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OBJECTIVES



- ◆ Discuss chain rule
- ◆ Discuss higher derivative function



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CHAIN RULE

2.6.1 THEOREM (The Chain Rule) *If g is differentiable at x and f is differentiable at $g(x)$, then the composition $f \circ g$ is differentiable at x . Moreover, if*

$$y = f(g(x)) \quad \text{and} \quad u = g(x)$$

then $y = f(u)$ and

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx} \tag{1}$$

AN ALTERNATIVE VERSION OF THE CHAIN RULE

$$\frac{d}{dx}[f(g(x))] = (f \circ g)'(x) = f'(g(x))g'(x) \tag{2}$$

A convenient way to remember this formula is to call f the “outside function” and g the “inside function” in the composition $f(g(x))$ and then express (2) in words as:

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The derivative of $f(g(x))$ is the derivative of the outside function evaluated at the inside function times the derivative of the inside function.

$$\frac{d}{dx}[f(g(x))] = \underbrace{f'(g(x))}_{\text{Derivative of the outside function evaluated at the inside function}} \cdot \underbrace{g'(x)}_{\text{Derivative of the inside function}}$$

Derivative of the outside function evaluated at the inside function

Derivative of the inside function



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GENERALIZED DERIVATIVE FORMULAS

$$\frac{d}{dx}[f(u)] = f'(u) \frac{du}{dx} \quad (3)$$

Power Chain Rule,

$$\frac{d}{dx}[u^r] = ru^{r-1} \frac{du}{dx}$$

Example Find

$$\frac{d}{dx}[x^2 - x + 2]^{3/4}$$



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Example 1 Find

$$\frac{d}{dx} [x^2 - x + 2]^{3/4}$$

Solution

Taking $u = x^2 - x + 2$ in the generalized derivative formula for $u^{3/4}$ yields

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} [x^2 - x + 2]^{3/4} &= \frac{d}{dx} [u^{3/4}] = \frac{3}{4} u^{-1/4} \frac{du}{dx} \\ &= \frac{3}{4} (x^2 - x + 2)^{-1/4} \cdot \frac{d}{dx} [x^2 - x + 2] \\ &= \frac{3}{4} (x^2 - x + 2)^{-1/4} (2x - 1) \end{aligned}$$

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Example 2

$$y = (4x^2 - 2x + 5)^3$$

Let $y = u^3$ and $u = 4x^2 - 2x + 5$.

$$\frac{d}{dx} (u^3) = 3 u^2$$

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

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 3 (4x^2 - 2x + 5)^2 (8x - 2)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = (24x - 6) (4x^2 - 2x + 5)^2$$



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Example 3

Differentiate $s = (t^2 - 3)^4$.

$$\frac{ds}{dt} = 4(t^2 - 3)^3(2t) :$$

$$\frac{ds}{dt} = 8t(t^2 - 3)^3.$$

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$$y = (4x^2 - 3x + 1)^4$$

Find y'

$$y' = \frac{d}{dx} (4x^2 - 3x + 1)^4$$

$$= 4 (4x^2 - 3x + 1)^3 \frac{d}{dx} (4x^2 - 3x + 1)$$

$$= 4 (4x^2 - 3x + 1)^3 (8x - 3)$$

$$= 32x - 12 (4x^2 - 3x + 1)^3$$

$$u = 4x^2 - 3x + 1$$

$$du = 8x - 3$$

$$y = u^4$$

$$y' = 4u^3 du$$

$$= 4 (4x^2 - 3x + 1)^3 (8x - 3)$$

$$= (32x - 12) (4x^2 - 3x + 1)^3$$



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Example 4

Differentiate $y = (x^2 + 4)^2(2x^3 - 1)^3$.

