

Section 3.3 - derivatives of logarithmic functions

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

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

$$\bullet \frac{d}{dx} \ln[u(x)] = \frac{u'(x)}{u(x)}$$

$$\bullet \frac{d}{dx} \ln|x| = \frac{1}{x}$$

Logarithmic Differentiation

1. take \ln of both sides
2. simplify out logs
3. differentiate implicitly $\frac{1}{x} \frac{d}{dx} \ln$ rules
4. solve for $\frac{dy}{dx}$

- can use as slope of a tangent line

Express e as a limit \rightarrow we know $\ln e = 1$ but we can write it as a limit too

$$\bullet \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (1+h)^{1/h} = e$$

$$\bullet \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n = e$$

ex: $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (1+2h)^{1/h}$

$$(1+2h)^{1/h} = \left[(1+2h)^{1/2h} \right]^2$$

$$\frac{1}{2h} \cdot \frac{1}{h}$$

$$K = 2h$$

$$\lim_{K \rightarrow 0} \left[(1+K)^{1/K} \right]^2 = e^2$$