

Learning Objectives.

- 1) Use rules for deriving fundamental functions to find derivatives.
- 2) Use rules to find derivatives involving the chain rule.

Review the rules for deriving fundamental functions.

Web reference: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Differentiation_rules

Book reference: Pg.

Chain Rule: Remember that whenever you derive the composition of two functions you must apply the chain rule. Essentially the chain rule says this.

If $h(x) = (f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x))$: This means that the function f is composed with g .

The Chain rule states that
$$h'(x) = f'(g(x)) \cdot g'(x)$$

Example: Given
$$h(x) = \cos(x^2 + 2)$$

This shows that the function $f(x) = \cos x$ is composed with the function $g(x) = x^2 + 2$. From the Wikipedia page we know that $f'(x) = -\sin x$ and $g'(x) = 2x$ therefore the derivative of $h(x)$ is
$$h'(x) = -\sin(x^2 + 2) \cdot (2x)$$

Example: Given
$$f(x) = (x^3 + 2x^2)^5 \text{ find } f'(x) =$$

The function is composed of the function $g(x) = x^5$ with the function $h(x) = x^3 + 2x^2$ and since $g'(x) = 5x^4$ and $h'(x) = 3x^2 + 4x$ we can combine the two to get our final solution of

$$f'(x) = 5(x^3 + 2x^2)^4 \cdot (3x^2 + 4x)$$

Example: Given
$$g(x) = \ln(x^4) \text{ find } g'(x) =$$

The function is composed of the function $f(x) = \ln x$ with the function $h(x) = x^4$ and since $f'(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ and $h'(x) = 4x^3$ we can combine the two to get our final solution of

$$g'(x) = \frac{1}{x^4} \cdot 4x^3 = \frac{4}{x}$$

Find the first derivative of the following

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

2) $h(x) = \sin(\pi x)^2$

3) $f(x) = x^6(2 + 5x)^4$

4) $f(x) = \ln(7x + 5)$

5) $f(x) = e^{4x^2}$

6) Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ if $y = \ln(x^2 + 1)$