

# The Chain Rule (part 2)

recall  $\frac{d}{dx} u^n = n u^{n-1} \frac{du}{dx}$

power  
rule

account for  
u not being  
just x

$$y' = f'(u) u'$$

example :  $f(x) = \sqrt[4]{1 + \cot x} = (1 + \cot x)^{1/4}$

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

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

Example :  $y = [(x^4 - 1)^3][(x^3 + 1)^6]$

deriv.  $\swarrow$  (under  $(x^3 + 1)^6$ )  
deriv.  $\searrow$  (under  $(x^4 - 1)^3$ )

$$y' = (x^4 - 1)^3 \cdot [6 \cdot (x^3 + 1)^5 (3x^2)]$$
$$+ (x^3 + 1)^6 \cdot [3 \cdot (x^4 - 1)^2 (4x^3)]$$

$$= \underline{18} x^2 (x^3 + 1)^5 (x^4 - 1)^3 + \underline{12} x^3 (x^3 + 1)^6 (x^4 - 1)^2$$

$$= \underline{6} x^2 (x^3 + 1)^5 (x^4 - 1)^2 [3(x^4 - 1) + 2x(x^3 + 1)]$$

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

$$= \boxed{6x^2 (x^3 + 1)^5 (x^4 - 1)^2 (5x^4 + 2x - 3)}$$

recall  $(\cos x)^2 = \cos^2 x \neq \cos(x^2)$

example:  $y = \cos^2 x + \cos x^2$   
 $= (\cos x)^2 + \cos(x^2)$


$$y' = 2(\cos x)^2(-\sin x) + -\sin(x^2) \cdot 2x$$

$$= -2(\cos x \cdot \sin x + x \sin x^2)$$

example:  $y = \sin(\sin(x))$   
 $= \sin(\square)$

recall  $\frac{d}{dx} \sin x = \cos x$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \sin \square = \cos \square \cdot \square'$$

$$y' = \cos(\sin(x)) \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(\sin(x))$$


$$= \boxed{\cos(\sin x) \cdot \cos x}$$

example

$$y = \sin(\cos(\sin(5x)))$$

outside in

$$y' = \cos(\cos(\sin(5x))) \cdot -\sin(\sin(5x)) \cdot \cos(5x) \cdot 5$$

deriv.      deriv.      deriv.

recall  $\frac{d}{dx} e^x = e^x$

$$\frac{d}{dx} e^u = e^u \cdot u'$$

example :

$$y = e^{x \cos 2x}$$

product rule

$$y' = e^{x \cos 2x} \cdot \frac{d}{dx} ((x)(\cos 2x))$$

$$y' = e^{x \cos 2x} \cdot [(x)(-\sin 2x)(2) + \cos(2x)]$$

$$= e^{x \cos 2x} (-2x \sin 2x + \cos 2x)$$

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$$y = e^{(e^{e^x})}$$

$$y' = e^{e^{e^x}} \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(e^{(e^x)})$$

$$= e^{e^{e^x}} \cdot e^{e^x} \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(e^x)$$

$$= \boxed{e^{e^{e^x}} \cdot e^{e^x} \cdot e^x}$$

$$y = e^x$$

$$y' = e^x \cdot \underbrace{\frac{d}{dx}(x)}_1$$

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When in doubt  
chain it out.