

**7.4 DERIVATIVES OF LOGARITHMIC FUNCTIONS**

7.4 #s 3, 6, 18, 20, 26, 27, 33, 37, 42, 47, 63, 70, 77, 81

**1** Note  $x > 0$ , here.

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

$y = \ln x$   
 $e^y = x$   
 $e^y \cdot y' = 1 \rightarrow y' = \frac{1}{e^y}$   
 $y' = \frac{1}{x}$

**PROOF** Let  $y = \ln x$ . Then

Differentiating this equation implicitly with respect to  $x$ , we get

$$\frac{d}{dx}[y^7] = 7y \frac{dy}{dx} = 7y e^y \frac{dy}{dx} = 1$$

by chain Rule.

and so

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{e^y} = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 x^2 y + 3xy^3 &= 7 \\
 2xy + x^2 y' + 3y^3 + 9xy^2 y' &= 0 \\
 y' &= \frac{-2x + 3y^3}{x^2 + 9xy^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

Chain Rule in action

**2**

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\ln u) = \frac{1}{u} \frac{du}{dx}$$

or

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

$$\frac{d}{dx}[f(g(x))] = \frac{df}{dg} \cdot \frac{dg}{dx}$$

$f(x) = \ln(x)$

$g(x) = u$

most common.

2-26 Differentiate the function.

2.  $f(x) = \ln(x^2 + 10)$

$$f'(x) = \frac{2x}{x^2+10}$$

$$\int \frac{2x}{x^2+10} dx = \ln(x^2+10) + C$$

Let  $u = x^2 + 10$ .

Then  $du = 2x dx$

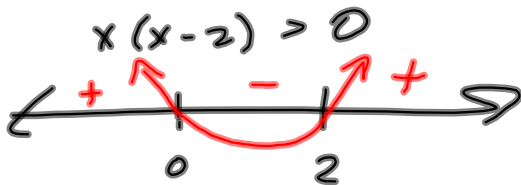
This gives  $\int \frac{du}{u} = \ln|u| + C$

why  
absolute  
value?

31-34 Differentiate  $f$  and find the domain of  $f$ .

33.  $f(x) = \ln(x^2 - 2x)$

$$D(f) = \{x \mid x^2 - 2x > 0\} = (-\infty, 0) \cup (2, \infty)$$



$$f'(x) = \frac{2x-2}{x^2-2x}$$

61-64 Discuss the curve under the guidelines of Section 4.5.

64.  $y = \ln(x^2 - 3x + 2) = f(x)$

Recall 4.5 Guidelines:

- A. Domain
- B. y-intercept
- C. Symmetry
- D. Asymptotes
- E. Increasing/Decreasing
- F. Extremes
- G. Concavity.
- H. Sketch

(A)  $x^2 - 3x + 2 > 0$   
 $(x-2)(x-1) > 0$

$\mathcal{D} = (-\infty, 1) \cup (2, \infty)$

(B)  $f(0) = \ln(2) \rightsquigarrow (0, \ln(2))$

(C) None  $f(-x) = ?$

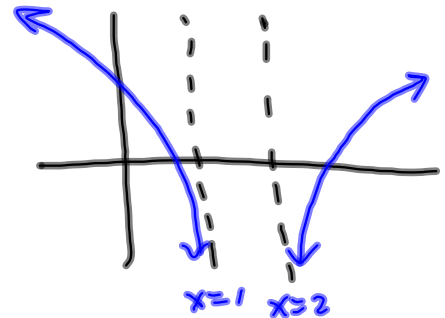
(D) H.A. - None. V.A.:  $x=1, x=2$

(E)  $f'(x) = \frac{2x-3}{x^2-3x+2} = \frac{2(x-\frac{3}{2})}{(x-2)(x-1)}$

Critical values:

$x \in \mathcal{D}(f) \ \& \neq$   
 either  $f'(x) = 0$   
 or  $f'(x) \neq \cancel{0}$

