

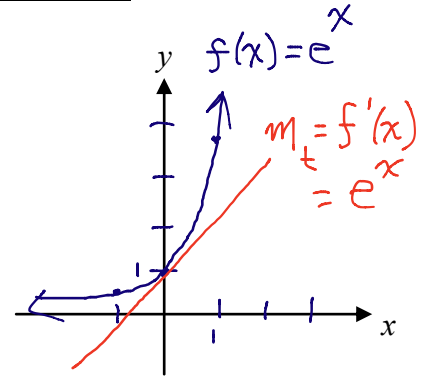
Date: April 11/14 **UNIT 5: DERIVATIVES OF EXPONENTIAL & LOGARITHMIC FUNCTIONS**

Section 8.1 – Derivatives of Exponential Functions

Problem: Find the derivative of the exponential function

$f(x) = e^x$ from *first principles*.

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{x+h} - e^x}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x(e^h - 1)}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left[e^x \cdot \frac{e^h - 1}{h} \right] \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} e^x \cdot \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^h - 1}{h} \\ &= e^x \cdot 1 \\ &= e^x \end{aligned}$$



h	$\frac{e^h - 1}{h}$
0.1	≈ 1.05
0.01	≈ 1.005
0.001	≈ 1.0005
0.0001	≈ 1.00005

Summary:

If $y = e^x$ then $\frac{dy}{dx} = e^x$

If $y = e^{f(x)}$ then $\frac{dy}{dx} = e^{f(x)} \cdot f'(x)$

Ex. 1. Find the derivatives of the following.

a) $y = e^{x^2-x}$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = e^{x^2-x} (2x-1)$

c) $f(x) = \tan 2x \cdot e^{2x}$
 $f'(x) = \sec^2 2x \cdot 2 \cdot e^{2x} + e^{2x} \cdot 2 \cdot \tan 2x$
 $f'(x) = 2e^{2x} \sec^2 2x + 2e^{2x} \tan 2x$
 $f'(x) = 2e^{2x} (\sec^2 2x + \tan 2x)$

b) $y = \sqrt{\frac{4}{e^{2x}}} \rightarrow y = (e^{\frac{4}{x}})^{\frac{1}{2}} \rightarrow y = e^{\frac{2}{x}}$
 $y = e^{\frac{2}{x}}$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = e^{\frac{2}{x}} \cdot (-2x^{-2})$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-2e^{\frac{2}{x}}}{x^2}$

d) $s(t) = \frac{e^{3t}}{1-e^{3t}}$
 $s'(t) = \frac{e^{3t} \cdot 3(1-e^{3t}) - (-e^{3t} \cdot 3) \cdot e^{3t}}{(1-e^{3t})^2}$
 $= \frac{3e^{3t} - 3e^{6t} + 3e^{6t}}{(1-e^{3t})^2}$
 $\therefore s'(t) = \frac{3e^{3t}}{(1-e^{3t})^2}$

Ex. 2. Given $f(x) = e^{\sqrt{1-x}}$, determine $f'(-3)$.

$$f(x) = e^{(1-x)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

$$f'(x) = e^{\sqrt{1-x}} \cdot \frac{1}{2} (1-x)^{-\frac{1}{2}} (-1)$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{-e^{\sqrt{1-x}}}{2\sqrt{1-x}}$$

$$f'(-3) = \frac{-e^2}{4}$$

Ex. 3. Find the slope of the normal to the curve $y - e^{xy} = 0$ at the point $(0,1)$.

$$y - e^{xy} = 0$$

diff. w.r.t. x

$$\frac{dy}{dx} - e^{xy} (1 \cdot y + \frac{dy}{dx} \cdot x) = 0$$

at $x=0$ & $y=1$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} - e^0 (1+0) = 0$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} - 1 = 0$$

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

at $(0,1)$,
 $m_t = 1$
 $\therefore m_n = -1$

Ex. 4. Determine the equations of the tangent and normal to $y = \frac{e^x}{x^2}$, $x \neq 0$, at $x=2$.

