

Ch. 5.5 Notes      Derivative of Logs of other bases

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Derivative Rule for logs of other bases :  $\frac{d}{dx} \log_a u = \frac{u'}{(\ln a) u}$

Ex. 3 Find  $f'(x)$  for  $f(x) = \log_5 \sqrt[3]{(2x^2 + 7)}$

Ex. 4 Find  $f'(x)$  for  $f(x) = \log \frac{5x^3}{(x^2 - 3x)^3}$

Derivative Rule for Exponential functions of base  $a^x$ :  $\frac{d}{dx}a^u = (\ln a)a^u * u'$

Ex. 5 Find  $f'(x)$  for  $f(x) = 5^{x^2-2x}$

Ex. 6 Find  $f'(x)$  for  $f(x) = x(4^{-x})$

Ex. 7:

1994 #4: A particle moves along the  $x$ -axis so that at any time  $t > 0$  its velocity is given by  $v(t) = t \ln t - t$ .

- Write an expression for the acceleration of the particle.
- For what values of  $t$  is the particle moving to the right?
- What is the minimum velocity of the particle? Show the analysis that leads to your conclusion.

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Ex. 1 solve for x:  $3^x = 1/81$

$$\log_3 3^x = \log_3 (1/81)$$

$$x = \log_3 (3)^{-4}$$

$$x = -4$$

Ex. 2 solve:  $\log_2 x = -4$

$$2^{\log_2 x} = 2^{-4}$$

$$x = 2^{-4} = \boxed{\frac{1}{16}}$$

Derivative Rule for logs of other bases:  $\frac{d}{dx} \log_a u = \frac{u'}{(\ln a)u} = \left(\frac{1}{\ln a}\right) \left(\frac{u'}{u}\right)$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \log_a x = \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{\ln x}{\ln a}\right) = \left(\frac{1}{\ln a}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \frac{1}{(\ln a)x}$$

Recall:  $\frac{d}{dx} \ln u = \frac{u'}{u}$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \log_a u = \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{\ln u}{\ln a}\right) = \left(\frac{1}{\ln a}\right) \cdot \frac{d}{dx} (\ln u) = \left(\frac{1}{\ln a}\right) \left(\frac{u'}{u}\right)$$

Ex. 3 Find  $f'(x)$  for  $f(x) = \log_5 \sqrt[3]{(2x^2 + 7)}$

$$f(x) = \log_5 (2x^2 + 7)^{1/3}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \log_5 (2x^2 + 7)$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{1}{\ln 5}\right) \left(\frac{4x}{2x^2 + 7}\right) = \boxed{\frac{4x}{3 \ln 5 (2x^2 + 7)}}$$

Ex. 4 Find  $f'(x)$  for  $f(x) = \log \frac{5x^3}{(x^2 - 3x)^3}$

$$f(x) = \log 5x^3 - \log (x^2 - 3x)^3$$

$$= \log 5x^3 - 3 \log (x^2 - 3x)$$

$$f'(x) = \left(\frac{1}{\ln 10}\right) \left(\frac{15x^2}{5x^3}\right) - 3 \left(\frac{1}{\ln 10}\right) \left(\frac{2x-3}{x^2-3x}\right)$$

$$= \frac{3}{x \ln 10} - \frac{3(2x-3)}{(\ln 10)(x^2-3x)}$$

$$* e^{\ln x} = x$$

Derivative Rule for Exponential functions of base  $a^x$ :  $\frac{d}{dx} a^u = (\ln a) a^u \cdot u'$

$$\frac{d}{dx} a^x = e^{(\ln a)x} \rightarrow \frac{d}{dx} e^{(\ln a)x} = e^{(\ln a)x} \cdot \ln a = (\ln a) e^{(\ln a)x} = (\ln a) a^x$$

Recall:  $\frac{d}{dx} e^u = e^u \cdot u'$

$$\frac{d}{dx} a^u = \ln a \cdot a^u \cdot u'$$

Ex. 5 Find  $f'(x)$  for  $f(x) = 5^{x^2-2x}$

$$f'(x) = (\ln 5) (5^{x^2-2x}) (2x-2)$$

Ex. 6 Find  $f'(x)$  for  $f(x) = x(4^{-x})$

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= (1)(4^{-x}) + x \cdot (\ln 4)(4^{-x})(-1) \\ &= \frac{1}{4^x} - \frac{x \ln 4}{4^x} = \boxed{\frac{1-x \ln 4}{4^x}} \end{aligned}$$

Ex. 7

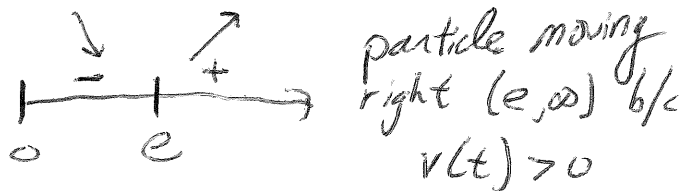
$$v(t) = t \ln t - t$$

a)  $a(t) = v'(t) = \ln t + t(\frac{1}{t}) - 1 = \ln t + 1 - 1 = \ln t$

b) Find critical points: set  $v(t) = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} v(t) &= t \ln t - t & \left| \begin{array}{l} \ln t - 1 = 0 \\ \ln t = 1 \\ e^1 = t \end{array} \right. \\ 0 &= t(\ln t - 1) \end{aligned}$$

$$t=0, t=e$$



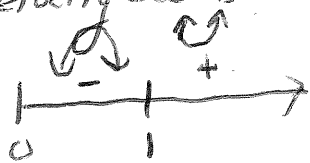
c) \* minimum velocity occurs where  $f''(x)$  changes from - to +

$$a(t) = \ln t$$

$$0 = \ln t$$

$$e^0 = t$$

$$t=1$$



$$v(1) = 1 \ln(1) - 1$$

$$\boxed{v(1) = -1}$$

Minimum velocity is -1 b/c  $a(t) < 0$  for  $t$  in  $(0, 1)$  and  $a(t) > 0$  for all  $t > 1$