

CALCULUS

Logarithmic differentiation

$$|a := \ln | \bullet |$$

$$|a' = \frac{1}{\bullet}$$

Logarithmic Derivative

MULTIPLY BY $f(x)$...

$$[f(x)] \left[\frac{d}{dx} \left[|a(f(x)) \right] \right] \stackrel{f(x) \neq 0}{=} \left[\frac{f(x)}{f(x)} \right] \left[\frac{d}{dx} [f(x)] \right]$$

function
expression

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e.g.:

$$\forall x > 0, \frac{d}{dx} [x^x] \stackrel{\text{UNNEEDED}}{=} \neq 0 \left[x^x \right] \left[\frac{d}{dx} [\ln(x^x)] \right]$$

x^x is not def'd in a nbd of 0, or of any negative number.

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Next: Properties of la...

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Facts: $\ln(PQ) = (\ln P) + (\ln Q)$

$$\ln(P/Q) = (\ln P) - (\ln Q)$$

$$\ln(P^k) \stackrel{P^k \text{ exists}}{=} k (\ln P)$$

non-e.g.: $\ln((-1)^{1/2})$ DNE, but $(1/2) (\ln(-1)) = 0$

e.g.: $\ln((-1)^2) = 2 (\ln(-1))$

Note: $\ln((-1)^2) = 0$, but $2 (\ln(-1))$ DNE

cf. §3.1, pp. 45–48 **THE POWER RULE**

If n is any real number

and if $f(x) = x^n$,

then $f'(x) = nx^{n-1}$.

Next: $x = 0$

Proof: $f'(x) \stackrel{x \neq 0}{=} [x^n] \left[\frac{d}{dx} [\ln(x^n)] \right] \stackrel{x^n \text{ exists}}{=} [x^n] \left[\frac{d}{dx} [n \ln x] \right]$

$\stackrel{x \neq 0}{=} [x^n] [n(1/x)] \stackrel{x \neq 0}{=} nx^{n-1}$ **QED**

UNNEEDED

$x \neq 0 \Rightarrow x^n \neq 0$

Note: $\forall n < 1$, both $f'(0)$ and $n \cdot 0^{n-1}$ **DNE**.

If $n = 1$, then $f'(0) = 1$, but $n \cdot 0^{n-1}$ **DNE**.

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Next: exponential functions

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If $n > 1$ and if n is irrational,
then $f'(0)$ **DNE**, but $n \cdot 0^{n-1} = 0$.

If $n > 1$ and if n is odd/even,
then $f'(0)$ **DNE**, but $n \cdot 0^{n-1} = 0$.

If $n > 1$ and if n is even/odd,
then $f'(0) = 0 = n \cdot 0^{n-1}$. ~~even/even~~

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then $f'(0) = 0 = n \cdot 0^{n-1}$.

$10^x > 0$, so $\ln(10^x) = \ln(10^x)$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dx}[10^x] &= [10^x] \left[\frac{d}{dx}(\ln[10^x]) \right] \\ &= [10^x] \left[\frac{d}{dx}(x \cdot \ln[10]) \right] \\ &= [10^x][\ln 10] \left[\frac{d}{dx}[x] \right] \\ &= [10^x][\ln 10]\end{aligned}$$

$10 \rightarrow b$

$$\forall b > 0, \frac{d}{dx}[b^x] = [b^x][\ln b]$$

Next: logarithmic functions

Goal: $\frac{d}{dx} [\log_2 x]$

$2 \rightarrow b$

$\forall b \in (0, \infty) \setminus \{1\},$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [\log_b x] \stackrel{x > 0}{=} \frac{1}{x [\ln b]}$$

ALTERNATE APPROACH...

TAKE d/dx

$$\underbrace{2^{\log_2 x}}_x [\ln 2] \left[\frac{d}{dx} [\log_2 x] \right] \stackrel{\substack{0 < x \\ 0 < x}}{=} 1$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [\log_2 x] \stackrel{x > 0}{=} \frac{1}{x [\ln 2]}$$

DIVIDE BY $x \ln 2$

$\forall b > 0, \frac{d}{dx} [b^x] = [b^x] [\ln b]$

$b \rightarrow 2$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [2^x] = [2^x] [\ln 2]$$

$$[2^\bullet]' = [2^\bullet] [\ln 2]$$

Assuming $x > 0$, $b > 0$ and $b \neq 1$.

$$b^{\log_b x} = x$$

TAKE \ln

$$\ln(b^{\log_b x}) = \ln x$$

$$[\log_b x] [\ln b] = \ln x$$

DIVIDE BY $\ln b$

$$\log_b x = \frac{\ln x}{\ln b}$$

“If the $\log_b x$ button on your calculator breaks, but not the \ln button, you can still calculate $\log_b x$.”

