

The Chain Rule

Theorem :- If g is differentiable at x and f is differentiable at $g(x)$, then the composition $(f \circ g)$ is differentiable at x , moreover :-

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

or $y = f(g(x))$ and $u = g(x)$, then

$$y = f(u) \quad \text{and} \quad :-$$

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

Ex 10 If $y = \sin^2(3x^5 + x^4 - 2)$ Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$

Soln

$$\text{let } u = g(x) = 3x^5 + x^4 - 2 \quad \text{and} \quad f(u) = f(g(x)) = \sin^2 u$$

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{du} = 2 \sin u \cdot \cos u = \sin 2u$$

$$\frac{du}{dx} = 15x^4 + 4x^3$$

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$= \sin 2u \cdot (15x^4 + 4x^3)$$

$$= [\sin 2(3x^5 + x^4 - 2)] (15x^4 + 4x^3)$$

2. Find $\frac{dw}{dt}$; if $w = \tan x$ and $x = 4t^3 + t$

Solu

$$\frac{dw}{dt} = \sec^2 x \quad ; \quad \frac{dx}{dt} = 12t^2 + 1$$

$$\therefore \frac{dw}{dt} = \frac{dw}{dx} \cdot \frac{dx}{dt}$$

$$= \sec^2 x (12t^2 + 1)$$

3. Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$; if $y = \sqrt{u}$ and $u = e^{2x} + \tan x^2$

Solu

$$\frac{dy}{du} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{u}} \quad ; \quad \frac{du}{dx} = 2e^{2x} + 2x \sec^2 x^2$$

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{u}} \cdot (2e^{2x} + 2x \sec^2 x^2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{e^{2x} + \tan x^2}} \cdot (2e^{2x} + 2x \sec^2 x^2)$$

4. Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ for $y = \tan^2 v$; $v = e^{\sin x^2}$

Solu $\frac{dy}{dv} = 2 \tan v \sec^2 v \quad ; \quad \frac{dv}{dx} = e^{\sin x^2} \cdot \cos x^2 \cdot 2x$

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = 2 \tan v \sec^2 v \cdot e^{\sin x^2} \cdot \cos x^2 \cdot 2x$$

$$= 2 \tan e^{\sin x^2} \sec^2 (e^{\sin x^2}) \cdot 2x e^{\sin x^2} \cdot \cos x^2$$

H.w. Using Chain Rule Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ for the following:

1. $f(u) = u \cdot \tan^3 u$; $u(x) = \sqrt{x}$

2. $g(u) = \sin u$; $u(x) = \sqrt{1 + \cos x}$

3. $h(u) = \frac{1 + \csc u}{1 - \cot u}$; $u(x) = x^2$

4. $f(x) = \sin^3 u$; $u(x) = e^{x^2+3}$

5. $g(x) = (\ln u)^2$; $u(x) = 3^{x^2+1}$

Ex if $y = t - t^3$ and $x = t - t^2$

Find $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ using chain rule

Solu $y = t - t^3 \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dt} = 1 - 3t^2$

$$x = t - t^2 \Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dt} = 1 - 2t \Rightarrow \frac{dt}{dx} = \frac{1}{1-2t}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dt} \cdot \frac{dt}{dx}$$

$$= 1 - 3t^2 \cdot \frac{1}{1-2t} \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1-3t^2}{1-2t}$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \dots = 0$$

Higher Derivatives

If the derivatives f' of a function f is itself differentiable, then the derivate of f' 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 derivatives to obtain third, fourth, fifth and even higher derivative of f .

The successive derivatives of f are denoted by :-

$$f', f'', f''', \dots, f^{(n)} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{dy}{dx}, \frac{d^2y}{dx^2}, \dots$$

Ex Find $f^{(5)}$ for the function:

$$1. f = 3x^4 - 2x^3 + x^2 - 4x + 2$$

Solu

$$f' = 12x^3 - 6x^2 + 2x - 4$$

$$f'' = 36x^2 - 12x + 2$$

$$f''' = 72x - 12$$

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

$$f^{(5)} = 0$$

$$2. f(x) = \frac{1}{x} \quad \text{Find } f^{(3)}(x)$$

$$f'(x) = -\frac{1}{x^2}; \quad f''(x) = \frac{2}{x^3}; \quad f'''(x) = -\frac{6}{x^4}$$

