

Section 4.1

Part #2

The Chain Rule

Review

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

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

OR

$$y = f(u), u = g(x)$$

$$y' = \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \left(\frac{du}{dx} \right)$$

Find the derivative of the following.

$$y = \tan(x^3 + 6x)$$

$$u = x^3 + 6x$$

$$\frac{du}{dx} = 3x^2 + 6$$

$$y = \tan u$$

$$\frac{dy}{du} = \sec^2 u$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{dy}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx} \\ &= \sec^2 u \cdot (3x^2 + 6) \\ &= (3x^2 + 6) \sec^2(x^3 + 6x) \end{aligned}$$

$$y = \cos^3 x$$

$$u = \cos x$$

$$\frac{du}{dx} = -\sin x$$

$$y = u^3$$

$$\frac{dy}{du} = 3u^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{dy}{du} \frac{du}{dx} \\ &= 3u^2 (-\sin x) \\ &= -3 \cos^2 x \sin x \end{aligned}$$

$$y = \sin^4(5x^7 - 9x^2)$$

$$u = 5x^7 - 9x^2$$

$$y = \sin^4 u$$

$$\frac{du}{dx} = 35x^6 - 18x$$

$$v = \sin u$$

$$\frac{dv}{du} = \cos u$$

$$y = v^4$$

$$\frac{dy}{dv} = 4v^3$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dv} \cdot \frac{dv}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$= 4v^3 \cdot \cos u (35x^6 - 18x)$$

$$= 4 \sin^3 u \cdot \cos u (35x^6 - 18x)$$

$$= 4 \sin^3(5x^7 - 9x^2) \cos(5x^7 - 9x^2)$$

$$= (140x^6 - 72x) \sin^3(5x^7 - 9x^2) \cos(5x^7 - 9x^2)$$

$$y = \cos^5(3x^{24} + 8x^3) \quad y = \cos^5 u \quad y = v^5$$

$$u = 3x^{24} + 8x^3 \quad v = \cos u \quad \frac{dy}{dv} = 5v^4$$

$$\frac{du}{dx} = 72x^{23} + 24x^2 \quad \frac{dv}{du} = -\sin u$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{dy}{dv} \cdot \frac{dv}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx} \\ &= 5v^4 \cdot (-\sin u) (72x^{23} + 24x^2) \\ &= 5(\cos^4 u) (-\sin u) (72x^{23} + 24x^2) \\ &= 5(\cos^4(3x^{24} + 8x^3)) (-\sin(3x^{24} + 8x^3)) \\ &\quad (72x^{23} + 24x^2) \\ &= (-360x^{23} - 120x^2) \sin(3x^{24} + 8x^3) \cos^4(3x^{24} + 8x^3) \end{aligned}$$

Power Chain Rule: Given u is a function of x

$$\frac{d}{dx}u^n = nu^{n-1} \cdot \left(\frac{du}{dx}\right)$$

$$f(x) = (5x^4 + 9x^2)^{10} = 10(5x^4 + 9x^2)^9 \frac{d}{dx}(5x^4 + 9x^2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= 10(5x^4 + 9x^2)^9 (20x^3 + 18x) \\ &= (200x^3 + 180x)(5x^4 + 9x^2)^9 \end{aligned}$$

$$g(x) = \cos^5 x$$

$$= 5 \cos^4 x \cdot \frac{d}{dx} \cos x$$

$$= 5 \cos^4 x (-\sin x)$$

$$= -5 \cos^4 x \sin x$$

$$f(x) = \left(\frac{\cos x}{\sin x - 3} \right)^7$$

$$f'(x) = 7 \left(\frac{\cos x}{\sin x - 3} \right)^6 \cdot \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{\cos x}{\sin x - 3} \right)$$

$$= 7 \left(\frac{\cos x}{\sin x - 3} \right)^6 \left(\frac{(\sin x - 3)(-\sin x) - (\cos x)(\cos x)}{(\sin x - 3)^2} \right)$$

$$= 7 \left(\frac{\cos x}{\sin x - 3} \right)^6 \left(\frac{-\sin^2 x + 3\sin x - (\cos^2 x)}{(\sin x - 3)^2} \right)$$

$$= 7 \left(\frac{\cos x}{\sin x - 3} \right)^6 \left(\frac{3\sin x - 1}{(\sin x - 3)^2} \right)$$

$$= 7(3\sin x - 1) \cos^6 x$$

$$(\sin x - 3)^8$$

Find the value of $(f \circ g)'$ when $x = -1$.

$$f(u) = 1 - \frac{1}{u}, \quad u = g(x) = \frac{1}{1-x}$$

$$f(u) = 1 - \frac{1}{\frac{1}{1-x}}$$

$$= 1 - 1 \div \frac{1}{1-x}$$

$$= 1 - 1 \times \frac{1-x}{1}$$

$$= 1 - (1-x)$$

$$f(g(x)) = x$$

$$f'(g(x)) = (1)$$

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

$$(f \circ g)'(x) = \underline{f'(g(x)) \cdot g'(x)}$$

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$$g(x) = \frac{1}{1-x}$$

$$g'(x) = \frac{(1-x)(0) - 1(-1)}{(1-x)^2}$$

$$g'(x) = \frac{1}{(1-x)^2}$$

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

$$= (1) \cdot \frac{1}{(1-x)^2} = \frac{1}{(1-x)^2}$$

$$(f \circ g)'(-1) = \frac{1}{(1-(-1))^2} = \frac{1}{4}$$