

Def.  $f(x) := e^x := 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} + \dots$

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= 0 + 1 + \frac{2x}{2 \cdot 1} + \frac{3x^2}{3 \cdot 2!} + \frac{4x^3}{4 \cdot 3!} + \frac{5x^4}{5 \cdot 4!} + \dots \\ &= 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots \\ &=: e^x =: f(x) \end{aligned}$$

i.e.,  $\frac{de^x}{dx} = e^x$ , so  $\frac{de^u}{dx} = \frac{de^u}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx} = e^u \frac{du}{dx}$

i.e.  $[e^{J(x)}]' = e^{J(x)} \cdot J'(x)$

"  $f(x) = e^{4x^2+3x+1} \Rightarrow f'(x) = e^{4x^2+3x+1} \cdot (8x+3)$

$f(x) = \cos(e^{2x}) \Rightarrow f'(x) = -\sin(e^{2x}) \cdot e^{2x} \cdot 2$   
 $= -2 \cdot e^{2x} \cdot \sin(e^{2x})$

$f(x) = [\cos(e^{2x})]^4$

$f'(x) = 4 \cdot [\cos(e^{2x})]^3 \cdot [-\sin(e^{2x}) \cdot e^{2x} \cdot 2]$

$f(x) = \sin x \cdot \cos x$

$f'(x) = \sin x \cdot [-\sin x] + \cos x \cdot [\cos x]$   
 $= \cos^2 x - \sin^2 x = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2 \cdot \sin x \cdot \cos x = \frac{1}{2} \sin(2x)$

OR  $f(x) = \sin x \cdot \cos x = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2 \cdot \sin x \cdot \cos x = \frac{1}{2} \sin(2x)$

$f'(x) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \cos(2x) \cdot 2 = \cos(2x) = \cos^2(x) - \sin^2(x)$

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Note: Recall that

$$\sin(A+B) = \sin(A) \cdot \cos(B) + \cos(A) \cdot \sin(B)$$

So, upon taking  $A = B = x$ , we have that

$$\begin{aligned} \sin(2x) &= \sin(x+x) = \sin x \cdot \cos x + \cos x \cdot \sin x \\ &= 2 \sin x \cdot \cos x \end{aligned}$$

Also,

$$\cos(A+B) = \cos(A) \cdot \cos(B) - \sin(A) \cdot \sin(B)$$

So, upon taking  $A = B = x$ , we have that

$$\begin{aligned} \cos(2x) &= \cos(x+x) = \cos x \cdot \cos x - \sin x \cdot \sin x \\ &= \cos^2 x - \sin^2 x \end{aligned}$$

Further, since  $\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x = 1$

we have that

$$\begin{aligned} \cos(2x) &= \cos^2 x - \sin^2 x \\ &= 1 - \sin^2 x - \sin^2 x \\ &= 1 - 2\sin^2 x \end{aligned}$$

and also that

$$\begin{aligned} \cos(2x) &= \cos^2 x - \sin^2 x \\ &= \cos^2 x - (1 - \cos^2 x) \\ &= 2\cos^2 x - 1 \end{aligned}$$

which leads to the  $\frac{1}{2}$ -angle formulas

$$\cos^2 x = \frac{1 + \cos(2x)}{2} \quad \& \quad \sin^2 x = \frac{1 - \cos(2x)}{2}$$

i.e.,  $\cos^2\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) = \frac{1 + \cos(x)}{2}$  &  $\sin^2\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) = \frac{1 - \cos(x)}{2}$ .

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Note: Be sure not to confuse

$$f(x) = \sin x \cdot \cos x = \cos x \cdot \sin x$$

with either

$$f(x) = \sin[\cos x] \quad \text{or} \quad f(x) = \cos[\sin x]$$

Indeed

$$f(x) = \sin x \cdot \cos x$$

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$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \sin x \cdot (\cos x)' + \cos x \cdot (\sin x)' \\ &= \sin x \cdot (-\sin x) + \cos x \cdot \cos x \\ &= \cos^2 x - \sin^2 x, \end{aligned}$$

as we saw above, whereas

$$f(x) = \sin[\cos x]$$

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$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \cos[\cos x] \cdot (\cos x)' \\ &= \cos[\cos x] \cdot (-\sin x) \\ &= -\sin x \cdot \cos[\cos x] \end{aligned}$$

while

$$f(x) = \cos[\sin x]$$

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$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= -\sin[\sin x] \cdot (\sin x)' \\ &= -\sin[\sin x] \cdot \cos x \\ &= -\cos x \cdot \sin[\sin x]. \end{aligned}$$

