

## 2.0 Derive Base e.2018

$$1 + 0.50(1) = 1.5 \quad 1.5 + 1.50(0.50) = 2.25$$

**Derivative of the Exponential Function With Base  $e$**

**Objectives:** Find the derivative of exponential functions.

**Warm up:** Estimations of  $e$

If you began walking at 1 km/h and then doubled your speed over a one-minute interval, you would be walking at 2 km/h. But suppose you increased your speed by 50% every half-minute. How fast would you be walking at the end of one minute?

Suppose you increased your speed by 25% every quarter-minute. What would your speed be at the end of one minute? Remember, your speed would be 1.25 times as fast every quarter-minute. Complete the chart below



Time Elapsed (s)	0	15	30	45	60
Speed (km/h)	1.00	1.25	1.5625	1.95	2.4414...

$$1.00 + 1.00(0.25) \quad 1.25 + 1.25(0.25)$$

Generate an expression to find your speed at the end of one minute.

$$1(1 + 0.25)^3 = 1.953125 \quad (1.25)^4$$

Suppose you increased your speed by  $\frac{1}{10}$  for every tenth of a minute. What would your speed be at the end of one minute?

$$(1 + 0.10)^{10} = (1.10)^{10} = 2.5937...$$

Complete the table for each increase in speed for an equal portion of a minute.

Increase in speed	Speed at the end of 1 minute
$\frac{1}{10} \quad (1 + \frac{1}{10})^{10}$	2.59374246
$\frac{1}{1000} \quad (1 + \frac{1}{1000})^{1000}$	2.7169239...
$\frac{1}{100000} \quad (1 + \frac{1}{100000})^{100000}$	2.718268237...
$\frac{1}{10000000}$	2.71828169...
$\frac{1}{1000000000}$	2.718281827...

ten million  
one billion

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$e \approx 2.718281828 \dots$   
 Derivatives of  $y = e^x$

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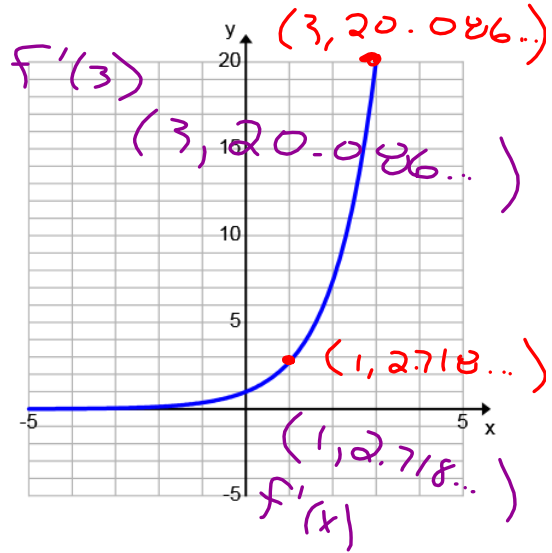
$e$  can be defined as:  $e = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{n} \right]^n$

$y = (2.71828 \dots)^x$

Investigate:  
 Why is  $e$  such a special number?

Use your calculator to sketch  $y = e^x$ .  
 Find the values of  $e^x$  at  $x = 1, 3, 5$

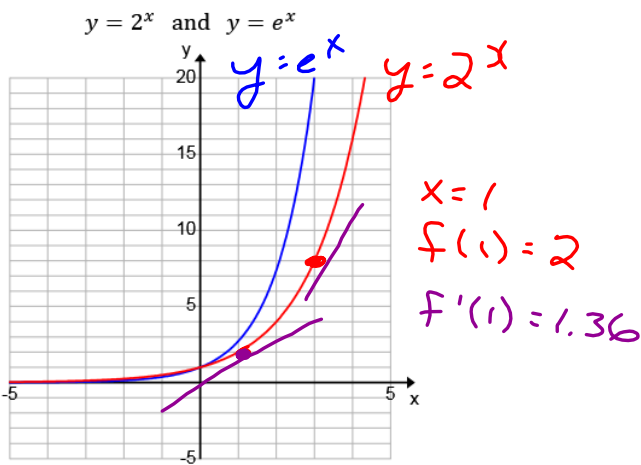
Find the derivative of  $y = e^x$  at  $x = 1, 3, 5$  using your calculator.



$f'(1)$

State the value of  $\frac{dy}{dx} e^x$

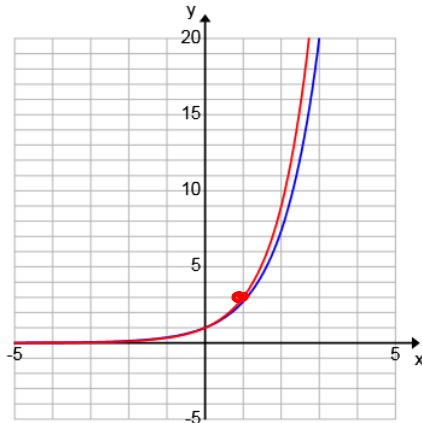
$f(x) = f'(x)$



$f'(3)$   
 $= 5.54$

$x = 3$   
 $y = 2^x = 2^3$   
 $y = 8$

$y = 3^x$  and  $y = e^x$



$f(1) = 3$   
 $f'(1) = 3.095 \dots$

$f(3) = 3^3 = 27$   
 $f'(3) = 29.66$

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Chain Rule:  $f(x) = e^u$  then  $f'(x) = e^u \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$

1. Differentiate

a)  $y = x^3 e^x$

PRODUCT  
 $f = x^3$   $g = e^x$   
 $f' = 3x^2$   $g' = e^x$   
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = 3x^2(e^x) + x^3(e^x)$   
 $= x^2 e^x (3 + x)$

b)  $y = e^{x^2}$

2 layers:  $e^u$   $x^2$   
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = [e^{x^2}] [2x]$   
 $= 2x e^{x^2}$

c)  $y = x^5 e^{x^5}$

$f = x^5$   $g = e^{x^5}$   
 $f' = 5x^4$   $g' = [e^{x^5}] [5x^4]$

$\frac{dy}{dx} = 5x^4(e^{x^5}) + x^5(e^{x^5})(5x^4)$   
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = 5x^4 e^{x^5} (1 + x^5)$

2. Find the absolute maximum value of the function  $f(x) = x e^{-x}$

I.  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$   
 CN  $x = 1$

$f = x$   $g = e^{-x}$   
 $f' = 1$   $g' = [e^{-x}] [-1]$   
 $f'(x) = (1)(e^{-x}) + (x)(-e^{-x})$   
 $f'(x) = e^{-x} - x e^{-x}$   
 $0 = e^{-x} (1 - x)$

II. Justify max/min

	$\frac{1}{e^x} - \frac{x}{e^x}$	$f'(x)$	$f(x)$
$(-\infty, 1)$	+	+	INC
$(1, \infty)$	-	-	DEC

max  $x = 1$

$e^{-x} = 0$   $1 - x = 0$   
 $\frac{1}{e^x} = 0$   $x = 1$   
 No Roots

MAX ...  $f(1) = (1)(e^{-1}) = \frac{1}{e}$

3. Sketch the graph of  $f(x) = e^{-x^2}$

GraphSketch.com

