

**Write an example of a function whose derivative can be found by using the following rules:**

- a) Product rule and special function differentiation rules
- b) Power rule, quotient rule, and chain rule
- c) Chain rule twice
- d) Implicit differentiation and special function differentiation rule

**a) Product rule**

The product rule calculates the derivative of two function about  $x$  like  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(f(x)g(x)) = \frac{d}{dx}(f(x)) \cdot g(x) + \frac{d}{dx}(g(x)) \cdot f(x).$$

Example

To find derivative of  $f(x) = (x+2)(2x-1)$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy}{dx} &= (x+2)'(2x-1) + (x+2)(2x-1)' \\ &= 2x-1 + 2x+4 = 4x+3\end{aligned}$$

According to (Differentiating Special Functions – Calculus Tutorials, n.d.),

**Special function differentiation rules as below**

$f(x)$	$f'(x)$
$\sin x$	$\cos x$
$\cos x$	$-\sin x$
$\tan x$	$\sec^2 x$
$\sec x$	$\sec x \tan x$
$\csc x$	$-\csc x \cot x$
$\cot x$	$-\csc^2 x$
$\ln x$	$\frac{1}{x}$
$e^x$	$e^x$

Image from (Differentiating Special Functions – Calculus Tutorials, n.d.)

Example

- 1)  $F(x) = e^x$ , then  $f'(x) = e^x$
- 2)  $F(x) = \csc(x) + x \tan(x)$   
 $F'(x) = -\csc(x)\cot(x) + \tan(x) + \sec^2(x)$
- 3)  $f(x) = \ln x$ ,  $f'(x) = 1/x$

**b) Power rule, quotient rule, and chain rule**

According to (3.3 Differentiation Rules - Calculus Volume 1 | OpenStax, n.d.)

$$\frac{d}{dx}(x^2) = 2x \text{ and } \frac{d}{dx}(x^{1/2}) = \frac{1}{2}x^{-1/2}.$$

Power Rule Example

$$\frac{d}{dx}x^3 = 3x^2$$

Quotient Rule

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \right) = \frac{\frac{d}{dx}(f(x)) \cdot g(x) - \frac{d}{dx}(g(x)) \cdot f(x)}{(g(x))^2}.$$

Example

$$F(x) = \frac{3x^2+2}{4x+3} = \frac{6x(4x+3) - 4(3x^2+2)}{(4x+3)^2} = \frac{12x^2+6x-8}{(4x+3)^2}$$

Chain Rule

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$$

Example

$$H(x) = (2x^2 + 2x)^2$$

$$H'(x) = 2(2x^2+2x)(4x+2) = 2(8x^3+4x^2+8x^2+4x) = 16x^3+12x^2+8x$$

c) Chain rule twice

According to (3.6 The Chain Rule - Calculus Volume 1 | OpenStax, n.d.),

$$k'(x) = h'(f(g(x))) f'(g(x)) g'(x).$$

$$k(x) = \cos^4(7x^2 + 1).$$

$$G(x) = 7x^2 + 1$$

$$H(x) = \cos x$$

$$F(x) = x^4$$

$$\begin{aligned} K'(x) &= 4(\cos(7x^2+1))^3 (-\sin(7x^2+1))(14x) \\ &= -56x\sin(7x^2+1) \cos^3(7x^2+1) \end{aligned}$$

d) Implicit differentiation and special function differentiation rule

Assuming that  $y$  is defined implicitly by the equation

$$x^2 + y^2 = 25, \text{ find } \frac{dy}{dx}.$$

$$\frac{d(x^2 + y^2)}{dx} = \frac{d(25)}{dx}$$

$$2x + 2y \frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \text{ then } \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{x}{y}$$

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