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# Unit 5 Day 7

## Chain Rule

### Warm Up ~

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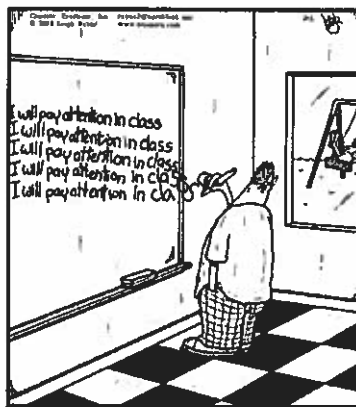
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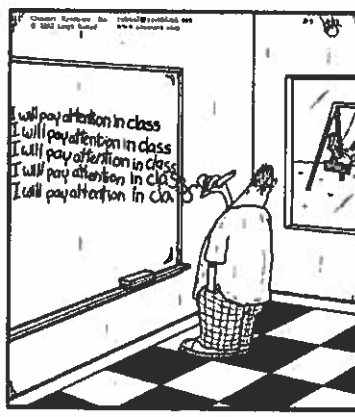
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2)  $h(x) = \sqrt{x^2-7}$  +  $h(x) = f(g(x))$

inside =  $g(x) = x^2-7$   
overall outer =  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$

$$3) y' = \frac{(3x^2+2)(2) - (2x-1)(6x)}{(3x^2+2)^2} = \frac{6x^2+4 - (12x^2-6x)}{9x^4+12x^2+4} = \frac{-6x^2+6x+4}{9x^4+12x^2+4}$$

$$m = y'(-2) = \frac{-6(-2)^2+6(-2)+4}{9(-2)^4+12(-2)^2+4} = \frac{-24-12+4}{144+48+4} = \frac{-32}{196} = \frac{-8}{49} = m$$

$$y_1 = g(-2) = \frac{2(-2)-1}{3(-2)^2+2} = \frac{-4-1}{12+2} = \frac{-5}{14}$$

Point  $(-2, -5/14)$

$$y + 5/14 = -8/49(x+2)$$

Point-Slope

$$y = \frac{-8}{49}x - \frac{67}{98}$$

Slope-Intercept

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$$g(h(x)) = g(x-5)$$

$$= \frac{2(x-5)-1}{3(x-5)^2+2} = \frac{2x-10-1}{3(x^2-10x+25)+2}$$

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$$y + \frac{5}{14} = -\frac{8}{49}(x+2)$$

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# Notes Day 7 Chain Rule

## Comparing Prior Skills to New Skills

Prior Skill

$\sqrt{x} \cdot (x^2 + x)$  is a combination of two functions

Find  $\frac{d}{dx}$  using Product Rule

New Skill

$\sqrt{(x^2 + x)}$  is a composition of two functions

Find  $\frac{d}{dx}$  using Chain Rule

## The Chain Rule

Remember the composition of two functions?

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

The chain rule is used to find the derivative of the composition of two functions.

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

d Outside  
with  
Inside  
left alone

d Outer

d Inside  
part

d Inner

$x^5$   
 $5x^4$

**Chain Rule**

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

$$y = (2x^3 + x + 7)^5 = (2x^3 + x + 7)^5$$

$$5(2x^3 + x + 7)^4 \cdot (6x^2 + 1)$$

Derivative of outside function evaluated at inside function

Derivative of inside function

$$5(6x^2 + 1)(2x^3 + x + 7)^4$$

$$(30x^2 + 5)(2x^3 + x + 7)^4$$

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Ex: Find  $y'$  for  $y = (x^2 + 1)^3$

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

$$g(x) = x^2 + 1$$

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

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

$$y' = \underbrace{3(x^2 + 1)^2}_{\text{d Outer}} \cdot \underbrace{2x}_{\text{d Inside}} = 6x(x^2 + 1)^2$$

Ex: Find  $y'$  for  $y = (3x - 2x^2)^3$

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

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

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

$$y' = \underbrace{3(3x - 2x^2)^2}_{\text{d Outer}} \cdot \underbrace{(3 - 4x)}_{\text{d Inside}}$$

$$3(3 - 4x)(3x - 2x^2)^2$$

$$(9 - 12x)(3x - 2x^2)^2$$

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

$$y' = 3(3x - 2x^2)^2(3 - 4x)$$

**Examples:** Find the derivative of the following.

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

Ex.  $y = \sqrt{x+1}$

Rewrite as  $(x+1)^{\frac{1}{2}}$

You Try!

Ex.  $y = \sqrt{9x+1}$

Rewrite as  $(9x+1)^{\frac{1}{2}}$

**Examples ANSWERS:**

Find the derivative of the following.

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Rewrite as  $(x+1)^{\frac{1}{2}}$

$$y' = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x+1}}$$

You Try!

