



Math 1 Lecture 23

Dartmouth College

Wednesday 11-02-16



Reminders/Announcements

Last Time

Derivatives of Logarithmic and Exponential Functions

Examish Exercises



- ▶ WebWork due Friday
- ▶ Written HW due today
- ▶ x-hour tomorrow:
 - ▶ proofs of inverse trig derivatives
 - ▶ examish exercises



- ▶ Implicit differentiation
- ▶ $(f^{-1})'(a) = 1/f'(f^{-1}(a))$
- ▶ Derivatives of inverse trigonometric functions

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If $a = e$ does this check out?

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Find the derivative of each function and the domain on which it is valid.

1. $y = \ln(x + 5)$

2. $y = \ln|x + 5|$



1. $f(x) = x \ln x - x$
2. $f(x) = \sin(\ln x)$
3. $y = \ln \frac{1}{x}$
4. $g(x) = \ln(xe^{-2x})$
5. $f(x) = \log_{10} x$
6. $h(x) = \log_{10} \sqrt{x}$
7. $y = 2^x$
8. $y = 5^{2x+1}$
9. $y = (x^2 + 2)^2(x^4 + 4)^4$
10. $y = (2x + 1)^x$