

11.5: CHAIN RULE

If f is a differentiable function of u , and u is a differentiable function of x , then f is a differentiable function of x and;



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

Rules of differentiation:

$$\textcircled{1} [f(x)]^n \Rightarrow n(f(x))^{n-1} \cdot f'(x)$$

$$\textcircled{2} (e^{f(x)})' = e^{f(x)} \cdot f'(x) \quad [(b^{f(x)})' = b^{f(x)} \cdot f'(x) \cdot \ln b]$$

$$\textcircled{3} (\ln f(x))' = \frac{1}{f(x)} \cdot f'(x) \quad [(\log_b f(x))' = \frac{1}{f(x) \cdot \ln b} \cdot f'(x)]$$

Examples: Evaluate the derivative of the following functions:

$$1) f(x) = (x^2 + 9)^2 \Rightarrow f'(x) = 2(x^2 + 9) \cdot (2x) = 4x(x^2 + 9) = \boxed{4x^3 + 36x}$$

$$2) f(x) = (x^3 + x + 5)^{21} \Rightarrow f'(0) = ?$$

$$f'(x) = 21(x^3 + x + 5)^{20} \cdot (3x^2 + 1) \Rightarrow f'(0) = 21(5)^{20} \cdot (1) = \boxed{21 \cdot 5^{20}}$$

$$3) f(x) = (3x^2 - 1)^7 \Rightarrow f'(1) = ?$$

$$f'(x) = 7(3x^2 - 1)^6 \cdot (6x) \Rightarrow f'(1) = 7(3 - 1)^6 \cdot (6(1)) = 7 \cdot 2^6 \cdot 6 = \boxed{42 \cdot 64}$$

$$4) f(x) = (x^4 - 4x^3)^2 \Rightarrow f'(x) = \boxed{2(x^4 - 4x^3) \cdot (4x^3 - 12x^2)}$$

$$5) f(x) = \sqrt{1-x^2} = (1-x^2)^{1/2} \Rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{1}{2}(1-x^2)^{-1/2} \cdot (-2x) = \boxed{\frac{-x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}}$$

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$$6-) f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x-x^5}} = (x-x^5)^{-1/2}$$

$$f'(x) = -\frac{1}{2} (x-x^5)^{-3/2} \cdot (1-5x^4) = \boxed{-\frac{(1-5x^4)}{2\sqrt{(x-x^5)^3}}$$

$$7-) f(x) = \sqrt{(x^3+1)(4x-5)} = [(x^3+1)(4x-5)]^{1/2}$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{2} [(x^3+1)(4x-5)]^{-1/2} \cdot \underbrace{((3x^2)(4x-5) + (x^3+1)(4))}_{12x^3 - 15x^2 + 4x^3 + 4}$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{(16x^3 - 15x^2 + 4)}{2\sqrt{(x^3+1)(4x-5)}}$$

$$8-) f(x) = \left(\frac{6x+4}{3-x^2}\right)^{7/3} \Rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{7}{3} \left(\frac{6x+4}{3-x^2}\right)^{7/3-1} \cdot \left(\frac{6x+4}{3-x^2}\right)'$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{7}{3} \left(\frac{6x+4}{3-x^2}\right)^{4/3} \cdot \left(\frac{(6)(3-x^2) - (-2x)(6x+4)}{(3-x^2)^2}\right) = \boxed{\frac{7}{3} \left(\frac{6x+4}{3-x^2}\right)^{4/3} \cdot \left(\frac{6x^2+8x+18}{(3-x^2)^2}\right)}$$

$$9-) f(x) = e^{x^2+3x} \Rightarrow f'(x) = \boxed{e^{x^2+3x} \cdot (2x+3)}$$

$$10-) f(x) = \ln(x^2+3x) \Rightarrow f'(x) = \boxed{\frac{(2x+3)}{x^2+3x}}$$

$$11-) f(x) = 2^{\sqrt{x^2+5x}} = 2^{(x^2+5x)^{1/2}} \Rightarrow f'(x) = 2^{\sqrt{x^2+5x}} \cdot \frac{1}{2} (x^2+5x)^{-1/2} \cdot (2x+5) \cdot \ln 2$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = \boxed{2^{\sqrt{x^2+5x}} \cdot \frac{(2x+5)(\ln 2)}{2\sqrt{x^2+5x}}}$$

$$12-) f(x) = \log_7(x^3 - 7x^2)$$

$$(* \log_b a = \frac{\ln a}{\ln b})$$

$$f'(x) = \boxed{\frac{1}{x^3-7x^2} \cdot (3x^2-14x) \cdot \frac{1}{\ln 7}}$$

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$$13.) f(x) = e^{x^3 + \sqrt{x} + 2} \Rightarrow f'(x) = e^{x^3 + \sqrt{x} + 2} \cdot \left(3x^2 + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}\right)$$

