

Chapter 5.2.1 and 5.2.2

The purpose of this lesson is to:

Understand how to find the derivative of two functions that are multiplied together using the Product Rule

Understand how to find the derivative of a composite function using the Chain Rule

WARM UP

5-47. Today you are going to write the derivative of functions of the form $j(x) = f(x) \cdot g(x)$. Some of these are easy to do using algebra.

a. Write the derivative of:

i. $j(x) = x(x + 3)$

ii. $j(x) = (x + 10)(x + 5)$

iii. $j(x) = (x - 1)^2$

b. Do you notice any patterns?

c. Try some more difficult cases:

i. $j(x) = (2x + 1)(x + 5)$

ii. $j(x) = (5x - 1)(x + 10)$

iii. $j(x) = (3x^2 + 1)(-x^3 + 2)$

d. What do you notice?

e. Now consider a function that is not easy to expand: $j(x) = x \sin(x)$. It would be nice to develop a method to differentiate the products of two functions. Explain how the functions above can be modeled as $j(x) = f(x) \cdot g(x)$.

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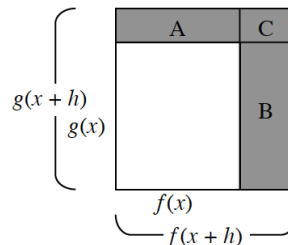
5-48. When Hana looked at the function $j(x) = f(x) \cdot g(x)$ she immediately thought of a rectangle whose length and width were $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ and area was $j(x)$. Hana wants to write an equation for j' by using the definition of the derivative as a limit.

- a. If $j(x)$ represents the area of a rectangle, what does $j'(x)$ represent?

- b. To determine the value of $j'(x)$, she set up the problem as follows:

$$j'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) \cdot g(x+h) - f(x) \cdot g(x)}{h}$$

Hana sketches a rectangle in which the shaded area represents the numerator. Examine her diagram and explain why:



$$f(x+h) \cdot g(x+h) - f(x) \cdot g(x) = (\text{area A}) + (\text{area B}) + (\text{area C})$$

The Chain Rule

The Chain Rule allows us to differentiate composite functions.

If $h(x) = f(g(x))$, then _____.

Ex: $(3x^2 + 2x + 4)^{-2}$

A careful proof of this result is beyond the scope of this course.

The Product Rule

If $f'(x)$ and $g'(x)$ exist and $j(x) = f(x) \cdot g(x)$, then _____.

Use your results to differentiate $j(x) = (4x - 1)(3x + 1)$. Then verify the derivative using algebra and using the Power Rule. Are your results the same?

5-65. Determine $\frac{d}{dx} ((3x + 5)^2)$ in two ways: first by using the Chain Rule and then by using the Product Rule. Verify that your answers match.

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Task Card

5-49. The derivative technique you summarized in part (g) of problem 5-48 is called the **Product Rule**. It seems to work for simple binomials like $f(x) = (4x - 1)(3x + 1)$, but what about other kinds of functions?

- Differentiate $y = x \sin(x)$ by using the Product Rule.
- In this case, you cannot check your derivative the same way you did for the previous problems. Find another way to verify your result.
- Repeat this process for $y = (x - 2)^2(x + 5)^3$.

5-50. SNEAKY PRODUCT RULE PROBLEMS

Write the derivative of each function below by first rewriting each as a product of two differentiable functions.

a. $f(x) = (5x^2 + 8)^2$

b. $f(x) = \frac{5}{(x-8)^2}$

c. $f(x) = \frac{x^3}{(x-8)^2}$

d. $f(x) = \sin^2(x)$

5-67. Differentiate the following functions using the Chain Rule and verify your result with your graphing calculator. You do not need to simplify your answers.

$$f(x) = \sin(2x + 3)$$

$$f(x) = \sqrt{16 - x^2}$$

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

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Homework

5-51. Evaluate the following integrals without a calculator. [Homework Help](#) 

a. $\int_1^4 \left(3\sqrt{u} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{u}} \right) du$

b. $\int_0^2 6(x-4)^2 dx$

c. $\int \frac{d}{dx} [g(x)] dx$

d. $\int_0^1 k^{5/3} dk$

e. $\int_1^2 \frac{4}{n^3} dn$

5-52. Differentiate each function if possible. If the function is one you cannot differentiate yet, say so and explain how you know. Be sure to use the appropriate notation.

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a. $y = x^{100} + 100x$

b. $H(t) = t^4 - 6\sqrt{t}$

c. $y = x \cdot 2^x$

d. $y = x^8 \cos(x)$


e. $f(x) = x^5(x^3 + \pi)$

f. $y = \frac{7}{x} - \frac{x}{7}$

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Homework


5-73. Calculate the area of the region bounded by $y = \sqrt{x+1}$ and $y = x^2 - 2x - 3$.

5-74. Chris found the derivative of $(2x + 5)^2$ as shown below. [Homework Help](#) 

$$\frac{d}{dx} ((2x + 5)^2) = \frac{d}{dx} (4x^2 + 20x + 25) = 8x + 20$$

To check his solution, he tried applying the Power Rule:

$$\frac{d}{dx} ((2x + 5)^2) = 2(2x + 5) = 4x + 10$$

5-75. Use your derivative tools to determine $\frac{dh}{dx}$ for each function below. [Homework Help](#) 

a. $h(x) = \sqrt[3]{\sin(x)}$

b. $h(x) = 6x^{2/3}$

c. $h(x) = \frac{1}{2} x^5 \sqrt{x-1}$

d. $h(x) = 2 \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$

e. $h(x) = -4 \cos(x)\sin(x)$

f. $h(x) = \cos(x^2)$