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Unit 1 : Differential Calculus - Lesson 4

Derivatives of Exponential and Logarithmic Functions

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- Know the derivatives of e^x and $\ln x$.

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- Memorise Rules.

Derivatives of Exponential and Logarithmic Functions

- $\frac{d}{dx} e^x = e^x$
- $\frac{d}{dx} \ln x = \frac{1}{x}$

General Form of Derivatives - Chain Rule

$$\frac{d}{dx} e^{f(x)} = e^{f(x)} \cdot f'(x)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \ln f(x) = \frac{1}{f(x)} \cdot f'(x)$$

Example 1

If $g(x) = e^{x/4}$, find $g'(x)$.

$$g(x) = e^{x/4}$$

$$\therefore g'(x) = e^{x/4} \cdot \frac{d}{dx} (x/4)$$

$$\Rightarrow g'(x) = (1/4) e^{x/4}$$

Example 2

If $f(x) = \exp(6x)$, find $f'(x)$.

$$f(x) = \exp(6x)$$

$$f(x) = e^{6x}$$

$$\therefore f'(x) = e^{6x} \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(6x)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{aligned} f'(x) &= 6e^{6x} \\ \left(f'(x) &= 6\exp(6x) \right) \end{aligned}$$

Example 3

If $r(w) = \ln(w^2 + 11w)$, find $r'(w)$.

$$r(w) = \ln(w^2 + 11w)$$

$$\therefore r'(w) = \frac{1}{w^2 + 11w} \cdot \frac{d}{dw}(w^2 + 11w)$$

$$\Rightarrow r'(w) = \frac{2w + 11}{w^2 + 11w}$$

Example 4

If $y = \ln(\cot x)$, find y' , expressing the answer in terms of $\sin x$ and $\cos x$ only.

$$y = \ln(\cot x)$$

$$\therefore y' = \frac{1}{\cot x} \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(\cot x)$$

$$\Rightarrow y' = - \frac{\operatorname{cosec}^2 x}{\cot x}$$

$$\Rightarrow y' = - \frac{1}{\sin^2 x} \div \frac{\cos x}{\sin x}$$

$$\Rightarrow y' = - \frac{1}{\sin^2 x} \times \frac{\sin x}{\cos x}$$

$$\Rightarrow y' = - \frac{1}{\sin x \cos x}$$

Example 5

If $y = \cot(\ln x)$, find y' .

$$y = \cot(\ln x)$$

$$\therefore y' = -\operatorname{cosec}^2(\ln x) \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(\ln x)$$

$$\Rightarrow y' = -\operatorname{cosec}^2(\ln x) \cdot (1/x)$$

$$\Rightarrow y' = -\frac{\operatorname{cosec}^2(\ln x)}{x}$$

Example 6

If $y = e^{\sin x}$, find y' .

$$y = e^{\sin x}$$

$$\therefore y' = e^{\sin x} \cdot \frac{d}{dx} (\sin x)$$

$$\Rightarrow y' = \cos x e^{\sin x}$$

Example 7

If $y = \ln(\sec(x^3))$, find y' .

$$y = \ln(\sec(x^3))$$

$$\therefore y' = \frac{1}{\sec(x^3)} \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(\sec(x^3))$$

$$\Rightarrow y' = \frac{1}{\sec(x^3)} \cdot \sec(x^3) \cdot \tan(x^3) \cdot 3x^2$$

$$\Rightarrow y' = 3x^2 \tan(x^3)$$

AH Maths - MiA (2nd Edn.)

- pg. 58-9 Ex. 4.9 Q 1 - 5.

Ex. 4.9

1 Find the derivative of each of these.

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| a e^{4x} | b e^{4x+1} | c e^{x^2} | d e^{1-x^2} | e $e^{\cos x}$ |
| f $2e^{3x+4}$ | g $3e^{\frac{x}{3}}$ | h $4e^{x^3-2x}$ | i $5e^{\sin x}$ | j $-e^{2 \cos x}$ |
| k $\ln(x+3)$ | l $\ln(3x-1)$ | m $3 \ln(1-2x)$ | n $\ln(2x^3+5)$ | o $\ln(\sin x)$ |
| p $\ln(x+3)^2$ | q $\ln\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$ | r $\sin(\ln x)$ | s $(\ln(x))^3$ | t $\frac{1}{\ln x}$ |

2 Differentiate

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|--|--------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|
| a $e^{\frac{1}{2x}}$ | b $e^{\sin^2 x}$ | c $e^{\frac{x+1}{x-1}}$ | d $e^{\sin x \cos x}$ | e $e^{\sec x}$ |
| f $\ln\left(\frac{1}{x^2}\right)$ | g $\ln(\sin^2 x)$ | h $e^x \ln x$ | i $\ln x^2 \ln(x+2)$ | j $\ln(\sec x)$ |

3 Calculate $f'(x)$ when $f(x)$ is

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|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| a $\ln(\cos 3x)$ | b $\ln(\ln(x))$ | c $e^{2x+1} \ln(2x+1)$ | d $3e^{\sec x}$ | e e^{e^x} |
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4 Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ when y is

