

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\log x) = \frac{1}{x \ln(10)}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\log_{\pi} x) = \frac{1}{x \ln(\pi)}$$

→ In general, $\frac{d}{dx}(\log_a x) = \frac{1}{x \ln(a)}$

$$a > 0; a \neq 1$$

Summary:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx}(e^x) &= e^x \\ \frac{d}{dx}(\ln x) &= \frac{1}{x} \\ \frac{d}{dx}(a^x) &= a^x \cdot \ln a \\ \frac{d}{dx}(\log_a x) &= \frac{1}{x \ln a} \end{aligned}$$

u : function of x

$$\frac{d}{dx}(e^u) = e^u \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\ln u) = \frac{1}{u} \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(a^u) = a^u \ln a \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\log_a u) = \frac{1}{u \ln a} \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$$

Useful properties of the natural log function:

$$(1) \ln(uv) = \ln(u) + \ln(v)$$

$$(2) \ln\left(\frac{u}{v}\right) = \ln(u) - \ln(v)$$

$$(3) \ln(u^p) = p \ln u.$$

E.g. $\frac{d}{dx} \left(\ln[(2x+1)(3x+5)] \right)$

$$= \frac{d}{dx} \left[\ln(2x+1) + \ln(3x+5) \right] \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{Use property} \\ \text{\textcircled{1} of } \ln \end{array} \right)$$

$$= \frac{d}{dx} (\ln(2x+1)) + \frac{d}{dx} (\ln(3x+5))$$

$$= \frac{2}{2x+1} + \frac{3}{3x+5}$$

E.g. $\frac{d}{dx} \left[\ln(3x+2)^5 \right]$

$$= \frac{d}{dx} \left[5 \ln(3x+2) \right] \quad (\text{Use property ③ of } \ln)$$

$$= 5 \cdot \frac{d}{dx} \left[\ln(3x+2) \right] = 5 \cdot \frac{3}{3x+2} = \frac{15}{3x+2}$$

Ex. Find the derivatives

① $\frac{d}{dx} \left(\ln(\sin x) \right)$

② $\frac{d}{dx} \left(\ln(\sqrt{2x^2 + 7}) \right)$

③ $\frac{d}{dx} \left(\ln \left(\frac{(2x+1)^3}{\sqrt{x^2 + 3}} \right) \right)$

Solved this in class

Find the derivative of functions of the form

$$y = f(x)^{g(x)}$$

E.g. $y = x^x$. Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$?

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

$$\ln y = x \ln x \rightarrow \text{property of } \ln$$

Implicitly differentiate both sides w.r.t. x .
 $\xrightarrow{\text{product rule}}$

$$\frac{1}{y} \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = \ln x + x \cdot \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\frac{1}{y} \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = \ln x + 1$$

$$\text{So, } \frac{dy}{dx} = y(\ln x + 1) = x^x(\ln x + 1).$$

Another way to solve this:

$$y = x^x = \left(e^{\ln x}\right)^x = e^{x \ln x}$$

$$y = e^u \rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = e^u \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= e^{x \ln x} \cdot \frac{d}{dx} (x \ln x) = e^{x \ln x} (\ln x + 1) \\ &= x^x (\ln x + 1) \end{aligned}$$