Ex.  $y = \sqrt{9x+1}$

Rewrite as  $(9x+1)^{\frac{1}{2}}$

$$y' = \frac{1}{2}(9x+1)^{-1/2} \cdot 9 = \frac{9}{2\sqrt{9x+1}}$$

$$\frac{9}{2}(9x+1)^{-1/2}$$

$$= \frac{9}{2\sqrt{9x+1}} = \frac{9}{2(9x+1)^{1/2}}$$

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

Ex:

Find  $f'(x)$  for  $f(x) = \sqrt[3]{(x^2 + 2)^2}$

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

Ex:

Find  $f'(x)$  for  $f(x) = \sqrt[3]{(x^2 + 2)^2}$

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

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



Differentiate

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

rewritten as

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$$g'(t) = 14(2t-3)^{-3} \cdot 2$$

$$g'(t) = 28(2t-3)^{-3}$$

$$g'(t) = \frac{28}{(2t-3)^3}$$

Differentiate ANSWERS

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$$g'(t) = 14(2t-3)^{-3}(2) = \frac{28}{(2t-3)^3}$$

*mult.*

Differentiate- This needs the product and chain rule!

$h(x) = x^2 \cdot \sqrt{1-x^2}$  rewritten as

*inside*

*function inside*

Remember the Product Rule??

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

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

*f · g*

$f = x^2$

$f' = 2x$

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

$g' = \text{chain rule}$

$h'(x) = (2x)(1-x^2)^{1/2} + (x^2)(\text{chain rule})$

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

$h'(x) = 2x\sqrt{1-x^2} + x^2 \left( \frac{-x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \right)$

Differentiate- This needs the product and chain rule!

$h(x) = x^2 \sqrt{1-x^2}$  rewritten as  $x^2(1-x^2)^{1/2}$

Remember the Product Rule??

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

$f(x) = x^2$        $g(x) = (1-x^2)^{1/2}$

$h'(x) = x^2 \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) (1-x^2)^{-1/2} (-2x) + (1-x^2)^{1/2} (2x)$

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

$2x\sqrt{1-x^2} - \frac{x^3}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$

Find the derivative of the following.

1.  $y = \sqrt{-x^4 - 1}(-x - 2)$

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

$g = -x - 2$

$f' = \text{chain rule}$

$g' = -1$

$y' = (\text{chain rule})(-x - 2) + -1(-x^4 - 1)^{1/2}$

$y' = \left(\frac{-2x^3}{\sqrt{-x^4 - 1}}\right)(-x - 2) - \sqrt{-x^4 - 1}$

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

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

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

$f' = \frac{-2x^3}{\sqrt{-x^4 - 1}}$

$\frac{2x^4 + 4x^3}{\sqrt{-x^4 - 1}} - \sqrt{-x^4 - 1}$

ANSWER: Find the derivative of the following.

1.  $y = \sqrt{-x^4 - 1}(-x - 2)$

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

You Try! Find the derivative of the following.

$$2. \quad y = (3x-1)(-3x^2-4)^{-3}$$

$$f = 3x-1$$

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

$$f' = 3$$

$g' = \text{chain rule needed}$

$$g' = -3(-3x^2-4)^{-4} \cdot (-6x)$$

$$g' = 18x(-3x^2-4)^{-4}$$

$$g' = \frac{18x}{(-3x^2-4)^4}$$

$$y' = f' \cdot g + f \cdot g'$$

$$y' = 3(-3x^2-4)^{-3} + (3x-1) \cdot 18x(-3x^2-4)^{-4}$$

$$y' = \frac{3}{(-3x^2-4)^3} + \frac{54x^2 - 18x}{(-3x^2-4)^4}$$

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Differentiate

$$f(x) = \frac{x}{\sqrt[3]{x^2 + 4}} \quad \text{rewritten as}$$

Quotient Rule  $\frac{\text{Bot} * \text{Top}' - \text{Top} * \text{Bot}'}{(\text{Bot})^2}$

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$$f(x) = \frac{x}{\sqrt[3]{x^2 + 4}} \quad \text{rewritten as} \quad = \frac{x}{(x^2 + 4)^{1/3}}$$

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

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

Differentiate

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$$y' = 2 \left( \frac{3x-1}{x^2+3} \right) \cdot \text{dInside}$$

$$Hi = 3x-1 \quad dHi = 3$$

$$Lo = x^2+3 \quad dLo = 2x$$

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

$$\text{dInner} = \frac{3x^2+9-6x^2+2x}{(x^2+3)^2} = \frac{-3x^2+2x+9}{(x^2+3)^2}$$

$$y' = 2 \left( \frac{3x-1}{x^2+3} \right) \left( \frac{-3x^2+2x+9}{(x^2+3)^2} \right)$$

Differentiate

$$y = \left( \frac{3x-1}{x^2+3} \right)^2$$

$$= 2 \left( \frac{(3x-1)(-3x^2+2x+9)}{(x^2+3)^3} \right)$$

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

$$= \frac{2(3x-1)(3x^2+9-6x^2+2x)}{(x^2+3)^3}$$

$$= \frac{2(3x-1)(-3x^2+2x+9)}{(x^2+3)^3}$$