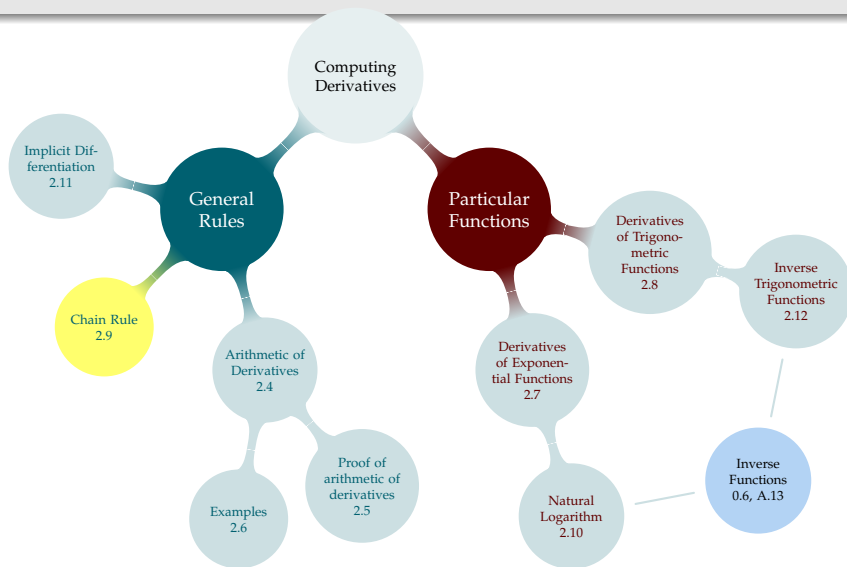
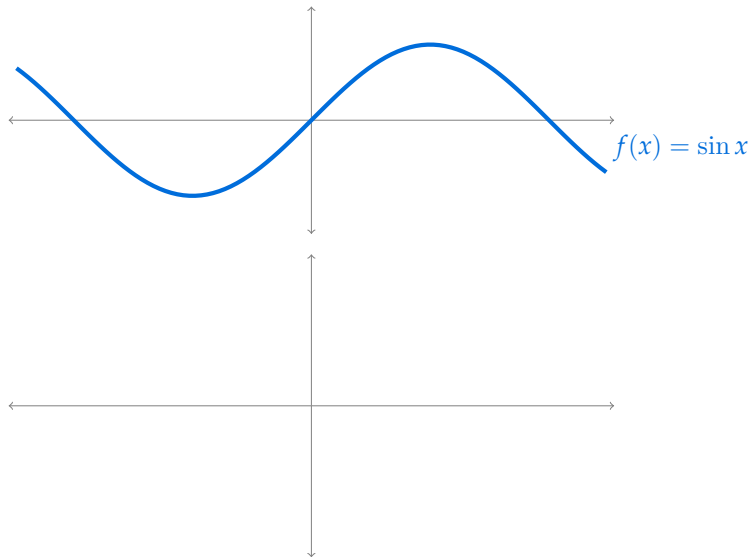
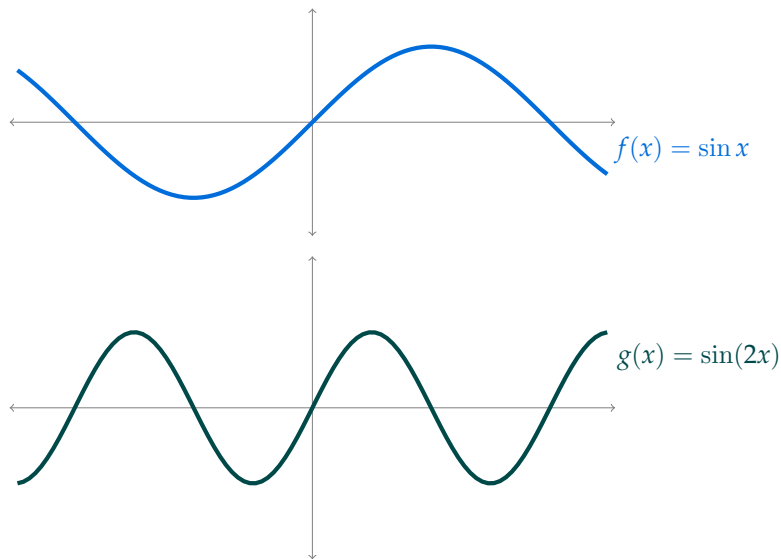
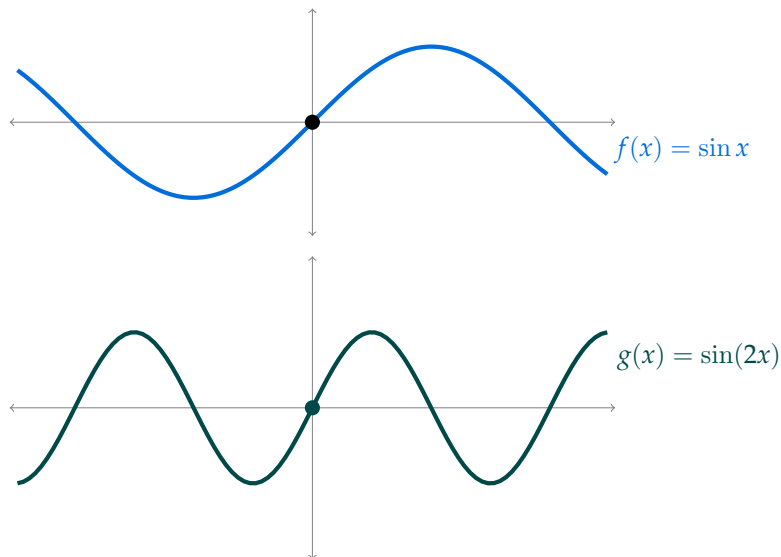


