Math 2413- Calculus I

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- Check CASA calendar for due dates.
- Bring "blank notes" to class. Completed notes will be posted after class.
- Do your best to attend every lecture and lab.
- Study after every lecture; work on the quiz covering the topic we cover on the lecture immediately afterwards. Retake your quizzes for more practice.
- Get help when you need help; bring your questions to the labs, or my office hours. We also have tutoring options on campus.
- Respect your friends in class; stay away from distractive behavior. Do your best to concentrate on the lecture.
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Section 4.3 – Logarithmic Function

Definition: The logarithmic function with base a $(a > 0, a \neq 1)$ is the function $\log_a(x)$ that satisfies:

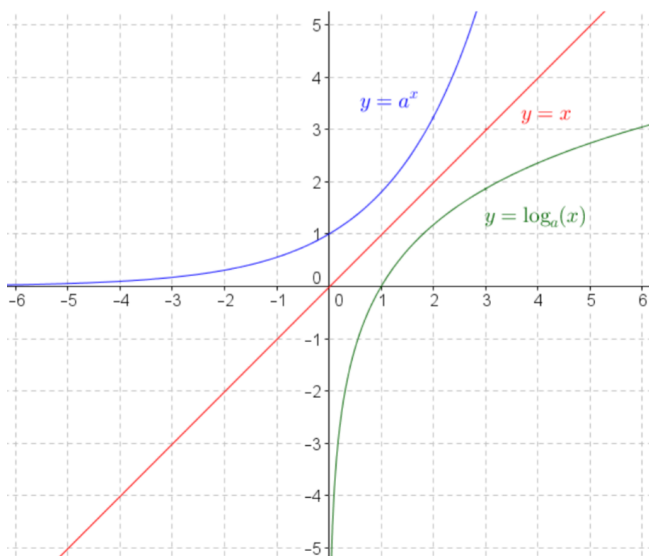$$\log_a\left(a^x\right) = x \text{ for all } x \in (-\infty, \infty),$$

$$a^{\log_a(x)} = x, \text{ for all } x \in (0, \infty).$$

Base 10: Common logarithm

Base e: Natural logarithm; $y = \log_e(x) = \ln(x)$.

The function $y = \log_a(x)$ is the **inverse** of the exponential function $y = a^x$.

Domain: $(0, \infty)$, Range: $(-\infty, \infty)$

RECALL -- Converting expressions:

$$a^b = c \rightarrow \log_a(c) = b$$

$$2^5 = 32 \rightarrow \log_2(32) = 5$$

$$1000 = 10^3 \rightarrow \log_{10}(1000) = 3$$

$$\log_a(c) = b \rightarrow c = a^b$$

$$\log_4(16) = 2 \rightarrow 16 = 4^2$$

$$\log_3(x) = 5 \rightarrow x = 3^5$$

$$\log_2(x+4) = 10 \rightarrow x + 4 = 2^{10}$$

$$\ln(x) = 2 \rightarrow x = e^2$$

Laws of Logarithms

1. $\log_a(x \cdot y) = \log_a x + \log_a y$

2. $\log_a\left(\dfrac{x}{y}\right) = \log_a x - \log_a y$

3. $\log_a\left(x^p\right) = p \cdot \log_a x$

Example: Expand using the Laws of Logarithms:

$$\ln\left(\frac{x^3\sqrt{x+2}}{(x+1)^2}\right)$$

Example: Simplify using the Laws of Logarithms:

$$2\log(x) - \log(x+1) + 4\log(x+2)$$

Differentiating Natural Logarithmic Function:

Fact:
$$\frac{d}{dx}(\ln(x)) = \frac{1}{x}$$

If u is a function of x, then using the chain rule, we get:
$$\frac{d}{dx}(\ln(u)) = \frac{1}{u} \cdot \frac{du}{dx} = \frac{u'}{u}$$

Example: Differentiate the following functions.

$y = 5\ln(x)$

$y = \ln(4x)$

$y = \ln\left(x^6 + 1\right)$

$y = \ln\left(x^3 + x\right)$

$$y = \ln\left(\sin\left(x\right)\right)$$

$$f\left(x\right) = \ln\left(\sqrt{x^2 + 4}\right)$$

Example: $f\left(x\right) = e^{2x}\ln\left(4x\right)$; $f'(2) = ?$

Example: $f(x) = \ln^3(5x)$; $f'(x) = ?$

Example: Find the derivative of $y = \ln\left(\dfrac{x^4(x+1)}{\sqrt{x^3+2}}\right)$

Different Bases

Change of base formula: $\log_a x = \dfrac{\ln x}{\ln a}$

Fact: $\dfrac{d}{dx}(\log_a x) = \dfrac{1}{x \ln a}$

If u is a function of x, then using the chain rule, we get:

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

Example: Find the derivatives.

$y = \log_2(x)$

$y = \log_7(5x + 2)$

$y = \log_3\left(4x^3 + 2x\right)$

$y = \log\left(\cos(4x)\right)$

METHOD: Logarithmic Differentiation

This is a method we choose to use while taking derivatives of functions that are otherwise difficult to differentiate. We introduce a logarithmic expression, and use properties of logarithm to make the problem easier to differentiate.

We start with: $y = f(x)$; we need $y' = f'(x)$ but we don't know how to do this directly.

Introduce logarithms: $y = f(x) \xrightarrow{\text{take ln's of both sides}} \ln(y) = \ln(f(x))$

Now, take derivatives of both sides:

$$\frac{y'}{y} = \frac{d}{dx}\left[\ln(f(x))\right]$$

$$y' = y \cdot \left(\frac{d}{dx}\left[\ln(f(x))\right]\right)$$

Examples where this method might be used:

$\left(x^2 + 1\right)^{4x+2}$ --- *(expression with a power, but exponent is not a number, so power rule doesn't apply. This is the only method that helps at this point).*

$\dfrac{x^3 \sin(2x)}{\sqrt{x^2 + 4}}$ --- *(complicated expression that would need product rule, quotient rule, and chain rule – would be difficult to take the derivative directly, so we may CHOOSE to use this method.)*

Example: Find the derivative of $y = (4x+1)^{\sin(x)}$.

Example: Find the slope of the tangent line to the curve $y = (5x+2)^{2x+1}$ at $x = 0$.

Example: Find the derivative of $y = \dfrac{x\sin(2x)}{\sqrt{x^3 + 1}}$ using logarithmic differentiation.