

Differentiate each of the following:

a)  $y = x^2 + 4x$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2x + 4$$

b)  $y = 3x^5 - 6x^4 + 2$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 15x^4 - 24x^3$$

c)  $f(x) = x^2 - \frac{2}{x^2}$

$$f'(x) = 2x + 4x^{-3}$$

d)  $g(x) = \sqrt{x} + \sqrt[3]{x} + \sqrt[5]{x}$

$$\begin{aligned} g'(x) &= \frac{1}{2}x^{-\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{1}{3}x^{-\frac{2}{3}} + \frac{1}{5}x^{-\frac{4}{5}} \\ &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} + \frac{1}{3x^{\frac{2}{3}}} + \frac{1}{5x^{\frac{4}{5}}} \end{aligned}$$

A composite function has notation:

$$(f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x)) - f \text{ evaluated at } g(x)$$

### Example #1

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f composite g

Given  $f : x \mapsto 2x + 1$  and  $g : x \mapsto 3 - 4x$  find in simplest form:

**a**  $(f \circ g)(x)$

$$= f(g(x))$$

$$= f(3 - 4x)$$

$$= 2(3 - 4x) + 1$$

$$= 6 - 8x + 1$$

$$= 7 - 8x$$

**b**  $(g \circ f)(x)$

$$= g(f(x))$$

$$= g(2x + 1)$$

$$= 3 - 4(2x + 1)$$

$$= 3 - 8x - 4$$

$$= -1 - 8x$$

## Example #2

Given  $y = (3x - 2)^2$   $f(g(x))$

State: a)  $f(x)$

$$f(x) = x^2$$

b)  $g(x)$

$$g(x) = 3x - 2$$

If  $h(x) = f(g(x))$  then  $h'(x) = f'(g(x))g'(x)$

## Example #1

Differentiate each of the following:

a)  $f(x) = (3x^2 - 5)^5$

$$f'(x) = 5(3x^2 - 5)^4 (6x)$$
$$f'(x) = 30x(3x^2 - 5)^4$$

b)  $f(x) = \sqrt{2x^2 + 3} = (2x^2 + 3)^{\frac{1}{2}}$

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{2}(2x^2 + 3)^{-\frac{1}{2}}(4x)$$
$$f'(x) = \frac{2x}{\sqrt{2x^2 + 3}}$$

# Leibniz's Rule

If  $y = f(u)$  where  $u = u(x)$  then  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \frac{du}{dx}$ .

$$y = f(x) = (3x^2 - 5)^5$$

$$\text{let } u = 3x^2 - 5$$

$$y = u^5$$

$$\frac{dy}{du} = 5u^4 \quad \frac{du}{dx} = 6x$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{dy}{du} \times \frac{du}{dx} = 5u^4 (6x) = 5(3x^2 - 5)^4 6x \\ &= 30x(3x^2 - 5)^4 \end{aligned}$$

## Example #2

Find the gradient of the tangent to  $y = 3(2x + 1)^4$

when  $x = 2$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 12(2x+1)^3(2)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 24(2x+1)^3$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 24(2 \times 2 + 1)^3 = 24 \times 5^3 = 24 \times 125 = 3000$$