$x = \frac{3}{2} \notin \mathcal{D}(f)$   
 check sign of  $f'(x)$   
 in the intervals  $(-\infty, 1)$   
 and  $(1, \infty)$  to see if  
 inc./dec.



$$\textcircled{E} \quad f'(x) = \frac{2x-3}{x^2-3x+2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \textcircled{F} \quad f''(x) = \frac{2(x^2-3x+2) - (2x-3)(2x-3)}{(x^2-3x+2)^2}$$

$$= \frac{2x^2-6x+4 - (4x^2-12x+9)}{( )^2} = \frac{2x^2-6x+4 - 4x^2+12x-9}{( )^2}$$

$$= \frac{-2x^2+6x-5}{( )^2} = - \frac{2x^2-6x+5}{(x^2-3x+2)^2}$$

$$b^2-4ac = (-6)^2 - 4(2)(5) = 36 - 40 = -4 \Rightarrow \text{no real roots.}$$

$$= - \frac{2x^2-6x+5}{(x^2-3x+2)^2} \Rightarrow \text{negative on its domain} \Rightarrow \text{Concave down.}$$

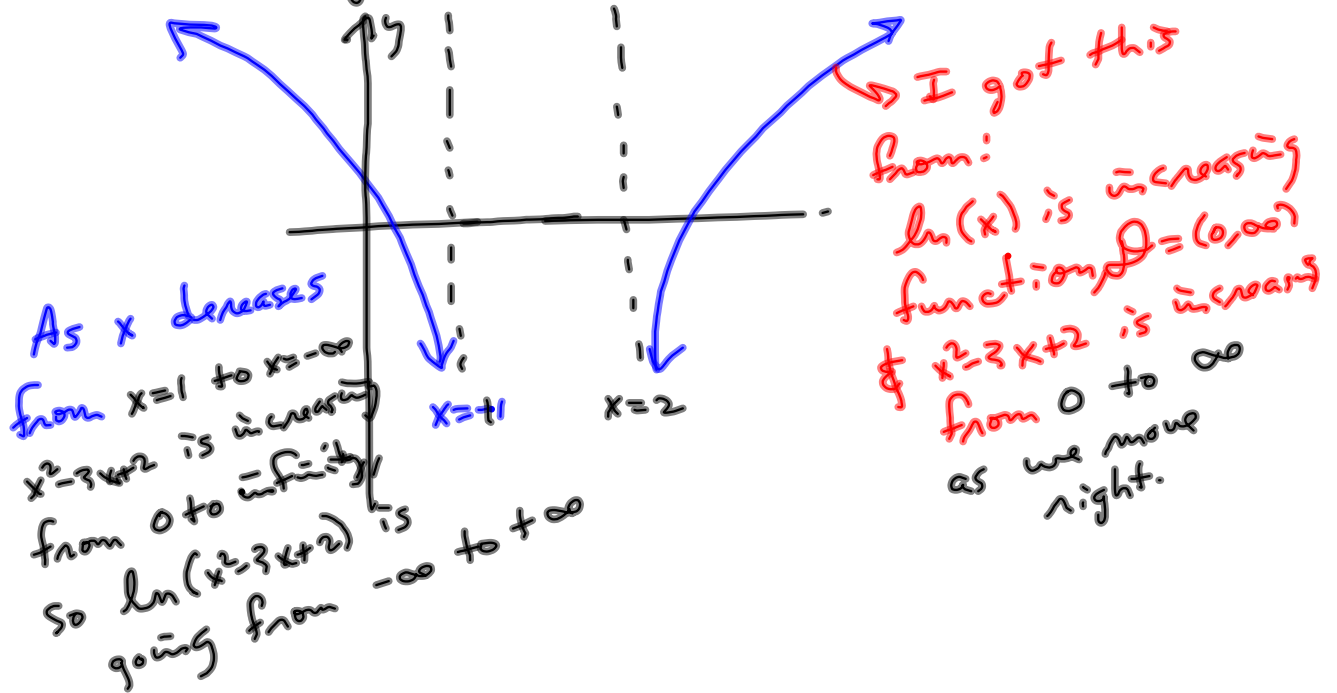
Increasing on  $(2, \infty)$

Decreasing on  $(-\infty, 1)$

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At the point we found  
 $D = (-\infty, +1) \cup (2, \infty)$  & had our  
 asymptotes