$$14.) f(x) = \ln(x^4 + 3x^2 + 8) \Rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{4x^3 + 6x}{x^4 + 3x^2 + 8}$$

$$15.) f(x) = \ln(x^{3/2} + x + 1) \Rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{\frac{3}{2}x^{1/2} + 1}{x^{3/2} + x + 1}$$

$$16.) f(x) = \sqrt{x + \ln x} = (x + \ln x)^{1/2} \Rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{1}{2}(x + \ln x)^{-1/2} \cdot \left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x + \ln x}} \cdot \left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)$$

$$17.) f(x) = (1 + x + \ln x + 2^x)^7 \Rightarrow f'(x) = 7(1 + x + \ln x + 2^x)^6 \cdot \left(1 + \frac{1}{x} + 2^x \cdot \ln 2\right)$$

$$18.) f(x) = (x^2 + \ln(x^2 + 4))^2 \Rightarrow f'(x) = 2(x^2 + \ln(x^2 + 4)) \cdot \left(2x + \frac{2x}{x^2 + 4}\right)$$

$$19.) f(x) = (x^2 + 4x + e^{x^3 + x})^5$$

$$f'(x) = 5(x^2 + 4x + e^{x^3 + x})^4 \cdot (2x + 4 + e^{x^3 + x} \cdot (3x^2 + 1))$$

$$20.) f(x) = \ln[(1+x^2)(x^3-7x)] \stackrel{\uparrow}{=} \ln(1+x^2) + \ln(x^3-7x)$$

$$\ln(A \cdot B) = \ln A + \ln B$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{2x}{1+x^2} + \frac{3x^2-7}{x^3-7x}$$

$$21.) f(x) = \ln\left(\frac{x-2}{3x+5}\right) \stackrel{\uparrow}{=} \ln(x-2) - \ln(3x+5)$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{A}{B}\right) = \ln A - \ln B$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{x-2} - \frac{3}{3x+5}$$

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$$22) f(x) = \ln(1+4x^3)^8 = 8 \ln(1+4x^3)$$

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 $\ln A^r = r \ln A$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = 8 \left(\frac{12x^2}{1+4x^3} \right) = \boxed{\frac{96x^2}{1+4x^3}}$$

$$23) f(x) = \ln(\ln x) \Rightarrow f'(x) = \boxed{\frac{1}{\ln x} \cdot \frac{1}{x}}$$

$$24) f(x) = e^{(3x^4+1)^2} \Rightarrow f'(x) = \boxed{e^{(3x^4+1)^2} \cdot 2(3x^4+1) \cdot (12x^3)}$$

$$25) f(x) = \frac{e^{2x}}{1-e^{3x}} \Rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{(e^{2x} \cdot 2)(1-e^{3x}) - (-e^{3x} \cdot 3)(e^{2x})}{(1-e^{3x})^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{2e^{2x} - 2e^{5x} + 3e^{5x}}{(1-e^{3x})^2} = \boxed{\frac{e^{5x} - 2e^{2x}}{(1-e^{3x})^2}}$$

$$26) f(x) = \sqrt{1-e^{-x}}$$

$$f(x) = (1-e^{-x})^{1/2} \Rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{1}{2} (1-e^{-x})^{-1/2} \cdot (-e^{-x} \cdot (-1)) = \boxed{\frac{e^{-x}}{2\sqrt{1-e^{-x}}}}$$

$$27) f(x) = \ln(x + x^2 \cdot e^{2x}) \Rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{1}{x + x^2 \cdot e^{2x}} (1 + 2xe^{2x} + x^2 \cdot e^{2x} \cdot 2)$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = \boxed{\frac{1 + 2xe^{2x} + 2x^2e^{2x}}{x + x^2e^{2x}}}$$

$$28) f(x) = \ln(1-e^{x^2+2x}) \Rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{1}{1-e^{x^2+2x}} \cdot (0 - e^{x^2+2x} \cdot (2x+2))$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = \boxed{\frac{-(2x+2)e^{x^2+2x}}{1-e^{x^2+2x}}}$$

$$29) f(x) = e^{x^2+2\ln x} \Rightarrow f'(x) = \underbrace{e^{x^2+2\ln x}}_{x^2 \cdot e^{x^2}} \cdot \left(2x + \frac{2}{x} \right)$$

