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• *Differentiation Rules*

(56) Differentiate the following functions.

(a) $y = x^5 - 2x + 2\sqrt{x} - 7$

(b) $y = 4x^3 + 3x^2 + \frac{9}{\sqrt[3]{x^2}}$

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

(57) Find an equation of the tangent line to the graph of $f(x) = \sqrt{x} - x$ at the point $(4, -2)$.

(58) Differentiate the following functions.

(a) $y = (x^2 + x - 1)(5x - \sqrt{x})$

(b) $y = 4x^2(x^5 - x)$

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

(59) The population P (in thousands) of a town is given by $P(t) = \frac{500t}{2t^2 + 9}$, where t is the time (in years).

(a) Find the population after 12 years.

(b) Find the population growth rate at $t = 12$ years.

• *1.7. The Chain Rule*

(60) **Definition.** The **composed** function $f \circ g$, the **composition** of f and g , is defined as $(f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x))$.

(61) For $f(x) = x^3$ and $g(x) = 3x + 4$, find $f \circ g$ and $g \circ f$.

Summary of C.R. in the following Table

power chain rule

$$\frac{d}{dx} (f(x)^n) = n(f(x))^{n-1} \cdot f'(x)$$

general chain rule

$$\frac{d}{dx} (f(g(x))) = f'(g(x)) \cdot g'(x)$$

gear demonstration

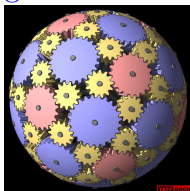


Figure: Chain of gears (courtesy of [martahidegkuti](#))

Proof of the Chain Rule. Let $f(u)$ be differentiable at $u = g(c)$, and let $g(x)$ be differentiable at $x = c$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dx}f(g(x))\Big|_{x=c} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(g(x)) - f(g(c))}{x - c} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(g(x)) - f(g(c))}{g(x) - g(c)} \cdot \frac{g(x) - g(c)}{x - c} \\ &= f'(g(c)) \cdot g'(c).\end{aligned}$$

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Reference on Chain Rule

(62) Differentiate the following functions.

(a) $y = (3x + 4)^3$

(b) $y = \sqrt[3]{5 - x^3}$

(c) $y = \frac{1}{(2x^2 - x)^4}$

(d) $y = \sqrt{6x + 1}$

(e) $y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6x + 1}}$

(63) A new phone is released on the market. Its quantity sold N is given as a function of time t , in weeks, by $N(t) = \frac{10,000t^2}{(2t + 3)^2}$. Find $N'(t)$. Then find $N'(20)$ and $N'(200)$.

• Higher-Order Derivatives*

(64) Find the second derivative of the following functions.

(a) $y = x^5 - 8x^7 + 9x$

(b) $y = 1/x$

(65) **Definition.** The **velocity** $v(t)$ and **acceleration** $a(t)$ of an object that is $s(t)$ units from a starting point at time t are given by $v(t) = s'(t)$ and $a(t) = v'(t) = s''(t)$.

(66) Suppose that a ball is dropped from the 86th floor observation deck of the Empire State Building, 320 meters above the ground. Let t denote time (in seconds) and $s(t)$ denote the distance fallen after t seconds (in meters). Then Galileo's law is expressed by $s(t) = 4.9t^2$. Find the velocity and acceleration of the ball at $t = 3$.

(67) Given $s(t) = -t^3 + 4t - 2$, where $s(t)$ is in meters and t is in seconds, find the velocity and acceleration at $t = 1$.

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