## Book Answer:

64.  $y = f(x) = \ln(x^2 - 3x + 2) = \ln[(x-1)(x-2)]$  A.  $D = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x^2 - 3x + 2 > 0\} = (-\infty, 1) \cup (2, \infty)$ .

B.  $y$ -intercept:  $f(0) = \ln 2$ ;  $x$ -intercepts:  $f(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x^2 - 3x + 2 = e^0 \Leftrightarrow x^2 - 3x + 1 = 0 \Leftrightarrow$

$x = \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{5}}{2} \Rightarrow x \approx 0.38, 2.62$  C. No symmetry D.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) = -\infty$ , so  $x = 1$  and  $x = 2$  are VAs.

No HA E.  $f'(x) = \frac{2x-3}{x^2-3x+2} = \frac{2(x-3/2)}{(x-1)(x-2)}$ , so  $f'(x) < 0$  for  $x < 1$  and  $f'(x) > 0$  for  $x > 2$ . Thus,  $f$  is

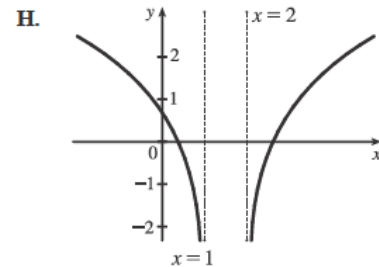
decreasing on  $(-\infty, 1)$  and increasing on  $(2, \infty)$ . F. No extreme values

G.  $f''(x) = \frac{(x^2 - 3x + 2) \cdot 2 - (2x - 3)^2}{(x^2 - 3x + 2)^2}$   
 $= \frac{2x^2 - 6x + 4 - 4x^2 + 12x - 9}{(x^2 - 3x + 2)^2} = \frac{-2x^2 + 6x - 5}{(x^2 - 3x + 2)^2}$

The numerator is negative for all  $x$  and the denominator is positive, so

$f''(x) < 0$  for all  $x$  in the domain of  $f$ . Thus,  $f$  is CD on  $(-\infty, 1)$  and  $(2, \infty)$ .

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$$\frac{d}{dx} (\ln|x|) = \frac{1}{x} \quad \forall x \neq 0$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [\ln(x)] = \frac{1}{x} \quad \forall x > 0$$

$$\ln(|x|) = \begin{cases} \ln(x) & \text{if } x > 0 \\ \ln(-x) & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

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$$\int \frac{1}{x} dx = \ln|x| + C$$

The difference of the logs is the log of quotient.

69-80 Evaluate the integral.

$$69. \int_2^4 \frac{3}{x} dx = 3 \int_2^4 \frac{dx}{x} = 3 \ln|x| \Big|_2^4 = 3(\ln(4) - \ln(2)) = 3 \ln(2)$$

$$u = \ln x \\ du = \frac{1}{x} dx$$

$$74. \int \frac{\sin(\ln x)}{x} dx$$

$$= \int \sin(\ln x) \cdot \frac{1}{x} dx = \int \sin(u) du = -\cos(u) + C = -\cos(\ln(x)) + C$$

