

Section 4.4

Part #3

Derivative of $y = \log_a u$, $y = u^n$

Proof of the derivative of $y = x^n$

$$y = x^n$$

$$\ln(y) = \ln(x^n)$$

$$\ln(y) = n \cdot \ln x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\ln(y)) = \frac{d}{dx}(n \cdot \ln x)$$

$$\frac{1}{y} \cdot y' = n \cdot \frac{1}{x}$$

$$y' = n \cdot \frac{y}{x} = n \cdot \frac{x^n}{x} = n \cdot x^{n-1}$$

$$\text{If } y = x^n \longrightarrow y' = n \cdot x^{n-1}$$

$$\text{If } y = u^n \longrightarrow y' = \frac{dy}{du} \cdot \left(\frac{du}{dx} \right) = (n \cdot u^{n-1}) \cdot \left(\frac{du}{dx} \right)$$

Find the derivative of $y = \sin^4(x)$.

Chain Rule

$$u = \sin x$$

$$\frac{du}{dx} = \cos x$$

$$y = u^4$$

$$\frac{dy}{du} = 4u^3 = 4\sin^3 x$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 4\sin^3 x \cos x$$

Using Logs

$$y = \sin^4 x$$

$$\ln y = \ln \sin^4 x$$

$$\ln y = 4 \ln \sin x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \ln y = \frac{d}{dx} 4 \ln \sin x$$

$$u = \sin x$$

$$\frac{du}{dx} = \cos x$$

$$\frac{y'}{y} = \frac{4}{\sin x} \cdot \cos x$$

$$y' = \frac{4}{\sin x} \cos x y$$

$$y = \frac{4 \cos x (\sin^4 x)}{\sin x}$$

$$y = 4 \sin^3 x \cos x$$

Using logarithms can make finding the derivative easier. It is especially helpful if you understand the proofs we did throughout Section 4.4.

Find the derivative of

a. $y = (\cos(x))^x$

$$\ln y = \ln \cos^x x$$

$$\ln y = x \ln \cos x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \ln y = \frac{d}{dx} x \ln \cos x$$

$$\frac{1}{y} \cdot y' = x \cdot \frac{d}{dx} \ln \cos x + \ln \cos x \cdot \frac{d}{dx} x$$

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

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

$$y' = \left(\frac{-x \sin x}{\cos x} + \ln \cos x \right) \cos^x x$$

$$y' = \frac{-x \sin x \cos^x x}{\cos x} + \ln \cos x \cdot \cos^x x$$

$$y' = -x \sin x \cos^{x-1} x + \ln \cos x \cdot \cos^x x$$

$$b. \quad y = \frac{(3x+1)^4(x-1)^6}{\sqrt{6x-5}}$$

$$\ln y = \ln \frac{(3x+1)^4(x-1)^6}{\sqrt{6x-5}}$$

$$\ln y = \ln(3x+1)^4 + \ln(x-1)^6 - \ln \sqrt{6x-5}$$

$$\ln y = 4 \ln(3x+1) + 6 \ln(x-1) - \frac{1}{2} \ln(6x-5)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \ln y = \frac{d}{dx} 4 \ln(3x+1) + \frac{d}{dx} 6 \ln(x-1)$$

$$+ \frac{d}{dx} -\frac{1}{2} \ln(6x-5)$$

$$\frac{1}{y} y' = \frac{4}{3x+1} \cdot (3) + \left(\frac{6}{x-1} \right) \cdot (1) - \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{6x-5} (6)$$

$$\frac{y'}{y} = \frac{12}{3x+1} + \frac{6}{x-1} - \frac{3}{6x-5}$$

$$y' = \frac{12}{3x+1} y + \frac{6}{x-1} y - \frac{3}{6x-5} y$$

$$= \frac{12}{3x+1} \frac{(3x+1)^4(x-1)^6}{(6x-5)^{1/2}} +$$

$$+ \frac{6}{x-1} \frac{(3x+1)^4(x-1)^6}{(6x-5)^{1/2}}$$

$$- \frac{3}{(6x-5)} \frac{(3x+1)^4(x-1)^6}{(6x-5)^{1/2}}$$

$$= \frac{12(3x+1)^3(x-1)^6}{(6x-5)^{1/2}} + \frac{6(3x+1)^4(x-1)^5}{(6x-5)^{1/2}}$$

$$- \frac{3(3x+1)^4(x-1)^6}{(6x-5)^{3/2}}$$

$$= \frac{3(3x+1)^3(x-1)^5}{(6x-5)^{1/2}} \left[4(x-1) + 2(3x+1) - \frac{3x+1}{(6x-5)} \right]$$

$$= \frac{3(3x+1)^3(x-1)^5}{(6x-5)^{1/2}} \left[4x-4 + 6x+2 - \frac{3x^2-2x-1}{6x-5} \right]$$

$$= \frac{3(3x+1)^3(x-1)^5}{(6x-5)^{1/2}} \left[\frac{6x-5}{6x-5} \frac{10x-2}{6x-5} + \frac{-3x^2+2x+1}{6x-5} \right]$$

$$= \frac{3(3x+1)^3(x-1)^5}{(6x-5)^{1/2}} \left[\frac{60x^2-12x-50x+10}{6x-5} + \frac{-3x^2+2x+1}{6x-5} \right]$$

$$= \frac{3(3x+1)^3(x-1)^5}{(6x-5)^{1/2}} \left[\frac{57x^2-60x+11}{6x-5} \right]$$

$$= \frac{3(3x+1)^3(x-1)^5}{(6x-5)^{3/2}} [57x^2-60x+11]$$

- 52. Spread of Flu** The spread of flu in a certain school is modeled by the equation

$$P(t) = \frac{200}{1 + e^{5-t}},$$

where $P(t)$ is the total number of students infected t days after the flu first started to spread.

- (a) Estimate the initial number of students infected with this flu.
 (b) How fast is the flu spreading after 4 days?
 (c) When will the flu spread at its maximum rate? What is that rate?

$$(A) P(0) = \frac{200}{1 + e^{5-0}} = 1.3 \approx 1 \text{ person}$$

$$(B) \frac{dP}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} \frac{200}{1 + e^{5-t}}$$

$$= \frac{(1 + e^{5-t}) \frac{d}{dt}(200) - 200 \frac{d}{dt}(1 + e^{5-t})}{(1 + e^{5-t})^2}$$

$$= \frac{(1 + e^{5-t})(0) - 200(0 + e^{5-t}(-1))}{(1 + e^{5-t})^2}$$

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = \frac{200e^{5-t}}{(1 + e^{5-t})^2} = P'(t)$$

$$P'(4) = \frac{200e^{5-4}}{(1 + e^{5-4})^2} = \frac{200e}{(1 + e)^2}$$

$$= 39.32 \approx 39 \text{ people/day}$$

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Test

$$\frac{d}{dx} \ln x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \log_a x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} a^x$$

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Even Answers:

34. $(1+\sqrt{2})x^{\sqrt{2}}$

46. $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x\sqrt{x^2+1}}{(x+1)^{2/3}} \left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{x}{x^2+1} - \frac{2}{3(x+1)} \right)$

36. $(1-e)x^{-e}$

48. $y'=0, x>0$

44.

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = x^{\tan x} \left[\frac{\tan x}{x} + (\ln x)(\sec^2 x) \right]$$

Review Questions For Test

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