Solution

Use the Product Rule and the Power Chain Rule:

$$\begin{aligned}y' &= (x^2 + 4)^2 \frac{d}{dx}(2x^3 - 1)^3 + (2x^3 - 1)^3 \frac{d}{dx}(x^2 + 4)^2 \\&= (x^2 + 4)^2 (3)(2x^3 - 1)^2 \frac{d}{dx}(2x^3 - 1) + (2x^3 - 1)^3 (2)(x^2 + 4) \frac{d}{dx}(x^2 + 4) \\&= (x^2 + 4)^2 (3)(2x^3 - 1)^2 (6x^2) + (2x^3 - 1)^3 (2)(x^2 + 4)(2x) \\&= 2x(x^2 + 4)(2x^3 - 1)^2 (13x^3 + 36x - 2)\end{aligned}$$

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Example 4

Differentiate $y = (x^2 + 4)^2(2x^3 - 1)^3$.

$$\begin{aligned}y' &= (x^2 + 4)^2 \frac{d}{dx} (2x^3 - 1)^3 + (2x^3 - 1)^3 \frac{d}{dx} (x^2 + 4)^2 \\&= (x^2 + 4)^2 [3 (2x^3 - 1)^2 \frac{d}{dx} (2x^3 - 1)] + (2x^3 - 1)^3 [2 (x^2 + 4) \frac{d}{dx} (x^2 + 4)] \\&= (x^2 + 4)^2 [3 (2x^3 - 1)^2 (6x^2)] + (2x^3 - 1)^3 [2 (x^2 + 4) (2x)] \\&= (x^2 + 4)^2 [(18x^2 (2x^3 - 1)^2)] + (2x^3 - 1)^3 [4x (x^2 + 4)] \\&= \underbrace{(x^2 + 4)^2 (18x^2)}_{\text{Common}} (2x^3 - 1)^2 + \underbrace{(x^2 + 4)(4x)}_{\text{Common}} (2x^3 - 1)^3 \\&= (x^2 + 4)(2x) (2x^3 - 1)^2 [\underbrace{(x^2 + 4)9x}_{\text{Common}} + \underbrace{2(2x^3 - 1)}_{\text{Common}}] \\&= (x^2 + 4)(2x) (2x^3 - 1)^2 [\underline{9x^3 + 36x} + \underline{4x^3 - 2}] \\&= (x^2 + 4)(2x) (2x^3 - 1)^2 (13x^3 + 36x - 2)\end{aligned}$$

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Other examples. Differentiate the following

(a) $z = \frac{3}{(a^2 - y^2)^2}$: a is constant

(b) $f(x) = \sqrt{x^2 + 6x + 3}$:

(c) $y = \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{4 - x^2}}$

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$$z = \frac{3}{(a^2 - y^2)^2}$$

$$z = 3(a^2 - y^2)^{-2}$$

$$z' = 3 \left[\frac{d}{dy} (a^2 - y^2)^{-2} \right]$$

$$= 3 \left[-2(a^2 - y^2)^{-3} \frac{d}{dy} (a^2 - y^2) \right]$$

$$= 3 \left[-2(a^2 - y^2)^{-3} (-2y) \right]$$

$$z' = \frac{12y(a^2 - y^2)^{-3}}{\quad} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{12y}{(a^2 - y^2)^3}$$

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$$1) f(x) = \sqrt{x^2 + 6x + 3} =$$

$$f(x) = (x^2 + 6x + 3)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{d}{dx} (x^2 + 6x + 3)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (x^2 + 6x + 3)^{\frac{1}{2} - 1} \frac{d}{dx} (x^2 + 6x + 3)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (x^2 + 6x + 3)^{-\frac{1}{2}} (2x + 6)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (2x + 6) (x^2 + 6x + 3)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$= (x + 3) (x^2 + 6x + 3)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \text{ or}$$

$$\frac{x + 3}{(x^2 + 6x + 3)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

$$\text{or } \frac{x + 3}{\sqrt{x^2 + 6x + 3}}$$

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$$c) y = \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{4-x^2}} = \frac{x^2}{(4-x^2)^{1/2}}$$

$$y = x^2(4-x^2)^{-1/2}$$

$$y' = x^2 \frac{d}{dx} (4-x^2)^{-1/2} + (4-x^2)^{-1/2} \frac{d}{dx} (x^2)$$

$$= x^2 \left[-\frac{1}{2} (4-x^2)^{-3/2} \cdot (-2x) \right] + (4-x^2)^{-1/2} (2x)$$

