

3.5 General Logs and Exponentials

a^x and $\log_a$

Recall that $\frac{d}{dx} e^x = e^x$

$$a = e^{(\ln a)}$$

$$\text{So } a^x = e^{(\ln a) x}$$

$$\text{Example } 2^x = e^{(\ln 2) x} \approx e^{(0.693) x}$$

$$\text{In general } a^x = e^{(\ln a) x}$$

and a and $(\ln a)$ are just constants. Therefore

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

$$\text{Example } \frac{d}{dx} 10^x = (\ln 10) 10^x \approx (2.30) 10^x$$

Example $\frac{d}{dx} 5^{2x+3} = (\ln 5) 5^{2x+3} (\quad)$ by the chain rule (fill in the blank)

$$\text{Example } \frac{d}{dx} 3^{x^5+2x} = (\ln 3) 3^{x^5+2x} (5x^4 + 2) \text{ by the chain rule (fill in the blank)}$$

General Logarithms

Recall $\log_a x = \frac{\ln x}{\ln a}$

(because $\frac{\ln a^x}{\ln a} = \frac{x \ln a}{\ln a} = x$ and of course $\log_a a^x = x$)

Therefore

$$\frac{d}{dx} \log_a x = \frac{d}{dx} \frac{\ln x}{\ln a} = \frac{1}{x \ln a}$$

Example: $\frac{d}{dx} \log_3 x = \frac{1}{x \ln 3}$

Example $\frac{d}{dx} \log_{10} (x^2 + 3) = \frac{1}{(x^2 + 3) \ln 10} (2x)$

Example Differentiate $y = \log_2 x^4$

Simplify $y = 4 \log_2 x$ so that $y' = \frac{4}{x \ln 2}$

Example Differentiate $y = x^2 \log_{10} \sqrt{x+2} = x^2 \log_{10} (x+2)^{1/2}$

Simplify $y = \frac{1}{2} [x^2 \log_{10} (x+2)]$

Therefore, by the product rule

$$y' = \frac{1}{2} [x^2 \frac{1}{(\ln 10)(x+2)} + 2x \log_{10} (x+2)]$$

$$y' = \frac{x^2}{2(\ln 10)(x+2)} + x \log_{10} (x+2)$$

e^x

$\ln x$

4.1 Antidifferentiation: (Integral Calculus)

Example: Suppose $y' = 2x$. Then what is y ?

$$y = x^2. \text{ Another choice is } y = x^2 + 5: y' = 2x$$

Is y uniquely determined by its derivative? If $z' = y' = 2x$ then $(z-y)' = z' - y' = 2x - 2x = 0$
and so $(z-y)$ is a constant. (Mean Value Theorem $f(b) - f(a) = f'(c)(b-a)$ $a < c < b$)
Notation: The general antiderivative of $2x$ is

$$\int 2x \, dx = x^2 + C$$

↑
integral sign

Examples What is the general antiderivative of

a) $3x^2$ $\int 3x^2 \, dx = x^3 + C$ Check $\frac{d}{dx} x^3 = 3x^2$

b) x^4 $\int x^4 \, dx = \frac{1}{5}x^5 + C$ Check $\frac{d}{dx} \frac{1}{5}x^5 = \frac{1}{5} \cancel{5} x^4 = x^4$

In general $\int x^n \, dx = \frac{1}{n+1} x^{n+1} + C$ $n \neq -1$

$$\int x^{-1} \, dx = \int \frac{1}{x} \, dx = \ln x + C$$

Example: $\int x^{11} \, dx = \frac{1}{12} x^{12} + C$

Example $\int x^5 + \frac{2}{x} \, dx = \int x^5 \, dx + 2 \int \frac{1}{x} \, dx$
 $= \frac{1}{6} x^6 + 2 \ln x + C$

Example: $\int \sqrt{x} \, dx = \int x^{1/2} dx = \frac{1}{3/2} x^{3/2} + C = \frac{2}{3} x^{3/2} + C$

