

Calculus Section 5.5 Bases Other Than e

- Differentiate exponential/log functions that have bases other than e
- Integrate exponential/log functions that have bases other than e

Homework: page 362 #'s 37-47 odd,
59, 71-81 odd

Derivatives for Bases Other Than e

Let a be a positive real number ($a \neq 1$) and let u be a differentiable function of x .

$$1) \frac{d}{dx}[a^u] = (\ln a) a^u \cdot du$$

$$2) \frac{d}{dx}[\log_a u] = \frac{1}{\ln a} \cdot \frac{1}{u} \cdot du$$

Proof:

$$a^u = e^{\ln a^u} = e^{u \ln a}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}[e^{u \ln a}] = e^{u \ln a} \cdot (\ln a) \cdot du$$

$$e^{\ln a^u} \cdot (\ln a) = a^u (\ln a) \cdot du$$

Proof:

$$\log_a u = \frac{\ln u}{\ln a} = \frac{1}{\ln a} \ln u$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left[\frac{1}{\ln a} \ln u \right] = \frac{1}{\ln a} \cdot \frac{1}{u} \cdot du$$

Examples)

$$1) \frac{d}{dx}[5^x]$$

$$\boxed{(\ln 5) 5^x}$$

$$2) \frac{d}{dx}[2^{3x}]$$

$$(\ln 2) 2^{3x} \cdot (3)$$

$$\boxed{(3 \ln 2) 2^{3x}}$$

3) Write the equation for the line tangent to $y = x^2(4^x)$ at the place where $x = 1$.

$$y' = x^2 ((\ln 4) 4^x) + 4^x (2x)$$

$$y'(1) = (1)^2 (\ln 4) 4^1 + 4^1 (2)$$

$$y'(1) = 4 \ln 4 + 8$$

$$y(1) = (1^2)(4^1)$$

$$y(1) = 4$$

$$\boxed{y - 4 = (4 \ln 4 + 8)(x - 1)}$$

4) Find the 2nd derivative of $f(x) = 3^x$

$$f'(x) = (\ln 3) 3^x$$

$$f''(x) = (\ln 3)(\ln 3) 3^x = \boxed{(\ln 3)^2 3^x}$$

$$5) y = \log_{10} \cos x$$

$$y' = \frac{1}{\ln 10} \cdot \frac{1}{\cos x} \cdot (-\sin x)$$

$$y' = \frac{-\sin x}{(\ln 10) \cos x}$$

$$6) y = \log_5 3x$$

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

$$y' = \frac{3}{(\ln 5)(3x)}$$

Integrals for Bases Other Than e

Let a be a positive real number ($a \neq 1$) and let u be a differentiable function of x .

$$\int a^u du = \frac{1}{\ln a} a^u + C$$

Proof: $a^u = e^{\ln a^u} = e^{u \ln a}$

$$\int e^{(\ln a)u} du$$

$$v = (\ln a)u$$

$$dv = (\ln a) du$$

$$\frac{1}{\ln a} \int e^v dv$$

$$\frac{1}{\ln a} dv = du$$

$$\frac{1}{\ln a} e^v \rightarrow \frac{1}{\ln a} e^{(\ln a)u} \rightarrow \frac{1}{\ln a} a^u$$

Examples

$$1) \int 2^x dx$$

$$\frac{1}{\ln 2} 2^x + C$$

$$2) \int x(5^{-x^2}) dx \quad u = -x^2$$

$$du = -2x dx$$

$$-\frac{1}{2} \int 5^u du \quad -\frac{1}{2} du = x dx$$

$$-\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{\ln 5} 5^{-x^2} + C$$

$$\frac{-5^{-x^2}}{2 \ln 5} + C$$

$$3) \int_1^2 3^x dx$$

$$\frac{1}{\ln 3} 3^x \Big|_1^2$$

$$\frac{1}{\ln 3} 3^2 - \frac{1}{\ln 3} 3^{-1}$$

$$\frac{9}{\ln 3} - \frac{1}{3 \ln 3}$$

$$\frac{26}{3 \ln 3}$$