

SECTION 3.4 CHAIN RULE (DAY 2)  
SECTION 3.5 INTRO

# Solutions

1. Evaluate the derivatives.

(a)  $H(x) = \sqrt[3]{\frac{4-2x}{5}}$

$f(x) = \sqrt[3]{x}$

$g(x) = \frac{4-2x}{5} = \frac{4}{5} - \frac{2x}{5}$

$(\sqrt[3]{x})' = \frac{1}{3} x^{-2/3}$

$H'(x) = f'(g(x)) \cdot g'(x) = \frac{1}{3 \sqrt[3]{\frac{4-2x}{5}}} \cdot \left(-\frac{2}{5}\right)$

(b)  $y = e^{\sec \theta}$

$f(\theta) = e^\theta$

$g(\theta) = \sec(\theta)$

$y'(\theta) = e^{\sec(\theta)} \cdot \sec(\theta) \cdot \tan(\theta)$

(c)  $F(x) = \frac{8}{x^2 + \sin(x)}$

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$g(x) = x^2 + \sin(x)$

$F'(x) = -\frac{8}{(x^2 + \sin(x))^2} \cdot (2x + \cos(x))$

(d)  $F(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \tan\left(\frac{\pi}{6} - x\right)$

$f(x) = \frac{\tan(x)}{\sqrt{2}}$

$g(x) = \frac{\pi}{6} - x$

$F'(x) = \frac{\sec^2(\frac{\pi}{6} - x)}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot (-1) = -\frac{\sec^2(\frac{\pi}{6} - x)}{\sqrt{2}}$

(e)  $y = \frac{x e^{-\pi x^2/10}}{100}$

1. Product Rule  
2. Chain Rule

$y' = (f(x) \cdot g(x))' = f' \cdot g + g' \cdot f = \left(\frac{x}{100}\right)' \cdot e^{-\pi x^2/10} + (e^{-\pi x^2/10})' \cdot \frac{x}{100}$

$(e^{-\pi x^2/10})' = e^{-\pi x^2/10} \cdot \left(-\frac{\pi x}{5}\right)$

$f(x) = e^x$

$g(x) = -\pi x^2/10$

$g'(x) = -\frac{\pi x}{5}$

(f)  $y = \frac{e^2 - x}{5 + \cos(5x)}$

$\frac{1}{100} \cdot e^{-\pi x^2/10} + e^{-\pi x^2/10} \cdot \left(-\frac{\pi x}{5}\right) \cdot \frac{x}{100}$

(g)  $F(x) = (2re^{rx} + n)^p$  (Assume  $r, n$ , and  $p$  are fixed constants.)

1. Quotient Rule

$y' = \frac{(e^2 - x)'(5 + \cos(5x)) - (5 + \cos(5x))' \cdot (e^2 - x)}{(5 + \cos(5x))^2}$

$(e^2 - x)' = -1$

$(5 + \cos(5x))' = (\cos(5x))' = -\sin(5x) \cdot 5$

2. Chain Rule

$$f = \cos(x)$$

$$g = 5x$$

exponential function

$$b^x \cdot \ln b$$

2. (a) Complete the rule:  $\frac{d}{dx}(b^x) =$  \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Determine the derivative of  $f(x) = 2^x - x^3$

$$(b^x)' = (e^{x \ln b})' = e^{x \ln b} \cdot \ln b = b^x \cdot \ln b$$

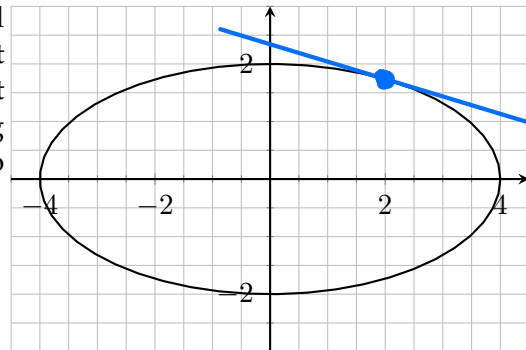
$$f = e^x$$

$$g = x \cdot \ln b$$

$$(2^x - x^3)' = 2^x \cdot \ln 2 - 3x^2$$

3. Consider the curve  $x^2 + 4y^2 = 16$ .

(a) Think of  $y$  as being some function of  $x$ , and differentiate everything in sight with respect to  $x$ . Your answer should be an equation that contains  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $y'$ . Because we are thinking of  $y = g(x)$ ,  $\frac{d}{dx}(y) = \frac{dy}{dx}$  (or  $y'$ ). You need to use the chain rule to determine  $\frac{d}{dx}(y^2)$ .



Your first step:

$$\frac{d}{dx}(x^2 + 4y^2) = \frac{d}{dx}(16) \Rightarrow$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(x^2) + \frac{d}{dx}(4y^2) = 0$$

$$2x + 8y \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{2x}{8y} = -\frac{x}{4y}$$

(b) Solve your previous step for  $y'$ .

$$y' = -\frac{x}{4y}$$

(c) Determine the slope of the tangent line at the point  $(2, \sqrt{3})$  by substituting  $x = 2$ ,  $y = \sqrt{3}$  into your equation for  $y'$ . Draw the tangent line at the point indicated on the graph. Is your computation plausible?

$$m = y' = -\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$$

Tangent line equation:  $y = -\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}(x - 2) + \sqrt{3}$

Write the equation of the tangent line at  $(2, \sqrt{3})$ : \_\_\_\_\_

$$y = -\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}x + \frac{4}{\sqrt{3}} + \sqrt{3}$$

$$(b^x)' = b^x \cdot \ln b$$

Problem (g):

$$F(x) = (2re^{rx} + n)^p$$

$$F'(x) = p(2re^{rx} + n)^{p-1} \cdot (2re^{rx} + n)' =$$

$$= p(2re^{rx} + n)^{p-1} \cdot (2r \cdot re^{rx} + 0) =$$

$$= p(2re^{rx} + n)^{p-1} \cdot 2r^2 e^{rx}$$