

# Derivatives of Exponential & Log Functions (Section 4.4)

\* If  $y = e^u$ , then  $y' = e^u \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$

\* If  $y = u^a$ , then  $y' = a u^{a-1} \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$  (power rule)

\* If  $y = a^u$ , then  $y' = a^u \cdot \ln a \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$   
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 exponential function

\* If  $y = \log_a u$ , then  $y' = \frac{1}{u \cdot \ln a} \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$

\* If  $y = \ln u$ , then  $y' = \frac{1}{u} \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$

ex:  $y = e^{4x-5}$

$y' = e^{4x-5} \cdot (4) = 4e^{4x-5}$

ex:  $y = x^{1-e}$

$y' = (1-e)x^{x-e-1}$   
 $y' = (1-e)x^{-e}$  OR  $\frac{1-e}{x^e}$

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

$y' = 2(\ln x)' \left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \frac{2 \ln x}{x}$

ex:  $y = x^{\frac{1}{\ln x}}$

① Take the ln of both sides  
 $\ln y = \ln x^{\frac{1}{\ln x}}$

$\ln y = \frac{1}{\ln x} \cdot \ln x$

$\ln y = 1$  OR  $\ln y = 1$   
 ② Implicit  $e^1 = y$

$y \cdot \frac{1}{y} \frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \cdot y$   
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$

$y' = 0$

\* "u" is a function of x  
 "v" is a function of x  
 "a" is a constant.

\*\* If  $y = u^v$ , then

$y' = y \left[ \frac{v}{u} \cdot \frac{du}{dx} + \ln u \cdot \frac{dv}{dx} \right]$

OR

① Take the "ln" of both sides of the equation.

② Use implicit differentiation to solve for  $\frac{dy}{dx}$ .

ex:  $y = x^2 e^x - x e^x = e^x (x^2 - x)$

$y' = e^x (2x-1) + (x^2-x)e^x$

$y' = e^x [x^2 + x - 1]$

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ex:  $y = \log_5 \sqrt{x} = \log_5 x^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{2} \log_5 x$

$y' = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x} \ln 5} \left(\frac{1}{2} x^{-\frac{1}{2}}\right)$

$y' = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{x \ln 5}\right)$

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ex:  $y = \ln 10^x = x \ln 10$

$y' = \ln 10$

ex:  $y = x \cdot e^x$  Find the Normal equation of a line

$$y' = x(e^x) + e^x(1)$$

$$= e^x(x+1) \text{ @ } (0,0)$$

$$y' = e^0(0+1) = 1 \quad \begin{matrix} m=1 \\ \perp m = -1 \end{matrix}$$

@ (0,0).

$$y-0 = -1(x-0)$$

$$\boxed{y = -x}$$

ex: Prove if  $y = \ln(k \cdot x)$ , then  $y' = \frac{1}{x}$  for any constant  $k$ .

$$y = \ln k + \ln x$$

$$y' = 0 + \frac{1}{x}$$

$$y' = \frac{1}{x} \checkmark$$

$$y' = \frac{1}{k \cdot x}$$

$$y' = \frac{1}{x} \checkmark$$

ex:  $y = x^{\tan x}$

$$\ln y = \tan x \ln x$$

$$\frac{1}{y} \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = \tan x \left( \frac{1}{x} \right) + \ln x (\sec^2 x)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = y \left[ \frac{\tan x}{x} + \ln x (\sec^2 x) \right]$$

$$\boxed{\frac{dy}{dx} = x^{\tan x} \left[ \frac{\tan x}{x} + \ln x (\sec^2 x) \right]}$$