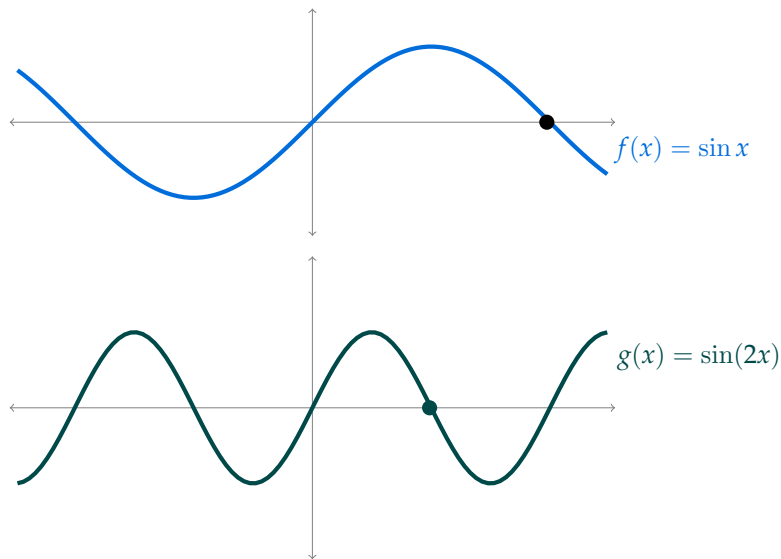
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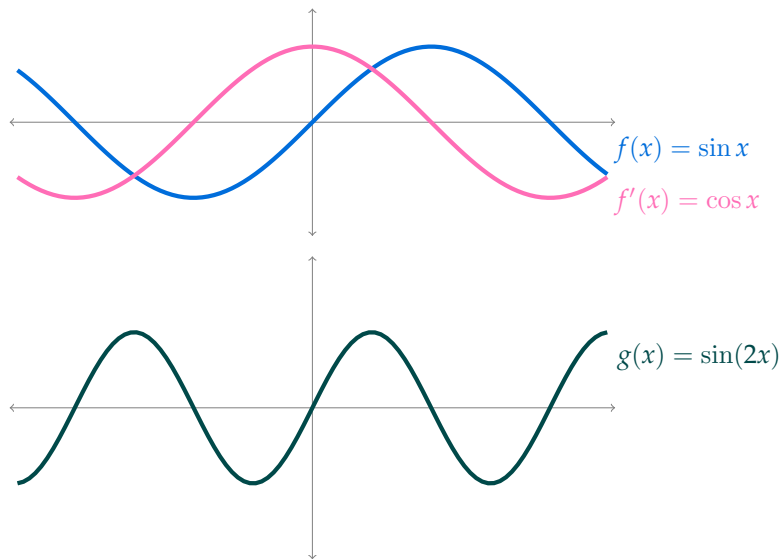


