

**21-120: Differential and Integral Calculus**  
**Recitation #9 Outline: 09/24/24**

1. Here we will derive the Chain Rule in the special case that  $g(x) \neq g(a)$  for  $x \neq a$ .

- (a) Suppose that  $g(x)$  is continuous at  $a$ ,  $f(x)$  is differentiable at  $g(a)$ , and  $g(x) \neq g(a)$  for all  $x \neq a$ . Then evaluate the following limit

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(g(x)) - f(g(a))}{g(x) - g(a)}.$$

- (b) Use (a) to show that if  $h(x) = f(g(x))$ ,  $f$  is differentiable at  $g(a)$ ,  $g$  is differentiable at  $a$ , and  $g(x) \neq g(a)$  when  $x \neq a$  then

$$h'(a) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(g(x)) - f(g(a))}{x - a} = f'(g(a))g'(a)$$

(Hint: multiply and divide by  $g(x) - g(a)$ ).

2. Use the chain rule to evaluate the following derivatives.

(a)  $f(x) = (5x^6 + 2x^3)^4$

(b)  $y = \sqrt{\frac{x}{x+1}}$

(c)  $k(h) = \cos(\sqrt{h^2 - 2})$

3. Find  $y'$  and  $y''$ .

(a)  $y = \sin(3x)$

(b)  $y = \sqrt{1 - \sec(t)}$

4. Find an equation of the tangent line to the curve at the given point.

(a)  $y = \sqrt{1 + x^3}$ ,  $(2, 3)$

(b)  $y = \sin(\sin(x))$ ,  $(\pi, 0)$

5. Use the table of values for  $f(x)$ ,  $g(x)$ ,  $h(x)$ ,  $f'(x)$ ,  $g'(x)$ , and  $h'(x)$  to evaluate the following derivatives.

x	f(x)	g(x)	h(x)	f'(x)	g'(x)	h'(x)
1	3	2	4	3	2	2
2	1	1	0	1	3	2
3	4	3	2	2	2	4

(a)  $F(x) = g(f(x))$ , find  $F'(2)$

(b)  $G(x) = g(h(f(x)))$ , find  $G'(1)$

(c)  $H(x) = g(g(g(x)))$ , find  $H'(2)$