

Derivatives of Logarithmic Functions

1-10: Differentiate the function.

1.  $f(x) = x \ln x - x$

$$f'(x) = x \cdot \frac{1}{x} + \ln x \cdot 1 - 1$$

$$= 1 + \ln x - 1$$

$$= \boxed{\ln x}$$

2.  $f(x) = \sin(\ln x)$

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

$$= \boxed{\frac{\cos(\ln x)}{x}}$$

3.  $f(x) = \ln(\sin^2 x) = \ln(\sin x)^2$

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{(\sin x)^2} \cdot 2 \sin x \cdot \cos x$$

$$= \frac{2 \sin x \cos x}{(\sin x)^2} = \frac{2 \cos x}{\sin x} = \boxed{2 \cot x}$$

or  $\ln(\sin x)^2 = 2 \ln \sin x$   
 so  $f'(x) = \frac{2}{\sin x} \cdot \cos x = \frac{2 \cos x}{\sin x} = 2 \cot x$

4.  $f(x) = \ln \frac{1}{x} = \ln(x^{-1})$

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{x^{-1}} \cdot -x^{-2}$$

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

or  $y = \ln(x^{-1}) = -\ln(x)$   
 $y' = -\frac{1}{x}$

5.  $y = \frac{1}{\ln x} = (\ln x)^{-1}$

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

$$= \frac{-1}{(\ln x)^2} \cdot \frac{1}{x} = \boxed{\frac{-1}{x(\ln x)^2}}$$

6.  $f(x) = \log_{10}(x^3 + 1)$

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{(x^3 + 1) \ln 10} \cdot 3x^2$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{3x^2}{(x^3 + 1) \ln 10}}$$

7.  $f(x) = \log_5(xe^x)$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{x e^x \ln 5} (x e^x + e^x \cdot 1)$$

$$= \frac{x e^x + e^x}{x e^x \ln 5} = \frac{e^x(x+1)}{x e^x \ln 5} = \boxed{\frac{x+1}{x \ln 5}}$$

or  $y = \log_5(xe^x)$   
 $y = \log_5 x + \log_5 e^x$   
 $y' = \frac{1}{x \ln 5} + \frac{1}{e^x \ln 5} \cdot e^x$   
 $= \frac{1}{x \ln 5} + \frac{1}{\ln 5} \left(\frac{x}{x}\right)$   
 $= \frac{1+x}{x \ln 5}$

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

$$f'(x) = \sin x \cdot \frac{1}{5x} \cdot 5 + \ln(5x) \cdot \cos x$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{\sin x}{x} + \cos x \ln(5x)}$$

9.  $g(x) = \ln(x\sqrt{x^2-1})$  expand

$$g(x) = \ln x + \ln(x^2-1)^{1/2}$$

$$= \ln x + \frac{1}{2} \ln(x^2-1)$$

$$g'(x) = \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{x^2-1} \cdot 2x$$

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

10.  $g(r) = r^2 \ln(2r+1)$

$$g'(r) = r^2 \cdot \frac{1}{2r+1} \cdot 2 + \ln(2r+1) \cdot 2r$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{2r^2}{2r+1} + 2r \ln(2r+1)}$$

11-12: Find an equation of the tangent line to the curve at the given point.

11.  $y = \ln(x^2 - 3x + 1)$ , (3,0)

$$y' = \frac{1}{x^2 - 3x + 1} \cdot 2x - 3 = \frac{2x - 3}{x^2 - 3x + 1} \Big|_{x=3}$$

$$= \frac{6 - 3}{9 - 9 + 1} = 3$$

$$y - 0 = 3(x - 3)$$

12.  $y = x^2 \ln x$ , (1,0)

$$y' = x^2 \cdot \frac{1}{x} + \ln x \cdot 2x$$

$$= x + 2x \ln x \Big|_{x=1}$$

$$= 1 + 2 \ln(1) = 1 + 0 = 1$$

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

13-18: Use logarithmic differentiation to find the derivative of the function.

13.  $y = (x+2)^2 (x^4+4)^4$



14.  $y = \sqrt{\frac{x-1}{x^4+1}}$



15.  $y = x^x$



16.  $y = x^{\cos x}$



17.  $y = x^{\sin x}$



18.  $y = \sqrt{x^x}$

