + \ln(5x + 1) \cdot 2^{5x+7} \ln(2) \cdot 5$

- $y' = \frac{5}{5x+1} 2^{5x+7} + 5 \ln 2 \cdot \ln(5x + 1) \cdot 2^{5x+7}$

(d)  $y' = \frac{4x^3}{e^{5x+x^4}}$

- $y' = 4 \cdot \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{x^3}{e^{5x+x^4}} \right)$   
 $= 4 \left( \frac{(e^{5x+x^4}) \frac{d}{dx}(x^3) - x^3 \frac{d}{dx}(e^{5x+x^4})}{(e^{5x+x^4})^2} \right)$   
 $= 4 \frac{[3x^2(e^{5x+x^4}) - x^3(5e^{5x} + 4x^3)]}{(e^{5x+x^4})^2}$   
 $= \frac{12x^6 + 12x^2 e^{5x} - 20x^3 e^{5x} - 16x^6}{(e^{5x+x^4})^2}$   
 $= \frac{-4x^6 + 12x^2 e^{5x} - 20x^3 e^{5x}}{(e^{5x+x^4})^2}$

**2. Use the process of implicit differentiation to find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  given that  $x^3 e^y - y e^x = 0$**

- $e^y x^3 \frac{d}{dx}[y] + 3e^y x^2 - e^x y - e^x \frac{d}{dx}[y] = 0$

- $e^y x^3 y' + 3e^y x^2 - e^x y - e^x y' = 0$
- $y'(e^y x^3 - e^x) + 3e^y x^2 - e^x y = 0$
- $y'(e^y x^3 - e^x) = -3e^y x^2 + e^x y$
- $y' = -\frac{3x^2 e^y - y e^x}{x^3 e^y - e^x}$

$$\bullet \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{3x^2 e^y - y e^x}{x^3 e^y - e^x}$$

**3. Use curve sketching methods, sketch the graph of the function given by the equation**

$y = \frac{x^2}{e^x}$ . **Make sure that you include all steps, charts, and derivations details. (10 marks)**

- To begin with, find the first derivative.

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

$$y' = \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{x^2}{e^x} \right) = \frac{e^x \frac{d}{dx}(x^2) - x^2 \frac{d}{dx}(e^x)}{(e^x)^2} = \frac{e^x(2x) - x^2 e^x}{e^{2x}} = \frac{e^x(2x - x^2)}{e^{2x}} = \frac{2x - x^2}{e^x}$$

- Find the second derivative.

$$y'' = \frac{dy'}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{2x - x^2}{e^x} \right) = \frac{e^x \times \frac{d}{dx}(2x - x^2) - (2x - x^2) \frac{d}{dx}(e^x)}{(e^x)^2} = \frac{e^x(2 - 2x) - (2x - x^2)e^x}{e^{2x}} = \frac{e^x(2 - 2x - 2x + x^2)}{e^{2x}} \\ = \frac{2 - 4x + x^2}{e^x}$$

- To find the y-intercept of a given y function.

$$y|_{x=0} = \frac{x^2}{e^x}$$

$$y = 0$$

(0,0) is both the x and y intercepts

- To find critical points.

$$y' = 0$$

$$\frac{2x - x^2}{e^x} = 0$$

$$2x - x^2 = 0$$

$$x(2 - x) = 0$$

$$x = 0 \text{ or } x = 2$$

- Slope chart of the first derivative

	$x < 0$	$x = 0$	$0 < x < 2$	$x = 2$	$x > 2$
$2x - x^2$	-	0	+	0	-
$e^x$	+	+	+	+	+

$\frac{2x-x^2}{e^x}$	-	0	+	0	-
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There must be a minimum when  $x=0$ , and a maximum when  $x=2$ .

