

THE CHAIN RULE

1 Use the chain rule to differentiate:

(a) $y = (x^2 - 4)^5$

(b) $f(x) = \sqrt{5x - 1}$

(c) $y = (x^3 - 3x)^4$

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(g) $f(x) = \sqrt{x^2 - 2x}$

(h) $f(t) = (t^2 + 4)^{-2}$

(i) $y = \sqrt{25 - x^2}$

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3 Find the derivative of each function.

(a) $y = \sqrt{x^2 - 4}$

(b) $f(x) = (x^2 + 1)^{\frac{1}{2}}$

(c) $y = (1 + 2x)^{-1}$

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3 Find the derivative of each function.

(g) $f(x) = (3x^2 - 2x - 1)^4$

(h) $f(t) = (t^2 + 4)^{-2}$

(i) $y = \left(x - \frac{1}{x}\right)^4$

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4 For $g(x) = x^2 + 5x + \sqrt[3]{x^2 - 4}$, indicate whether each statement is correct or incorrect.

(a) $g'(x) = \frac{2x}{3}(x^2 - 4)^{-\frac{2}{3}}$

(b) $g'(x) = 4x$

(c) $g'(x) = 2x + 5 + \frac{2x}{3}(x^2 - 4)^{-\frac{2}{3}}$

(d) $g'(x) = 2x + 5 + \frac{2x}{3(x^2 - 4)^{\frac{2}{3}}}$

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5 Find the derivative of each function.

(a) $y = (x - 3)(3x + 4)^6$

(b) $f(x) = x^2\sqrt{1 - x^2}$

(c) $h(t) = t^3 + (4 - t)^4$