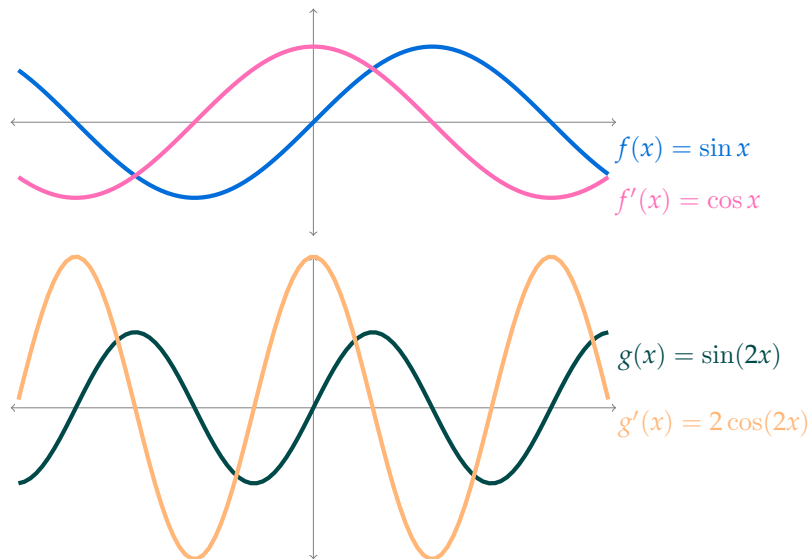
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 &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f\left(\boxed{g(x+h)}\right) - f\left(\boxed{g(x)}\right)}{\boxed{g(x+h)} - \boxed{g(x)}} \cdot g'(x)
 \end{aligned}$$

Set  $H = g(x+h) - g(x)$ . As  $h \rightarrow 0$ , we also have  $H \rightarrow 0$ . So

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \lim_{H \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(g(x) + H) - f(g(x))}{H} \cdot g'(x) \\
 &= f'(g(x)) \cdot g'(x)
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## Chain Rule – Theorem 2.9.3

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$$\frac{d}{dx}\{f(g(x))\} = f'(g(x))g'(x) = \frac{df}{dg}(g(x))\frac{dg}{dx}(x)$$

In the case of kelp,  $\frac{d}{d\text{o}}k(u(o)) = \frac{dk}{d\text{u}}(u(o))\frac{d\text{u}}{d\text{o}}(o)$

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We can differentiate  $\sin(x)$ , so let's set  $g(x) = e^x + x^2$  and  $f(g) = \sin(g)$ . Then  $F(x) = f(g(x))$ .

$$g'(x) = e^x + 2x \text{ and } \frac{df}{dg}(g) = \cos(g) \text{ and}$$

$$\frac{df}{dg}(g(x)) = \frac{df}{dg}\left(\boxed{e^x + x^2}\right) = \cos\left(\boxed{e^x + x^2}\right)$$

$$\text{So, } F'(x) = \frac{df}{dg}(g(x)) \frac{dg}{dx}(x) = \cos(e^x + x^2) (e^x + 2x)$$

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$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \frac{1}{2} (\boxed{10^x + \csc x})^{-1/2} (10^x \log_e 10 - \csc x \cot x) \\ &= \frac{10^x \log_e 10 - \csc x \cot x}{2\sqrt{10^x + \csc x}} \end{aligned}$$

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$$u'(o) = \frac{(o + \sin o)(0) - (1)(1 + \cos o)}{(o + \sin o)^2}$$

$$= \frac{-(1 + \cos o)}{(o + \sin o)^2}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}u(o(t)) = u'(o(t)) o'(t)$$

$$= -e^t \left( \frac{1 + \cos(o(t))}{[o(t) + \sin(o(t))]^2} \right)$$

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## MORE EXAMPLES



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$$= 2x + \sec \left( \boxed{x^2 + \frac{1}{x}} \right) \cdot \tan \left( \boxed{x^2 + \frac{1}{x}} \right) \cdot (2x - x^{-2})$$

Notice: That first term,  $2x$ , is not multiplied by anything else.



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## Included Work



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