TAKE d/dx

$$\frac{d}{dx} [\log_b x] = \frac{d}{dx} \left[\frac{\ln x}{\ln b} \right] = \left[\frac{1}{\ln b} \right] \left[\frac{d}{dx} [\ln x] \right] = \left[\frac{1}{\ln b} \right] \left[\frac{1}{x} \right] = \frac{1}{x [\ln b]}$$

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ALTERNATE APPROACH...

Next: Problems...



Example: Find the logarithmic derivative of $x^7 + x^4 + 5x$.

$$\text{Sol'n: } \frac{d}{dx} [\ln(x^7 + x^4 + 5x)] = \frac{7x^6 + 4x^3 + 5}{x^7 + x^4 + 5x} \blacksquare$$

General Fact: $\frac{d}{dx} [\ln(f(x))] = \frac{f'(x)}{f(x)}$

Example: Find the logarithmic derivative of $x^4 - x^2 + 8x$.

$$\text{Sol'n: } \frac{d}{dx} [\ln(x^4 - x^2 + 8x)] = \frac{4x^3 - 2x + 8}{x^4 - x^2 + 8x} \blacksquare$$

Facts: $\frac{d}{dx} [\ln |(f(x))(g(x))|] = \left[\frac{d}{dx} [\ln (f(x))] \right] + \left[\frac{d}{dx} [\ln (g(x))] \right]$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left[\ln \left[\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \right] \right] = \left[\frac{d}{dx} [\ln (f(x))] \right] - \left[\frac{d}{dx} [\ln (g(x))] \right]$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left[\ln \left[(f(x))^k \right] \right] = k \left[\frac{d}{dx} [\ln (f(x))] \right]$$

$(f(x))^k$ exists

non-e.g.:
 $f(x) = -1$
 $k = 1/2$

Example: Find the logarithmic derivative of

$$\frac{(x^5 + 2x - 3)(2x^7 - x^4 + 1)^{100}}{x^3 - 2}$$

← exists, $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}$

Sol'n:

$$\left(\frac{5x^4 + 2}{x^5 + 2x - 3} \right) + 100 \left(\frac{14x^6 - 4x^3}{2x^7 - x^4 + 1} \right) - \left(\frac{3x^2}{x^3 - 2} \right)$$

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(except if $x^5 + 2x - 3 = 0$
or if $2x^7 - x^4 + 1 = 0$)

$$\frac{d}{dx} [f(x)] \stackrel{f(x) \neq 0}{=} [f(x)] \left[\frac{d}{dx} [\ln |f(x)|] \right]$$

EXAMPLE: Find $\frac{d}{dx} \left[\ln \left(\frac{2x + 4}{\sqrt{x^3 + 5}} \right) \right]$.

Find $\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{2x + 4}{\sqrt{x^3 + 5}} \right)$.

nonzero, because $x > -\sqrt[3]{5}$

Assume $x > -\sqrt[3]{5}$.

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

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(no exceptions for $x > -\sqrt[3]{5}$)

EXAMPLE: Differentiate $G(t) = \ln \sqrt[3]{\frac{25 - t^2}{25 + t^2}}$.

$$G'(t) = \frac{1}{3} \left[\frac{-2t}{25 - t^2} - \frac{2t}{25 + t^2} \right] \blacksquare$$

(untrue if $t > 5$)
(also untrue if $t < -5$)

NOTE: $\frac{d}{dt} \left[\ln \sqrt[3]{\frac{25 - t^2}{25 + t^2}} \right] = \frac{1}{3} \left[\frac{-2t}{25 - t^2} - \frac{2t}{25 + t^2} \right]$

(ln is better)

EXAMPLE: Use logarithmic differentiation to find

the derivative of $y = \sqrt[7]{\frac{x^4 + 2}{x^4 + 8}}$ ← never zero

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \sqrt[7]{\frac{x^4 + 2}{x^4 + 8}} \left(\frac{1}{7} \left[\frac{4x^3}{x^4 + 2} - \frac{4x^3}{x^4 + 8} \right] \right) \blacksquare$$

(No exceptions.)

EXAMPLE: Use logarithmic differentiation to find the derivative of $y = [\sqrt[4]{x}] [e^{x^6}] [(x^3 + 2)^7]$.

$e > 0$, so e^{x^6} is always > 0

log. deriv.?

undefined at $x = 0$

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$$\frac{dy}{dx} = [\sqrt[4]{x}] [e^{x^6}] [(x^3 + 2)^7] \left(\frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{x} + 6x^5 + 7 \frac{3x^2}{x^3 + 2} \right) \blacksquare$$

exceptions?

$$\frac{d}{dx} [\ln(e^{x^6})] = \frac{d}{dx} [\ln(x^6)] = \frac{d}{dx} [x^6] = 6x^5$$

no exception

$$y = 0 \Rightarrow [(x = 0) \text{ or } (x = -\sqrt[3]{2})]$$

$[\sqrt[4]{x}] [e^{x^6}] [(x^3 + 2)^7]$ is undefined on $x < 0$.

