



MATHEMATICS 201-NYA-05

Differential Calculus

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VIII – The Chain Rule

1. Differentiate the function.

a) $f(x) = (3x^2 - 4x)^{15}$

b) $f(x) = (\sqrt{x} + \frac{1}{x})^{12}$

c) $f(x) = \frac{1}{(2x-5)^7}$

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

e) $f(t) = \sqrt{t^4 - t} + \sqrt{3t}$

f) $f(x) = 2 \cos 4x$

g) $f(x) = \tan \sqrt{x}$

h) $f(x) = 3 \cos^5 x$

i) $f(x) = 3 \cos^5(10x)$

j) $f(x) = 2 \sec^2(x^6)$

k) $f(x) = \sin(\cos x)$

l) $f(x) = \frac{\sin 3x}{1 + \cos 5x}$

m) $f(z) = \csc^2(12z) - \cot^2(12z)$

n) $f(x) = \cos^3\left(\frac{x}{x+1}\right)$

o) $f(x) = (x^4 - \sec(4x^2 - 2))^{-4}$

p) $f(x) = \sin^2 x \sqrt{x + \cos^3(5x)}$

q) $f(x) = (3x^2 - 1)^4 (2x + 4)^3$

r) $f(x) = (2x - 5)^2 (x^2 + 4)^3$

s) $f(x) = \frac{(2x+3)^3}{(4x^2-1)^8}$

t) $f(x) = \left(\frac{x^2+x}{1-2x}\right)^4$

u) $f(x) = \sin^3(x^2) \cos^4(x^2)$

v) $f(x) = \sqrt{\csc^3(5x)} \cot^4(5x)$

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

x) $f(t) = \sqrt{t} \sec \sqrt{t} - \frac{1}{t} \tan \frac{1}{t}$

y) $f(x) = \frac{\sqrt{3x-1}}{\sqrt[3]{2x+5}}$

z) $f(z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{z^2+1}} - \sqrt{1+\sin^2 z} + \sqrt[5]{\pi}$

2. Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$.

a) $y = x^2 \sin^3(2x)$

b) $y = \tan^4(\sqrt{3x-1})$

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

d) $y = \sec^2 x \tan^3 x$

e) $y = \frac{1 + \csc(x^2)}{1 - \cot(x^2)}$

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

g) $y = \frac{(4x^2 - 1)^5}{(1 - 2x)^3}$

h) $y = \left(\frac{16x+1}{2x-1}\right)^{-4}$

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

j) $y = \sin^4(3x^2)\cos^3(3x^2)$

k) $y = (4x+3)^4 \sqrt[3]{2x+1}$

3. Find an equation for the tangent line to the graph at the specified point.

a) $y = \sec^3\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - x\right) \quad x = \frac{-\pi}{2}$

b) $y = \left(x - \frac{1}{x}\right)^4 \quad x = 2$

4. Find all points on the graph of the function at which the tangent line is horizontal.

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

b) $y = \frac{(x^2 - 3)^4}{(x^2 + 3)^5}$

5. Find the equation of all tangent lines to the graph of $f(x) = (3x - 1)^4$ that are parallel to $y = 12x + 5$.

6. Find the equation of all tangent lines to the graph of $f(x) = \frac{-9}{(3x + 2)^3}$ that are parallel to $y = 16x - 2$.

7. Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ if $y = \left(\frac{ax + b}{cx + d}\right)^5$, where a, b, c and d are constants.

8. The electric field intensity E on the axis of a uniformly charged ring at a point x units from the center of the ring is given by the formula

$$E = \frac{Qx}{(a^2 + x^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$

where a and Q are constants. Find a formula for the rate of change of field intensity E with respect to distance x along the axis.

9. The strength of a person's reaction to a certain drug is given by $R(Q) = Q\sqrt{C - \frac{1}{3}Q}$ where Q represents the quantity of the drug given to the patient and C is a constant.

a) The derivative $R'(Q)$ is called the *sensitivity* to the drug. Find $R'(Q)$.

b) Find the sensitivity to the drug if $C = 59$ and a patient is given 87 units of the drug.

ANSWERS

1. a) $f'(x) = 30(3x - 2)(3x^2 - 4x)^{14}$

b) $f'(x) = 12 \left(\frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} - \frac{1}{x^2} \right) \left(\sqrt{x} + \frac{1}{x} \right)^{11}$

c) $f'(x) = \frac{-14}{(2x - 5)^8}$

d) $f'(x) = \frac{3x^2 - 2}{5(x^3 - 2x + 1)^{\frac{4}{5}}}$

e) $f'(t) = \frac{8t^{\frac{7}{2}} - 2\sqrt{t} + \sqrt{3}}{4\sqrt{t^5 - t^2} + \sqrt{3t^{\frac{3}{2}}}}$

