

Section 4.4 Derivatives of logarithmic functions

$$(\ln x)' = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$(\ln(g(x)))' = \frac{g'(x)}{g(x)}$$

Example 1. Differentiate each function

1.  $f(x) = \sin x \ln x$

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= (\sin x)' \ln x + \sin x (\ln x)' \\ &= \boxed{\cos x \ln x + \sin x \frac{1}{x}} \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \frac{1}{x^2 + 3x - 1} (x^2 + 3x - 1)' \\ &= \boxed{\frac{2x + 3}{x^2 + 3x - 1}} \end{aligned}$$

3.  $f(x) = \frac{1 - \ln x}{1 + \ln x}$

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \frac{(1 - \ln x)'(1 + \ln x) - (1 + \ln x)'(1 - \ln x)}{(1 + \ln x)^2} = \frac{-\frac{1}{x}(1 + \ln x) - \frac{1}{x}(1 - \ln x)}{(1 + \ln x)^2} \\ &= \frac{-\frac{1}{x} - \frac{\ln x}{x} - \frac{1}{x} + \frac{\ln x}{x}}{(1 + \ln x)^2} = \boxed{-\frac{2}{x(1 + \ln x)^2}} \end{aligned}$$

4.  $f(x) = \ln|x|$

$$|x| = \begin{cases} x, & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ -x, & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}, \quad \ln|x| = \begin{cases} \ln x, & \text{if } x > 0 \\ \ln(-x), & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$(\ln|x|)' = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{x}, & \text{if } x > 0 \\ \frac{1}{-x} (-x)', & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{x}, & \text{if } x > 0 \\ -\frac{1}{-x}, & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{x}, & \text{if } x > 0 \\ \frac{1}{x}, & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\boxed{(\ln|x|)' = \frac{1}{x}, \quad x \neq 0}$$

**Example 2.** Find the equation of the tangent line to the curve  $x = \ln t$ ,  $y = te^t$  at the point  $(0, e)$ .

$$\text{Find } t \text{ such that } \begin{cases} \ln t = 0 \\ te^t = e \end{cases} \Rightarrow t = 1$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y'(t)}{x'(t)} = \frac{(te^t)'}{(\ln t)'} = \frac{e^t + te^t}{\frac{1}{t}} = t(e^t + te^t) = te^t(1+t)$$

$$\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{t=1} = (1)e^1(1+1) = 2e$$

$$y = 2e(x-0) + e$$

$$\boxed{y = 2ex + e}$$

$$\begin{aligned} y &= f'(a)(x-a) + f(a) \\ f'(a) &= 2e, \quad a = 0, \quad f(a) = e. \end{aligned}$$

Example 3. Find  $y'$  if  $y = \ln(x^2 + y^2)$

Implicit Differentiation.

$$y' = \frac{1}{x^2 + y^2} \frac{d}{dx} (x^2 + y^2)$$

$$\left[ y' = \frac{1}{x^2 + y^2} (2x + 2y y') \right] (x^2 + y^2)$$

$$(x^2 + y^2) y' = 2x + 2y y'$$

$$(x^2 + y^2) y' - 2y y' = 2x$$

$$y' (x^2 + y^2 - 2y) = 2x$$

$$y' = \frac{2x}{x^2 + y^2 - 2y}$$

$$(\log_a x)' = \frac{1}{x \ln a}$$

$$[\log_a (g(x))]' = \frac{g'(x)}{g(x) \ln a}$$

Example 4. Find  $\frac{d}{dx} (\log_3(\tan(x^2)))$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{\tan(x^2) \ln 3} (\tan(x^2))' \\ &= \frac{2x \sec^2(x^2)}{\tan(x^2) \ln 3} \end{aligned}$$

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$$(a^x)' = a^x \ln a$$

$$[a^{g(x)}]' = a^{g(x)} \ln a \cdot g'(x)$$

Example 5. Find  $\frac{d}{dx} (\sqrt{2-3^x} + \pi^{-x} + x^e)$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{2} (2-3^x)^{-1/2} (2-3^x)' + \pi^{-x} \ln \pi (-x)' + e x^{e-1} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (2-3^x)^{-1/2} (-3^x \ln 3) - \pi^{-x} \ln \pi + e x^{e-1} \end{aligned}$$

Steps in logarithmic differentiation

1. Take the logarithm of both sides of an equation.
2. Differentiate implicitly with respect to  $x$ .
3. Solve the resulting equation for  $y'$ .