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 (no exceptions)

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EXAMPLE: Differentiate

no exception

$(y = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0)$

$$y = \frac{x^{4/5} \sqrt{x^2 + 8}}{(3x + 7)^5}$$

Common sol'n:

$$\frac{d}{dx} \ln y = \frac{4}{5} \ln x + \frac{1}{2} \ln(x^2 + 8) - 5 \ln(3x + 7)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \frac{1}{y} \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{4}{5} \cdot \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{2x}{x^2 + 8} - 5 \cdot \frac{3}{3x + 7}$$

$$\frac{4}{5} x^{-1/5}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = y \left(\frac{4}{5} \cdot \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{2x}{x^2 + 8} - 5 \cdot \frac{3}{3x + 7} \right)$$

undefined at $x = 0$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x^{4/5} \sqrt{x^2 + 8}}{(3x + 7)^5} \left(\frac{4}{5} \cdot \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{2x}{x^2 + 8} - 5 \cdot \frac{3}{3x + 7} \right)$$

(argument not valid if $x \leq 0$)

My sol'n:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x^{4/5} \sqrt{x^2 + 8}}{(3x + 7)^5} \left(\frac{4}{5} \cdot \frac{\square}{x} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\square}{x^2 + 8} - 5 \cdot \frac{\square}{3x + 7} \right)$$

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undefined at $x = 0$

(no exceptions)

exceptions?

EXAMPLE: Find the derivative of $y = (5 + \cos x)^{\ln x}$.

Assume $x > 0$.

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \left[(5 + \cos x)^{\ln x} \right] \left[\frac{d}{dx} \left[\ln \left((5 + \cos x)^{\ln x} \right) \right] \right]$$

$$= \left[(5 + \cos x)^{\ln x} \right] \left[\frac{d}{dx} \left[(\ln x) (\ln(5 + \cos x)) \right] \right]$$

$$= \left[(5 + \cos x)^{\ln x} \right] \left[\left(\frac{1}{x} \right) (\ln(5 + \cos x)) + (\ln x) \left(\frac{-\sin x}{5 + \cos x} \right) \right]$$


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(no exceptions for $x > 0$)

(also no exceptions for $x \leq 0$)

EXAMPLE: Find the derivative of $y = (\ln x)^{\sin^2 x}$, $x > 1$.

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \left[(\ln x)^{\sin^2 x} \right] \left[\frac{d}{dx} \left[\ln \left((\ln x)^{\sin^2 x} \right) \right] \right]$$

$(\ln x)^{\sin^2 x}$ exists?


$$= \left[(\ln x)^{\sin^2 x} \right] \left[\frac{d}{dx} \left[(\sin^2 x) (\ln(\ln x)) \right] \right]$$

$$= \left[(\ln x)^{\sin^2 x} \right] \left[(\sin^2 x) \left(\frac{1/x}{\ln x} \right) + (2(\sin x)(\cos x)) (\ln(\ln x)) \right]$$

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(no exceptions for $x > 1$)
 (exercise: $x \leq 1$)

$\ln 1 = 0$
 $\ln x > 0$

EXAMPLE:

Find the derivative of $y = \left(3 + \sqrt{2x^2 + x^4}\right)^x$.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy}{dx} &= \left[\left(3 + \sqrt{2x^2 + x^4}\right)^x \right] \left[\frac{d}{dx} \left(\ln \left[\left(3 + \sqrt{2x^2 + x^4}\right)^x \right] \right) \right] \\ &= \left[\left(3 + \sqrt{2x^2 + x^4}\right)^x \right] \left[\frac{d}{dx} \left(x \left[\ln \left(3 + \sqrt{2x^2 + x^4}\right) \right] \right) \right] \\ &= \left[\left(3 + \sqrt{2x^2 + x^4}\right)^x \right] \left[x \left(\frac{2x + 2x^3}{\sqrt{2x^2 + x^4}} \right) + \cancel{(1)} \left(\ln \left(3 + \sqrt{2x^2 + x^4}\right) \right) \right]\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dx} \left(3 + \sqrt{2x^2 + x^4}\right) &= \frac{d}{dx} \left(3 + (2x^2 + x^4)^{1/2}\right) \\ &= \cancel{0} + \frac{1}{2} (2x^2 + x^4)^{-1/2} (4x + 4x^3) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2x^2 + x^4}} (2x + 2x^3) = \frac{2x + 2x^3}{\sqrt{2x^2 + x^4}}\end{aligned}$$

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(no exceptions)

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log properties

Whitman problems

§4.6, p. 74, #1-2,5

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gphs of log exprs

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§4.6, p. 74, #3-4,8,12-18

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deriv log

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§4.6, p. 74, #6-7

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solve log exprs

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§4.6, p. 74, #9-11

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log diff

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§4.7, p. 80, #1,6,9,15,19

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deriv w/ exp

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§4.7, p. 80, #2-5,7-8,10

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deriv w/ log

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§4.7, p. 80, #11-14,16-18,21

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tan line

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§4.7, p. 80, #20

