

5.1 Derivatives of Exponential Functions $y=e^x$

- cannot by $y' = x e^{x-1}$
 ↳ b/c that only works if the variable is the base

so, $y=e^x$ y' ?

$$a^{m+n} = a^m a^n$$

$$y' = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{x+h} - e^x}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x e^h - e^x}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} e^x \left[\frac{e^h - 1}{h} \right] =$$

h	$\frac{e^h - 1}{h}$
0.1	1.0517
0.01	1.005017
0.001	1.00050017
0.0001	1.0000500017
0.00001	1.000005000017
$h \rightarrow 0$	1

$$y' = e^x$$

↳ euler's number

$y = e^x$	$y' = e^x$
$y = e^{g(x)}$	$y' = e^{g(x)} \cdot g'(x)$
$y = e^0$	$y' = e^0 \cdot 0$

$\square^2 \rightarrow 2\square \cdot \square'$ ex. $y = e^{x^2}$ $y' = e^{x^2} \cdot 2x$

ex. $y = 3e^x$ $y' = 3e^x$

$y = e^{10x}$ $y' = e^{10x} \cdot 10$

$y = e^{10}$ $y' = e^{10} \cdot 0$
 $y' = 0$

ex. 2 $y = \sqrt{x} e^x$

$$y' = \frac{d}{dx} e^x \cdot \sqrt{x}$$

$$y' = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} e^x + e^x \sqrt{x}$$

$$= \frac{e^x}{2\sqrt{x}} + \frac{2e^x x \sqrt{x}}{2\sqrt{x}}$$

$$= \frac{2x e^x}{2\sqrt{x}}$$

$$= \frac{x e^x}{\sqrt{x}}$$

ex. 3 $y = e^{\left(\frac{1}{x+1}\right)}$ $y' = e^{\frac{1}{x+1}} \cdot \frac{1}{(x+1)^2}$

ex. 4. Find the eqn of tangent when $x=0$ for $f(x) = \frac{e^{2x}}{1+e^{x^2}}$

$m =$ ——— derivative \rightarrow quotient rule

$$x = 0$$

$$y = \frac{1}{2}$$

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

$$= \frac{e^{2x}(2 + 2e^{x^2} - 2xe^{x^2})}{(1+e^{x^2})^2}$$

$$\text{when } x=0 \quad = \frac{1(2 + 2(1))}{(1+1)^2}$$

$$= \frac{4}{4}$$

$$= 1$$

$$= 1$$

$$y = mx + b$$

$$\frac{1}{2} = 1(0) + b$$

$$b = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$y = x + \frac{1}{2}$$

Derivative of $F(x) = e^x$

For the function $f(x) = e^x$, $f'(x) = e^x$, $\frac{d}{dx}(e^x) = e^x$

Derivative of a Composite Function Involving e^x

In general, if $f(x) = e^{g(x)}$,
 $f'(x) = e^{g(x)} \cdot g'(x)$ by the chain rule.

$$\frac{d}{dx}(e^{g(x)}) = \frac{d(e^{g(x)})}{d(g(x))} \cdot \frac{d(g(x))}{dx}$$

- The slope of the tangent at a point on the graph of $y = e^x$ equals the value of the function at this point
- The rules for differentiating functions, such as the product, quotient and chain rules, also apply to combinations involving exponential functions of the form $f(x) = e^{g(x)}$
- e is called Euler's number or the natural number, where $e \approx 2.718$.

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Pg. 2321. because x is not a base, but instead is an exponent.

2. a) $y' = 3e^{3x}$

b) $y' = 3e^{3t-5}$

c) $y' = 20e^{10t}$

d) $y' = -3e^{-3x}$

e) $y = (2x-6)e^{5-6x+x^2}$

f) $y = \frac{e^{\sqrt{x}}}{2\sqrt{x}}$

3. a) $y' = 6x^2 e^{x^3}$

b) $y' = 3x e^{3x}$

c) $y' = \frac{-3x^3 e^{-x^3} - x e^{-x^3}}{x^2}$

$= -\frac{(3x^3-1)(e^{-x^3})}{x^2}$

d) $y' = \frac{e^x}{2\sqrt{x}} + e^x \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$
 $= e^x \left(\frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} \right)$

e) $h'(t) = 2te^{t^2} - 3e^{-t}$

f) $g'(t) = \frac{2e^{2t}(1+e^{2t}) - (2e^{2t})(e^{2t})}{(1+e^{2t})^2}$