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Entry type Proof Classification msc 26A06 Suppose $f(x) = \pm f(-x)$. We need to show that $f'(x) = \mp f'(-x)$. To do this, let us define the auxiliary function $m : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$, m(x) = -x. The condition on f is then $f(x) = \pm (f \circ m)(x)$. Using the chain rule, we have that

$$f'(x) = \pm (f \circ m)'(x)$$

= \pm f'\left(m(x)\right)m'(x)
= \pm f'(-x),

and the claim follows. \Box