

Advanced Derivative Rules

4.3 – Differentiating Using Two Rules

Ex A: Find the derivative of each function. Factor answers when appropriate.

#1) $h(x) = (3x + 2)^4(5x - 7)^3$

$$h'(x) = [(3x+2)^4]'(5x-7)^3 + (3x+2)^4[(5x-7)^3]'$$

$$h'(x) = 4(3x+2)^3(3x+2)'(5x-7)^3 + (3x+2)^4 3(5x-7)^2(5x-7)'$$

$$h'(x) = 4(3x+2)^3(3) (5x-7)^3 + (3x+2)^4 3(5x-7)^2(5)$$

$$h'(x) = 3(3x+2)^3(5x-7)^2 [4(5x-7) + (3x+2)5]$$

$$h'(x) = 3(3x+2)^3(5x-7)^2 [20x - 28 + 15x + 10]$$

$$h'(x) = 3(3x+2)^3(5x-7)^2 [35x - 18]$$

#2) $y = \left(\frac{x^2}{x-1}\right)^5$

$$y' = 5\left(\frac{x^2}{x-1}\right)^4 \cdot \left(\frac{x^2}{x-1}\right)'$$

$$y' = 5 \frac{x^8}{(x-1)^4} \cdot \frac{(x^2)'(x-1) - x^2(x-1)'}{(x-1)^2}$$

$$y' = \frac{5x^8 [2x(x-1) - x^2(1)]}{(x-1)^6}$$

$$y' = \frac{5x^8 [2x^2 - 2x - x^2]}{(x-1)^6}$$

$$y' = \frac{5x^8 (x^2 - 2x)}{(x-1)^6}$$

$$y' = \frac{5x^9 (x-2)}{(x-1)^6}$$

#3) $g(x) = [x^2 - (x^3 - 6)^4]^8$

$$g'(x) = 8[x^2 - (x^3 - 6)^4]^7 \cdot [x^2 - (x^3 - 6)^4]'$$

$$g'(x) = 8[x^2 - (x^3 - 6)^4]^7 [2x - 4(x^3 - 6)^3 \cdot (x^3 - 6)']$$

$$g'(x) = 8[x^2 - (x^3 - 6)^4]^7 [2x - 4(x^3 - 6)^3 3x^2]$$

$$g'(x) = 8[x^2 - (x^3 - 6)^4]^7 [2x - 12x^2(x^3 - 6)^3]$$

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#4) $h(x) = (x+1)^{10}(x-1)^8$

$$\begin{aligned}
 h'(x) &= \left[(x+1)^{10} \right]' (x-1)^8 + (x+1)^{10} \left[(x-1)^8 \right]' \\
 &= 10(x+1)^9 (x+1)' (x-1)^8 + (x+1)^{10} \cdot 8(x-1)^7 \cdot (x-1)' \\
 &= 10(x+1)^9 (1) (x-1)^8 + (x+1)^{10} \cdot 8(x-1)^7 (1) \\
 &= 2(x+1)^9 (x-1)^7 [5(1)(x-1) + 4(x+1)(1)] \\
 &= 2(x+1)^9 (x-1)^7 [5x - 5 + 4x + 4] \\
 &= 2(x+1)^9 (x-1)^7 (9x - 1)
 \end{aligned}$$

#5) $y = \left(\frac{x+1}{5x^6} \right)^6$

$$\begin{aligned}
 y' &= 6 \left(\frac{x+1}{5x^6} \right)^5 \cdot \left(\frac{x+1}{5x^6} \right)' \\
 &= \frac{6(x+1)^5}{(5x^6)^5} \cdot \frac{(x+1)'(5x^6) - (x+1)(5x^6)'}{(5x^6)^2} \\
 &= \frac{6(x+1)^5}{3125x^{30}} \cdot \frac{(1)(5x^6) - (x+1)(30x^5)}{25x^{12}} \\
 &= \frac{6(x+1)^5}{3125x^{30}} \cdot \frac{5x^6 - 30x^6 - 30x^5}{25x^{12}} \\
 &= \frac{6(x+1)^5 (-25x^6 - 30x^5)}{78125x^{42}} \\
 &= \frac{6(x+1)^5 (-5x^5)(5x+6)}{78125x^{42}} \\
 &= \frac{-6(x+1)^5 (5x+6)}{15625x^{37}}
 \end{aligned}$$

#6) $g(x) = [5x^3 + (x^3 + 5)^8]^7$

$$\begin{aligned}
 g'(x) &= 7 [5x^3 + (x^3 + 5)^8]^6 \cdot [5x^3 + (x^3 + 5)^8]' \\
 &= 7 [5x^3 + (x^3 + 5)^8]^6 [15x^2 + 8(x^3 + 5)^7 \cdot (x^3 + 5)'] \\
 g' &= 7 [5x^3 + (x^3 + 5)^8]^6 [15x^2 + 8(x^3 + 5)^7 \cdot (3x^2)]
 \end{aligned}$$

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#7) If $y = \tan^5(2x)$ find y' .

$$y = [\tan(2x)]^5$$

$$y' = 5 [\tan(2x)]^4 \cdot [\tan(2x)]'$$

$$y' = 5 \tan^4(2x) \sec^2(2x) \cdot (2x)'$$

$$y' = 5 \tan^4(2x) \sec^2(2x) (2)$$

$$y' = 10 \tan^4(2x) \sec^2(2x)$$

#8) If $y = -4\cot^3(7x)$ find y' .

$$y = -4[\cot(7x)]^3$$

$$y' = -12 [\cot(7x)]^2 \cdot [\cot(7x)]'$$

$$y' = -12 \cot^2(7x) \cdot [-\csc^2(7x)] \cdot (7x)'$$

$$y' = -12 \cot^2(7x) \cdot [-\csc^2(7x)] \cdot (7)$$

$$y' = 84 \cot^2(7x) \cdot \csc^2(7x)$$

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#9) If $y = \sec(\cos(4x))$ find y' .

$$y' = \sec(\cos(4x)) \tan(\cos(4x)) \cdot [\cos(4x)]'$$

$$y' = \sec(\cos(4x)) \tan(\cos(4x)) (-\sin(4x)) (4x)'$$

$$y' = \sec(\cos(4x)) \tan(\cos(4x)) (-\sin(4x)) 4$$

$$y' = -4 \sec(\cos(4x)) \tan(\cos(4x)) \sin(4x)$$

Eraser much?

#10) If $y = \sin^2(x) + \sin(x) + \cos^2(x)$ find y' .

$$y = \sin^2(x) + \cos^2(x) + \sin(x)$$

$$y = 1 + \sin(x)$$

$$y' = 0 + \cos(x)$$

$$y' = \cos(x)$$