

- Midterm this Friday. Stay tuned for more info.
 - up to \$3.9
 - 12-13 questions
 - 80 minutes
 - syllabus-approved calculator
- MLP due dates are Friday and Sunday

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Derivative of $y = b^x$

What about other logs? Say $b > 0$. Since $b^x = e^{\ln b^x} = e^{x \ln b}$ (by 3. on the earlier slide),

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dx}(b^x) &= \frac{d}{dx}(e^{x \ln b}) \\ &= e^{x \ln b} \cdot \ln b \\ &= b^x \ln b.\end{aligned}$$

Exercise

Find the derivative of each of the following functions:

- $f(x) = 14^x$
- $g(x) = 45(3^{2x})$

Exercise

Determine the slope of the tangent line to the graph

$$f(x) = 4^x \text{ at } x = 0.$$

Story Problem Example

Example

The energy (in Joules) released by an earthquake of magnitude M is given by the equation

$$E = 25000 \cdot 10^{1.5M}.$$

- (a) How much energy is released in a magnitude 3.0 earthquake?
- (b) What size earthquake releases 8 million Joules of energy?
- (c) What is $\frac{dE}{dM}$ and what does it tell you?

Derivatives of General Logarithmic Functions

The relationship $y = \ln x \iff x = e^y$ applies to logarithms of other bases:

$$y = \log_b x \iff x = b^y.$$

Now taking $\frac{d}{dx}(x = b^y)$ we obtain

$$1 = b^y \ln b \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{b^y \ln b}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\log_b x) = \frac{1}{x \ln b}$$

Neat Trick: Logarithmic Differentiation

Example

Compute the derivative of $f(x) = \frac{x^2(x-1)^3}{(3+5x)^4}$.

Solution: We can use logarithmic differentiation – first take the natural log of both sides and then use properties of logarithms.

$$\begin{aligned}\ln(f(x)) &= \ln\left(\frac{x^2(x-1)^3}{(3+5x)^4}\right) \\ &= \ln x^2 + \ln(x-1)^3 - \ln(3+5x)^4 \\ &= 2 \ln x + 3 \ln(x-1) - 4 \ln(3+5x)\end{aligned}$$

Now we take $\frac{d}{dx}$ on both sides:

$$\frac{1}{f(x)} \left(\frac{df}{dx} \right) = 2 \left(\frac{1}{x} \right) + 3 \left(\frac{1}{x-1} \right) - 4 \left(\frac{1}{3+5x} \right) \quad (5)$$

$$\frac{f'(x)}{f(x)} = \frac{2}{x} + \frac{3}{x-1} - \frac{20}{3+5x}$$

Finally, solve for $f'(x)$:

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= f(x) \left[\frac{2}{x} + \frac{3}{x-1} - \frac{20}{3+5x} \right] \\ &= \frac{x^2(x-1)^3}{(3+5x)^4} \left[\frac{2}{x} + \frac{3}{x-1} - \frac{20}{3+5x} \right] \end{aligned}$$

3.8 Book Problems

9-27 (odds), 31-37 (odds), 41-47 (odds)

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3.9 Derivatives of Inverse Trigonometric Functions

Recall: If $y = f(x)$, then $f^{-1}(x)$ is the value of y such that $x = f(y)$.

Example

If $f(x) = 3x + 2$, then what is $f^{-1}(x)$?

NOTE: $f^{-1}(x) \neq f(x)^{-1} \left(= \frac{1}{f(x)} \right)$

Derivative of Inverse Sine

Trig functions are functions, too. Just like with “ f ”, there has to be something to “plug in”. It makes no sense to just say \sin , without having $\sin(\text{something})$.

$$y = \sin^{-1} x \iff x = \sin y$$

The derivative of $y = \sin^{-1} x$ can be found using implicit differentiation:

$$x = \sin y$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(x) = \frac{d}{dx}(\sin y)$$

$$1 = (\cos y) \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{\cos y}$$

We still need to replace $\cos y$ with an expression in terms of x . We use the trig identity $\sin^2 y + \cos^2 y = 1$ (careful with notation: in this case we mean $(\sin y)^2 + (\cos y)^2 = 1$). Then

$$\cos y = \pm \sqrt{1 - \sin^2 y} = \pm \sqrt{1 - x^2}.$$

The range of $y = \sin^{-1} x$ is $-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq y \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$. In this range, cosine is never negative, so we can just take the positive portion of the square root.

