

WARMUP

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Find } f'(x) \text{ if } f(x) &= (3x^2 + 2)^2 \\ &= (3x^2 + 2)(3x^2 + 2) \\ &= 9x^4 + 12x^2 + 4 \\ f'(x) &= 36x^3 + 24x \\ &= 12x(3x^2 + 2)\end{aligned}$$

Section 3.4 The Chain Rule

Let's do the derivative of $f(x) = (3x^2 + 2)^2$ using the chain rule.

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= (3x^2 + 2)^2 \\ f'(x) &= \underbrace{2(3x^2 + 2)}_{\text{POWER RULE}} \cdot \underbrace{6x}_{\text{deriv. of what's in the parentheses}}\end{aligned}$$

$$f'(x) = 12x(3x^2 + 2)$$

ex: $f(x) = (3x^2 + 2)^{19}$

$$f'(x) = 19(3x^2 + 2)^{18} \cdot 6x$$
$$f'(x) = 114x(3x^2 + 2)^{18}$$

CHAIN RULE:

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

BASIC

$$\frac{d}{dx} [x^n] = nx^{n-1}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [e^x] = e^x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [a^x] = a^x \ln a$$

CHAIN RULE

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

$$\frac{d}{dx} [e^{f(x)}] = e^{f(x)} \cdot f'(x)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [a^{f(x)}] = a^{f(x)} \cdot \ln a \cdot f'(x)$$

ex: $f(x) = \sqrt{x^4 + 1} = (x^4 + 1)^{\frac{1}{2}}$

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

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

ex: $f(x) = e^{2x}$

$$f'(x) = e^{2x} \cdot 2$$

$$f'(x) = 2e^{2x}$$

In general

$$\frac{d}{dx} [e^{kx}] = ke^{kx}$$

ex: $g(x) = 3^{7x^3 + 2x}$

$$g'(x) = 3^{7x^3 + 2x} \cdot \ln 3 \cdot (21x^2 + 2)$$

ex: $f(x) = \underline{x} \underline{e^{5-2x}}$

$$f'(x) = \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{1st}}}{x} \cdot \underbrace{e^{5-2x} \cdot (-2)}_{\text{deriv of 2nd}} + \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{2nd}}}{e^{5-2x}} \cdot \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{deriv of 1st}}}{1}$$

$$f'(x) = e^{5-2x} (-2x + 1)$$

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9) $f(x) = e^{\pi x} \Rightarrow f'(x) = e^{\pi x} \cdot \pi = \pi e^{\pi x}$

$$f'(x) = \pi e^{\pi x}$$

17) $g(t) = e^{(1+3t)^2}$

$$e^{1+6t+9t^2}$$
$$e^{1+6t+9t^2} (6+18t)$$

$$g'(x) = e^{(1+3t)^2} \cdot 2(1+3t)' \cdot 3$$

$$g'(x) = 6(1+3t) e^{(1+3t)^2}$$

21) $f(w) = e^{\frac{3w}{2}} = e^{\frac{3}{2}w} \quad f'(w) = \frac{3}{2} e^{\frac{3}{2}w}$

$$25) y = t e^{-t^2}$$

$$y' = t \cdot e^{-t^2} (-2t) + e^{-t^2} \cdot 1$$

$$y' = e^{-t^2} (-2t^2 + 1)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left[\underbrace{e^{-t^2}}_{e^{f(t)}} \right]$$

$$\underbrace{e^{-t^2}}_{e^{f(t)}} \cdot \underbrace{(-2t)}_{f'(t)}$$

$$33) y = \frac{1}{e^{3x} + x^2}$$

$$y' = \frac{(e^{3x} + x^2) \cdot 0 - 1(3e^{3x} + 2x)}{(e^{3x} + x^2)^2}$$

$$y' = \frac{-3e^{3x} - 2x}{(e^{3x} + x^2)^2}$$

$$41) f(y) = \sqrt{10^{(5-y)}} = (10^{(5-y)})^{\frac{1}{2}} = 10^{\frac{5}{2} - \frac{1}{2}y}$$

$$f'(y) = 10^{\frac{5}{2} - \frac{1}{2}y} \cdot \ln 10 \cdot \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$f'(y) = \frac{-\sqrt{10^{(5-y)}} \cdot \ln 10}{2}$$