3. Find $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \Big|_{x=1}$

where $y = 6x^5 - 4x^2$

Solu

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 30x^4 - 8x$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 120x^3 - 8 \Big|_{x=1}$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 112$$

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

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

$$= \frac{2x^5 + 2x - 4x^5 + 4x^3}{(x^4 + 1)^2}$$

$$= \frac{-2x^5 + 4x^3 + 2x}{(x^4 + 1)^2}$$

5. $g(x) = \frac{\sin x}{1 + \cos x}$

$$g'(x) = \frac{(1 + \cos x)(\cos x) - \sin x(-\sin x)}{(1 + \cos x)^2}$$

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

$$= \frac{\cos x + 1}{(1 + \cos x)^2} = \frac{1}{1 + \cos x}$$

$$6. h(x) = \sec x \cdot \tan x$$

$$h'(x) = \sec x \cdot \sec^2 x + \tan x \cdot \sec x \tan x$$

$$= \sec^3 x + \tan^2 x \sec x$$

$$= \sec^3 x + \sec x (\sec^2 x - 1)$$

$$= \sec^3 x + \sec^3 x - \sec x$$

$$= 2 \sec^3 x - \sec x$$

or

$$= \sec x (\tan^2 x - 1) + \sec x \tan^2 x$$

$$= 2 \sec x \cdot \tan^2 x - \sec x$$

H.W

Find the derivative for the following :-

$$1. f(x) = \sqrt{x} + \frac{1}{x}$$

$$6. h(x) = \tan x^2 / \sqrt{x+1}$$

$$2. f(x) = \ln \frac{x^2+1}{x^2+2}$$

$$7. h(x) = x \cos^2 x$$

$$3. g(x) = e^{x^2} \cdot \sin x$$

$$8. h(x) = (x^2 + 2x)^8$$

$$4. g(x) = \sec(e^{x^2})$$

$$5. g(x) = (1 + \cos^2 x)^{1/2}$$

4. Show that $y = x^3 + 3x + 1$ satisfies

$$y''' + xy'' - 2y' = 0$$

Solu

$$y' = 3x^2 + 3$$

$$y'' = 6x$$

$$y''' = 6$$

$$\therefore y''' + xy'' - 2y' = 0$$

$$6 + x(6x) - 2(3x^2 + 3) = 0$$

$$6 + 6x^2 - 6x^2 - 6 = 0$$

5. Find $y''(\frac{\pi}{4})$ if $y = \sec x$

Solu

$$y'(x) = \sec x \cdot \tan x$$

$$y''(x) = \sec x \cdot \sec^2 x + \tan x \cdot \tan x \sec x$$

$$= \sec^3 x + \sec x \tan^2 x$$

$$y''(\frac{\pi}{4}) = \sec^3(\frac{\pi}{4}) + \sec(\frac{\pi}{4}) \tan^2(\frac{\pi}{4})$$

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

6. Find y'' for

i) $y = x \sin x - 3 \cos x$

$$y' = [x \cdot \cos x + \sin x (1)] - 3(-\sin x)$$

$$= x \cos x + \sin x + 3 \sin x$$

$$= x \cos x + 4 \sin x$$

$$y'' = [x(-\sin x) + \cos x (1)] + 4 \cos x$$

$$= -x \sin x + \cos x + 4 \cos x$$

$$= 5 \cos x - x \sin x$$

$$\text{ii) } y = e^{\tan x^2}$$

$$y' = e^{\tan x^2} \cdot \sec^2 x^2 \cdot 2x$$

$$\begin{aligned} y'' &= e^{\tan x^2} \cdot [\sec^2 x^2 \cdot 2 + 2x \cdot 2 \sec x^2 \cdot \sec x^2 \cdot \tan x^2] \\ &\quad + \sec^2 x^2 \cdot 2x \cdot e^{\tan x^2} \cdot \sec^2 x^2 \cdot 2x \\ &= e^{\tan x^2} \cdot \sec^2 x^2 (2 + 4 \sec x^2 \cdot \tan x^2 + 4x \sec^2 x^2 x) \end{aligned}$$

H.W.

Find y'' for the following:

$$1. y = \csc x$$

$$2. y = (x^2 + 1) \cdot \sec x$$

$$3. y = \frac{\sin x}{x}$$

$$4. y = \ln x^2$$

$$5. y = e^{\cos x}$$

$$6. y = a^{\cot x}$$