

Before my First Statistics Lecture I Should Know ...

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I. BASIC IDENTITIES

i. Algebraic

$$(a + b)^2 = a^2 + 2ab + b^2 \tag{1}$$

$$(a - b)^2 = a^2 - 2ab + b^2 \tag{2}$$

$$a^2 - b^2 = (a - b)(a + b) \tag{3}$$

$$(a + b)^3 = a^3 + 3a^2b + 3ab^2 + b^3 \tag{4}$$

$$(a - b)^3 = a^3 - 3a^2b + 3ab^2 - b^3 \tag{5}$$

ii. Trigonometric Identities

$$\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x = 1 \tag{6}$$

$$\tan x = \frac{\sin x}{\cos x} \tag{7}$$

$$\cot x = \frac{\cos x}{\sin x} \tag{8}$$

$$\sin^2 x = \frac{\tan^2 x}{1 + \tan^2 x} \tag{9}$$

$$-1 \leq \sin x \leq 1, -1 \leq \cos x \leq 1 \tag{10}$$

iii. Logarithmic & Exponential

$$\log(xy) = \log(x) + \log(y) \tag{11}$$

$$\log\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) = \log(x) - \log(y) \tag{12}$$

$$\log x^k = k \cdot \log x \tag{13}$$

II. LIMITS

i. Identities

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$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \ln x = +\infty \tag{14}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \ln x = -\infty \tag{15}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} a^x = -\infty \tag{16}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} a^x = -\infty \tag{17}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} e^x = +\infty \tag{18}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} e^x = 0 \tag{19}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} = 1 \tag{20}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos x - 1}{x} = 0 \tag{21}$$

ii. Indeterminate forms

There are limits that cannot be evaluated:

Form	Solving Approach
$\frac{0}{0}$	L' Hospital
$\frac{\infty}{\infty}$	L' Hospital
$0 \cdot \infty$	Not standard
$\infty - \infty$	Not standard
0^∞	Not standard
1^∞	$e^{\ln(\dots)}$
∞^0	Not standard

L'Hospital's Rule can be applied when our limit has either the form of $\frac{\infty}{\infty}$ or $\frac{0}{0}$. In such a case DLH allows the calculation of the limit by using the derivative for both of nominator and denominator :

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)} \tag{22}$$

III. SET OPERATIONS

i. Venn Diagrams

Set	Name	Venn Diagram
$A \cup B$	Union	
$A \cap B$	Intersection	
$A - B$	Difference	
$B - A$	Difference	

ii. Probability Identities

$$1. \Pr(A \cup B) = \Pr(A) + \Pr(B) - \Pr(A \cap B)$$

$$2. \Pr(A \leq B), \text{ if } A \subseteq B$$

$$3. \Pr(A') = 1 - \Pr(A)$$

IV. DERIVATIVES

i. Symbolism

There are 3 ways to depict derivatives:

- **Lagrange Notation:** $f'(x), f''(x), \dots, f^{(n)}(x)$

- **Leibniz Notation:** $\frac{dy}{dx}, \frac{d^2y}{dx^2}, \dots, \frac{d^ny}{dx^n}$

- **Newton Notation:** $\dot{y}, \ddot{y}, \dots, f^{(n)}(x)$

ii. Common derivatives

$$(c)' = 0 \tag{23}$$

$$(x^n)' = n \cdot x^{n-1} \tag{24}$$

$$(\sin x)' = \cos x \tag{25}$$

$$(\cos x)' = -\sin x \tag{26}$$

$$(\tan x)' = \frac{1}{\cos^2 x} \tag{27}$$

$$(\cot x)' = -\frac{1}{\sin^2 x} \tag{28}$$

$$(\ln x)' = \frac{1}{x} \tag{29}$$

$$(e^x)' = e^x \tag{30}$$

$$(a^x)' = a^x \cdot \ln a \tag{31}$$

iii. Logarithmic Differentiation

Purpose: Just a differentiation method in case of multiple complex expressions. Let's suppose $y = f(x)$:

Step A: Logarithm both sides

$$\ln(y) = \ln f(x) \tag{32}$$

Step B: Differentiate both sides

$$\frac{d}{dx} \ln(y) = \frac{d}{dx} \ln(f(x)) \tag{33}$$

Step C: Solve differentiation

$$\frac{1}{y} \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{f'(x)}{f(x)} \tag{34}$$

Step D: Solve to $\frac{dy}{dx}$

V. INTEGRATION

i. By parts

$$\int f(x)g'(x)dx = f(x) \cdot g(x) - \int g(x)f'(x)dx \tag{35}$$

A general rule of thumb to choose $g(x)$ is **LIATE** approach. The options for $g(x)$ are ordered in descending order:

