

Answer on Question #65787 – Math – Calculus

Question

Take 10 figure logarithm to base 10 from $x = 300$ to $x = 310$ by unit increment. Calculate the first derivative of $\log_{10} x$ when $x = 310$.

Solution

Let us construct the following table:

x	300	301	302	303	304	305	306	307	308	309	310
$\log_{10} x$	2.477	2.479	2.48	2.481	2.483	2.484	2.486	2.487	2.489	2.49	2.491

(see https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Common_logarithm).

$$\text{Since } \frac{d}{dx}(\log_{10} x) = \frac{1}{x \ln 10}$$

(see <http://tutorial.math.lamar.edu/Classes/Calcl/DiffExpLogFcns.aspx>), then

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\log_{10} x)|_{x=310} = \frac{1}{310 \ln 10} \approx 0.0014.$$

Answer: $\frac{d}{dx}(\log_{10} x)|_{x=310} \approx 0.0014.$