

Ch 15B The Chain Rule Day 2

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Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ for $y = \sqrt[3]{2x^3 - x^2}$

$$y = (2x^3 - x^2)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

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

Do not need to
simplify \therefore

Example: Differentiate $y = \left((4x^2 - 5)^3 - 1 \right)^5$ $g(f(h(x)))$

$$\text{let } u = (4x^2 - 5)^3 - 1$$

$$u' = 3(4x^2 - 5)^2 (8x)$$

$$y = u^5$$

$$y' = 5u^4 \cdot u'$$

$$y' = 5 \left((4x^2 - 5)^3 - 1 \right)^4 \left(3(4x^2 - 5)^2 (8x) \right)$$

3 Find the gradient of the tangent to:

b $y = (3x + 2)^6$ at $x = -1$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 6(3x+2)^5 (3)$$
$$= 18(3x+2)^5$$

$$m_{\text{T}} = 18(3(-1)+2)^5$$
$$= 18(-1)^5$$
$$= -18$$

- 4 The gradient function of $f(x) = (2x - b)^a$ is $f'(x) = 24x^2 - 24x + 6$.
Find the constants a and b .

$$f'(x) = a(2x - b)^{a-1} (2)$$

$$f'(x) = 2a(2x - b)^{a-1}$$

↑
put in
factored form

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

$$= 6(2x - 1)^2$$

→ Since these are the same gradient function, we see that

$$6 = 2a \therefore a = 3$$

$$a - 1 = 2 \therefore a = 3$$

$$b = 1$$

decomposition

$$4x^2 - 4x + 1$$

$$1 \times 4 = 4$$

$$\underline{-2} \quad x \quad \underline{-2} = 4$$

$$\underline{\quad} + \underline{\quad} = -4$$

$$\underline{4x^2 - 2x} - \underline{2x + 1}$$

$$2x(2x - 1) - 1(2x - 1)$$

$$(2x - 1)(2x - 1)$$

$$(2x - 1)^2$$

5 Suppose $y = \frac{a}{\sqrt{1+bx}}$ where a and b are constants. When $x = 3$, $y = 1$ and $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{1}{8}$.

Find a and b .

$$y = a(1+bx)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

When $x = 3$, $y = 1$

$$1 = a(1+3b)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$1 = \frac{a}{(1+3b)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

$$a = (1+3b)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Find y'

$$y' = -\frac{1}{2}a(1+bx)^{-\frac{3}{2}}(b)$$

$$y' = -\frac{1}{2}ab(1+bx)^{-\frac{3}{2}}$$

When $x = 3$, $y' = -\frac{1}{8}$

$$-\frac{1}{8} = -\frac{1}{2}ab(1+3b)^{-\frac{3}{2}}$$

Substitution

$$-\frac{1}{8} = -\frac{1}{2}((1+3b)^{\frac{1}{2}})b(1+3b)^{-\frac{3}{2}}$$

$$-\frac{1}{8} = -\frac{1}{2} \left((1+3b)^{1/2} \right) b (1+3b)^{-3/2}$$

$$\frac{1}{4} = b (1+3b)^{-1}$$

$$\frac{1}{4} = \frac{b}{1+3b}$$

$$1+3b = 4b$$

$$\boxed{1 = b}$$

$$a = \sqrt{1+3b}$$

$$a = \sqrt{1+3}$$

$$\boxed{a = \sqrt{4} = 2}$$

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