Differentiation Rules Part Two

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1   caseInsensitive = function(a,b) {
2     return a.toLowerCase() == b.toLowerCase();
3   };
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Julia: You know, some of those rules we learned were pretty useful, but some of these derivatives still suck! There **HAS** to be a better way!

Dylan: I'm sure there is, and I'm sure I know who could help us!

James: Did I hear my name?

Dylan: Not yet!

Julia: James!

James: There are more rules for differentiation that can make your life just a little bit easier!

The Product Rule

James: From the last time we did this, what rule do you think would exist for the product of two functions?

Julia: Well, last time we added or subtracted the derivative of both functions, so I bet we multiply the derivative of both!

Dylan: Let's check!

Consider the functions $f(x) = 2x$ and $g(x) = 3x^3 + x^2$.

$$\text{Graph of } f(x) = 2x, g(x) = 3x^3 + x^2$$

Question 1 *Use Julia's guess to find the derivative of $f(x) \cdot g(x)$.*

$\boxed{18x^2 + 4x}$

Learning outcomes:

Definition 1. *The **derivative** of $f(x)$ at a is defined by the following limit:*

$$\left[\frac{d}{dx}f(x)\right]_{x=a} = \lim_{h \to 0}\frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h}.$$

Use the limit definition of the derivative to find the derivative of $f(x) \cdot g(x)$.

$$\boxed{24x^3 + 6x^2}$$

Was Julia right?

Multiple Choice:

   (a) Yes

   (b) No✓

Julia: Darn! It didn't work!

Dylan: It must be a little harder than that...

James: That's right Dylan, but it is easier than the limit definition! All we have to do is use

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

This is called the **Product Rule**.

Question 2 *Using the Product Rule, differentiate the products of the following functions:*

$f(x) = 6x^3$, $g(x) = 7x^4$

$$\boxed{294x^6}$$

$f(x) = \cos(x) + 4x$, $g(x) = 3x^2$

$$\boxed{-3x^2\sin(x) + 6x\cos(x)}$$

$f(x) = x^2$, $g(x) = 3x^3 - 3x$

$$\boxed{15x^4 - 9x^2}$$

$f(x) = x^7$, $g(x) = 2x^{32}$

$$\boxed{78x^{38}}$$

The Quotient Rule

Dylan: Wow! That's gonna save a ton of time with products! Is there anything like it we can do with quotients?

James: There is! It's even called **the Quotient Rule**!

Julia: I bet it's a pain too though, just like the product rule.

James: Well, why don't you try using your intuition first rather than guessing?

Dylan: Alright, well, I guess I would divide the derivative of the numerator by the derivative of the denominator.

Question 3 *Consider the functions $f(x) = x^3 + 1$ and $g(x) = x$.*

$$\text{Graph of } f(x) = x^3 + 1, g(x) = x$$

Use Dylan's guess to find the derivative of $\dfrac{f(x)}{g(x)}$.

$$\boxed{3x^2/1}$$

Use the limit definition of the derivative to find the derivative of $\dfrac{f(x)}{g(x)}$.

$$\boxed{(2x^3 - 1)/x^2}$$

Was Dylan right?

Multiple Choice:

  (a) *Yes*

  (b) *No* ✓

Julia: I knew it! It's never that easy!

James: Now calm down Julia, this rule is worse than the last one, but it's much better than going through by the limit definition:

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

Question 4 *Using the Quotient Rule, differentiate the products of the following functions to find $\dfrac{d}{dx}\left[\dfrac{f(x)}{g(x)}\right]$:*

$f(x) = 3x - 1$, $g(x) = 2x + 1$

$\boxed{5/(2x+1)^2}$

$f(x) = 1$, $g(x) = x + 10$

$\boxed{-1/(x+10)^2}$

$f(x) = x^2$, $g(x) = 3x^3 - 3x$

$\boxed{(-x^2 - 1)/(3(x^2 - 1)^2)}$

$f(x) = x^7$, $g(x) = 2x^{32}$

$\boxed{-25/(2x^{26})}$

The Chain Rule

James: There's one last rule to learn today; the **Chain Rule**.

Dylan: That rule sounds pretty cool! When do we use it though? I thought we already covered the functions we need to know...

Julia: Yeah, what else is there?

James: We use the chain rule in composition of functions, like when we have $\sin(2x)$ - $2x$ is a function, and so is $\sin(x)$

Julia: And how bad is the rule?

James: This one is a little more tricky -

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

Dylan and Julia: That's so gross.

James: Well, let's give it a try and see if you like it more than the limit definition!

Question 5 *Consider $f(x) = \sqrt{(x)}$ and $g(x) = \dfrac{1}{x}$*

Graph of sqrt(x), 1/x

Using the limit definition of derivative, evaluate the derivative of $f(g(x))$.

$$\boxed{-1/2x^{3/2}}$$

Now, evaluate the same limit using the chain rule. Notice you get the same answer. Yay.

Question 6 *Find the compostition $f(g(x))$, then using the Chain Rule, differentiate $f(g(x))$ for the following functions:*

$f(x) = 3x + x^2$, $g(x) = x^4 + 7x$

$f(g(x)) = \boxed{3(x^4 + 7x) + (x^4 + 7x)^2} \quad \dfrac{d}{dx}\left[f(g(x))\right] = \boxed{8x^7 + 70x^4 + 12x^3 + 98x + 21}$

$f(x) = \cos(x)$, $g(x) = \sin(x)$

$f(g(x)) = \boxed{\cos(\sin(x))} \quad \dfrac{d}{dx}\left[f(g(x))\right] = \boxed{-\cos(x)\sin(\sin(x))}$

$f(x) = \cos(x)$, $g(x) = x^3$

$f(g(x)) = \boxed{\cos(x^3)} \quad \dfrac{d}{dx}\left[f(g(x))\right] = \boxed{-3x^2 \sin(x^3)}$

Question 7 *Using the Chain Rule, differentiate the compositions $g(f(x))$ for the following functions:*

$f(x) = 3x + x^2$, $g(x) = x^4 + 7x$

$g(f(x)) = \boxed{(3x + x^2)^4 + 7(3x + x^2)} \quad \dfrac{d}{dx}\left[g(f(x))\right] = \boxed{(2x + 3)(4x^3(x + 3)^3 + 7)}$

$f(x) = \cos(x)$, $g(x) = \sin(x)$

$g(f(x)) = \boxed{\sin(\cos(x))} \quad \dfrac{d}{dx}\left[g(f(x))\right] = \boxed{-\cos(\cos(x))\sin(x)}$

$f(x) = \cos(x)$, $g(x) = x^3$

$g(f(x)) = \boxed{\cos(x)^3} \quad \dfrac{d}{dx}\left[g(f(x))\right] = \boxed{-3\cos(x)^2 \sin(x)}$

$\boxed{-3\cos(x)^2 \sin(x)}$