1. Logarithmic function
2. Inverse Trigonometric function
3. Algebraic function
4. Trigonometric function
5. Exponential function

In case our integral contains multiple functions of the same category the **LIATE** approach is not helpful. There are some tips to choose the best function as follows:

A. Set as dv the most complicated part

B. Set u as function whose derivative du will be simpler than u

ii. By substitution

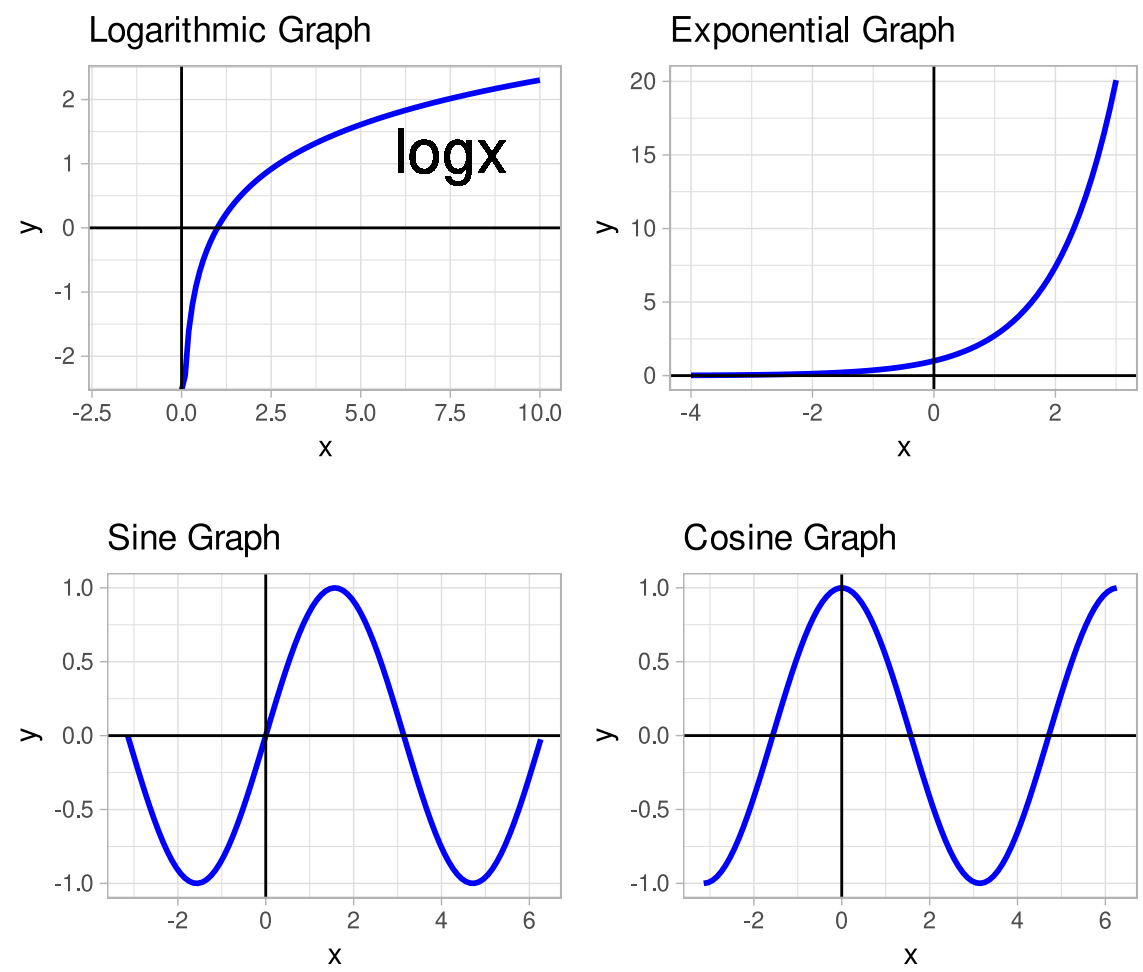
We consider:

$$\int f(g(x)) \cdot g'(x) \, dx = \int f(u) \, du \tag{36}$$

$$u = g(x) \text{ και } du = g'(x) \, dx$$

VI. APPENDIX

i. Graphs



ii. Constants

- $\pi \approx 3.1415\dots$
- $e \approx 2.7182$

iii. Misconceptions

1) Logarithms:

- ln: Natural / Neperian logarithm ($\ln(x) = \log_e(x)$)
- log: Normal logarithm ($\log(x) = \log_{10}(x)$)

2) Factorials:

- $k! = 1 \cdot 2 \cdot \dots \cdot k$
- $1! = 1$
- $0! = 1$

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