

WARMUP

$$\text{Find } f'(x) \text{ if } f(x) = \underline{(3x^2+2)^2} = (3x^2+2)(3x^2+2)$$
$$= 9x^4 + 12x^2 + 4$$

$$f'(x) = 36x^3 + 24x$$
$$= 12x \underline{(3x^2+2)}$$

$$\text{Now do } f(x) = (3x^2+2)^{19}$$

Section 3.4 The Chain Rule

Consider the function $f(x) = (3x^2+2)^2$.

We could calculate $f'(x)$ like the warmup or we could use the Chain Rule.

$$\text{ex: } f(x) = (3x^2+2)^2$$
$$f'(x) = \underbrace{2(3x^2+2)^1}_{\text{POWER RULE}} \cdot \underbrace{6x}_{\text{deriv. of what's in parentheses}} \leftarrow$$

$$f'(x) = 12x \underline{(3x^2+2)}$$

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

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

ex: $w = (x^3 + 1)^{100}$

$$w' = 100(x^3 + 1)^{99} \cdot 3x^2 = 300x^2(x^3 + 1)^{99}$$

BASIC

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

CHAIN RULE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$= \frac{2x^3}{\sqrt{x^4 + 1}}$$

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

In general

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$f'(x) = \underbrace{x}_{1st} \underbrace{e^{5-2x} (-2)}_{der 2nd} + e^{5-2x} \cdot 1$$

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

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

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

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

$$21) y = e^{3w/2} = e^{\frac{3}{2}w}$$
$$y' = \frac{3}{2}e^{\frac{3}{2}w}$$

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

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