

$$\frac{d}{dx} [\ln x] = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [\ln u] = \frac{1}{u} \cdot u'$$

$$1. f(x) = \ln(x^2 - 2)$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{x^2 - 2} \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(x^2 - 2)$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{2x}{x^2 - 2}}$$

$$2. f(x) = \ln(3x - 1)^{\frac{5}{2}}$$

$$= \frac{5}{2} \ln(3x - 1)$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{5}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{3x - 1} \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(3x - 1)$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{15}{2(3x - 1)}}$$

$$3. f(x) = \ln[4x(5x - 1)^7]$$

$$= \ln 4 + \ln x + \ln(5x - 1)^7$$

$$= \ln 4 + \ln x + 7 \ln(5x - 1)$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{x} + 7 \cdot \frac{1}{5x - 1} \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(5x - 1)$$

$$= \frac{1}{x} + \frac{35}{5x - 1}$$

$$= \frac{1(5x - 1)}{x(5x - 1)} + \frac{35x}{x(5x - 1)}$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{40x - 1}{x(5x - 1)}}$$

$$4. f(x) = \ln \sqrt{\frac{5x - 2}{3x + 5}}$$

$$= \ln \left(\frac{5x - 2}{3x + 5} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \ln \left(\frac{5x - 2}{3x + 5} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \ln(5x - 2) - \frac{1}{2} \ln(3x + 5)$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{1}{5x - 2} \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(5x - 2) - \frac{1}{3x + 5} \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(3x + 5) \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{5}{5x - 2} - \frac{3}{3x + 5} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{5(3x + 5)}{(5x - 2)(3x + 5)} - \frac{3(5x - 2)}{(5x - 2)(3x + 5)} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{15x + 25}{(5x - 2)(3x + 5)} - \frac{15x - 6}{(5x - 2)(3x + 5)} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{15x + 25 - 15x + 6}{(5x - 2)(3x + 5)} \right]$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{31}{2(5x - 2)(3x + 5)}}$$