- To find inflection point

$$y'' = 0$$

$$\frac{2-4x+x^2}{e^x} = 0$$

Since  $e^x > 0$  is always true,  $2 - 4x + x^2$  should be zero.

$$2 - 4x + x^2 = 0$$

$$x = 2 + \sqrt{2} \text{ or } x = 2 - \sqrt{2}$$

- To find concavity chart

	$x < 2 - \sqrt{2}$	$x = 2 - \sqrt{2}$	$2 - \sqrt{2} < x < 2 + \sqrt{2}$	$x = 2 + \sqrt{2}$	$x > 2 + \sqrt{2}$
$2 - 4x + x^2$	+	0	-	0	+
$e^x$	+	+	+	+	+
$\frac{2-4x+x^2}{e^x}$	+	0	-	0	+

The inflection points must be at  $x = 2 + \sqrt{2}$  or  $x = 2 - \sqrt{2}$

- To find end behaviour, send  $x$  to infinity or minus infinity.

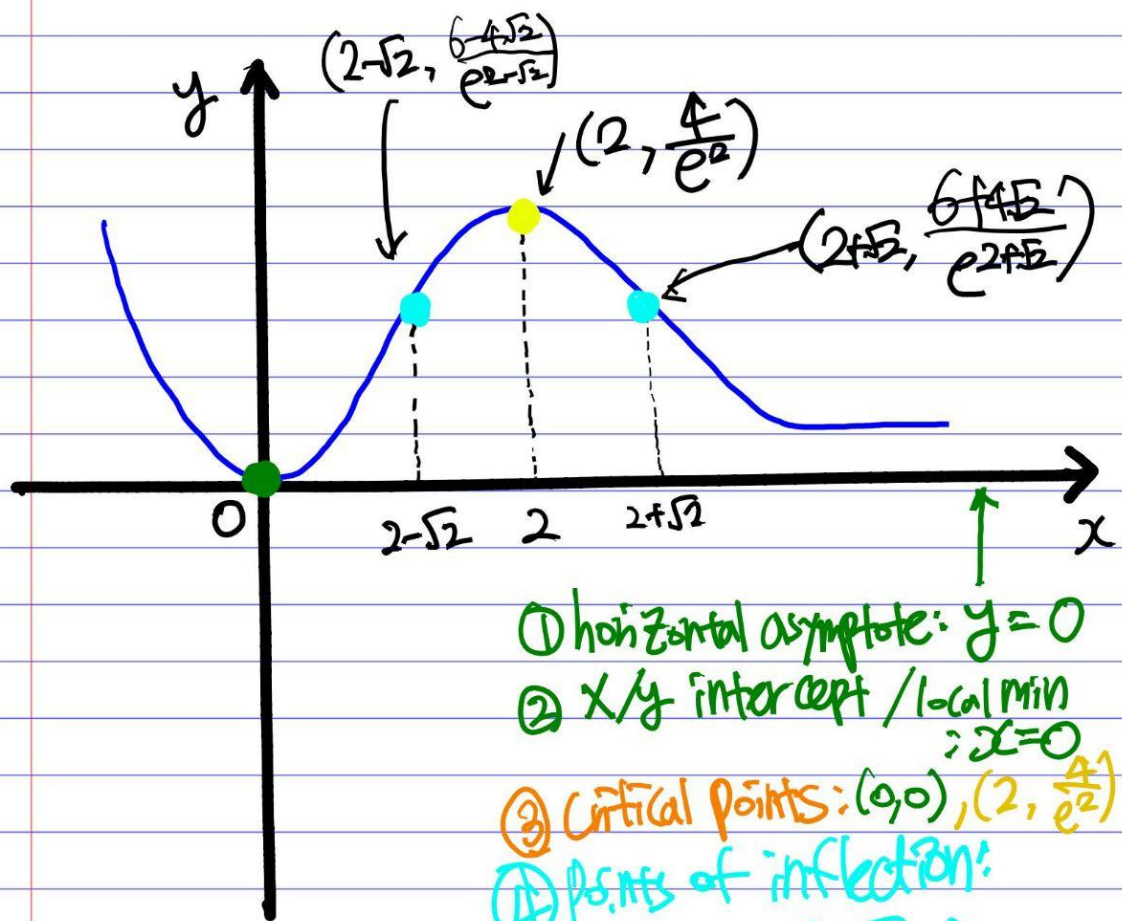
- send  $x$  to infinity

Use L'Hospital's rule until the function does not show  $\frac{\infty}{\infty}$  form.

$$y = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{x^2}{e^x} \right) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{d}{dx}(x^2)}{\frac{d}{dx}(e^x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2x}{e^x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2}{e^x} = 0$$