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|-------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| a $(3x+1)e^{3x}$ | b $\cos x e^{\cos x}$ | c $e^{1-3x} \tan 2x$ | d $e^{(1-\ln x)}$ | e $4e^x \cot x$ |
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5 Differentiate

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|---|-------------------------------------|---|---|---------------------------------------|
| a $\frac{2x}{3e^x}$ | b $\frac{x+e^x}{x-e^x}$ | c $\frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{e^x - e^{-x}}$ | d $\frac{\ln x + \ln 2x}{e^{x-1}}$ | e $\frac{(x-1)(x+2)}{e^{x-1}}$ |
| f $\frac{\ln(x+1)}{e^x + \ln x}$ | g $\frac{e^x}{\sqrt{\ln x}}$ | h $\frac{\ln(x^2 + 2x - 1)}{\sqrt{e^x}}$ | i $\cos\left(\frac{\ln x}{e^x}\right)$ | |

Answers to AH Maths (MiA), pg. 58-9, Ex. 4.9

$$1 \text{ a } 4e^{4x}$$

$$\text{c } 2xe^{x^2}$$

$$\text{e } -\sin x e^{\cos x}$$

$$\text{g } \frac{x}{e^3}$$

$$\text{i } 5 \cos x e^{\sin x}$$

$$\text{k } \frac{1}{x+3}$$

$$\text{m } -\frac{6}{1-2x}$$

$$\text{o } \frac{\cos x}{\sin x} = \cot x$$

$$\text{q } -\frac{1}{x}$$

$$\text{s } \frac{3(\ln x)^2}{x}$$

$$2 \text{ a } -\frac{1}{2x^2} e^{\frac{1}{2x}}$$

$$\text{c } -\frac{2}{(x-1)^2} e^{\frac{x+1}{x-1}}$$

$$\text{d } (\cos^2 x - \sin^2 x) e^{\sin x \cos x}$$

$$\text{e } \sec x \tan x e^{\sec x}$$

$$\text{g } \frac{2 \sin x \cos x}{\sin^2 x} = 2 \cot x$$

$$\text{i } \frac{2 \ln(x+2)}{x} + \frac{\ln x^2}{x+2}$$

$$3 \text{ a } -3 \tan 3x$$

$$\text{c } 2e^{2x+1} \ln(2x+1) + \frac{2e^{2x+1}}{2x+1}$$

$$\text{d } 3 \sec x \tan x e^{\sec x}$$

$$\text{b } 4e^{4x+1}$$

$$\text{d } -2xe^{1-x^2}$$

$$\text{f } 6e^{3x+4}$$

$$\text{h } 4(3x^2 - 2)e^{x^3-2x}$$

$$\text{j } 2 \sin x e^{2 \cos x}$$

$$\text{l } \frac{3}{3x-1}$$

$$\text{n } \frac{6x^2}{2x^3+5}$$

$$\text{p } \frac{2(x+3)}{(x+3)^2} = \frac{2}{x+3}$$

$$\text{r } \frac{\cos(\ln x)}{x}$$

$$\text{t } -\frac{1}{x(\ln x)^2}$$

$$\text{b } 2 \sin x \cos x e^{\sin^2 x}$$

$$\text{f } -\frac{2}{x^3} x^2 = -\frac{2}{x}$$

$$\text{h } e^x \ln x + \frac{e^x}{x}$$

$$\text{j } \frac{\sec x \tan x}{\sec x} = \tan x$$

$$\text{b } \frac{1}{x \ln x}$$

$$\text{e } e^x \cdot e^e = e^{e^x+x}$$

$$4 \text{ a } 3e^{3x}(2+3x)$$

$$\text{b } -\sin x e^{\cos x} (1 + \cos x)$$

$$\text{c } e^{1-3x} (-3 \tan 2x + 2 \sec^2 2x)$$

$$\text{d } -\frac{e^{1-\ln x}}{x} = -\frac{e^1}{xe^{\ln x}} = -\frac{e}{x^2}$$

$$\text{e } 4e^x(\cot x - \operatorname{cosec}^2 x)$$

$$5 \text{ a } \frac{2-2x}{3e^x}$$

$$\text{b } \frac{2e^x(x-1)}{(x-e^x)^2}$$

$$\text{c } \frac{-4}{(e^x - e^{-x})^2}$$

$$\text{d } \frac{2-x \ln(2x^2)}{xe^{x-1}}$$

$$\text{e } \frac{3+x-x^2}{e^{x-1}}$$

$$\text{f } \frac{(e^x + \ln x) \frac{1}{(x+1)} - \ln(x+1) \left(e^x + \frac{1}{x}\right)}{(e^x + \ln x)^2}$$

$$\text{g } \frac{\sqrt{\ln x} e^x - \frac{e^x}{2x \sqrt{\ln x}}}{\ln x} = \frac{e^x(2x \ln x - 1)}{2x (\ln x)^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$

$$\text{h } \frac{2x+2}{(x^2+2x-1)e^{\frac{x}{2}}} - \frac{\ln(x^2+2x-1)}{2e^{\frac{x}{2}}}$$

$$\text{i } -\sin\left(\frac{\ln x}{e^x}\right) \left(\frac{1-x \ln x}{x e^x}\right)$$