

2.4 The Chain Rule

Chain Rule – deals with being able to take the derivative of a composite function.

$$y = \sqrt{x^2 + 1} \quad y = \sin 6x \quad y = (3x + 2)^5 \quad y = x + \tan x^2$$

Chain Rule: The derivative of a composite function is the derivative of the outer function times the derivative of the inner function.

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

$$\frac{d}{dx}[u^n] = n \cdot u^{n-1} \cdot u'$$

Find the derivative.

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

2) $f(x) = (3x - 2x^2)^3$

3) $y = \sqrt[5]{3x^3 + 4x}$

4) $g(x) = \frac{-7}{(2x - 3)^2}$

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

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

7) $f(x) = \frac{x}{\sqrt[3]{x^2 + 4}}$

8) $f(x) = 2x^3\sqrt{1 - 2x^2}$

9) $g(x) = \frac{5}{(4x^2 - 3)^3}$

10) $y = \frac{(x^2 + 1)^2}{\sin x}$

11) Find all points on the graph of $f(x) = \sqrt[3]{(x^2 - 1)^2}$ for which $f'(x) = 0$ and those for which $f'(x)$ does not exist.

Trigonometric Functions and the Chain Rule

$$\frac{d}{dx}[\sin u] = (\cos u)u'$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}[\cos u] = -(\sin u)u'$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}[\tan u] = (\sec^2 u)u'$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}[\cot u] = -(\csc^2 u)u'$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}[\sec u] = (\sec u \tan u)u'$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}[\csc u] = -(\csc u \cot u)u'$$

12) $y = \sin 2x$

13) $y = \cos(x - 1)$

14) $y = \tan 3x$

15) $y = \cos 3x^2$

16) $y = \cos^2 x$

17) $y = \csc^2 x$

18) $y = \cos^2(3x)$

19) $y = \sqrt{\cos x}$

20) $f(t) = \sin^3 4t$

21) $f(x) = \sin 3x \cos 3x$

22) Find an equation of the tangent line to the graph of $f(x) = 2\sin x + \cos 2x$ at the point $(\pi, 1)$. Then determine all values of x in the interval $(0, 2\pi)$ at which the graph of f has a horizontal tangent.

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