- send  $x$  to minus infinity

$$y = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \left( \frac{x^2}{e^x} \right) = \frac{(-\infty)^2}{e^{(-\infty)}} = \infty \times \infty = \infty$$



① horizontal asymptote:  $y=0$

② x/y intercept / local min  
:  $x=0$

③ critical points:  $(0,0), (2, \frac{4}{e^2})$

④ points of inflection:

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} (2-\sqrt{2}, \frac{6+4\sqrt{2}}{e^{2-\sqrt{2}}}) \\ (2+\sqrt{2}, \frac{6+4\sqrt{2}}{e^{2+\sqrt{2}}}) \end{array} \right]$$

**4. Use logarithmic differentiation to find the derivative of the function  $y = \frac{(2x+5)^3(5x^2-2x)^4}{\sqrt{2x+5}}$ .**

$$\ln(y) = \ln\left(\frac{(2x+5)^3(5x^2-2x)^4}{\sqrt{2x+5}}\right)$$

$$\ln(y) = \ln(2x+5)^3 + \ln(5x^2-2x)^4 - \ln(\sqrt{2x+5})$$

$$\ln(y) = 3\ln(2x+5) + 4\ln(5x^2-2x) - \frac{1}{2}\ln(2x+5)$$

Differentiating both sides as the following.

$$\frac{dy}{dx} \frac{1}{y} = \frac{3}{(2x+5)} \frac{d}{dx}(2x+5) + \frac{4}{(5x^2-2x)} \frac{d}{dx}(5x^2-2x) - \frac{1}{2(2x+5)} \frac{d}{dx}(2x+5)$$

$$= \frac{3}{(2x+5)}(2) + \frac{4}{(5x^2-2x)}(10x-2) - \frac{1}{2(2x+5)}(2)$$

$$= \frac{6}{(2x+5)} + \frac{40x-8}{(5x^2-2x)} - \frac{1}{(2x+5)}$$

$$= \frac{5}{(2x+5)} + \frac{40x-8}{(5x^2-2x)}$$

$$= \frac{5}{(2x+5)} + \frac{40x-8}{(5x^2-2x)}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = y\left(\frac{5}{(2x+5)} + \frac{40x-8}{(5x^2-2x)}\right)$$

Thus, the answer would be

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{(2x+5)^3(5x^2-2x)^4}{\sqrt{2x+5}} \left( \frac{5}{(2x+5)} + \frac{40x-8}{(5x^2-2x)} \right)$$

**5. The population (P) of an island y years after colonisation is given by the function**

$$P = \frac{250}{1+4e^{-0.01y}}$$

**(a) What was the initial population of the island?**

We can get the initial population by substituting  $y = 0$ .

$$P(0) = \frac{250}{1+4e^{-0.01(0)}} = \frac{250}{1+4} = 50$$

Thus, the initial population is 50 people.

**(b) How long did it take before the island had a population of 150?**

We can get the answer by substituting  $P = 150$ .

$$150 = \frac{250}{1+4e^{-0.01y}}$$

$$150(1+4e^{-0.01y}) = 250$$

$$150 + 600e^{-0.01y} = 250$$

$$600e^{-0.01y} = 100$$

$$e^{-0.01y} = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$-0.01y = \ln\left(\frac{1}{6}\right)$$

$$-0.01y = -\ln(6)$$

$$y = \frac{\ln(6)}{0.01}$$

$$y \approx 179.176 \text{ years}$$

Thus, it took 179.176 years before the island had a population of 150.

