

DERIVATIVES OF BASES OTHER THAN e

Section 5.5

Reminders:Definition of Exponential Function to Base a:

if a is any positive real number, not 1, and x is any real number, then

Rules for Exponents:

$$1. a^0 = 1 \quad 2. a^x a^y = a^{x+y}$$

$$3. (a^x)^y = a^{xy} \quad 4. \frac{a^x}{a^y} = a^{x-y}$$

Definition of Logarithmic Function of Base a:

If a is a positive real number, not 1, and x is any real number, then

Rules of Logs:

$$1. \log_a 1 = 0 \quad 2. \log_a xy = \log_a x + \log_a y$$

$$3. \log_a x^n = n \cdot \log_a x \quad 4. \log_a \frac{x}{y} = \log_a x - \log_a y$$

Change of Base Rule:

$$\log_a b = \frac{\log_* b}{\log_* a}$$

where * refers to any base!

Properties of Inverse Functions

$$1. y = a^x \text{ if and only if } x = \log_a y \quad 2. a^{\log_a x} = x, \quad x > 0 \quad 3. \log_a a^x = x, \text{ for all } x$$

Ex1) Solve: $\log_b 125 = 3$

Ex2) Solve: $3(5^{x-1}) = 86$

Derivative of the Natural Exponential function:

$$\frac{d}{dx}[e^u] = e^u \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}[\ln u] = \frac{du}{u}$$

Derivative of Bases other than e:

$$1. \frac{d}{dx}[a^x] = (\ln a) a^x$$

$$2. \frac{d}{dx}[a^u] = (\ln a) a^u \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$3. \frac{d}{dx}[\log_a x] = \frac{1}{(\ln a)x}$$

$$4. \frac{d}{dx}[\log_a u] = \frac{1}{(\ln a)u} \frac{du}{dx}$$

Ex3) Find the derivative of $f(x) = \frac{3^{2x}}{t}$

Ex4) Find the derivative of $f(x) = 5^{-x/2} \sin 2x$

Ex5) Find the derivative of $f(x) = \log_3 \frac{x\sqrt{x-1}}{2}$

Integration of bases other than e $\int a^u du = \left(\frac{1}{\ln a} \right) a^u + C$

Ex6) $\int 5^{-3x} dx$

Ex7) $\int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} 2^{\sin x} \cos x dx$