

CHAPTER 2 cont.: Differentiation

Concepts/Skills to know:

- Use **Chain Rule** to differentiate composite functions

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

$y = f(u)$, $u = g(x)$, and $y = f(g(x))$ so **$f(u)$** is outer func, **$g(x)$** is inner func, **$f(g(x))$** is composite func

- Use **Generalized Power Rule** to differentiate composite power functions

$$\frac{d}{dx}(u^n) = n \cdot u^{n-1} \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$$

$y = u^n$, $u = g(x)$, and $y = (g(x))^n$ so **u^n** is outer func, **$g(x)$** is inner func, **$(g(x))^n$** is composite func

- Use **Generalized Trig Rules** to differentiate composite trig functions

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\sin u) = \cos u \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$$

$y = \sin u$, $u = g(x)$, and $y = \sin(g(x))$ so **$\sin u$** is outer func, **$g(x)$** is inner func, **$\sin(g(x))$** is composite func

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\cos u) = -\sin u \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$$

$y = \cos u$, $u = g(x)$, and $y = \cos(g(x))$ so **$\cos u$** is outer func, **$g(x)$** is inner func, **$\cos(g(x))$** is composite func

- Use shortcuts for differentiation: Quotient rule, Product rule, Difference rule, Sum rule, Constant multiple rule, Power rule, Derivatives of linear and constant functions

- Use **Implicit Differentiation** to differentiate equations when there is no obvious way to solve for **y** in terms of **x** to obtain **$f(x)$** .

1. Differentiate both sides and use rules for differentiation.

2. Isolate terms with $\frac{dy}{dx}$.

3. Factor out $\frac{dy}{dx}$.

4. Solve for $\frac{dy}{dx}$.

- Use implicit differentiation to find **slope** of tangent line at a specific point **$P(x, y)$** of the graph.

- Find **second derivatives** of implicit functions.

- Solve **Related Rates** problem in which there are **3** variables i.e. **x** , **y** , and **t** .

Use implicit differentiation with respect to **t** and find $\frac{dx}{dt}$ and $\frac{dy}{dt}$. $x = f(t)$ and $y = g(t)$

Don't forget units!