5 Use Smart

$$\int \tan x \, dx = \ln |\sec x| + C$$

$$\int \frac{\sin x}{\cos x} \, dx$$

$$u = \cos x$$

$$du = -\sin x \, dx$$

$$= -\int \frac{1}{\cos x} \cdot (-\sin x \, dx)$$

$$= -\int \frac{1}{u} \, du = -\ln |u| + C$$

$$= -\ln |\cos x| + C$$

$$= \ln |(\cos x)^{-1}| + C$$

$$= \ln |\sec x| + C$$

$$dx = \frac{du}{-\sin x}$$

$$\int \frac{\sin x}{u} \cdot \frac{du}{-\sin x}$$

$$= -\int \frac{du}{u}$$



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

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

$$\frac{d}{dx} [1.2^x] = \ln(1.2) \cdot 1.2^x$$

I always forget whether to multiply or divide by

$\ln(a)$

Two things I never forget:

①  $\log_b x = \frac{\ln x}{\ln b}$  Change of base

②  $b^x$  &  $\log_b x$  are inverse functions.

$$\frac{d}{dx} [3^x] = \frac{d}{dx} [(e^{\ln(3)})^x]$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [e^{bx}] = b e^{bx}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^c &= a b^c \\ &= \frac{d}{dx} [e^{\ln(3) \cdot x}] = \ln(3) e^{\ln(3) \cdot x} \\ &= \ln(3) (e^{\ln(3)})^x = \ln(3) \cdot 3^x \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [\log_5 x] = \frac{d}{dx} \left[ \frac{\ln(x)}{\ln(5)} \right] =$$

$$\frac{1}{\ln(5)} \frac{d}{dx} [\ln(x)] = \frac{1}{\ln(5)} \cdot \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [\log_7 x] = \frac{1}{\ln 7} \cdot \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [7^x] = (\ln 7) \cdot 7^x$$

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

Keeping them  
 $\ln(7)$  upstairs  
 or downstairs  
 is something I  
 re-learn every year.

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*→ there's the 800-800.*

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Brain Fact Fix:

$$\frac{d}{dx} [\ln(-x)] = \frac{-1}{-x} = \frac{1}{x}$$

*Forget about the rest.*

$$\frac{d}{dx} [\ln(-x)] = \frac{d}{dx} [$$

$$\textcircled{7.4 \#20} \quad \ln \sqrt{\frac{a^2 - z^2}{a^2 + z^2}} = \ln \left( \left( \frac{a^2 - z^2}{a^2 + z^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right)$$
$$= \frac{1}{2} \ln \left( \frac{a^2 - z^2}{a^2 + z^2} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \ln(a^2 - z^2) - \ln(a^2 + z^2) \right]$$

→ the derivative w.r.t.  $z$  is

$$\frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{-2z}{a^2 - z^2} - \frac{2z}{a^2 + z^2} \right] \quad \text{Treat } a \text{ as a constant.}$$

The integration formula that follows from Formula 7 is

$$\int a^x dx = \frac{a^x}{\ln a} + C \quad a \neq 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int 3^x dx &= \int e^{\ln(3)x} dx = \frac{1}{\ln(3)} \int e^{\ln(3)x} \cdot \ln(3) dx \\ u &= \ln(3)x \\ du &= \ln(3) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\ln(3)} \int e^u \cdot du = \frac{1}{\ln(3)} e^u + C \\ &= \frac{1}{\ln(3)} e^{\ln(3)x} + C = \frac{1}{\ln(3)} \cdot 3^x + C \end{aligned}$$

#### STEPS IN LOGARITHMIC DIFFERENTIATION

1. Take natural logarithms of both sides of an equation  $y = f(x)$  and use the properties of logarithms to simplify.
2. Differentiate implicitly with respect to  $x$ .
3. Solve the resulting equation for  $y'$ .

7.4 Due  
Friday.

Example 15 is a good one. I never much think of using logarithmic differentiation to ease the calculation of a messy quotient rule or product rule problem.