(Also; $f(x) = e^{x^2} \cdot e^{2\ln x} = e^{x^2} \cdot e^{2 \cdot \ln x^2} = e^{x^2} \cdot e^{\ln x^4} = e^{x^2} \cdot x^4 = x^2 \cdot e^{x^2}$)

$$= \boxed{e^{x^2} (2x^3 + 2x)}$$

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$$30.) f(x) = e^{x^3+3x} \cdot \ln(x^2+1)$$

$$f'(x) = \left[e^{x^3+3x} \cdot (3x^2+3) \right] \left[\ln(x^2+1) \right] + \left[\frac{2x}{x^2+1} \right] \left[e^{x^3+3x} \right]$$

$$= e^{x^3+3x} \left[(3x^2+3) \ln(x^2+1) + \frac{2x}{x^2+1} \right]$$

31.) Given that $f(0)=2$, $g(0)=3$, $f'(0)=5$, $g'(0)=7$, $f'(3)=\pi$ and $g'(2)=\pi^2$;

a) If $h(x) = f(x) \cdot g(x)$, compute $h'(0)$?

$$h'(x) = f'(x) \cdot g(x) + g'(x) \cdot f(x) \Rightarrow h'(0) = f'(0) \cdot g(0) + g'(0) \cdot f(0)$$

$$= (5)(3) + (7)(2) = 15 + 14 = \boxed{29}$$

b) If $k(x) = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$, compute $k'(0)$?

$$k'(x) = \frac{f'(x) \cdot g(x) - g'(x) \cdot f(x)}{(g(x))^2} \Rightarrow k'(0) = \frac{f'(0) \cdot g(0) - g'(0) \cdot f(0)}{(g(0))^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow k'(0) = \frac{(5)(3) - (7)(2)}{(3)^2} = \frac{15 - 14}{9} = \boxed{\frac{1}{9}}$$

c) If $s(x) = f(g(x))$ and $t(x) = g(f(x))$, compute $s'(0)$ and $t'(0)$?

$$s'(x) = f'(g(x)) \cdot g'(x) \Rightarrow s'(0) = f'(g(0)) \cdot g'(0) = \underbrace{f'(3)}_{\pi} \cdot 7 = \boxed{7\pi}$$

$$t'(x) = g'(f(x)) \cdot f'(x) \Rightarrow t'(0) = g'(f(0)) \cdot f'(0) = \underbrace{g'(2)}_{\pi^2} \cdot 5 = \boxed{5\pi^2}$$

32) Let $k(x) = f(g(h(x)))$ where $h(1)=2$, $g(2)=3$, $h'(1)=4$, $g'(2)=5$, $f'(3)=6$.

Find $k'(1)$?

$$k'(x) = f'(g(h(x))) \cdot g'(h(x)) \cdot h'(x) \Rightarrow k'(1) = f'(g(h(1))) \cdot g'(h(1)) \cdot h'(1)$$

$$\Rightarrow k'(1) = \underbrace{f'(g(2))}_3 \cdot \underbrace{g'(2)}_5 \cdot \underbrace{4}_4 = \underbrace{f'(3)}_6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 = 6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 = \boxed{120}$$

33.) Suppose f and g are differentiable functions with the values for the function and derivative given in the following table:

x	$f(x)$	$f'(x)$	$g(x)$	$g'(x)$
1	3	7	9	5
3	1	9	7	9
5	9	5	5	3
7	7	1	3	1
9	5	3	1	7

a) If $h(x) = f(x) + 2g(x)$, find $h'(1)$:

$$h'(x) = f'(x) + 2g'(x) \Rightarrow h'(1) = f'(1) + 2g'(1) = 7 + 2(5) = \boxed{17}$$

b) If $h(x) = \frac{x \cdot f(x)}{g(x)}$, find $h'(5)$:

$$h'(x) = \frac{[1 \cdot f(x) + x \cdot f'(x)][g(x)] - [g'(x)][x \cdot f(x)]}{[g(x)]^2}$$

$$h'(5) = \frac{(f(5) + 5 \cdot f'(5))(g(5)) - (g'(5))(5 \cdot f(5))}{(g(5))^2} = \frac{(9 + 5 \cdot 5)(5) - (3)(5 \cdot 9)}{(5)^2}$$

$$= \frac{170 - 135}{25} = \frac{35}{25} = \boxed{\frac{7}{5}}$$

c) If $h(x) = f(g(x^2))$, find $h'(3)$:

$$h'(x) = f'(g(x^2)) \cdot g'(x^2) \cdot 2x \Rightarrow h'(3) = f'(g(3^2)) \cdot g'(3^2) \cdot (2 \cdot 3)$$

$$\Rightarrow h'(3) = \underbrace{f'(g(9))}_1 \cdot \underbrace{g'(9)}_7 \cdot \underbrace{6}_7 = \underbrace{f'(1)}_7 \cdot 7 \cdot 6 = 7 \cdot 7 \cdot 6 = \boxed{294}$$