

Derivatives of Logarithmic Functions

1. Suppose $f(1) = 2$, $f'(1) = 3$, and $f'(2) = 4$. Then $(f^{-1})'(2) = ?$

- A. $-\frac{1}{3}$
- B. $-\frac{1}{4}$
- C. $\frac{1}{4}$
- D. $\frac{1}{3}$
- E. cannot be determined

$$\begin{array}{l} f(1) = 2 \qquad (f^{-1})(2) \\ f'(1) = 3 \qquad (f^{-1})'(2) = \frac{1}{3} \end{array}$$

2. Suppose $y = f(x) = 2x^3 - 3x$. If $h(x)$ is the inverse function of f , then $h'(-1) = ?$

- A. -1
- B. $\frac{1}{5}$
- C. $\frac{1}{3}$
- D. 1
- E. 3

$$\begin{array}{l} f'(x) = 6x^2 - 3 \\ 2(1)^3 - 3(1) = -1 \\ f(1) = -1 \qquad h(-1) = \\ f'(1) = 3 \qquad h'(-1) = \frac{1}{3} \end{array}$$

3. If $f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 + 8x + 5$ and $g(x) = f^{-1}(x)$, then $g'(5) = ?$

- A. 8
- B. $\frac{1}{8}$
- C. 1
- D. $\frac{1}{53}$
- E. 53

$$\begin{array}{l} f(0) = 0 + 0 + 0 + 5 = 5 \\ f'(x) = 3x^2 - 6x + 8 \\ f(0) = 5 \qquad g(5) = \\ f'(0) = 8 \qquad g'(5) = \frac{1}{8} \end{array}$$

4. Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ if $y = \ln(\sec x + \tan x)$.

- A. $\frac{dy}{dx} = \sec x$
- B. $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{\sec x}$
- C. $\frac{dy}{dx} = \tan x + \frac{\sec^2 x}{\tan x}$
- D. $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{\sec x + \tan x}$
- E. $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{\sec x + \tan x}$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{1}{\sec x + \tan x} \cdot (\sec x + \tan x + \sec^2 x) \\ &= \frac{\sec x (\tan x + \sec x)}{\sec x + \tan x} \end{aligned}$$

5. Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ if $y = \ln(\sqrt{x^2+1}) = \ln(x^2+1)^{\frac{1}{2}}$

A. $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2+1}}$

B. $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2x}{\sqrt{x^2+1}}$

C. $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2(x^2+1)}$

D. $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x}{x^2+1}$

E. $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2x}{x^2+1}$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{x^2+1} \right) \cdot 2x \\ &= \frac{x}{x^2+1} \end{aligned}$$

6. Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ if $y = \ln\left(\frac{e^x}{e^x-1}\right) = \ln e^x - \ln(e^x-1)$

$$= x - \ln(e^x-1)$$

A. $\frac{dy}{dx} = x - \frac{e^x}{e^x-1}$

B. $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{e^x-1}$

C. $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{1}{e^x-1}$

D. $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$

E. $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{e^x-2}{e^x-1}$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= 1 - \frac{1}{e^x-1} \cdot e^x \\ &= 1 - \frac{e^x}{e^x-1} \\ &= \frac{e^x-1}{e^x-1} - \frac{e^x}{e^x-1} \\ &= \frac{-1}{e^x-1} \end{aligned}$$

7. Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ if $y = x \ln^3 x$

A. $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{3 \ln^2 x}{x}$

B. $\frac{dy}{dx} = 3 \ln^2 x$

C. $\frac{dy}{dx} = 3 \ln^2 x + \ln^3 x$

D. $\frac{dy}{dx} = 3(\ln x + 1)$

E. None of these

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= (\ln^3 x)(1) + x(3(\ln x)^2 \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)) \\ &= \ln^3 x + 3 \ln^2 x \end{aligned}$$