

The Derivative of E tetra x

First off, a few notes on the notation used by this paper. Also, as this is my first time trying anything like this, I apologize for any formatting errors or obvious math mistakes made here.

$$\begin{aligned}T[x] &= n \text{ tetra } x \\TE[x] &= E \text{ tetra } x \\D[f[x], x] &= f'[x]\end{aligned}$$

Ok, to business. To find the derivative, let's start with a basic identity.

$$TE[x] = TE[x]$$

Taking the natural log of both sides gives

$$\text{Log}[TE[x]] = \text{Log}[TE[x]]$$

One of the tetration identities is

$$\text{Log}[T[x]] = T[x - 1] * \text{Log}[n]$$

Or, using E as the base:

$$\text{Log}[TE[x]] = TE[x - 1]$$

As a result,

$$D[\text{Log}[TE[x]], x] = TE'[x - 1]$$

$$\frac{TE'[x]}{TE[x]} = TE'[x - 1]$$

$$TE'[x] = TE[x] * TE'[x - 1]$$

Thus we have a recurrence relation for the derivative. This can be continued further.

$$TE'[x] = TE[x] * TE[x - 1] * TE'[x - 2]$$

$$TE'[x] = TE[x] * TE[x - 1] * TE[x - 2] * TE'[x - 3]$$

This is, so far, based entirely off of <http://math.eretrandre.org/tetrationforum/showthread.php?tid=47>. However, I took it a bit further, realizing that (for whole numbers, anyway), you could find the product of the TE terms:

$$TE'[x] = TE'[0] \prod_{k=0}^{x-1} TE[x - k]$$

I don't know enough about partial products to be able to know what to do in the case of non-integers here, but I figured that figuring out a general formula even only for integer values of x would be useful, so I tried solving the product the same way (more or less) you would solve a sum of powers:

$$\text{Product} = \prod_{k=0}^{x-1} TE[x - k]$$

$$\text{Product} == \text{TE}[x] * \text{TE}[x - 1] * \text{TE}[x - 2] * \text{TE}[x - 3] \dots * \text{TE}[x - k]$$

$$\text{E}^{\text{Product}} == \text{TE}[x + 1] * \text{TE}[x] * \text{TE}[x - 1] * \text{TE}[x - 2] \dots * \text{TE}[x - k + 1]$$

$$\text{E}^{\text{Product}} * \text{TE}[x - k] == \text{TE}[x + 1] * \text{TE}[x] * \text{TE}[x - 1] * \text{TE}[x - 2] \dots * \text{TE}[x - k + 1] * \text{TE}[x - k]$$

$$\text{E}^{\text{Product}} * \text{TE}[x - k] == \text{TE}[x + 1] * \text{Product}$$

Since

$$x - k == 0,$$

$$\text{TE}[x - k] = 1$$

As a result,

$$\text{E}^{\text{Product}} == \text{TE}[x + 1] * \text{Product}$$

Now, we rearrange the equation a bit.

$$\text{Log} \left[\text{E}^{\text{Product}} \right] == \text{Log} [\text{TE}[x + 1]] * \text{Log} [\text{Product}]$$

$$\text{Product} == \text{TE}[x] * \text{Log} [\text{Product}]$$

$$\text{Product} == \text{Log} \left[\text{Product}^{\text{TE}[x]} \right]$$

$$\text{E}^{\text{Product}} == \text{Product}^{\text{TE}[x]}$$

Substituting into the above equation gives

$$\text{TE}[x + 1] * \text{Product} == \text{Product}^{\text{TE}[x]}$$

$$\text{TE}[x + 1] == \text{Product}^{\text{TE}[x] - 1}$$

$$\text{Product} == \text{TE}[x + 1]^{\frac{1}{\text{TE}[x] - 1}}$$

Now that there is a formula for the product:

$$\text{TE}'[x] == \text{TE}'[0] * \text{TE}[x + 1]^{\frac{1}{\text{TE}[x] - 1}}$$

Sadly, this can be trivially proven not to work. If $x=2$, and with the derivative recurrence equation listed above,

$$\text{TE}'[x] = \text{TE}[x] * \text{TE}'[x - 1]$$

$$\text{TE}'[0] * \text{TE}[x + 1]^{\frac{1}{\text{TE}[x] - 1}} == \text{TE}[x] * \text{TE}'[0] * \text{TE}[x]^{\frac{1}{\text{TE}[x - 1] - 1}}$$

$$\text{TE}[x + 1]^{\frac{1}{\text{TE}[x] - 1}} == \text{TE}[x] * \text{TE}[x]^{\frac{1}{\text{TE}[x - 1] - 1}}$$

$$\text{TE}[3]^{\frac{1}{\text{TE}[2] - 1}} == \text{TE}[2]^{\frac{\text{TE}[3]}{\text{TE}[1] - 1}}$$

$$2.917275 \neq 73.71885$$

So after all that, it turns out not to be true. What I can't figure out is why. I'm hoping you guys could show me what's wrong with this derivation. Thanks in advance for your help.