Therefore,

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{\cos y} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - x^2}} \implies \frac{d}{dx}(\sin^{-1} x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - x^2}}.$$

Exercise

Compute the following:

1. $\frac{d}{dx} (\sin^{-1}(4x^2 - 3))$
2. $\frac{d}{dx} (\cos(\sin^{-1} x))$

Derivative of Inverse Tangent

Similarly to inverse sine, we can let $y = \tan^{-1} x$ and use implicit differentiation:

$$x = \tan y$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(x) = \frac{d}{dx}(\tan y)$$

$$1 = (\sec^2 y) \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{\sec^2 y}$$

Use the trig identity $\sec^2 y - \tan^2 y = 1$ to replace $\sec^2 y$ with $1 + x^2$:

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\tan^{-1} x) = \frac{1}{1 + x^2}$$

Derivative of Inverse Secant

$$y = \sec^{-1} x$$

$$x = \sec y$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(x) = \frac{d}{dx}(\sec y)$$

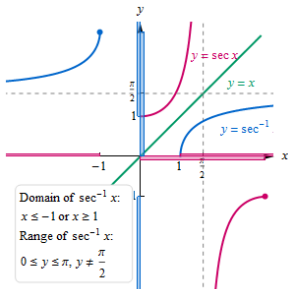
$$1 = \sec y \tan y \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{\sec y \tan y}$$

Use the trig identity $\sec^2 y - \tan^2 y = 1$ again to get

$$\tan y = \pm \sqrt{\sec^2 y - 1} = \pm \sqrt{x^2 - 1}.$$

This time, the \pm matters:



- If $x \geq 1$, then $0 \leq y < \frac{\pi}{2}$ and so $\tan y > 0$.
- If $x \leq -1$, then $\frac{\pi}{2} < y \leq \pi$ and so $\tan y < 0$.

Therefore,

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\sec^{-1} x) = \frac{1}{|x|\sqrt{x^2 - 1}}.$$

Using other trig identities (which you do not need to prove)

$$\cos^{-1} x + \sin^{-1} x = \frac{\pi}{2} \quad \cot^{-1} x + \tan^{-1} x = \frac{\pi}{2} \quad \csc^{-1} x + \sec^{-1} x = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

we can get the rest of the inverse trig derivatives.

All Other Inverse Trig Derivatives

To summarize:

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\sin^{-1} x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\tan^{-1} x) = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\sec^{-1} x) = \frac{1}{|x|\sqrt{x^2-1}}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\cos^{-1} x) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \\ (-1 < x < 1)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\cot^{-1} x) = -\frac{1}{1+x^2} \\ (-\infty < x < \infty)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\csc^{-1} x) = -\frac{1}{|x|\sqrt{x^2-1}} \\ (|x| > 1)$$

Example

Compute the derivatives of $f(x) = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$ and $g(x) = \sin\left(\sec^{-1}(2x)\right)$.

Derivatives of Inverse Functions in General

Let f be differentiable and have an inverse on an interval I . Let x_0 be a point in I at which $f'(x_0) \neq 0$. Then f^{-1} is differentiable at $y_0 = f(x_0)$ and

$$(f^{-1})'(y_0) = \frac{1}{f'(x_0)}$$

where $y_0 = f(x_0)$.

Example

Let $f(x) = \frac{1}{4}x^3 + x - 1$. Find $(f^{-1})'(3)$.

3.9 Book Problems

7-27 (odds), 31-39 (odds)