

3.4 Chain Rule

PRACTICE

Find the derivative of the following.

1. $f(x) = (3x^2 - 1)^5$

$$f'(x) = 5(3x^2 - 1)^4(6x)$$

$$f'(x) = 30x(3x^2 - 1)^4$$

2. $f(r) = \sqrt[3]{5r^2 - 2r + 1}$

$$f'(r) = \frac{10r - 2}{3\sqrt[3]{(5r^2 - 2r + 1)^2}}$$

3. $y = \frac{1}{(7x^2 - 1)^2}$ $y = (7x^2 - 1)^{-2}$

$$y' = -2(7x^2 - 1)^{-3}(14x)$$

$$y' = \frac{-28x}{(7x^2 - 1)^3}$$

4. $h(x) = 2\sqrt{3x^2 - 5}$

$$h'(x) = \frac{6x}{\sqrt{3x^2 - 5}}$$

5. $f(x) = (\pi x - 1)^2 + 7$

$$f'(x) = 2(\pi x - 1)' \cdot \pi$$

$$f'(x) = 2\pi(\pi x - 1)$$

6. $g(x) = 4x - \frac{3}{\sqrt{2x+1}}$

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

Find the derivatives of the following.

7. $y = x\sqrt{2x-1}$

$$u = x \quad v = (2x-1)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$u' = 1 \quad v' = \frac{1}{2}(2x-1)^{-\frac{1}{2}}(2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2x-1}}$$

$$u'v + uv'$$

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

$$\sqrt{2x-1} + \frac{x}{\sqrt{2x-1}}$$

8. $y = (x^3 + e)^{-2}$

$$y' = \frac{-6x^2}{(x^3 + e)^3}$$

9. $g(x) = 2x(x^3 - 1)^2$

$$u = 2x \quad v = (x^3 - 1)^2$$

$$u' = 2 \quad v' = 2(x^3 - 1)'(3x^2)$$

$$= 6x^2(x^3 - 1)$$

$$= 6x^5 - 6x^2$$

$$u'v + uv'$$

$$2(x^3 - 1)^2 + 2x(6x^5 - 6x^2)$$

$$2(x^3 - 1)^2 + 12x^6 - 12x^3$$

10. $h(x) = \frac{6x^2 - 5}{\sqrt{2-5x}}$

$$h'(x) = \frac{12x\sqrt{2-5x} + \frac{5(6x^2-5)}{2\sqrt{2-5x}}}{2-5x}$$

Evaluate the derivative at a point.

11. $f(x) = \sqrt{1 + (x^2 - 1)^3}$

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

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

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

$f'(2) = \frac{3(2)(2^2 - 1)^2}{\sqrt{1 + (2^2 - 1)^3}} = \frac{54}{\sqrt{28}}$ simplifies to $\frac{27\sqrt{7}}{7}$

12. $y = \frac{x+1}{\sqrt{2x-1}}$

$\frac{dy}{dx} \Big|_{x=1}$

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Write the equation of the tangent line and the normal line at the point given.

13. $f(x) = \sqrt{x^2 - 9}$ at $x = 5$

$f(5) = \sqrt{5^2 - 9}$

$f(x) = (x^2 - 9)^{\frac{1}{2}}$

$f(5) = 4$

$f'(x) = \frac{1}{2} (x^2 - 9)^{-\frac{1}{2}} (2x)$

$f'(x) = \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 - 9}}$

$f'(5) = \frac{5}{\sqrt{5^2 - 9}} = \frac{5}{\sqrt{16}} = \frac{5}{4}$

Tangent Line

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

Normal Line

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

14. $f(x) = \frac{1}{(3-2x)^2}$ at $x = 1$

Tangent Line

$y - 1 = 4(x - 1)$

Normal Line

$y - 1 = -\frac{1}{4} (x - 1)$

Particle Motion

15. The position of a particle moving along a coordinate line is $s = \sqrt{1 + 4t}$, with s in meters and t in seconds. Find the particle's velocity at $t = 6$.

$$v(t) = s'(t) = \frac{1}{2}(1+4t)^{-1/2} (4)$$

$$s'(t) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{1+4t}}$$

$$s'(6) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{1+4(6)}} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{25}} = \frac{2}{5} \text{ meters per second}$$

$$s = (1+4t)^{1/2}$$

16. If $s = \frac{t}{t^2+5}$ is the position function of a moving particle for $t \geq 0$, then at what instant of time will the particle start to reverse its direction of motion and where is it at the instant?

$$s' = \frac{-t^2+5}{(t^2+5)^2}$$

$$s'(t) = 0$$

$$t = \sqrt{5} \text{ seconds}$$

So at $\sqrt{5}$ seconds the particle has no velocity. Did it reverse?

Approaching $\sqrt{5}$ from the left

$$s'(0) = \frac{5}{25} \text{ positive}$$

Approaching $\sqrt{5}$ from right

$$s'(3) = \frac{-4}{142} \text{ negative}$$

Change from positive to negative!
so it reversed direction

Position:

$$s(\sqrt{5}) = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{5+5} = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{10}$$

Find $f'(5)$ given the following.

17. $f(x) = g(x) + h(x)$

$$f'(x) = g'(x) + h'(x)$$

$$f'(5) = g'(5) + h'(5)$$

$$f'(5) = 6 + -4 = 2$$

18. $f(x) = (h(x))^2$

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19. $f(x) = \sqrt{g(x)}$ $f(x) = [g(x)]^{1/2}$

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

$$f'(5) = \frac{g'(5)}{2\sqrt{g(5)}} = \frac{6}{2\sqrt{9}} = \frac{6}{6} = 1$$

20. $f(x) = 2g(x)h(x)$

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$g(5) = 9$ and $g'(5) = 6$

$h(5) = 5$ and $h'(5) = -4$

21. $f(x) = \frac{1}{h(x)}$ $f(x) = (h(x))^{-1}$

$$f'(x) = -1(h(x))^{-2} h'(x)$$

$$f'(5) = \frac{-h'(5)}{(h(5))^2} = \frac{-4}{5^2} = -\frac{4}{25}$$

22. $f(x) = g(h(x))$

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TEST PREP

- 1. B
- 2. B
- 3. B
- 4. D
- 5. B

FREE RESPONSE

Your score: ____ out of 4

1. The graph of the function f , shown below, consists of three line segments. Suppose $g(x)$ is a function whose derivative is f .



Graph of f

- (a) Suppose $y = x + 7$ is the equation for the line tangent to the graph of $g(x)$ at $x = -3$. Let h be the function defined by $h(x) = (g(x))^2$. Find $h'(-3)$.

$h'(3) = 2(g(-3))g'(-3)$ ← 1 point for correct derivative set up

$h'(3) = 2(4)(1) = 8$ ← 1 point for the solution

- (b) Describe the shape of the graph of $g(x)$ near $x = 2$.



As x approaches 2 from the left, the derivative is positive meaning the function is increasing.
As x approaches 2 from the right, the derivative is negative meaning the function is decreasing.
At $x = 2$, the derivative is zero which means the slope of the tangent line is zero causing a maximum or minimum point. Since the function is increasing and then decreasing it must be a maximum point.

1 point for correct explanation

- (c) Give a piecewise defined equation for $g''(x)$.

$f(x) = \begin{cases} -3 & -4 < x < -2 \\ \frac{3}{2} & -2 < x < 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2} & 0 < x < 4 \end{cases}$ 1 point for correct function