$$= x^3 (4-x^2)^{-3/2} + 2x (4-x^2)^{-1/2}$$

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

get the LCD

$$= \frac{x^3 + 2x(4-x^2)}{(4-x^2)^{3/2}}$$

$$\frac{x^3 + 8x - 2x^3}{(4-x^2)^{3/2}}$$

$$\frac{-x^2 + 8x}{(4-x^2)^{3/2}}$$

or

$$\frac{x(-x+8)}{(4-x^2)^{3/2}}$$



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Higher Derivatives

If $y = f(x)$ is differentiable, its derivative y' is also called the *first derivative* of f . If y' is differentiable, its derivative is called the *second derivative* of f . If this second derivative is differentiable, then its derivative is called the *third derivative* of f , and so on.

Notation

First derivative: y' , $f'(x)$, $\frac{dy}{dx}$, $D_x y$

Second derivative: y'' , $f''(x)$, $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2}$, $D_x^2 y$

Third derivative: y''' , $f'''(x)$, $\frac{d^3 y}{dx^3}$, $D_x^3 y$

n^{th} derivative: $y^{(n)}$, $f^{(n)}$, $\frac{d^n y}{dx^n}$, $D_x^n y$



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HIGHER DERIVATIVES

The derivative f' of a function f is itself a function and hence may have a derivative of its own. If f' is differentiable, then its derivative is denoted by f'' and is called the **second derivative** of f . As long as we have differentiability, we can continue the process of differentiating to obtain third, fourth, fifth, and even higher derivatives of f . These successive derivatives are denoted by f' , $f'' = (f')'$, $f''' = (f'')'$, $f^{(4)} = (f''')'$, $f^{(5)} = (f^{(4)})'$, ...



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EXAMPLE 1

Find the first four derivatives of

$$y = x^3 - 3x^2$$

Solution

First derivative: $y' = 3x^2 - 6x$

Second derivative: $y'' = 6x - 6$

Third derivative: $y''' = 6$

Fourth derivative: $y^{(4)} = 0.$

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Given $y = 3x^9$

Find the 5th derivative

$$y = 3x^9$$

$$y' = \frac{d}{dx} 3x^9$$

1st $y' = \underline{12x^8}$

$$y'' = \frac{d}{dx} (12x^8)$$

2nd $y'' = \underline{36x^7}$

$$y^{(5)}$$

3rd $y''' = \frac{d}{dx} (36x^7)$

$$= 72x^6$$

4th $y^{(4)} = \frac{d}{dx} (72x^6)$

$$y^{(4)} = 72$$

5th $y^{(5)} = \frac{d}{dx} (72) = \underline{\underline{0}}$



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EXAMPLE 2

Find the third derivative (y''') of $y = \frac{1}{3+x}$

Solution:

$$y = (3 + x)^{-1}$$

$$y' = -(3 + x)^{-2}$$

$$y'' = 2(3 + x)^{-3}$$

$$y''' = -6(3 + x)^{-4} \quad \text{or} \quad = -\frac{6}{(3 + x)^4}$$



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EXAMPLE 3

At what order of derivative the function

$$f(x) = 2x^7 + x^8 \text{ becomes } 0?$$

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$f(x) = 2x^7 + x^8$ becomes 0?

Solution

$$f'(x) = 14x^6 + 8x^7$$

$$f''(x) = 84x^5 + 56x^6$$

$$f'''(x) = 420x^4 + 336x^5$$

$$f^{(4)}(x) = 1680x^3 + 1680x^4$$

$$f^{(5)}(x) = 5040x^2 + 6720x^3$$

$$f^{(6)}(x) = 10080x + 20160x^2$$

$$f^{(7)}(x) = 10080 + 40320x$$

$$f^{(8)}(x) = 0 + 40320$$

$$f^{(9)}(x) = 0$$

at 9th derivative $f(x)$ becomes 0

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