

MASTER TABLE: RULES OF DIFFERENTIATION

NOTE: This table spans multiple videos.

RULES OF DIFFERENTIATION		
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General Exponential	$\frac{d}{dx} b^x = b^x \cdot \ln b$ $b > 0$ $b \neq 1$	$\frac{d}{dx} (6^x) =$
Natural Exponential	$\frac{d}{dx} e^x = \underline{\hspace{1cm}} \cdot \ln \underline{\hspace{1cm}} = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$	$\frac{d}{dx} (4e^x) =$
General Logarithmic	$\frac{d}{dx} \log_b x = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$ $b > 0$ $b \neq 1$ $x > 0$	$\frac{d}{dx} \log_8 x =$
Natural Logarithmic	$\frac{d}{dx} \ln x = \frac{d}{dx} \log_e x = \frac{1}{x \cdot \ln \underline{\hspace{1cm}}} =$ $x > 0$	$\frac{d}{dx} 6 \ln x =$

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Derivatives of General Exponential Functions

◆ We can use limits to find a derivative rule that works for *all* exponential functions b^x .

New
Derivative of b^x

$$\frac{d}{dx}(b^x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{b^{x+h} - b^x}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{b^x(b^h - 1)}{h}$$

$$= b^x \cdot \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{b^h - 1}{h}$$

$\frac{d}{dx}(b^x) = \underline{\hspace{1cm}} \cdot \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$

b
 b

Recall

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

Limit Definition of a Derivative

$$\ln b = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{b^h - 1}{h}$$

Limit Definition of \ln at $h=0$

EXAMPLE

Find the derivative of the following functions.

(A) $f(x) = 6^x$

(B) $g(x) = 3^{x^2+4x}$

◆ When taking the derivative of $f(x) = b^{g(x)}$, we can apply the **chain rule** to get $f'(x) = b^{g(x)} \cdot \ln b \cdot g'(x)$.

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PRACTICE

Find the derivative of the given function.

(A)

$$f(x) = 2^x - 5^x$$

(B)

$$g(x) = x^4 + 4x + 4^x$$

PRACTICE

Find the derivative of the given function.

(A)

$$y = (4x - 3x^2 + 9) \cdot 2^{5x}$$

(B)

$$h(x) = 4^{(\sqrt{x}+3x)^{\frac{5}{4}}}$$

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EXAMPLE

Find the derivative of $f(\theta) = \sin(\theta \cdot 3^{\theta^2+4\theta})$.

EXAMPLE

A medical lab uses a radioactive isotope for one of its tests. The quantity of the radioactive isotope, R , remaining in a sample after t hours is given by the function below.

$$R = 150 \left(\frac{1}{3} \right)^{\frac{t}{12}}$$

(A) Find the instantaneous rate of change $\frac{dR}{dt}$.

(B) Compute the instantaneous rate of change after 12 hours, 1 day, and 2 days.

(C) Interpret your results.

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Derivatives of the Natural Exponential Function (e^x)

◆ Recall: $f(x) = e^x$ is just a special case of $f(x) = b^x$ where $b = e$.

► We can use the derivative rule for general exponential functions to find the derivative of e^x .

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EXAMPLE

Find the derivative of the following functions.

(A) $f(x) = 3e^{2x+4}$

(B) $g(x) = xe^{5x}$

◆ When taking the derivative of $f(x) = e^{g(x)}$, we can apply the **chain rule** to get $f'(x) = e^{g(x)} \cdot g'(x)$.

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PRACTICE

Find the derivative of the given function.

(A)

$$f(x) = -3e^x + 5x - 2$$

(B)

$$g(x) = 7e^x + 2x^3$$

EXAMPLE

Find the derivative of the given function.

$$y = e^{\sqrt{x^3 - 2x}}$$

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PRACTICE

Find the derivative of the given function.

(A)

$$y = x^2 e^{3x^2+5x}$$

(B)

$$f(t) = \frac{e^{3t}}{t - 2e^{-t}}$$

(C)

$$y = \tan(e^{-x^3})$$

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EXAMPLE

Find an equation of the tangent line to the function $y = 3e^x - x$ at $x = 0$.

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Derivatives of General Logarithmic Functions

◆ Since $y = \log_b x$ is equivalent to _____, we can differentiate _____ sides of that equation to find $\frac{d}{dx} \log_b x$.

New

Derivative of $\log_b x$

$$y = \log_b x \Leftrightarrow x = b^y$$

$$x = b^y$$

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

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

$$\frac{d}{dx} \log_b x = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$b > 0$$
$$b \neq 1$$
$$x > 0$$

Recall
$$\frac{d}{dx} b^x = b^x \cdot \ln b$$

EXAMPLE

Find the derivative of the following functions.

(A) $g(x) = \log_8 x$

(B) $f(x) = \log_5(x^2)$

◆ When taking the derivative of $f(x) = \log_b(g(x))$, we can apply the **chain rule** to get $f'(x) = \frac{1}{g(x) \cdot \ln b} \cdot g'(x)$.

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PRACTICE

Find the derivative of the given function.

