

2.3 The Exponential and Natural Logarithm Functions

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2.4 General Exponential and Logarithmic Functions

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19. Suppose it takes 8 hours for 30% of a radioactive substance to decay. Find the half-life of the substance.

$$y(t) = A_0 e^{kt}$$

$y(t)$ = the amount of radioactive substance remaining at time t .

A_0 = the initial amount

k = decay constant

$$y(0) = A_0 e^{(k)(0)} = A_0 e^0 = (A_0)(1) = A_0$$

$$\therefore y(0) = A_0$$

$$y(8) = 70\% A_0 = \frac{7A_0}{10}$$

Find t_H (half-life)

$$y(t_H) = \frac{A_0}{2}$$

$$y(8) = A_0 e^{k8} = \frac{7A_0}{10}$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{k8} = \frac{7}{10}$$

$$\ln(e^{k8}) = \ln\left(\frac{7}{10}\right)$$

$$8k = \ln\left(\frac{7}{10}\right)$$

$$k = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{7}{10}\right)}{8}$$

$$y(t) = A_0 e^{\frac{\ln\left(\frac{7}{10}\right)}{8} t}$$

... $\ln\left(\frac{7}{10}\right) t$

$$y(t) = A_0 e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}}$$

$$y(t_H) = A_0 e^{-\frac{\ln(\frac{7}{10})}{\tau} t_H} = \frac{A_0}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{-\frac{\ln(\frac{7}{10})}{\tau} t_H} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln\left(e^{-\frac{\ln(\frac{7}{10})}{\tau} t_H}\right) = \ln\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$\frac{\ln\left(\frac{7}{10}\right)}{8} \rightarrow \text{Decimal}$$

-0.044584

$$\ln\left(e^{-0.044584 t_H}\right) = \ln\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$-0.044584 t_H = \ln\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$t_H = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)}{-0.044584}$$

$$\frac{-8 \cdot \ln(2)}{\ln\left(\frac{7}{10}\right)} \rightarrow \text{Decimal}$$

15.5469

The half-life is about 15.55 hours

$$\begin{aligned} & \ln\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \\ &= \ln(1) - \ln(2) \\ &= 0 - \ln(2) \\ &= -\ln(2) \end{aligned}$$

$$y(t) = A_0 e^{kt}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = A_0 e^{kt} k$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = k A_0 e^{kt}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = k y(t)$$

Thus, $y(t)$ is a solution to the above differential equation.

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13. Show that $\frac{d}{dx} (\ln(kx)) = \frac{1}{x}$ for all constants $k > 0$.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} (\ln(kx)) &= \left(\frac{1}{kx} \right) \frac{d}{dx} (kx) \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{kx} \right) (k) \\ &= \frac{1}{x} \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} (\ln(kx)) &= \frac{d}{dx} (\ln k + \ln x) \\ &= 0 + \frac{1}{x} \\ &= \frac{1}{x} \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

Solve

$$\log_2 x + \log_2 (x+1) = 2$$

$$\log_2 (x(x+1)) = 2$$

$$2^2 = x(x+1)$$

$$x^2 + x = 4$$

$$x^2 + x - 4 = 0$$

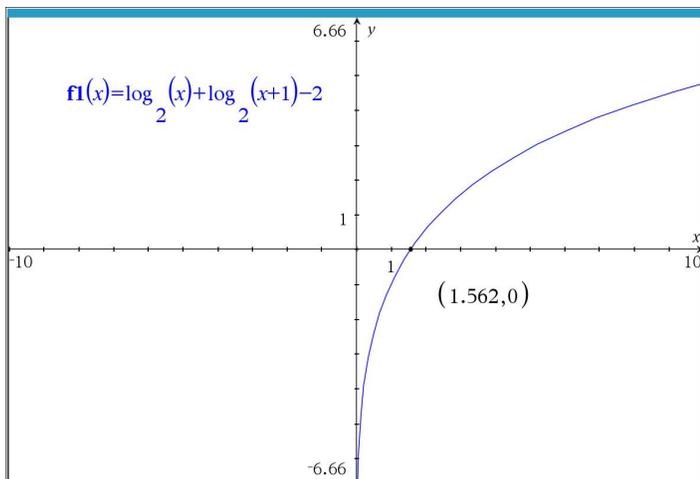
$$x = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1 - (4)(1)(-4)}}{2(1)}$$

$$x = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{17}}{2}$$

$$x > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{-1 + \sqrt{17}}{2}$$

$$(-1 + \sqrt{17})/2 = 1.56155281280883$$



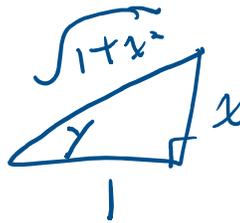
Prove $\frac{d}{dx} \arctan(x) = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$

Let $y = \arctan(x)$

$$\tan y = x = \frac{x}{1}$$

Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$

$$\frac{d}{dx} (\tan y) = \frac{dx}{dx}$$



$$(\sec^2 y) \frac{dy}{dx} = 1$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{\sec^2 y} = \cos^2 y = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{1+x^2}} \right)^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{1+x^2} \quad \checkmark$$

$$x = \tan y$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{\frac{dx}{dy}} = \frac{1}{\sec^2 y} = \frac{1}{1+x^2} \quad (\text{see above } \Delta)$$

$$\frac{dx}{dy} = \frac{d}{dy} (\tan y) = \sec^2 y$$

Brief overview of 2.4, 3.1

After class notes

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1. $(dx + 1)^2 = 2dx + 1$

$$(dx)^2 = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} & (dx + 1)(dx + 1) \\ &= (dx)^2 + 2dx + 1 \\ &= 0 + 2dx + 1 \\ &= 2dx + 1 \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

Prove

5. $\sin 2dx = 2dx$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 2 \sin dx \cos dx \\ &= 2(dx)(1) \\ &= 2dx \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

Given

$$\sin dx = dx$$

$$\cos dx = 1$$

Remember $\sin(2\theta) = 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta$

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For Exercises 1-14, use the rules from this section to find the derivative of the given function.

