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#### **THEOREM**

$$(f\circ g)'(x)=f'(g(x))g'(x)$$

In 
$$\frac{d}{dx}$$
 notation if  $y=g(x)$  and  $z=f(y)$ ,

$$rac{dz}{dx} = rac{dz}{dy} rac{dy}{dx}$$

### **EXAMPLE**

Calculate the derivative of  $\sin(x^2)$ 

## **EXAMPLE**

Calculate the derivative of

$$\left(rac{x}{x+1}
ight)^2$$

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$$(f^{-1})'(y) = rac{1}{f'(x)} ext{ where } y = f(x)$$

In 
$$\frac{d}{dx}$$
 notation,  $\frac{dx}{dy} = \frac{dy}{dx}$ 

## **EXAMPLE**

Let 
$$g(y) = \sqrt{y}$$
 for  $y>0$ 

### **EXAMPLE**

Calculate the derivative of  $g(y) = \ln y$  for y>0

### **EXAMPLE**

Calculate the derivative of 
$$g(y) = rcsin(y)$$
 for  $y \in (-1,1)$