



## Differentiation methods

### The Chain Rule:

If  $f(u)$  is differentiable at the point  $u = g(x)$  and  $g(x)$  is differentiable at  $x$ , then the composite function  $(f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x))$  is differentiable at  $x$ , and

إذا كانت الدالة  $f(u)$  قابلة للتفاضل عند النقطة  $u = g(x)$  وكانت الدالة  $g(x)$  قابلة للتفاضل عند  $x$ ، فإن الدالة المركبة  $(f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x))$  تكون قابلة للتفاضل عند  $x$ ، و

$$(f \circ g)'(x) = f'(g(x)) \cdot g'(x).$$

In Leibniz's notation, if  $y = f(u)$  and  $u = g(x)$ , then

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx},$$

where  $dy/du$  is evaluated at  $u = g(x)$ .

**Example 1:** Derivative the function  $y = (3x^2 + 1)^2$  by chain rule

**Solution:**

The function  $y = f(u) = u^2$ ,  $\frac{dy}{du} = 2u$

and function  $u = g(x) = 3x^2 + 1$ ,  $\frac{du}{dx} = 6x$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{dy}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx} = 2u \cdot 6x \\ &= 2(3x^2 + 1) \cdot 6x \quad \text{Substitute for } u \\ &= 36x^3 + 12x. \end{aligned}$$

Calculating the derivative from the expanded formula

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx}(9x^4 + 6x^2 + 1) = 36x^3 + 12x.$$



## Implicit Differentiation

1. Differentiate both sides of the equation with respect to  $x$ , treating  $y$  as a differentiable function of  $x$ .

اشتق طرفي المعادلة بالنسبة إلى  $x$ ، مع اعتبار  $y$  دالة قابلة للاشتقاق لـ  $x$ .

2. Collect the terms with  $dy/dx$  on one side of the equation and solve for  $dy/dx$ .

اجمع الحدود التي تحتوي على  $dy/dx$  في أحد طرفي المعادلة، ثم حل المعادلة لإيجاد قيمة  $dy/dx$ .

**Example 1:** Find  $dy/dx$  if  $y^2 = x^2 + \sin xy$

**Solution:**

$$y^2 = x^2 + \sin xy$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(y^2) = \frac{d}{dx}(x^2) + \frac{d}{dx}(\sin xy)$$

$$2y \frac{dy}{dx} = 2x + (\cos xy) \frac{d}{dx}(xy)$$

$$2y \frac{dy}{dx} = 2x + (\cos xy) \left( y + x \frac{dy}{dx} \right)$$

$$2y \frac{dy}{dx} - (\cos xy) \left( x \frac{dy}{dx} \right) = 2x + (\cos xy)y$$

$$(2y - x \cos xy) \frac{dy}{dx} = 2x + y \cos xy$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2x + y \cos xy}{2y - x \cos xy}$$



## Derivative of Exponential and Logarithm Functions

$$1. \frac{d}{dx}(e^x) = e^x$$

$$2. \frac{d}{dx}(a^x) = a^x \ln(a)$$

$$3. \frac{d}{dx}(\ln(x)) = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$4. \frac{d}{dx}(\log_a(x)) = \frac{1}{x \ln(a)}$$

**Example 1:** Differentiate each of the following functions

(a)  $R(w) = 4^w - 5 \log_9(w)$

(b)  $f(x) = 3e^x + 10x^3 \ln(x)$

**Solution:**

(a)  $R(w) = 4^w - 5 \log_9(w)$

This will be the only example that doesn't involve the natural exponential and natural logarithm functions.

$$R'(w) = 4^w \ln(4) - \frac{5}{w \ln(9)}$$

(b)  $f(x) = 3e^x + 10x^3 \ln(x)$

Not much to this one. Just remember to use the product rule on the second term.

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= 3e^x + 30x^2 \ln(x) + 10x^3 \left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \\ &= 3e^x + 30x^2 \ln(x) + 10x^2 \end{aligned}$$



### Exercises:

**Q1/** write the function in the form  $y = f(u)$  and  $u = g(x)$ . Then find as  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  a function of  $x$ :

1.  $y(t) = \cos(t^2 + 1)$  by chain rule
2.  $y = (2x + 1)^5$

**Q2/** Find  $dy/dx$

1.  $x^2 + y^2 = 25$
2.  $x^2(x - y)^2 = x^2 - y^2$
3.  $x + \tan(xy) = 0$

**Q3/** Differentiate the following function:

$$y = \frac{5e^x}{3e^x + 1}$$