Exercise 5

Differentiate the function.

$$f(x) = \ln \frac{1}{x}$$

Solution

Take the derivative of the function using the chain rule.

$$f'(x) = \frac{d}{dx} \left(\ln \frac{1}{x} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\frac{1}{x}} \cdot \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{1}{x} \right)$$

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

$$= x \cdot (-x^{-2})$$

$$= -x^{-1}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{x}$$