

SECTION 3-6: THE CHAIN RULE

1. Recall Two Versions of the Chain Rule

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

$$\boxed{B} \quad y = f(u), \quad u = g(x)$$

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

2. Understanding what the "formulas" in the book are trying to communicate:

<p>In § 3.5</p> $\frac{d}{dx} [\sec(x)] = \sec(x) \tan(x)$	<p>In § 3.6</p> $\frac{d}{dx} [\sec(g(x))] = [\sec(g(x)) \tan(g(x))] \cdot g'(x)$ $\frac{d}{dx} [\sec(u)] = [\sec(u) \tan(u)] \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$
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3. Find the derivatives.

(a) $g(\theta) = \sqrt[5]{\sin(\frac{\theta}{\pi})} = \left[\sin\left(\frac{1}{\pi}\theta\right) \right]^{\frac{1}{5}}$

$$g'(\theta) = \frac{1}{5} \cdot \left[\sin\left(\frac{1}{\pi}\theta\right) \right]^{\frac{-4}{5}} \cdot \cos\left(\frac{1}{\pi}\theta\right) \cdot \frac{1}{\pi} = \frac{\cos\left(\frac{1}{\pi}\theta\right)}{5\pi \left(\sin\left(\frac{1}{\pi}\theta\right)\right)^{\frac{4}{5}}}$$

(b) $f(x) = (\sec(3x) + \csc(2x))^5$

$$f'(x) = 5 (\sec(3x) + \csc(2x))^4 \cdot (3\sec(3x)\tan(3x) - 2\csc(2x)\cot(2x))$$

→ a holding pattern

(c) $g(x) = \frac{\cos(x^2+1)}{x^3+1}$

$$g'(x) = \frac{\frac{d}{dx} [\cos(x^2+1)] (x^3+1) - \cos(x^2+1) \cdot (3x^2)}{(x^3+1)^2}$$

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

$$(d) h(x) = (2x-1)^3(2x+1)^5$$

$$h'(x) = \underbrace{3(2x-1)^2(2)}_{f'} \underbrace{(2x+1)^5}_g + \underbrace{(2x-1)^3}_f \cdot \underbrace{5(2x+1)^4(2)}_{g'}$$

$$= 6(2x-1)^2(2x+1)^5 + 10(2x-1)^3(2x+1)^4$$

4. Find all x -values where the tangent to $f(x) = \frac{5}{(8x-x^2)^3}$ is horizontal.

$$f(x) = 5(8x-x^2)^{-3}$$

$$f'(x) = 5(-3)(8x-x^2)^{-4}(8-2x) = \frac{-15(8-2x)}{(8x-x^2)^4} = 0$$

So $8-2x=0$.

So $x=4$

5. Find all x -values where the tangent to $f(x) = (4-x)^3$ is parallel to $y+6x=8$.

$\rightarrow y = -6x + 8$. So $\underline{\underline{m = -6}}$

$$f'(x) = 3(4-x)^2(-1) = -6$$

So $(4-x)^2 = 2$

$$4-x = \pm\sqrt{2}$$

$x = 4 \pm \sqrt{2}$