

Chain Rule for Differentiation: $\frac{d}{dx} (f(g(x))) = f'(g(x)) g'(x)$

$$\frac{d}{dx} ((3x-1)^2)$$

$$\frac{d}{dy} ((y+3)^{200})$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} (e^{3x^2+2})$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} (\ln(2t^3 + 4e^{5t}))$$

Also known as:

- The function-of-a-function rule
- The composition rule

Calculate the derivative of f'' in terms of f'

$$(3x-1)^2 = 9x^2 - 6x + 1$$

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$$\frac{d}{dx} (3x-1)^2 = 18x - 6$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} ((3x-1)^2) &= \frac{d}{dx} (f(g(x))) = f'(g(x)) g'(x) = 2(g(x)) g'(x) \\ &= 2(3x-1) \cdot 3 = 18x - 6 \end{aligned}$$

$g(x) = 3x-1$, $g'(x) = 3$
 $f(t) = t^2$, $f'(t) = 2t$

$$\frac{d}{dy} ((y+3)^{200}) = 200 (y+3)^{199} \cdot 1 = 200 (y+3)^{199}$$

$g(y) = y+3$, $g'(y) = 1$
 $f(z) = z^{200}$, $f'(z) = 200z^{199}$

$$\frac{d}{dx} (e^{(3x^2+2)}) = e^{(3x^2+2)} \cdot 6x = \underline{\underline{6xe^{3x^2+2}}}$$

$g(x) = 3x^2+2$, $g'(x) = 6x$
 $f(t) = e^t$, $f'(t) = e^t$

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$$\frac{d}{dt} (\ln(2t^3 + 4e^{5t})) = \frac{1}{(2t^3 + 4e^{5t})} (6t^2 + 20e^{5t}) = \frac{6t^2 + 20e^{5t}}{2t^3 + 4e^{5t}}$$

$$g(t) = 2t^3 + 4e^{5t}, \quad g'(t) = 6t^2 + 20e^{5t}$$

$$f(y) = \ln(y), \quad f'(y) = \frac{1}{y}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} (e^{(3\ln t)^2}) = f'(g(t)) g'(t) = e^{(3\ln t)^2} \left(\frac{18}{t} \ln t \right) = \frac{18}{t} \ln t e^{(3\ln t)^2}$$

$$g(t) = (3\ln t)^2 = (3\ln t)^2 = k(h(t))$$

$$f(y) = e^y, \quad f'(y) = e^y$$

$$g'(t) = k'(h(t)) h'(t)$$

$$= 2(3\ln t) \frac{3}{t} = \frac{18}{t} \ln t$$

$$h(t) = 3\ln t$$

$$h'(t) = \frac{3}{t}$$

$$k(z) = z^2$$

$$k'(z) = 2z$$

Chain Rule for Differentiation: $\frac{d}{dx} (f(g(x))) = f'(g(x)) g'(x)$

Calculate the derivative of f^{-1} in terms of f'
let $g(x) = f^{-1}(x)$

$$f^{-1}(f(x)) = x$$

$$f(f^{-1}(x)) = x$$

$$x = f(g(x))$$

$$1 = \frac{d}{dx}(x) = \frac{d}{dx}(f(g(x))) \stackrel{\text{chain rule}}{=} f'(g(x)) g'(x)$$

$$g'(x) = \frac{1}{f'(g(x))} = \frac{1}{f'(f^{-1}(x))}$$

$$(f^{-1})'(x) = \frac{1}{f'(f^{-1}(x))}$$