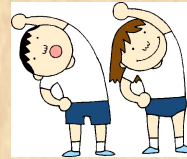


WARM UP!!



A theatre group is sending out letters to patrons asking for financial support. They have formulated that if x letters are sent, the amount of money donated (in thousands of dollars) will be $f(x) = 1/2x^2 + 14x + 90$. (These are very wealthy patrons.)

a) Find and interpret $f(10) = 280$

If 10 letters are sent, then \$280,000 will be donated

b) Express the rate of change in money donated with respect to the number of letters sent

$$f'(x) = x + 14$$

c) Find and interpret $f'(10) = 24$

If 10 letters are sent, then the amount of money donated will be changing at a rate of $\frac{\$24000}{\text{letter}}$

2.4a Chain Rule

ESSENTIAL LEARNING TARGETS

At the end of this lesson, you will be able to:

- apply the chain rule to differentiate composite functions
- know how to compute an average rate of change over an interval
- know that the derivative is the instantaneous rate of change of a function
- interpret the meaning of a derivative within the context of a problem using correct units
- express information about rates of change in applied contexts

Chain Rule: If $y = f(g(x))$, then $y' = f'(g(x)) \cdot g'(x)$

(Think, outside in.)

ex) $y = (3x + 2)^5$, find y'

$$f(g(x)) = (3x+2)^5$$

$$f(x) = x^5$$

$$g(x) = 3x+2$$

$$y' = 5(3x+2)^4 (3)$$

ex) $f(x) = \frac{8x-3}{(5x+4)^7}$, find $f'(x)$

$$f'(x) = \frac{8(5x+4)^7 - (8x-3)(7)(5x+4)^6(5)}{(5x+4)^{14}}$$

$$= \frac{8(5x+4)^7 - (280x-105)(5x+4)^6}{(5x+4)^{14}}$$

$$= \frac{8(5x+4) - 280x + 105}{(5x+4)^8} = \frac{-240x + 137}{(5x+4)^8}$$

You Try!

a) Find all values of x on the graph for which $f'(x) = 0$ and for which $f'(x)$ is undefined.

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

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

$$= \frac{4x}{3\sqrt[3]{x^2 - 1}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f' &= 0 \\ 4x &= 0 \\ x &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} f' \text{ is undefined} \\ 3\sqrt[3]{x^2 - 1} &= 0 \\ x^2 - 1 &= 0 \quad x = \pm 1 \end{aligned}$$

b) Find the equation of the line tangent to y at $t = -3$

$$y = \frac{4}{(t+2)^2} = 4(t+2)^{-2}$$

- a) -5 b) infinity c) -5 d) DNE
 h) 1 i) -2 j) -2 k) und

point $(-3, 4)$ ←

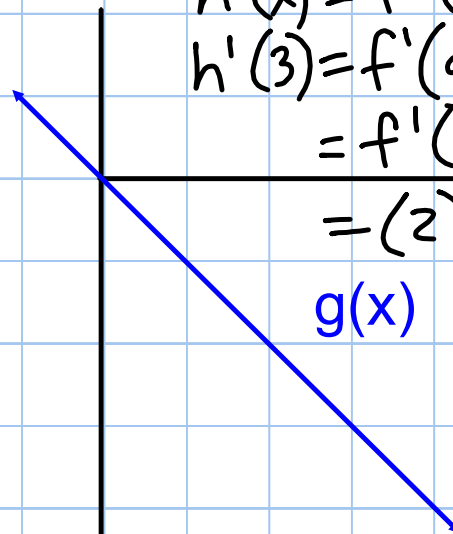
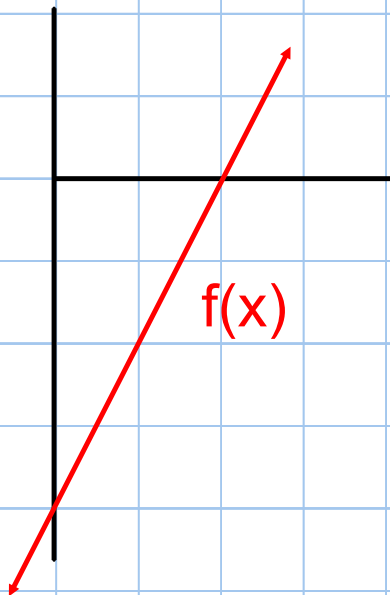
slope = $y'(-3) = 8$

$$y' = \frac{-8}{(t+2)^3}$$

$$y - 4 = 8(x + 3)$$

How well do you know the chain rule?

ex) Given the graphs below, find $h'(3)$ if $h(x) = f(g(x))$



$$\begin{aligned}h'(x) &= f'(g(x)) \cdot g'(x) \\h'(3) &= f'(g(3)) \cdot g'(3) \\&= f'(-3) \cdot g'(3) \\&= (2)(-1) \\g(x) &= \boxed{-2}\end{aligned}$$

Now for something different

The function $y = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$ is tangent to the line $y = 2x + 11$ at $(-2, 7)$ and is also tangent to the line $y = -4x + 3$ at $(0, 3)$. Find a , b , c , and d .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{plugin } (-2, 7) : & 7 = -8a + 4b - 2c + d \\ \text{plugin } (0, 3) : & 3 = d \end{aligned}$$

$$y' = 3ax^2 + 2bx + c$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{plug } x = -2, y' = 2 : & 2 = 12a - 4b + c \\ \text{when } x = 0, y' = -4 : & -4 = c \end{aligned}$$

$$7 = -8a + 4b + 8 + 3$$

$$\text{so } -4 = -8a + 4b$$

$$6 = 12a - 4b$$

$$2 = 4a$$

$$a = \frac{1}{2} \quad b = 0$$

$$2 = 12a - 4b - 4$$

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

What have we learned?

- Can I state the chain rule in terms of $f(x)$ and $g(x)$?
- Can I recognize when to apply the chain rule?
- Can I apply the chain rule in a variety of problems and situations?