**(c) After how many years was the population growing the fastest?**

Since the population growth is given by  $P'(y)$ , we can conclude that the population growth is the fastest when  $P''(y) = 0$ .

$$P'(y) = \frac{d}{dy} \left( \frac{250}{1+4e^{-0.01y}} \right) = 250 \frac{d}{dy} ((1 + 4e^{-0.01y})^{-1}) = 250 \left( -\frac{1}{(1+4e^{-0.01y})^2} \right) (-0.04e^{-0.01y})$$

$$= \frac{10e^{-0.01y}}{(1+4e^{-0.01y})^2}$$

$$P''(y) = \frac{d}{dy} \left( \frac{10e^{-0.01y}}{(1+4e^{-0.01y})^2} \right) = 10 \cdot \frac{\frac{d}{dy}(e^{-0.01y})(1+4e^{-0.01y})^2 - \frac{d}{dy}((1+4e^{-0.01y})^2)e^{-0.01y}}{((1+4e^{-0.01y})^2)^2}$$

$$= 10 \cdot \frac{(-0.01e^{-0.01y})(1+4e^{-0.01y})^2 - (-0.08e^{-0.01y}(1+4e^{-0.01y}))e^{-0.01y}}{((1+4e^{-0.01y})^2)^2}$$

$$= \frac{10e^{-0.02y}(-0.01e^{0.01y}+0.04)}{(1+4e^{-0.01y})^3}$$

$$P''(y) = 0 \rightarrow \frac{10e^{-0.02y}(-0.01e^{0.01y}+0.04)}{(1+4e^{-0.01y})^3} = 0$$

$$= -0.01e^{0.01y} + 0.04 = 0 \rightarrow e^{0.01y} = 4 \rightarrow 0.01y = \ln(4) \rightarrow y = 138.63 \text{ years}$$

Thus, after 138 years, the population is growing the fastest.

**(d) Using curve sketching methods, sketch the graph of the function. Make sure that you include all steps, charts, and derivations details.**

By using Chain Rules, we can render the first derivatives as the following.

$$P'(y) = 250(-1)(1 + 4e^{-0.01y})^{-2}(4e^{-0.01y})(-0.01)$$

$$P'(y) = \frac{10e^{-0.01y}}{(1+4e^{-0.01y})^2}$$

$$P'(y) = \frac{10e^{0.01y}}{(4+e^{0.01y})^2} > 0$$

Thus, the population or graph is always increasing.

Since the numerator cannot be 0, there is no critical point.

We can render the second derivatives as the following.

$$P''(y) = \frac{d}{dy} \left( \frac{10e^{0.01y}}{(4+e^{0.01y})^2} \right)$$

$$= 10 \times \left( \frac{-0.01e^{-0.01y}(1+4e^{-0.01y})^2 + 2e^{-0.01y}(1+4e^{-0.01y}) \times 0.04e^{-0.01y}}{(1+4e^{-0.01y})^4} \right)$$

$$= 10 \times \left( \frac{-0.01e^{-0.01y}(1+4e^{-0.01y}) + 0.08(e^{-0.01y})^2}{(1+4e^{-0.01y})^3} \right)$$

$$= \frac{10e^{-0.01y}}{(1+4e^{-0.01y})^3} (-0.01(1+4e^{-0.01y}) + 0.08(e^{-0.01y}))$$

$$\frac{d^2p}{dy^2} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -0.01 - 0.04e^{-0.01y} + 0.08e^{-0.01y} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 0.04e^{-0.01y} = 0.01$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{-0.01y} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow 0.01y = \ln(4), y = 100\ln(4)$$

Get the point of inflection at  $y = 100\ln(4)$

$$P(100\ln(4)) = \frac{250}{1+4e^{-0.01 \times 100\ln(4)}} = \frac{250}{1+4e^{-\ln 4}} = \frac{250}{1+4 \times \frac{1}{4}}$$

$$= \frac{250}{2} = 125$$

Let us draw the concavity chart of  $y = 100\ln(4)$ .

	$-\infty < x < -2\ln(2)$	$x = \frac{\ln(0.25)}{0.01}$	$-2\ln(2) < x < \infty$
Sign	$f''(x) < 0$	$f''(x) = 0$	$f''(x) > 0$
Behavior	Concave Downward	Inflection	Concave Upward

P is concave up when the second derivative is larger than zero.

$$0.04e^{-0.01y} > 0.01$$

$$e^{-0.01y} > \frac{1}{4}$$

$$-0.01y > \ln\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)$$

$$y < 100\ln(4)$$

Thus, if y is larger than  $100\ln(4)$ , the graph is always concave down.