Example 6. Differentiate each function

$$1. \ln y = \ln(x^x) \quad \left| \quad \begin{aligned} \ln y &= \ln(x^x) \\ \frac{d}{dx} \ln y &= \frac{d}{dx} \ln x^x \end{aligned} \right. \quad \left. \begin{aligned} \frac{y'}{y} &= (x)' \ln x + x(\ln x)' \\ &= \ln x + x \frac{1}{x} = \ln x + 1 \\ \left( \frac{y'}{y} = \ln x + 1 \right) y & \end{aligned} \right. \quad \left. \begin{aligned} y' &= y(\ln x + 1) \\ y' &= x^x(\ln x + 1) \end{aligned} \right.$$

$$2. y = x^{\sin x} \quad \left| \quad \begin{aligned} \ln y &= \ln(x^{\sin x}) \\ \frac{d}{dx} \ln y &= \frac{d}{dx} \sin x \ln x \end{aligned} \right. \quad \left. \begin{aligned} \frac{y'}{y} &= \cos x \ln x + \sin x \frac{1}{x} \\ y' &= x^{\sin x} \left( \cos x \ln x + \frac{\sin x}{x} \right) \end{aligned} \right.$$

$$3. y = \cos(x^{\sqrt{x}}) \quad z = x^{\sqrt{x}} \quad \left| \quad \begin{aligned} y' &= -\sin z \cdot z' \\ \ln z &= \ln(x^{\sqrt{x}}) \\ \frac{d}{dx} \ln z &= \frac{d}{dx} \sqrt{x} \ln x \end{aligned} \right. \quad \left. \begin{aligned} \frac{z'}{z} &= \frac{1}{2} x^{-1/2} \ln x + \frac{1}{x} \\ &= \frac{\ln x}{2\sqrt{x}} + \frac{1}{x} \\ \frac{z'}{z} &= \frac{\ln x + 2}{2\sqrt{x}} \end{aligned} \right. \quad \left. \begin{aligned} z' &= z \frac{\ln x + 2}{2\sqrt{x}} \\ z' &= x^{\sqrt{x}} \frac{\ln x + 2}{2\sqrt{x}} \\ y' &= -\sin(x^{\sqrt{x}}) \cdot x^{\sqrt{x}} \frac{\ln x + 2}{2\sqrt{x}} \end{aligned} \right.$$

$$4. \ln y = \ln \frac{(x+1)^4 \sqrt[5]{x^2+1}}{(x^3-1)^{10} (1+3x^2)^{2016}}$$

$$\ln y = \ln \left[ (x+1)^4 \sqrt[5]{x^2+1} \right] - \ln \left[ (x^3-1)^{10} (1+3x^2)^{2016} \right]$$

$$= \ln(x+1)^4 + \ln \left[ \sqrt[5]{x^2+1} \right] - \ln(x^3-1)^{10} - \ln(1+3x^2)^{2016}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \ln y = \frac{d}{dx} \left( 4 \ln(x+1) + \frac{1}{5} \ln(x^2+1) - 10 \ln(x^3-1) - 2016 \ln(1+3x^2) \right)$$

$$\frac{y'}{y} = \frac{4}{x+1} + \frac{1}{5} \cdot \frac{1}{x^2+1} (x^2+1)' - 10 \frac{1}{x^3-1} (x^3-1)' - 2016 \frac{1}{1+3x^2} (1+3x^2)'$$

$$\frac{y'}{y} = \frac{4}{x+1} + \frac{2x}{5(x^2+1)} - \frac{30x^2}{x^3-1} - \frac{12096x}{1+3x^2}$$

$$y' = y \left( \frac{4}{x+1} + \frac{2x}{5(x^2+1)} - \frac{30x^2}{x^3-1} - \frac{12096x}{1+3x^2} \right)$$

$$y' = \frac{(x+1)^4 \sqrt[5]{x^2+1}}{(x^3-1)^{10} (1+3x^2)^{2016}} \left( \frac{4}{x+1} + \frac{2x}{5(x^2+1)} - \frac{30x^2}{x^3-1} - \frac{12096x}{1+3x^2} \right)$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (1+x)^{1/x} = e$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^x = e$$