5. $f(x) = x \sin x$

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \left(\frac{d}{dx}(x) \right) \sin x + x \frac{d}{dx}(\sin x) \\ &= (1) \sin x + x \cos x \\ &= \boxed{\sin x + x \cos x} \end{aligned}$$

6. $f(x) = x^2 \tan x$

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= (\tan x) \frac{d}{dx}(x^2) + x^2 \frac{d}{dx}(\tan x) \\ &= (\tan x)(2x) + x^2 \sec^2 x \\ &= \boxed{2x \tan x + x^2 \sec^2 x} \end{aligned}$$

$$= 2x \tan x + a^2 \sec^2 x$$

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For Exercises 1-9, let dx be an infinitesimal and prove the given formula.

3. $(dx + 1)^{-1} = 1 - dx$

$$= \frac{1}{dx + 1}$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{1 + dx} \right) \left(\frac{1 - dx}{1 - dx} \right)$$

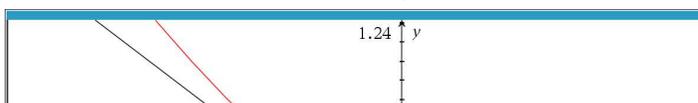
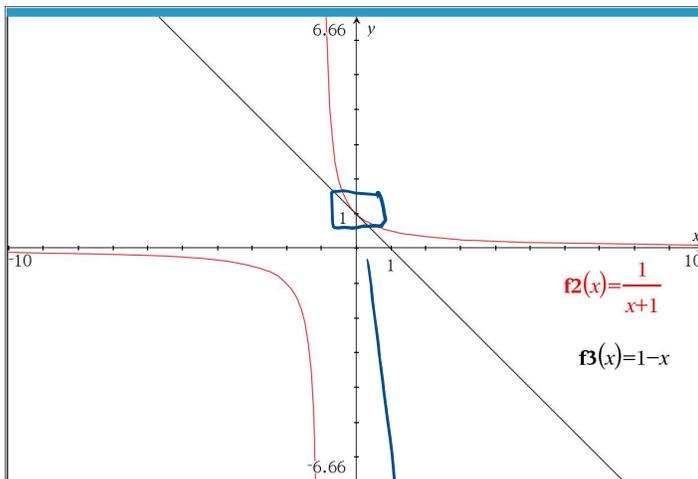
$$= \frac{1 - dx}{1^2 - (dx)^2}$$

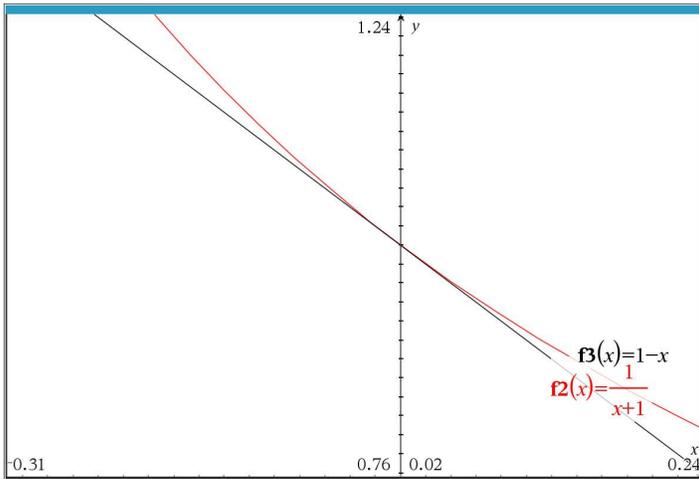
$$= \frac{1 - dx}{1 - 0} = \frac{1 - dx}{1} = 1 - dx \quad \checkmark$$

for small x , $\frac{1}{x+1} \approx 1 - x$

$$(dx)^2 = 0$$

$$(a+b)(a-b) = a^2 - b^2$$





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For Exercises 1-14, use the rules from this section to find the derivative of the given function.

3. $f(x) = \frac{2x^6}{3} - \frac{3}{2x^6}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 f'(x) &= \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{2x^6}{3} \right) - \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{3}{2x^6} \right) \\
 &= \frac{d}{dx} \left(\left(\frac{2}{3} \right) x^6 \right) - \frac{d}{dx} \left(\left(\frac{3}{2} \right) \frac{1}{x^6} \right) \\
 &= \left(\frac{2}{3} \right) \frac{d}{dx} (x^6) - \frac{3}{2} \frac{d}{dx} (x^{-6}) \\
 &= \left(\frac{2}{3} \right) (6x^5) - \left(\frac{3}{2} \right) (-6)(x^{-7}) \\
 &= \boxed{4x^5 + 9x^{-7}}
 \end{aligned}
 \left. \begin{array}{l} \frac{d}{dx} (k f(x)) \\ = k \frac{df}{dx} \\ \frac{d}{dx} (x^n) \\ = n x^{n-1} \end{array} \right\}$$

2.3

For Exercises 1-12, find the derivative of the given function.

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

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = x \frac{d}{dx}(e^{x^2}) + e^{x^2} \frac{d}{dx}(x)$$

$$= x(2xe^{x^2}) + e^{x^2}(1)$$

$$= \boxed{e^{x^2}(2x^2 + 1)}$$