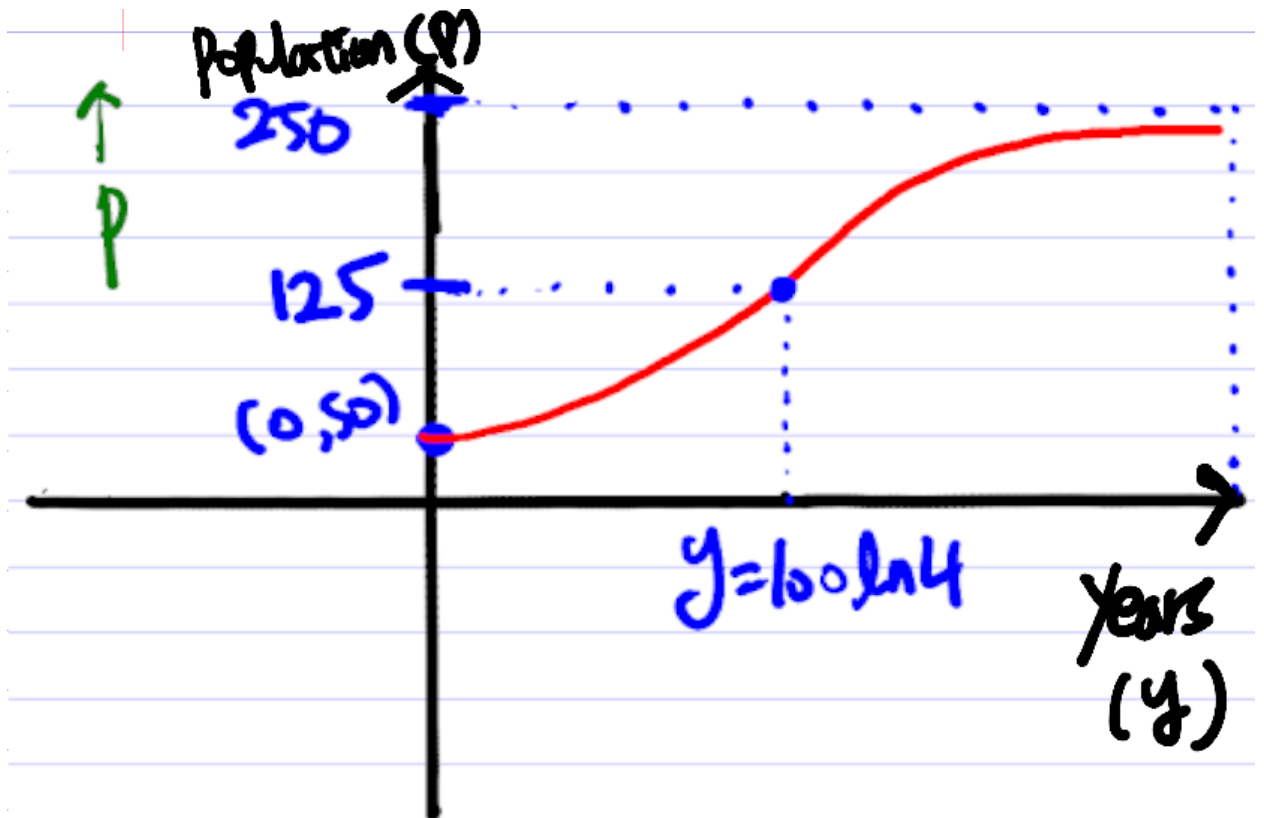
Calculate the end behaviour when x goes infinity or minus infinity.

$$\lim_{y \rightarrow \infty} P = \lim_{y \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{250}{1+4e^{-0.01y}} \right) = 250$$

$$\lim_{y \rightarrow -\infty} P = \lim_{y \rightarrow -\infty} \left( \frac{250}{1+4e^{-0.01y}} \right) = 0$$

Therefore, there are two horizontal asymptotes,  $y=250$  and  $y=0$ .





**e. Give a possible explanation for the shape of the curve.**

Since it is an exponential increasing function, the maximum of  $y$ -axis on the graph is 250 which is the limit of the population. As the population  $P(y)$  in the island increases, the number of years increases. However, the amount of population increment declines after  $y = 100 \ln 4$ .

Thus, we can think of the possibility that the population increment is limited according to the water or food resources that island has.