

Chain Rule Practice

1) Find the derivative of

$$y = \sqrt{3x + \sqrt{4x + \sqrt{5x}}}$$

If
 $h(x) = f(g(x))$
 then
 $h'(x) = f'(g(x)) \cdot g'(x)$

$$y = (3x + \sqrt{4x + \sqrt{5x}})^{1/2}$$

$$y' = \frac{1}{2} (3x + \sqrt{4x + \sqrt{5x}})^{-1/2}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} (3x + \sqrt{4x + \sqrt{5x}})$$

$$y' = \frac{1}{2} (3x + \sqrt{4x + \sqrt{5x}})^{-1/2} \left[3 + \frac{d}{dx} \sqrt{4x + \sqrt{5x}} \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned} y &= x^{1/2} \\ y' &= \frac{1}{2} x^{-1/2} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} \\ &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\left[\frac{1}{2\sqrt{4x + \sqrt{5x}}} \cdot \frac{d}{dx} (4x + \sqrt{5x}) \right]$$

$$\left[\frac{1}{2\sqrt{4x + \sqrt{5x}}} \left(4 + \sqrt{5} \cdot \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} \right) \right]$$

$$\sqrt{5x} = \sqrt{5}\sqrt{x}$$

$$y' = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3x + \sqrt{4x + \sqrt{5x}}}} \left[3 + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{4x + \sqrt{5x}}} \left(4 + \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2\sqrt{x}} \right) \right]$$

2) (a) Find the equation of the tangent line to the graph of $f(x) = \sqrt{x^2+3}$ at the point $(-1, 2)$.

(b) Find the equation of the normal line to the graph of $f(x) = \sqrt{x^2+3}$ at the point $(-1, 2)$.
perpendicular to tangent line

(c) Where does the normal line in (b) intersect the x-axis?

(a) $f(x) = \sqrt{x^2+3}$

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x^2+3}} \cdot (2x+0) = \frac{2x}{2\sqrt{x^2+3}} = \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2+3}}$$

$$f'(-1) = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{(-1)^2+3}} = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{1+3}} = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{4}} = \frac{-1}{2}$$

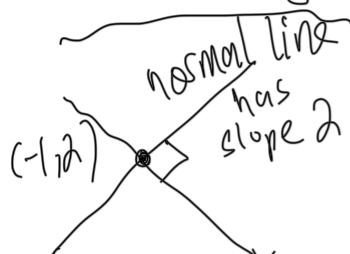
$(x, y) = (-1, 2)$ \nearrow
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eq'n of
tangent
line

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

$$y - 2 = -\frac{1}{2}(x + 1)$$

$$y = 2 - \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{1}{2} = \boxed{-\frac{1}{2}x + \frac{3}{2} = y}$$



tangent line
slope $-\frac{1}{2}$

(b) Since tangent line has
slope $-\frac{1}{2}$, the normal line
has slope $-\frac{1}{(-\frac{1}{2})} = -(-2) = 2$.

$$(x_0, y_0) = (-1, 2)$$

$$y - 2 = 2(x - (-1))$$

$$y - 2 = 2(x + 1)$$

$$y - 2 = 2x + 2$$

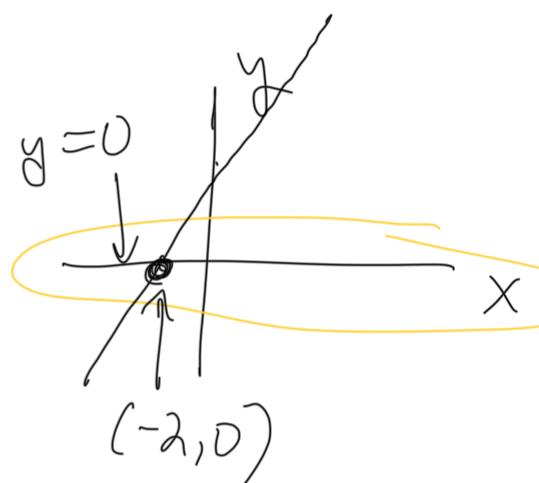
$$\boxed{y = 2x + 4}$$

$$(c) 2x + 4 = 0$$

$$2x = -4$$

$$x = -2$$

$$\boxed{\text{at } (-2, 0)}$$



(3) Find the 30th derivative of

$$y = \cos(2x)$$

$$y' = -\sin(2x)(2) = -2 \sin(2x)$$

$$y'' = -2 \cos(2x)(2)$$

$$y'' = -4 \cos(2x)$$

$$y''' = y^{(3)} = -4(-2) \sin(2x) = 8 \sin(2x)$$

$$\begin{array}{lcl}
 y & 1 \cos 2x & \\
 - y' & 2 \sin 2x & \\
 - y'' & 4 \cos 2x & \\
 + y^{(3)} & 8 \sin(2x) & \\
 + y^{(4)} & \text{const} \cos & \\
 - y^{(5)} & & \\
 - y^{(6)} & & \\
 + y^{(7)} & &
 \end{array}$$

$$y^{(30)} = -2^{30} \cos(2x)$$

1	2	-
3	4	+
5	6	-
7	8	+
29	30	-
31	32	+