

Derivative of Composite functions

I – Review of the main formulas :

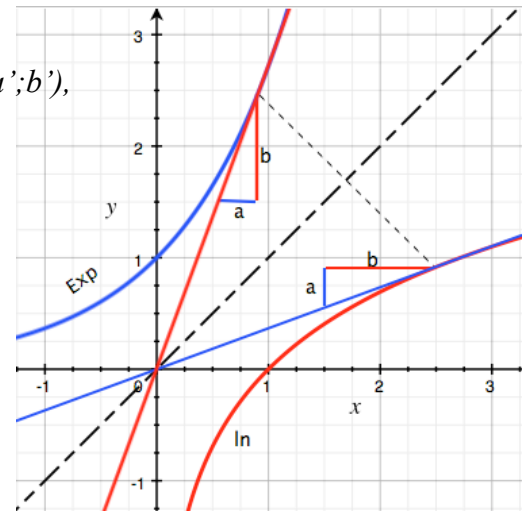
If u and v are two functions having derivatives u' and v' on the same Interval $I = (a;b)$ then

$f =$	$u + v$	$k.u$	$u.v$	u^n <small>$(n \in \mathbb{N})$</small>	$\frac{1}{u}$ <small>$(u \neq 0)$</small>	$\frac{u}{v}$ <small>$(v \neq 0)$</small>	\sqrt{u} <small>$(u > 0)$</small>	$\text{Exp } x$	$\ln x$ <small>$(x > 0)$</small>	$\sin x$
$f' =$	$u' + v'$	$k.u'$	$u'v + uv'$	$n.u^{n-1}u'$	$-\frac{u'}{u^2}$	$\frac{u'v - uv'}{v^2}$	$\frac{u'}{2\sqrt{u}}$	$\text{Exp } x$	$\frac{1}{x}$	$\cos x$

II – Composite functions formula :

- Let the function u have a derivative u' on $I = (a;b)$
- Let f be a function having a derivative f' on $J = u[<I>] = (a';b')$,
- Let $F = f \circ u$ that is to say $F(x) = f[u(x)]$,

Then $F'(x) = f'[u(x)].u'(x)$ $x \in I = (a;b)$



III – Derivative of the reciprocal function :

$$f[f^{-1}(x)] = x \Rightarrow \text{span style="background-color: yellow; padding: 2px;">}(f^{-1})'(x) = \frac{1}{f'[f^{-1}(x)]}$$

IV – Applications :

1. Derivative of $\text{Exp}[u(x)]$: $[e^{u(x)}]' = e^{u(x)} u'(x)$
2. Derivative of $\ln[u(x)]$: $(\ln[u(x)])' = \frac{u'(x)}{u(x)}$ [with $u(x) > 0$]
3. Derivative of $f(x) = u^k(x)$: $[u^k(x)]' = k. u^{k-1}(x). u'(x)$ for any $k \neq -1$
4. Derivative of $F(x) = f(x)^{u(x)}$; $[f(x) > 0]$ $F'(x) = [f(x)]^{u(x)} \left[u'(x). \ln[f(x)] + u(x). \frac{f'(x)}{f(x)} \right]$
5. Derivative of $\text{Sin}[u(x)]$: $\sin'[u(x)] = u'(x). \cos[u(x)]$

V – Exercises : Calculate the derivative of the following functions

(specify the Intervals of definition of these derivatives, then study the variations and graph the function)

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

(3) $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 + 1}}$; (4) $f(x) = \sqrt{\frac{x^2 - 1}{x^2 + 1}}$

(5) $f(x) = \left(1 - \frac{1}{x}\right)^{2x}$; (6) $f(x) = \left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^{x^2}$

(7) $f(x) = \sin\left[\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - x\right)\right]$; (8) $f(x) = \tan \frac{1}{x}$