

Problem Definition

Problem 11. Find the derivative of the function.

$$y = \frac{1}{2} \ln^6(x) = \frac{1}{2} (\ln(x))^6$$

Solution Step 1:

To compute the derivative rule, we need to use the generalized power rule and the derivative of the natural logarithm as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{1}{2} (\ln(x))^6 \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dx} \left((\ln(x))^6 \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (6) (\ln(x))^5 \frac{d}{dx} (\ln(x)) \\ &= \frac{6}{2} (\ln(x))^5 \frac{1}{x} \\ &= \frac{3 (\ln(x))^5}{x} = \frac{3 \ln^5(x)}{x} \end{aligned}$$