



SESSION 5: SECTIONS 2-5 AND 2-6 (IMPLICIT DIFFERENTIATION)

Specific Formulas for the Chain Rule

If  $g$  is a differentiable function,  $n$  is any real number, and  $b$  is any positive real number, then

- **Generalized Power Rule:** If  $y = (g(x))^n$ , then  $y' = n(g(x))^{n-1} \cdot g'(x)$ .
- **Generalized Exponential (base  $b$ ) Rule:** If  $y = b^{g(x)}$ , then  $y' = b^{g(x)}(\ln(b)) \cdot g'(x)$ .
- **Generalized Logarithm (base  $b$ ) Rule:** If  $y = \log_b(g(x))$ , then  $y' = \frac{g'(x)}{(g(x))(\ln(b))}$ .

1. Differentiate each of the following.

(a)  $f(x) = (5x^4 + 3x^2 + x)^{20}$

(b)  $g(x) = e^{\sqrt{x+x^2}-5}$

(c)  $t(x) = \log_5(2x^3 + e^x)$

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

(e)  $y(x) = x^5 2^{x^2+5x} + e^{\pi^2}$

(f)  $p(x) = \ln\left(\frac{2x^2 + x}{x + 1}\right)$

(g)  $f(x) = \frac{\log_5(3x^4 + 7x)}{\sqrt{2x^3}}$

(h)  $p(x) = \left[\log_2\left(x^2 + e^{3x^2}\right)\right]^4$

2. Find the  $x$ -values where the graph of  $f(x) = x^3 e^{-x^2}$  has horizontal tangent lines.

3. Suppose  $F(x) = g(f(x))$  and  $f(2) = 3$ ,  $f'(2) = -3$ ,  $g(3) = 5$ , and  $g'(3) = 4$ . Find  $F'(2)$ .

4. Determine an equation for the line tangent to  $f(x) = \ln(3x)$  at  $x = 2$ .

**Steps for using implicit differentiation to find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$ .**

**Step 1:** Substitute  $y(x)$  because we are assuming  $y$  is a function of  $x$ .

**Step 2:** Take the derivative of both sides of the equation with respect to  $x$ .

**Step 3:** Substitute  $y$  back in for  $y(x)$  and write  $y'(x)$  as  $\frac{dy}{dx}$ .

**Step 4:** Solve for  $\frac{dy}{dx}$ .

5. Use implicit differentiation to find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  for each of the following.

(a)  $-6e^y + \frac{1}{3}y^3 - 2\ln(x) = -8$

(b)  $x^2 + x + y^3 - 3y^2 = 45$

(c)  $x^2 + xy^3 - 3y^2 = 45$

(d)  $3x^4 - \ln(y^2) = \frac{4}{y^2}$

6. Find the slope of the line tangent to curve given by  $2x^3 - 10\log_3(y^4) = \frac{120}{y} + 48$  at the point  $(4, 3)$ . If necessary, round to the nearest hundredth.

7. Suppose  $x$  and  $y$  are functions of  $t$  and are related by the equation  $\ln(3x^2 - 5y) + 16 = x^4$ . Given  $\frac{dx}{dt} = 3$ ,  $x = 2$ , and  $y = \frac{11}{5}$ , use the information to find  $\frac{dy}{dt}$ .