$$y = \frac{e^x}{x^2}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{e^x \cdot x^2 - 2x \cdot e^x}{(x^2)^2}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x^2 e^x - 2x e^x}{x^4}$$

at $x=2$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{4e^2 - 4e^2}{16} \quad \therefore y = \frac{e}{4}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

$y = \frac{e^x}{x^2}$

For tangent
 $m_t = 0$; $(2, \frac{e^2}{4})$

\therefore the horizontal tangent is $y = \frac{e^2}{4}$

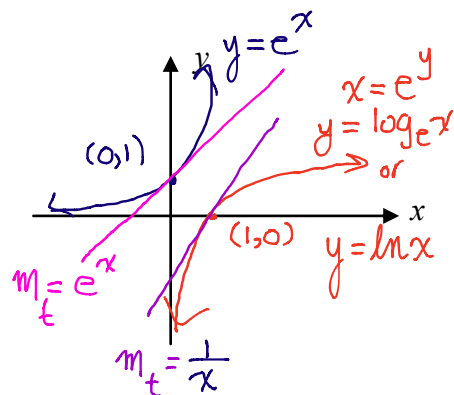
& the vertical normal passing through $(2, \frac{e^2}{4})$ is $x = 2$.

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Section 8.2 – The Derivative of the Natural Logarithmic Function

Find the derivative of $y = \ln x$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 y &= \ln x & \therefore y &= \ln x \\
 y &= \log_e x & \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{1}{e^{\ln x}} \\
 x &= e^y & \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{1}{e^{\log_e x}} \\
 \text{diff. w.r.t. } x & & \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{1}{x} \\
 1 &= e^y \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} & & \\
 \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{1}{e^y} & &
 \end{aligned}$$



Summary:

If $y = \ln x$ then $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{x}$

$\leftarrow e^{\ln x} =$

If $y = \ln u$ then $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{u} \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$

If $y = \ln f(x)$ then $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{f(x)} \cdot f'(x)$

Properties of Natural Logarithms:

- i) $\ln 1 = 0$
- ii) $\ln e = 1$
- iii) $\ln e^x = x$
- iv) $e^{\ln x} = x$

Natural Logarithm Laws: $x, y > 0$

- 1. $\ln(x \cdot y) = \ln x + \ln y$ **multiplication**
- 2. $\ln\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) = \ln x - \ln y$ **division**
- 3. $\ln x^n = n \cdot \ln x$ **power**

Ex. 1. Differentiate each of the following. (In some cases making use of the logarithm laws and exponent laws will make the process of differentiation easier.)

a) $f(x) = \ln(\cos x)$
 $f'(x) = \frac{1}{\cos x} \cdot (-\sin x)$
 $f'(x) = -\frac{\sin x}{\cos x}$
 $f'(x) = -\tan x$

b) $y = e^{2 \ln x}$
 $y = e^{\ln x^2}$
 $y = e^{\log_e x^2}$
 $y = x^2$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2x$

c) $y = \ln x^5$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{x^5} \cdot 5x^4$ or $y = 5 \ln x$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{5}{x}$ $\frac{dy}{dx} = 5 \cdot \frac{1}{x}$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{5}{x}$

d) $y = e^{\sqrt{x}} \cdot \ln \sqrt{x}$
 $y = e^{x^{\frac{1}{2}}} \cdot \ln x^{\frac{1}{2}}$
 $y = e^{x^{\frac{1}{2}}} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \ln x$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = e^{\sqrt{x}} \cdot \frac{1}{2} x^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \ln x + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{x} \cdot e^{\sqrt{x}}$
 $= \frac{1}{4} x^{-\frac{1}{2}} e^{\sqrt{x}} \ln x + \frac{1}{4} x^{-1} e^{\sqrt{x}}$
 $= \frac{1}{4} x^{-1} e^{\sqrt{x}} (x^{\frac{1}{2}} \ln x + 2)$
 $\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{e^{\sqrt{x}} (\sqrt{x} \cdot \ln x + 2)}{4x}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{e) } h(x) &= \frac{\ln x}{x^3} \\
 h'(x) &= \frac{\frac{1}{x} \cdot x^3 - 3x^2 \cdot \ln x}{(x^3)^2} \\
 &= \frac{x^2 - 3x^2 \ln x}{x^6} \quad \div \frac{x^2}{x^2} \\
 \therefore h'(x) &= \frac{1 - 3 \ln x}{x^4}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{f) } s(t) &= \ln \sqrt{\frac{1-t}{1+t}} \rightarrow s(t) = \ln \frac{(1-t)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{(1+t)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \\
 s(t) &= \ln (1-t)^{\frac{1}{2}} - \ln (1+t)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
 s(t) &= \frac{1}{2} \ln(1-t) - \frac{1}{2} \ln(1+t) \\
 s'(t) &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{1-t} \cdot (-1) - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{1+t} \cdot 1 \\
 s'(t) &= \frac{-1}{2(1-t)} - \frac{1}{2(1+t)} \\
 &= \frac{-1(1+t) - 1(1-t)}{2(1-t)(1+t)} \\
 &= \frac{-1-t-1+t}{2(1-t)(1+t)} \\
 &= \frac{-2}{2(1-t)(1+t)} \\
 \therefore s'(t) &= \frac{-1}{1-t^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

