

Derivative of Exponential Function

Q.1. Differentiate $3^x/(2 + \sin x)$.

Solution : 1

Let $y = 3^x/(2 + \sin x)$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Then } dy/dx &= \{(2 + \sin x) \cdot d/dx(3^x) - 3^x \cdot d/dx(2 + \sin x)\} / (2 + \sin x)^2 \\ &= \{(2 + \sin x) \cdot 3^x \log 3 - 3^x \cdot (0 + \cos x)\} / (2 + \sin x)^2 \\ &= 3^x \{(2 + \sin x) \log 3 - \cos x\} / (2 + \sin x)^2.\end{aligned}$$

Q.2. If $e^{x+y} = x^y$, show that $dy / dx = [y (1 - x)] / [x (y - 1)]$.

Solution : 2

We have, $e^{x+y} = x^y$,

Taking log of both the sides,

$$(x + y) \log_e = \log_e x + \log_e y$$

$$\text{Or, } x + y = \log_e x + \log_e y \text{ [As, } \log_e e = 1]$$

Differentiating both sides with respect to x we get,

$$1 + dy / dx = 1 / x + (1/y) \cdot dy / dx$$

$$\text{Or, } [1 - (1 / y)] dy / dx = (1 / x) - 1$$

$$\text{Or, } dy / dx = (1 - x) / x \times y / (y - 1)$$

$$= [y (1 - x)] / [x (y - 1)] \text{ [Proved.]}$$

Q.3. If $y = e^{\sin x^2}$, find dy / dx .

Solution : 3

We have , $y = e^{\sin x^2}$,

$$dy / dx = e^{\sin x^2} \times d/dx (\sin x^2)$$

$$= e^{\sin x^2} \times \cos x^2 \times d / dx (x^2)$$

$$= e^{\sin x^2} \times \cos x^2 \times (2x)$$

$$= 2 x \cos x^2 e^{\sin x^2}.$$

Q.4. If $y = [e^x + e^{-x}] / [e^x - e^{-x}]$, find dy / dx .

Solution : 4

$$y = [e^x + e^{-x}] / [e^x - e^{-x}]$$

$$= [e^x + 1 / e^x] / [e^x - 1 / e^x]$$

$$= [e^{2x} + 1] / [e^{2x} - 1]$$

$$dy / dx = [(e^{2x} - 1) \times d / dx (e^{2x} + 1) - (e^{2x} + 1) \times d / dx (e^{2x} - 1)] / [e^{2x} - 1]^2$$

$$= [(e^{2x} - 1) \times 2 e^{2x} - (e^{2x} + 1) \times 2 e^{2x}] / [e^{2x} - 1]^2$$

$$= [\{e^{2x} - 1 - e^{2x} - 1\} \times 2 e^{2x}] / [e^{2x} - 1]^2$$

$$= - 4 e^{2x} / [e^{2x} - 1]^2.$$

Q.5. If $y = e^{e^x}$, find dy / dx .

Solution : 5

Let $y = e^{e^x} = e^u$, where $u = e^x$,

$$du / dx = e^x \text{ and } dy / du = e^u = e^{e^x},$$

$$\text{Hence, } dy / dx = dy / du \times du / dx = e^{e^x} \cdot e^x.$$

Q.6. If $y = \sqrt{\{(1 + e^x) / (1 - e^x)\}}$, find dy / dx .

Solution : 6

$$\begin{aligned}
 dy / dx &= d / dx [\sqrt{\{(1 + e^x) / (1 - e^x)\}}] \\
 &= [\sqrt{(1 - e^x)} d / dx \{\sqrt{(1 + e^x)}\} - \sqrt{(1 + e^x)} d / dx \{\sqrt{(1 - e^x)}\}] / \{\sqrt{(1 - e^x)}\}^2 \\
 &= [\sqrt{(1 - e^x)} \times 1 / 2\sqrt{(1 + e^x)} \times e^x - \sqrt{(1 + e^x)} \times 1/2\sqrt{(1 - e^x)} \times (- e^x)] / (1 - e^x) \\
 &= [(e^x) / 2] [\{\sqrt{(1 - e^x)}\} / \{\sqrt{(1 + e^x)}\} + \{\sqrt{(1 + e^x)}\} / \{\sqrt{(1 - e^x)}\}] / (1 - e^x) \\
 &= [e^x \{(1 - e^x) + (1 + e^x)\} / 2 \sqrt{(1 - e^{2x})}] / (1 - e^x) \\
 &= e^x / [(1 - e^x) \sqrt{(1 - e^{2x})}] .
 \end{aligned}$$

Q.7. If $y = e^{ax} / \sin (bx + c)$, find dy/dx .

Solution : 7

$$\begin{aligned}
 dy / dx &= [\sin (bx + c) . d / dx (e^{ax}) - e^{ax} . d / dx \{\sin (bx + c)\}] / \sin^2 (bx + c) \\
 &= [\sin (bx + c) . ae^{ax} - e^{ax} . \cos (bx + c) . b] / \sin^2 (bx + c) \\
 &= e^{ax} [a \sin (bx + c) - b \cos (bx + c)] / \sin^2 (bx + c) .
 \end{aligned}$$

Q.8. If $y = \{x + \sqrt{(x^2 - 1)}\}^m$, prove that $(x^2 - 1)(dy/dx)^2 = m^2 . y^2$.

Solution : 8

We have , $y = \{x + \sqrt{(x^2 - 1)}\}^m$,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Then, } dy/dx &= m\{x + \sqrt{(x^2 - 1)}\}^{(m-1)} \times \{1 + 1/2 \cdot 2x/\sqrt{(x^2 - 1)}\} \\
 &= m \{x + \sqrt{(x^2 - 1)}\}^{(m-1)} \times [\{\sqrt{(x^2 - 1)} + x\} / \sqrt{(x^2 - 1)}] \\
 &= m\{x + \sqrt{(x^2 - 1)}\}^m / \sqrt{(x^2 - 1)} \text{ Or, } \sqrt{(x^2 - 1)} . dy/dx \\
 &= m \{x + \sqrt{(x^2 - 1)}\}^m
 \end{aligned}$$

Squaring both sides , we get

$$(x^2 - 1) \cdot (dy/dx)^2 = m^2 [\{x + \sqrt{x^2 - 1}\}m]^2$$
$$= m^2 \cdot y^2. \text{ [Proved.]}$$