

# Unit 5 Day 7

## Chain Rule

# Warm Up ~

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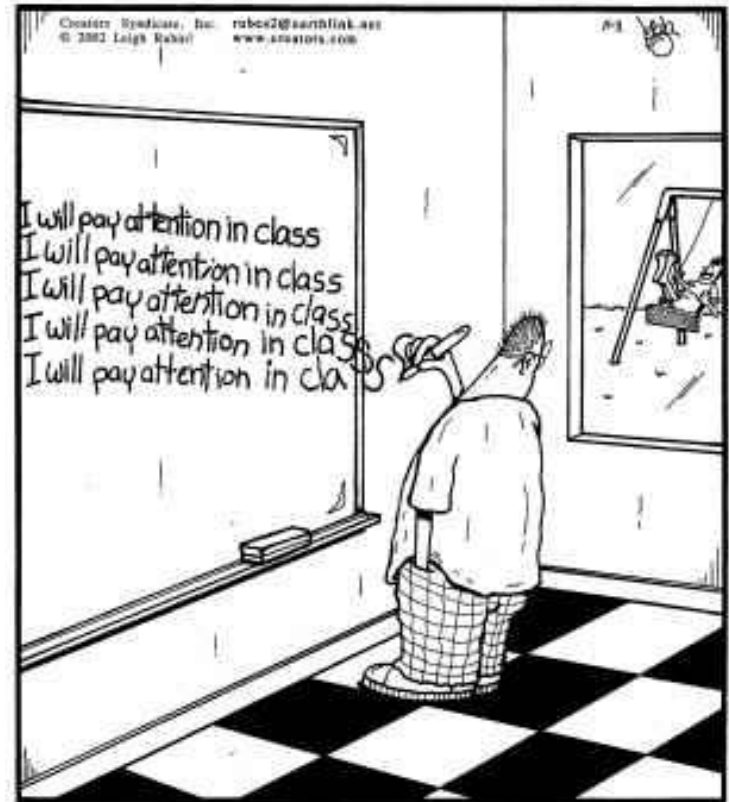
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$$g(h(x)) = g(x-5)$$

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

$$= \frac{2x-11}{3x^2-30x+77}$$

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HW Questions?

# Notes: 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

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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.

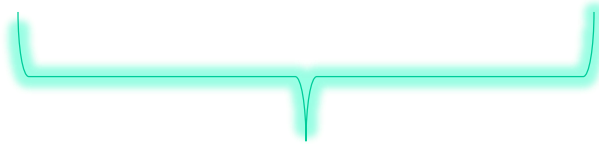
$$\frac{d}{dx} [f(g(x))] = f'(g(x))g'(x)$$



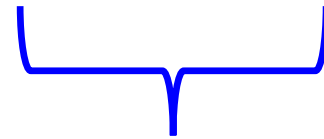
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$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \underbrace{(5(2x^3 + x + 7)^4)}_{\text{Derivative of outside function evaluated at inside function}} \cdot \underbrace{(6x^2 + 1)}_{\text{Derivative of inside function}}$$

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

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

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

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

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

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$$y' = 3(x^2 + 1)^2(2x) = 6x(x^2 + 1)^2$$

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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!**

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$$y' = \frac{9}{2\sqrt{9x+1}}$$

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

**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

$$g(t) = \frac{-7}{(2t - 3)^2} \quad \text{rewritten as}$$

# Differentiate ANSWERS

$$g(t) = \frac{-7}{(2t-3)^2} \quad \text{rewritten as} \quad = -7(2t-3)^{-2}$$

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

**Differentiate- This needs the product and chain rule!**

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

**Remember the Product Rule??**

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

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**Remember the Product Rule??**

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

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

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

**Find the derivative of the following.**

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

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

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

**You  
Try!**

**Find the derivative of the following.**

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

**You Try!**

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$$\frac{dy}{dx} = (2x - 5)^3 (14x^3 - 15x^2)$$

# Differentiate

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

rewritten as

Quotient Rule

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

# Differentiate

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

Quotient Rule Bot \* Top' - Top \* Bot'  
(Bot)<sup>2</sup>

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

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

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

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

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

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

Extra Warm-Up #2 on next slide

# Warm Up ~ ANSWERS

Find an equation of a tangent line to the given function.

1.  $f(x) = (x + 2)(4x^2 + 3x - 1); (-3, -26)$

$$y + 26 = 47(x + 3)$$

$$y = 47x + 115$$

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