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Chain Rule



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rule

$$(f(g))' = f'(g)g'$$

Example:

$$\frac{d}{dx} \sin(e^x) = \cos(x)e^x$$

Application:

$$x = \tan(\arctan(x))$$

$$1 = \frac{d}{dx} \tan(\arctan(x)) = \sec^2(\arctan(x)) \arctan'(x)$$

$$\sec^2(\arctan(x)) = 1 + \tan^2(\arctan(x)) = 1 + x^2$$

$$\arctan'(x) = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$$

PLAN

0. Project Check

1. Poll

2. Chain rule

3. Examples

4. One ring

6. Jam

POLL

What is the
derivative of

$$e^{(e^x)}$$

A

$$e^{(e^x)}$$

B

$$e^x e^x$$

C

$$e^{(e^x)} e e$$

D

$$e e^x e^x$$

CHAIN RULE

$$(f(g))' = f'(g)g'$$

Proof:

$$\frac{f(g(x+h)) - f(g(x))}{h} = \frac{[f(g(x) + (g(x+h) - g(x))) - f(g(x))]}{[g(x+h) - g(x)]} \cdot \frac{[g(x+h) - g(x)]}{h}$$

VARIABLE-FUNCTION

$$\frac{d}{dx} \sin(x^2) = \cos(x^2)2x$$



For a moment, the function x^2 becomes a variable.



ONE RING

$$f(x) = 1/x$$

Chain rule

$$f(g(x)) = 1/g(x)$$

$$f(g(x))' = -g'(x)/g(x)^2$$

The chain rule implies the reciprocal rule!

ONE RING

Chain rule

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dx}(f+g)^2 &= 2(f+g)(f'+g') \\ &= 2(ff' + gg' + gf' + fg')\end{aligned}$$

Chain rule

$$\frac{d}{dx}(f^2 + g^2 + 2fg) = 2ff' + 2gg' + 2(fg)'$$

The chain rule implies the product rule!



One ring to bring them all and
in the Darkness bind them.

EXAMPLES

A

$$\frac{d}{dx} \sin(\log(x))$$

D

$$\frac{d}{dx} \sqrt{x^2 + 4}$$

B

$$\frac{d}{dx} e^{-x^2}$$

E

$$\sin(\cos(x^2))$$

C

$$\frac{d}{dx} \exp(\log(x))$$

WHY CHAIN RULE?

$\sin(\cos(\exp(\tan(x))))$



JAMM

A

$$\frac{d}{dx} \sin(\sin(x))$$

B

$$\frac{d}{dx} \sin(\sin(\sin(x)))$$

C

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

D

$$\frac{d}{dx} \sin(\cos(\tan(x)))$$

DERIVATIVES OF INVERSE

A

$$\frac{d}{dx} \arctan(x)$$

B

$$\frac{d}{dx} \arcsin(x)$$

The End

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