Example: $\int \frac{1}{x^{1/3}} dx = \int x^{-1/3} dx = \frac{1}{2/3} x^{2/3} + C = \frac{3}{2} x^{2/3} + C$

Example: $\int e^x dx = e^x + C$ $\frac{d}{dx} e^x = e^x$

Example: Evaluate $\int e^{5x} dx = \frac{1}{5} e^{5x} + C$

We want something which has derivative e^{5x} :

$\frac{d}{dx} e^{5x} = e^{5x} \cdot 5$ Therefore e^{5x} is an antiderivative of $5 e^{5x}$

Therefore $\frac{d}{dx} \frac{1}{5} e^{5x} = \frac{1}{\cancel{5}} \cancel{5} e^{5x} = e^{5x}$

In general $\int e^{ax} dx = \frac{1}{a} e^{ax} + C$

$\frac{d}{dx} e^{ax} = a e^{ax}$

Example: Determine $\int e^{0.02t} dt = \frac{1}{0.02} e^{0.02t} + C$
 $= 50 e^{0.02t} + C$

4.1 Initial conditions and the Constant of Integration.

Example: Suppose $f'(x) = \sqrt{x} + 3x^2$ and $f(1) = 5$. What is f ?

Solution: $f(x) = \int f'(x) dx = \int x^{1/2} + 3x^2 dx$ $\sqrt{x} = x^{1/2}$

$\uparrow$ $f'(x)$

$$= \frac{1}{3/2} x^{3/2} + x^3 + C$$
$$= \frac{2}{3} x^{3/2} + x^3 + C$$

Now evaluate at $x = 1$

$$5 = f(1) = \underbrace{\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) 1^{3/2} + 1^3}_{5/3} + C = 5/3 + C$$
$$C = 10/3$$

$$f(x) = \left(\frac{2}{3}\right) x^{3/2} + x^3 + 10/3$$

Example: The velocity of a projectile is $v(t) = 64 - 32t$ where t is time in seconds after the projectile is thrown at 64 ft/second. The projectile is released at 12 feet above ground level then what is its height?

$v(t) = h'(t)$ where h is the height of the projectile.

$$h(t) = \int 64 - 32t \, dt = 64t - 32\left(\frac{1}{2}t^2\right) + C = 64t - 16t^2 + C$$

But $h(0) = 12$. $12 = c$ and so

$$12 = h(0) = 64(0) - 16(0)^2 + C$$

$$h(t) = 64t - 16t^2 + 12 \quad 12 = C$$

4.2 Antiderivatives as Areas

Indefinite integral $\int f(x) dx = F(x) + C$ where $F' = f$

Definite Integrals:

If $\int f(x) dx = F(x) + C$ (so that $F'(x) = f(x)$)

then **the definite integral is defined to be**

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = F(b) - F(a) \equiv F(x) \Big|_a^b$$

Example $\int_1^3 x^2 dx = \frac{1}{3} x^3 \Big|_1^3 = \frac{1}{3} 3^3 - \frac{1}{3} 1^3 = \frac{27-1}{3} = \frac{26}{3}$

Example $\int_1^4 \sqrt{x} dx = \int_1^4 x^{1/2} dx = \frac{2}{3} x^{3/2} \Big|_1^4 = \frac{2}{3} 4^{3/2} - \frac{2}{3} 1^{3/2} = \frac{16}{3} - \frac{2}{3} = \frac{14}{3}$

Properties: $\int_a^a f(x) dx = 0$ ($F(a) - F(a) = 0$)

If $a < b$ and If $f(x) \geq 0$ then $\int_a^b f(x) dx \geq 0$ ($F'(x) = f(x) \geq 0$ so $F(b) \geq F(a)$)

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \int_a^c f(x) dx + \int_c^b f(x) dx \quad \text{($F(b) - F(a) = (F(b) - F(c)) + (F(c) - F(a))$)}$$

$$\int_b^a f(x) dx = - \int_a^b f(x) dx$$

