

Lecture 12 Activity: Logarithmic Differentiation and Inverse Trig Derivatives

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1. Differentiate the following functions.

1.1 $x \cdot (\ln x)$

1.2 $\ln(\tan x)$

1.3 $\ln(c \tan x)$

2. Use logarithmic differentiation to differentiate the following functions.

2.1 $\frac{x^2+1}{x-2}$

2.2 $\frac{(x+1)(x-1)\sqrt{x-2}}{x^2+3}$

2.3 $(x^2 + 5)^{10} \sqrt{\sin x}$

2.4 $\frac{\sin^2 x \cdot \sqrt[3]{e^x}}{x^3 - 5x^2 + 4}$

3. Use implicit differentiation to derive a formula for $\frac{d}{dx} \arctan x$. (You can practice by finding derivatives of the other inverse trig functions.)