

(D) DIFFERENTIATING LOGARITHMIC FUNCTIONS

If $y = \log_e u$ (or $y = \ln u$) then $e^y = u$

Since $u = e^y$, then $\frac{du}{dy} = e^y$

As $\frac{dy}{du} = \frac{1}{\frac{du}{dy}}$, we can say $\frac{dy}{du} = \frac{1}{e^y} = \frac{1}{u}$

If $y = \ln u$, then $\frac{dy}{du} = \frac{1}{u}$

If $y = \ln f(u)$, then $\frac{dy}{du} :$

$$\left[\frac{d}{du} (\ln f(u)) \right] = \frac{1}{f(u)} \times f'(u) = \frac{f'(u)}{f(u)}$$

Example :

(i) Find $\frac{dy}{du}$:

(a) $y = \ln 5u$

$$\frac{dy}{du} = \frac{1}{5u} \times 5$$

$$= \frac{1}{u}$$

$$= \frac{6u}{3u^2 - 2}$$

$$= \frac{6}{3u^2 - 2}$$

(b) $y = \ln(3u^2 - 2)$

$$\frac{dy}{du} = \frac{1}{3u^2 - 2} \times 6u$$

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(c) $y = \ln(e^u - 3u)$

$$\frac{dy}{du} = \frac{1}{e^u - 3u} \times (e^u - 3)$$

$$= \frac{e^u - 3}{e^u - 3u}$$

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(d) $y = \ln(5u - 1)^2$

$$\frac{dy}{du} = 2 \times \frac{1}{5u - 1} \times 5$$

$$= \frac{2}{5u - 1} \times 5$$

$$= \frac{10}{5u - 1}$$

Note:

$$y = a \ln u, \frac{dy}{du} = \frac{a}{u}$$

$$y = \ln(au), \frac{dy}{du} = \frac{1}{au}$$

$$y = \ln(a+bu), \frac{dy}{du} = \frac{b}{a+bu}$$

② Find derivative of the following functions:

(a) $y = \sqrt{2u} \ln 2u$ ← product rule

$$\frac{dy}{du} = \sqrt{2u} \left(\frac{1}{2u} \right) + \ln 2u \left(\frac{1}{2} u^{-1/2} \right)$$

$$= (u^{1/2}) (u^{-1/2}) + \ln 2u (\frac{1}{2} u^{-1/2})$$

$$= u^{-1/2} + \frac{u^{-1/2}}{2} \ln 2u$$

$$= u^{-1/2} [1 + \frac{1}{2} \ln 2u]$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{u}} (1 + \frac{1}{2} \ln 2u)$$

$$= \frac{u^{-1/2}}{\sqrt{u}} (1 + \frac{1}{2} \ln 2u)$$

$$= 2e^u \left(\frac{1}{2u} \times 2 \right) + \ln 2u (2e^u)$$

$$= 2e^u [\frac{1}{u} + \ln 2u],$$

(b) $y = 2e^u \ln 2u$

$$\frac{dy}{du} = 2e^u (\frac{1}{2u} \times 2) + \ln 2u (2e^u)$$

$$= 2e^u [\frac{1}{u} + \ln 2u],$$

(c) $y = \frac{7 \ln u - u^3}{e^{3u}}$ ← Quotient rule

$$\frac{dy}{du} = \frac{e^{3u} (\frac{7}{u} - 3u^2) - (7 \ln u - u^3) (3e^{3u})}{e^{6u}}$$

$$= \frac{e^{3u} (\frac{7}{u} - 3u^2 - 21 \ln u + 3u^3)}{e^{6u}}$$

$$= \frac{7}{u} - 3u^2 - 21 \ln u + 3u^3}{e^{3u}}$$

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(d) Find exact value of gradient to curve $y = e^u - \frac{\ln u}{2}$ when $u = \ln 3$

$$y = e^u - \frac{\ln u}{2}$$

$$\frac{dy}{du} = e^u - \frac{1}{2} (\frac{1}{u})$$

$$= e^u - \frac{1}{2u}$$

$$= e^{\ln 3} - \frac{1}{2 \ln 3}$$

$$= 3 - \frac{1}{2 \ln 3}$$

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(e) DIFFERENTIATION OF TRIGONOMETRIC FUNCTIONS

$y = \sin u$

$$\frac{dy}{du} = \cos u$$

$$= \cos(u)$$

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