

Calculus I

Derivative of $a \ln(bx + c)$

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Example

Compute the indicated derivative.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dx}(2 \ln(3x - 1)) &= 2 \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(\ln(3x - 1)) \\ &= 2 \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(\ln u) && \left| \text{Set } 3x - 1 = u \right. \\ &= 2 \cdot \frac{d}{du}(\ln u) \cdot \frac{du}{dx} \\ &= 2 \cdot \frac{1}{u} \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(3x - 1) \\ &= 2 \cdot \frac{1}{3x - 1} \cdot 3 \\ &= \frac{6}{3x - 1}\end{aligned}$$