

Topic: Chain Rule for derivatives.

Example 1: $\frac{d}{dx}(\sin x) = \cos x$

Example 2: $\frac{d}{dx}(x^2) = 2x$

Example 3: $\frac{d}{dx}(\sin^2 x) = ?$

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composition

$f(g(x))$

f is "outside" fn
 $f(x) = x^2$

g is "inside" fn
 $g(x) = \sin x$

Rule which allows us to take the derivative of a composition is THE CHAIN RULE.

$$\frac{d}{dx} f(g(x)) = \underbrace{f'(g(x))}_{\text{derivative of } f \text{ with respect to its input, with input held constant}} \cdot g'(x)$$

derivative of f with respect to its input, with input held constant

Example 3 $y = \sin^2 x$

$$\sin^2 x = f(g(x)) \text{ where } f$$

$$f(x) = \text{square fcn.}$$

$$g(x) = \text{sine fcn}$$

$$y = (\sin x)^2$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f'(g(x)) \cdot g'(x)$$

$$= 2 \cdot g(x) \cdot \cos x$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2 \sin x \cos x$$

Example 4: $\sin(x^2) = y$

$$f(g(x)) \quad f = \text{sine fcn}$$

$$g = \text{square}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \cos(x^2) \cdot (2x)$$

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

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2x \cos(x^2)$$

$$\text{Example 5: } \tan(3x^2+1) = y$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \sec^2(3x^2+1) \cdot 6x$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 6x \sec^2(3x^2+1)$$

$$\text{Example 6: } y = \sin^2(3x^2+2x)$$

$$y = [\sin(3x^2+2x)]^2$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2 \sin(3x^2+2x) \cdot \cos(3x^2+2x)(6x+2)$$

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$$f(x) = \sin x$$

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

$$h(x) = 7x$$

} these x 's
are
"place-holders"
signifying input

$$\textcircled{1} f(g(x)) = \sin(x^2 + 1)$$

$$\textcircled{2} f(g(h(x))) = \sin((7x)^2 + 1) \\ = \sin(49x^2 + 1)$$

$$f(x) = \cos x$$

$$g(x) = \sqrt{x+2}$$

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

$$6. \sqrt{\cos x + 2} = g(f(x))$$

$$7. \sqrt{3\cos^2 x + 2} = g(h(f(x)))$$

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$$\text{Ex \#1 } y = \sin(3x+1)$$

$$u = 3x + 1$$

$$y = \sin u$$

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

$$= \cos(3x+1) \cdot 3$$

$$\text{\#3 } y = \cos(\sqrt{3} \cdot x) \quad u = \sqrt{3} \cdot x$$

$$y = \cos u$$

$$\frac{du}{dx} = \sqrt{3}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\sin u \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\sin(\sqrt{3} \cdot x) \cdot \sqrt{3}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\sqrt{3} \cdot \sin(\sqrt{3} \cdot x)$$