

## Logarithmic Differentiation

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- Can use log laws to take the derivative of very-fast growing functions like  $x^x$
- Can use log laws to take derivative of massive products and quotients

**Terminology:**

- Logarithmic Differentiation

**Reminder:**

- Quest on Friday

**Review:** Find  $y'$  given the following (you probably want to do this on the board...)

$$y = \ln \frac{(5-x)^3 \cdot \ln(x^2+1)}{e^{6x} \cdot \sqrt[3]{-4x+7}}$$

$$y = \ln \left[ \frac{(5-x)^{3/2} \cdot (\ln(x^2+1))^{1/2}}{e^{3x} (-4x+7)^{1/6}} \right]$$

$$\star = \frac{3}{2} \ln(5-x) + \frac{1}{2} \ln(\ln(x^2+1)) - 3x \ln e - \frac{1}{6} \ln(-4x+7)$$

$$y' = \frac{3}{2} \frac{-1}{5-x} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\ln(x^2+1)} \cdot \frac{1}{x^2+1} \cdot 2x - 3 + \frac{4}{6} \frac{1}{(7-4x)}$$

What does this problem teach us?

log rules make ~~derivatives~~ derivatives of product/quotients very easy.

$$\ln(AB) = \ln A + \ln B$$

$$\ln(A/B) = \ln A - \ln B$$

$$\ln A^n = n \ln A$$

Example: Find  $dy/dx$  if

$\ln(y = x^x)$

$$\Rightarrow \ln y = \ln x^x = x \ln x$$

$$\frac{1}{y} \frac{dy}{dx} = 1 \cdot \ln x + \frac{x}{x} = \ln x + 1 \quad \leftarrow \text{extra}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = y(\ln x + 1) = x^x (\ln x + 1)$$

Practice: Find  $dy/dx$  if

$y = x^{2^x}$

$$\ln y = 2^x \ln x$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{y} \frac{dy}{dx} = 2^x \ln 2 \cdot \ln x + \frac{2^x}{x}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2^x \cdot x^{2^x} \left[ \ln 2 \cdot \ln x + \frac{1}{x} \right]$$

$y(3) = ? \quad 3^8 \text{ OR } 9^3$   
 $x^{(2^x)} \quad (x^2)^x$

$y = (2x+1)$   
 $y(3) = ? \quad 7 \text{ OR } 8$   
 $(2x)+1 \quad 2(x+1)$

Practice: Find  $dy/dx$  if

$y = \ln^{\sqrt{x}} x = (\ln x)^{\sqrt{x}}$

Practice Problems: 8.6: # 1, 2abe, 3, 4



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$$y = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \ln(5-x)^3 + \ln[\ln(x^2+1)] - \ln e^{6x} - \ln^3 \sqrt[3]{7-4x} \right]$$

$$= \frac{3}{2} \ln(5-x) + \frac{1}{2} \ln(\ln(x^2+1)) - 3x - \frac{1}{6} \ln(7-4x)$$

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

$$+ \frac{4}{6(7-4x)}$$

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

What does this problem teach us?

log laws make the derivative of a product / quotient much simpler.

\* one-to-one pass horiz./vertical line test

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Example: Find  $dy/dx$  if

$$\ln(y = x^x)$$
$$\Rightarrow \ln y = \ln(x^x)$$
$$\frac{d}{dx}(\ln y = \underbrace{x} \cdot \underbrace{\ln x})$$
$$\frac{1}{y} \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = 1 \cdot \ln x + \frac{1}{x} \cdot x = \ln x + 1$$
$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = y(\ln x + 1) = \underline{\underline{x^x (\ln x + 1)}}$$

Practice: Find  $dy/dx$  if

$$\ln y = \underbrace{2^x} \cdot \underbrace{\ln x}$$
$$\frac{1}{y} \frac{dy}{dx} = 2^x \cdot \ln 2 \cdot \ln x + 2^x \frac{1}{x}$$
$$\frac{dy}{dx} = x^{2^x} \cdot 2^x \left[ \ln 2 \cdot \ln x + \frac{1}{x} \right]$$

$$y = x^{2^x}$$

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$$y = \underline{\underline{x^{(2^x)}}} \text{ OR } (x^2)^x$$
$$2x + 1$$
$$2(x+1)$$

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