(A)

$$f(x) = 8 \log_2 x$$

(B)

$$g(t) = 2t + \log_5 t$$

EXAMPLE

Find the derivative of $y = \log_4 \sqrt{\frac{x}{4x+1}}$.

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PRACTICE

Find the derivative of the given function.

(A)

$$f(x) = (x^3 + 2x) \cdot \log_5 x$$

(B)

$$g(t) = \log_5(7^{t^2+4})$$

(C)

$$h(x) = \sin(\log_4(x^2))$$

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Derivatives of the Natural Logarithmic Function

◆ Recall: $f(x) = \ln x$ is just a special case of $f(x) = \log_b x$ where $b = e$.

► We can use the derivative rule for general log functions to find the derivative of $f(x) = \ln x = \log_e x$.

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EXAMPLE

Find the derivative of the given function.

(A) $f(x) = \ln(x^2 + 4x)$

(B) $g(x) = x \ln x^3$

◆ When taking the derivative of $f(x) = \ln(g(x))$, we can apply the **chain rule** to get $f'(x) = \frac{1}{g(x)} \cdot g'(x)$.

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PRACTICE

Find the derivative of the given function.

(A)

$$f(x) = 2x^3 - 1 + \ln x$$

(B)

$$g(x) = e^x + \ln x^5$$

PRACTICE

Find the derivative of the given function.

(A)

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

(B)

$$y = x^2 \ln(x^2)$$

(C)

$$g(x) = e^{x^2 \ln x}$$

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EXAMPLE

Use implicit differentiation to find $\frac{dy}{dx}$, where $\ln(x^2y) = 2e^{3x+y}$.

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EXAMPLE

The time t , in days that it takes the number of bacteria in a sample to reach B is given by the function below.

Find $t'(1000)$ and explain what it represents.

$$t(B) = 42 \ln \left(\frac{650}{1500 - B} \right)$$

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Graphical Applications of Exponential & Logarithmic Functions

EXAMPLE

Find the critical points of the given function.

$$y = \ln(x - 1)$$

EXAMPLE

Find the absolute maximum and minimum values of the function on the given interval.

$$f(x) = x \ln x ; [1, 2]$$

HOW TO: Find Global Extrema on a Closed Interval

- 1) Find critical points:
 $f'(x) = 0$ or $f'(x)$ DNE
- 2) Plug critical pts (if in **interval**) & endpts into $f(x)$
- 3) Of values found in (2):
Largest = global **MAX**
Smallest = global **MIN**

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Graphical Applications of Exponential & Logarithmic Functions

PRACTICE

Identify the open intervals on which the function is increasing or decreasing.

$$f(x) = xe^{-2x}$$

HOW TO: Determine Intervals of Increase & Decrease

- 1) Find critical points:
 $f'(x) = 0$ or $f'(x)$ DNE
- 2) Make sign chart **intervals**
based on critical points
- 3) Plug value from each int. into f' :
If +, f **INC** on interval
If -, f **DEC** on interval

PRACTICE

Identify the local minimum and maximum values of the given function, if any.

$$f(t) = t^2 \ln t, t > 0$$

HOW TO: Find Local Extrema Using First Derivative Test

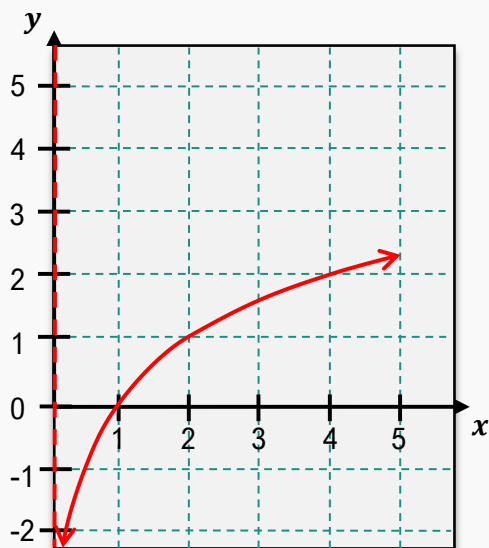
- 1) Find critical points:
 $f'(x) = 0$ or $f'(x)$ DNE
- 2) Make sign chart intervals based on critical points
- 3) Plug value from each int. into f'
If f' changes from:
+ \rightarrow -, crit. pt. is local **MAX**
- \rightarrow +, crit. pt. is local **MIN**
- 4) If asked: Find **value** of max/min by plugging crit. pt. into $f(x)$

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PRACTICE

For the following graph, find the open intervals for which the function is concave up or concave down. Identify any inflection points.



PRACTICE

Determine the intervals for which the function is concave up or concave down. State the inflection points.

$$f(x) = 4 \ln(3x^2)$$

HOW TO: Determine Intervals of Concavity

- 1) Find potential inflection points:
 $f''(x) = 0$ or DNE
- 2) Make sign chart **intervals** based on potential **inflection points**
- 3) Plug value from each int. into f'' :
If +, f concave **UP** on int.
If -, f concave **DOWN** on int.