f) $f'(x) = -8\sin 4x$

g) $f'(x) = \frac{\sec^2 \sqrt{x}}{2\sqrt{x}}$

h) $f'(x) = -15 \cos^4 x \sin x$

i) $f'(x) = -150 \cos^4(10x) \sin(10x)$

j) $f'(x) = 24x^5 \sec^2(x^6) \tan(x^6)$

k) $f'(x) = -\sin x \cos(\cos x)$

l) $f'(x) = \frac{3 \cos 3x + 3 \cos 3x \cos 5x + 5 \sin 3x \sin 5x}{(1 + \cos 5x)^2}$

m) $f'(z) = 0$

n) $f'(x) = \frac{-3 \cos^2 \left(\frac{x}{x+1} \right) \sin \left(\frac{x}{x+1} \right)}{(x+1)^2}$

o) $f'(x) = \frac{-16x^3 + 32x \sec(4x^2 - 2) \tan(4x^2 - 2)}{(x^4 - \sec(4x^2 - 2))^5}$

p) $f'(x) = 2 \sin x \cos x \sqrt{x + \cos^3(5x)} + \frac{\sin^2 x (1 - 15 \cos^2(5x) \sin(5x))}{2\sqrt{x + \cos^3(5x)}}$

q) $f'(x) = 6(11x^2 + 16x - 1)(2x + 4)^2(3x^2 - 1)^3$

r) $f'(x) = 2(8x^2 - 15x + 8)(2x - 5)(x^2 + 4)^2$

s) $f'(x) = \frac{-2(2x + 3)^2(52x^2 + 96x + 3)}{(4x^2 - 1)^9}$

t) $f'(x) = \frac{-4(x^2 + x)^3(2x^2 - 2x - 1)}{(1 - 2x)^5}$

u) $f'(x) = 6x \sin^2(x^2) \cos^5(x^2) - 8x \sin^4(x^2) \cos^3(x^2)$

v) $f'(x) = \frac{-15}{2} \csc^{\frac{3}{2}}(5x) \cot^5(5x) - 20 \csc^{\frac{7}{2}}(5x) \cot^3(5x)$

w) $f'(x) = \frac{(55x + 13)\sqrt{2x - 1}}{3(5x + 2)^{\frac{2}{3}}}$

- x) $f'(t) = \frac{\sec \sqrt{t}}{2\sqrt{t}} + \frac{1}{2} \sec \sqrt{t} \tan \sqrt{t} + \frac{\sec^2 \frac{1}{t} + t \tan \frac{1}{t}}{t^3}$
- y) $f'(x) = \frac{6x+49}{6(3x-1)^{\frac{1}{2}}(2x+5)^{\frac{4}{3}}}$ z) $f'(z) = \frac{-z}{(z^2+1)^{\frac{3}{2}}} - \frac{\sin z \cos z}{\sqrt{1+\sin^2 z}}$
2. a) $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2x \sin^3(2x) + 6x^2 \sin^2(2x) \cos(2x)$
- b) $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{6 \tan^3 \sqrt{3x-1} \sec^2 \sqrt{3x-1}}{\sqrt{3x-1}}$
- c) $\frac{dy}{dx} = -5 \cos(\cos(\tan 5x)) \sin(\tan(5x)) \sec^2(5x)$
- d) $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2 \sec^2 x \tan^4 x + 3 \sec^4 x \tan^2 x$
- e) $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-2x(\csc(x^2) \cot^2(x^2) - \csc(x^2) \cot(x^2) - \csc^2(x^2) - \csc^3(x^2))}{(1 - \cot(x^2))^2}$
- f) $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{(2x^2+1)(3x-1)^4(42x^3-4x^2+9x+2)}{x^3}$
- g) $\frac{dy}{dx} = -2(2x+1)^4(2x-1)(14x-3)$ h) $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{72(2x-1)^3}{(16x+1)^5}$
- i) $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2x^3 - 2x^2 + 4x + 2}{x^2(x+2)^4}$
- j) $\frac{dy}{dx} = 24x \sin^3(3x^2) \cos^4(3x^2) - 18x \sin^5(3x^2) \cos^2(3x^2)$
- k) $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2(52x+27)(4x+3)^3}{3(2x+1)^{\frac{2}{3}}}$
3. a) $y = -1$ b) $y = \frac{135}{8}x - \frac{459}{16}$
4. a) $x = \frac{19}{27}, \frac{5}{3}, \frac{-1}{2}$ b) $x = 0, \pm\sqrt{3}, \pm 3\sqrt{3}$
5. $y = 12x - 7$
6. $y = 16x$ and $y = 16x + \frac{64}{3}$
7. $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{5(ax+b)^4(ad-bc)}{(cx+d)^6}$
8. $\frac{dE}{dx} = \frac{Q(a^2-2x^2)}{(a^2+x^2)^{\frac{5}{2}}}$
9. a) $R'(Q) = \frac{6C-3Q}{2\sqrt{9C-3Q}}$ b) $\frac{31\sqrt{30}}{60}$