Ex. 2. Find an equation for the normal line to the curve $y \cdot \ln x = e^x - y$ at the point $(1, e)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 y \cdot \ln x &= e^x - y \\
 \text{diff w.r.t. } x & \\
 \frac{dy}{dx} \cdot \ln x + \frac{1}{x} \cdot 1 \cdot y &= e^x \cdot 1 - \frac{dy}{dx} \\
 \text{Find } \frac{dy}{dx} \text{ at } x=1, y=e & \\
 \frac{dy}{dx} \cdot \ln 1 + e &= e - \frac{dy}{dx} \\
 \frac{dy}{dx} (0) + e &= e - \frac{dy}{dx} \\
 \frac{dy}{dx} &= e - e \\
 \frac{dy}{dx} &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

If $m_t = 0$ then the normal is vertical and has the equation $x=1$ if it passes through $(1, e)$.

Ex. 3. If $f(x) = x(\ln x)^2$, determine:

$$(\ln x)^2 \neq \ln x^2$$

a) $f'(x)$

b) the equation of the tangent at $x = \frac{1}{e}$

c) all points at which the graph of $f(x)$ has a horizontal tangent line.

a) $f(x) = x \cdot (\ln x)^2$

$$f'(x) = 1 \cdot (\ln x)^2 + 2(\ln x) \cdot \frac{1}{x} \cdot 1 \cdot x$$

$$f'(x) = (\ln x)^2 + 2(\ln x)$$

or $f'(x) = (\ln x)(\ln x + 2)$

b) $m_t = f'(\frac{1}{e}) \quad ; \quad f(\frac{1}{e}) = \frac{1}{e} (\ln e^{-1})^2$
 $= (\ln e^{-1})^2 + 2(\ln e^{-1}) \quad = \frac{1}{e} (-1)^2$
 $= (-1)^2 + 2(-1) \quad = \frac{1}{e}$
 $= -1$

For the tangent,

$$m_t = -1 \quad ; \quad (\frac{1}{e}, \frac{1}{e}); \quad b = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

Find b: $\frac{1}{e} = -1(\frac{1}{e}) + b$

$$\frac{1}{e} = -\frac{1}{e} + b$$

$$\frac{2}{e} = b$$

\therefore the equation of the tangent at $x = \frac{1}{e}$ is

$$y = -x + \frac{2}{e}$$

c) $m_t = 0$

$$f'(x) = 0$$

$$\ln x (\ln x + 2) = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \ln x = 0 & \quad \text{or} \quad \ln x + 2 = 0 \\ \log_e x = 0 & \quad \ln x = -2 \\ x = e^0 & \quad x = e^{-2} \\ x = 1 & \quad x = e^{-2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(1) &= 1(\ln 1)^2 & f(e^{-2}) &= e^{-2}(\ln e^{-2})^2 \\ &= 0 & &= e^{-2}(-2)^2 \end{aligned}$$

\therefore the tangent is horizontal $= \frac{4}{e^2}$

at the points $(1, 0) \quad ; \quad (\frac{1}{e^2}, \frac{4}{e^2})$