**41-52** Use logarithmic differentiation to find the derivative of the function.

$$41. y = (2x+1)^5(x^4-3)^6 \quad \frac{d}{dx} [\ln(u(x))] = \frac{u'(x)}{u(x)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \ln(y) &= \ln((2x+1)^5(x^4-3)^6) \\ &= 5 \ln(2x+1) + 6 \ln(x^4-3) \quad \Rightarrow \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{y'}{y} = 5 \cdot \frac{2}{2x+1} + 6 \cdot \frac{4x^3}{x^4-3} \quad \Rightarrow$$

$$y' = \left[ \frac{10}{2x+1} + \frac{24x^3}{x^4-3} \right] (2x+1)^5 (x^4-3)^6$$

$$\text{Old way: } y' = 5(2x+1)^4(2)(x^4-3)^6 + (2x+1)^5(6)(x^4-3)^5(4x^3)$$

To me, the big application is differentiating functions that involve variable functions to variable powers.

50  $y = (\sin x)^{\ln x}$

$\ln(y) = \ln((\sin(x))^{\ln(x)}) = \ln(x) \ln(\sin(x)) \Rightarrow$

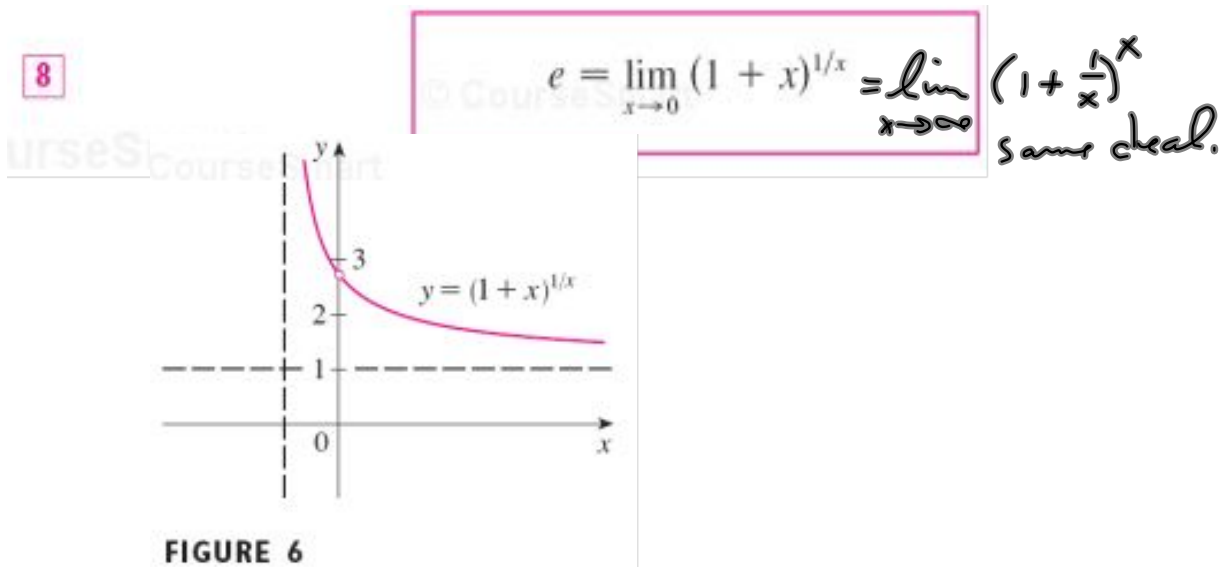
$\frac{y'}{y} = \frac{1}{x} \ln(\sin(x)) + \ln(x) \cdot \frac{\cos(x)}{\sin(x)} \Rightarrow$

$y' = \left[ \frac{\ln(\sin(x))}{x} + \frac{\ln(x) \cos(x)}{\sin(x)} \right] (\sin(x))^{\ln(x)}$

*Bird finds a new perch*

Your textbook also uses logarithmic differentiation for an alternate proof of the power rule.

Another cool application is defining the number  $e$  as a limit. See discussion at the bottom of page 418 thru top of page 419.



$$\#77$$
$$\cos^2 x = 1 - \sin^2 x = \frac{1 + \cos(2x)}{2}$$