

Find the derivative of $y = \frac{2\ln(x+3)}{x^2}$.

To find this derivative we'll need to use the quotient rule with

$$u = 2\ln(x+3)$$

$$v = x^2$$

The derivative of v , $v' = 2x$, is easy. The harder part is the derivative of u . This will require a chain rule with the outside function being $2\ln(x)$ and the inside function being $x+3$. Applying the chain rule gives

$$u' = \frac{2}{x+3} \cdot 1$$

Now that we have the derivative of u and v , we can apply the quotient rule:

$$\frac{vu' - uv'}{v^2} = \frac{x^2 \cdot \frac{2}{x+3} - 2\ln(x+3) \cdot 2x}{(x^2)^2}$$

Now let's try a little simplifying:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{x^2 \cdot \frac{2}{x+3} - 2\ln(x+3) \cdot 2x}{(x^2)^2} &= \frac{x^2 \cdot \frac{2}{x+3}}{x^4} - \frac{4x\ln(x+3)}{x^4} \\ &= \frac{2}{x^2(x+3)} - \frac{4\ln(x+3)}{x^3} \end{aligned}$$

In the first line I have divided both terms on top by x^4 . In the second line I reduced each of the resulting fractions.