

AP Calculus: Chain Rule Practice

Part I: Free Response. Find the first derivative for each, then simplify as much as possible

1. $f(x) = (2x + 1)^3$

2. $f(x) = \frac{1}{(x^2 + 4)^2}$

3. $h(x) = \cos 2t^2 + 2 \cos^2 t$

4. $h(u) = (3u^2 + 5)^3(3u - 1)^2$

5. $f(y) = \left(\frac{y - 7}{y + 2}\right)^2$

6. $f(r) = (r^2 + 1)^3(2r + 5)^2$

7. $f(x) = 4\cos(\sin 3x)$

8. $g(x) = \sqrt{1 + 4x^2}$

9. $g(y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{25 - y^2}}$

10. $f(x) = \frac{1}{(\sin 3x)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$

11. $f(x) = \sqrt[3]{2x^3 - 5x^2 + x}$

12. $h(y) = \cos \sqrt{y^2 + 1}$

13. $g(x) = \sqrt{1 + \cos^2 2x}$

14. $f(x) = \cos^2 x^2$

Part II: Multiple choice
Multiple Choice Chain Rule Practice

#1.

Find the derivative of the function.

$$f(t) = (1 - 3t^4)^3$$

A) $f'(t) = -36t^2(1 - 3t^4)^2$

B) $f'(t) = -4t^3(1 - 3t^3)^2$

C) $f'(t) = -3t^4(1 - 3t^4)^2$

D) $f'(t) = -36t^3(1 - 3t^4)^2$

E) $f'(t) = -36t^3(1 - 3t^3)^2$

#2.

Find the derivative of the function.

$$f(t) = (2 + 3t)^{\frac{6}{5}}$$

A) $f'(t) = \frac{2}{5}(2 + 3t)^{\frac{1}{5}}$

B) $f'(t) = 3(2 + 3t)^{\frac{1}{5}}$

C) $f'(t) = \frac{18}{5}(2 + 3t)^{\frac{1}{6}}$

D) $f'(t) = \frac{3}{5}(2 + 3t)^{\frac{1}{5}}$

E) $f'(t) = \frac{18}{5}(2 + 3t)^{\frac{1}{5}}$

#3.

Find the derivative of the function.

$$f(x) = x^5 \sqrt{8 - 2x}$$

A) $f'(x) = \frac{x^4(80 - 22x)}{2\sqrt{8 - 2x}}$

B) $f'(x) = \frac{x^4(80 + 22x)}{2\sqrt{8 - 2x}}$

C) $f'(x) = \frac{x^4(8 - 22x)}{2\sqrt{8 - 2x}}$

D) $f'(x) = \frac{x^4(80 - 2x)}{2\sqrt{8 - 2x}}$

E) $f'(x) = \frac{x^4(8 + 2x)}{2\sqrt{8 - 2x}}$

#4.

Find the derivative of the function.

$$g(x) = \left(\frac{x+3}{x^2+6} \right)^8$$

A) $g'(x) = \frac{8(6-6x+x^2)}{(3+x)(6+x^2)} \left(\frac{(3+x)}{(6+x^2)} \right)^8$

B) $g'(x) = \frac{8(6+6x-x^2)(3+x)^7}{(6+x^2)^9}$

C) $g'(x) = \frac{8(6-6x-x^2)(3+x)^9}{(6+x^2)^7}$

D) $g'(x) = -\frac{8(6-6x-x^2)(3+x)^7}{(6+x^2)^9}$

E) $g'(x) = \frac{8(6-6x-x^2)(3+x)^7}{(6+x^2)^9}$

#5.

Find the derivative of the function.

$$y = \cos(6x^4 - 4)$$

A) $y' = -24 \sin(6x^4 - 4)$

B) $y' = -24x^3 \sin(6x^4 - 4)$

C) $y' = 24 \sin(6x^4 - 4)$

D) $y' = 24x^4 \cos(6x^4 - 4)$

E) $y' = -6 \sin(6x^4 - 4)$

#6.

Find the derivative of the function.

$$f(\theta) = \frac{5}{13} \sin^2 5\theta$$

A) $f'(\theta) = \frac{5 \sin 5\theta \cos 5\theta}{13}$

B) $f'(\theta) = \frac{50 \sin 5\theta \cos 5\theta}{13}$

C) $f'(\theta) = \frac{50 \cos 5\theta}{13}$

D) $f'(\theta) = -\frac{50 \sin 5\theta \cos 5\theta}{13}$

E) $f'(\theta) = \frac{50 \sin 5\theta}{13}$

#7.

Find the derivative of the function.

$$f(t) = 3 \sec^2(5\pi t - 3)$$

- A) $f'(t) = 30\pi \sec^2(5\pi t - 3) \tan(5\pi t - 3)$
- B) $f'(t) = 30 \sec^2(5\pi t - 3) \tan(5\pi t - 3)$
- C) $f'(t) = 5\pi \sec^2(5\pi t - 3) \tan(5\pi t - 3)$
- D) $f'(t) = 15\pi \sec^2(5\pi t - 3) \tan(5\pi t - 3)$
- E) $f'(t) = 30\pi \sec^2(5\pi t - 3) \tan(3 - 5\pi t)$

#8.

Find an equation to the tangent line for the graph of f at the given point.

$$f(x) = (2x^3 + 8)^2, \quad (-1, 36)$$

- A) $y = 72x + 108$
- B) $y = 72x - 108$
- C) $y = -72x + 108$
- D) $y = 36x + 108$
- E) $y = 36x - 108$

#9. (Calculator permitted)

Find an equation to the tangent line to the graph of f at the given point.

$$f(x) = \tan^4 x, \quad \left(\frac{8\pi}{9}, 0.018 \right)$$

The coefficients below are given to two decimal places.

- A) $y = 0.22x + 0.63$
- B) $y = -0.22x - 0.63$
- C) $y = -0.22x + 0.63$
- D) $y = 0.21x + 0.63$
- E) $y = 0.21x - 0.63$

#10.

Find the second derivative of the function.

$$f(x) = (4x^4 + 6)^5$$

- A) $f''(x) = 80x^2 (6 + 4x^4)^3 (18 + 80x^4)$
- B) $f''(x) = 80x^2 (6 + 4x^4)^3 (18 + 76x^4)$
- C) $f''(x) = 80x^2 (6 + 4x)^3 (18 + 76x^4)$
- D) $f''(x) = 80x^2 (6 + 4x^3)^3 (18 + 76x^4)$
- E) $f''(x) = 80x^2 (6 + 4x^4)^3 (18 - 76x^4)$