

Chain Rule

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Differentiate each function with respect to x (CHAIN RULE = Deriv OUT * Deriv IN).

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

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

$$= \frac{1}{3}(x+1)^{-\frac{2}{3}} \cdot 1$$

2) $y = (5x^3 - 2)^{-5}$

$$y' = -5(5x^3 - 2)^{-5-1} \left(\frac{d}{dx}(5x^3 - 2)\right)$$

$$y' = -75x^2(5x^3 - 2)^{-6}$$

3) $f(x) = (-3x^4 - 2)^4$

$$f' = 4(-3x^4 - 2)^3 (-12x^3)$$

$$= -48x^3(-3x^4 - 2)^3$$

4) $y = \sqrt[4]{-5x^5 + 1}$

$$y' = \frac{1}{4}(-5x^5 + 1)^{-\frac{3}{4}} (-25x^4)$$

$$= \frac{-25x^4}{4}(-5x^5 + 1)^{-\frac{3}{4}}$$

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

$$f' = \frac{15x^2}{2}(5x^3 - 1)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

6) $y = (-2x^4 + 3)^{\frac{1}{5}}$

$$y' = \frac{-8x^3}{5}(-2x^4 + 3)^{-\frac{4}{5}}$$

7) $y = (-4x^3 - 5)^{-5}$

$$y' = 60x^2(-4x^3 - 5)^{-6}$$

8) $y = \sqrt{-x - 4}$

$$y' = -\frac{1}{2}(-x - 4)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$9) y = (4x^2 - 3)^3$$

$$24x(4x^2 - 3)^2$$

$$10) y = (-5x^2 - 4)^2$$

$$-20x(-5x^2 - 4)$$

$$11) y = (5x^4 + 3)^{-3}$$

$$-60x^3(5x^4 + 3)^{-4}$$

$$12) y = (-3x^5 - 2)^5$$

$$-75x^4(-3x^5 - 2)^4$$

$$13) y = (-5x^2 - 1)^4$$

$$-40x(-5x^2 - 1)^3$$

$$14) y = \frac{1}{(-5x - 4)^4}$$

$$20(-5x - 4)^{-5}$$

$$15) y = \frac{1}{(x^3 + 3)^{\frac{1}{4}}}$$

$$-\frac{3x^2}{4}(x^3 + 3)^{-\frac{5}{4}}$$

$$16) y = (-x^2 - 4)^{-2}$$

$$4x(-x^2 - 4)^{-3}$$

$$17) y = \cos 3x^3$$

$$y' = -9x^2 \sin(3x^3)$$

$$18) y = \tan 2x^2$$

$$y' = 4x \sec^2(2x^2)$$

$$19) f(x) = \cot 4x^4$$

$$f' = -16x^3 \csc^2(4x^4)$$

$$20) y = \sin x^4$$

$$y' = 4x^3 (\cos(x^4))$$

$$21) f(x) = \sec 5x^4$$

$$f' = 20x^3 (\sec(5x^4))(\tan(5x^4))$$

$$22) y = \csc 4x^3$$

$$y' = -12x^2 (\csc(4x^3))(\cot(4x^3))$$

Use the **PRODUCT** rule and the **CHAIN RULE** to differentiate each function with respect to x .

$$23) y = (2x^3 + 1)(-5x^5 - 3)^2$$

$$y' = (2x^3 + 1)[-50x^4(-5x^5 - 3)] + (-5x^5 - 3)^2 [6x^2]$$

$$y' = 2x^2(-5x^5 - 3)(-65x^5 - 25x^2 - 9)$$

$$24) y = (-5x^2 - 4)^3(-5x^5 - 2)$$

$$y' = (-5x^2 - 4)^3 [-25x^4] + (-5x^5 - 2)[-30x(-5x^2 - 4)^2]$$

$$y' = 5x(-5x^2 - 4)^2 (55x^5 + 20x^3 + 12)$$

$$25) y = (-x^4 + 5)(-5x^3 - 1)^3$$

$$y' = (-x^4 + 5) \left[-45x^2 (-5x^3 - 1)^2 \right] + (-5x^3 - 1)^3 \left[-4x^3 \right]$$

$$y' = x^2(-5x^3 - 1)^2 (65x^4 + 4x - 225)$$

$$26) y = (-3x^3 - 2)(-x^2 - 4)^3$$

$$y' = (-3x^3 - 2) \left[-6x(-x^2 - 4)^2 \right] + (-x^2 - 4)^3 \left[-9x^2 \right]$$

$$y' = 3x(-x^2 - 4)^2 (9x^3 + 12x + 4)$$

Use the QUOTIENT rule and the CHAIN RULE to differentiate each function with respect to x .

$$27) y = \left(\frac{-2x^3 + 5}{-x - 3} \right)^5$$

$$y' = 5 \left(\frac{-2x^3 + 5}{-x - 3} \right)^4 \left[\frac{(-x - 3)(-6x^2) - (-2x^3 + 5)(-1)}{(-x - 3)^2} \right]$$

$$28) y = \frac{(-4x + 1)^5}{-x^2 + 2}$$

$$y' = \frac{(-x^2 + 2) \left[-20(-4x + 1)^4 \right] - (-4x + 1)^5 (-2x)}{(-x^2 + 2)^2}$$