Indeed, one has

$$\begin{aligned}(f \cdot g)'(x) &= (f(x) \cdot g(x))' \\ &= f(x) \cdot g'(x) + g(x) \cdot f'(x)\end{aligned}$$

versus

$$(f \circ g)'(x) = f'[g(x)] \cdot g'(x)$$

Recall:  $(f \cdot g)(x) := f(x) \cdot g(x)$   
 = the pointwise product  
 of  $f(x)$  &  $g(x)$

whereas

$$f \circ g(x) := f[g(x)]$$

i.e.,  $f \circ g$  = the composite of the  
inner function  $g$  followed  
 by the outer function  
 $f$

i.e.,  $f \cdot g$  = the pointwise product  
 of  $f$  &  $g$

while  $f \circ g$  = the composition  
 product of  $f$  &  $g$

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$$f(x) = \sin [J(x)]$$

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$$f'(x) = \cos [J(x)] \cdot J'(x)$$

$$f(x) = \cos [J(x)]$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$f'(x) = -\sin [J(x)] \cdot J'(x)$$

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$$y = f(x) = \sin(u)$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f'(x) = \cos(u) \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$y = f(x) = \cos(u)$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f'(x) = -\sin(u) \frac{du}{dx}$$

DR

$$y = \sin(u)$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{d \sin(u)}{dx} \\ &= \frac{d \sin(u)}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx} \\ &= \cos(u) \cdot \frac{du}{dx} \end{aligned}$$

$$y = \cos(u)$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{d \cos(u)}{dx} \\ &= \frac{d \cos(u)}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx} \\ &= -\sin(u) \cdot \frac{du}{dx} \end{aligned}$$

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$$y = f(x) = \tan[J(x)]$$

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$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f'(x) = \sec^2[J(x)] \cdot J'(x)$$

OR

$$y = \tan(u)$$

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$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{d \tan(u)}{dx} = \frac{d \tan(u)}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$= \sec^2(u) \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$y = f(x) = \cot[J(x)]$$

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$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f'(x) = -\csc^2[J(x)] \cdot J'(x)$$

OR

$$y = \cot(u)$$

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$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{d \cot(u)}{dx} = \frac{d \cot(u)}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$= -\csc^2(u) \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$$

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$$y = f(x) = \sec[J(x)]$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f'(x) = \sec[J(x)] \cdot \tan[J(x)] \cdot J'(x)$$

OR

$$y = \sec(u)$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{d \sec(u)}{dx} = \frac{d \sec(u)}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$= \sec(u) \cdot \tan(u) \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$$


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$$y = f(x) = \csc[J(x)]$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f'(x) = -\csc[J(x)] \cdot \cot[J(x)] \cdot J'(x)$$

OR

$$y = \csc(u)$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{d \csc(u)}{dx} = \frac{d \csc(u)}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$= -\csc(u) \cdot \cot(u) \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$$

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$$y = f(x) = e^{J(x)}$$

⇓

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f'(x) = e^{J(x)} \cdot J'(x)$$

[OR]

$$y = e^u$$

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$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{de^u}{dx} = \frac{de^u}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$= e^u \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$y = \ln[J(x)] = \log_e [J(x)], \text{ for } J(x) > 0$$

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$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f'(x) = \frac{1}{J(x)} \cdot J'(x) = \frac{J'(x)}{J(x)}$$

[OR]

$$y = \ln(u) \text{ for } u > 0$$

⇓

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{d \ln(u)}{dx} = \frac{d \ln(u)}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$= \frac{1}{u} \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$$

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$$y = f(x) = [J(x)]^c, \text{ where } c = \text{a constant}$$

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$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f'(x) = c \cdot [J(x)]^{c-1} \cdot J'(x)$$

OR

a constant

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$$y = u$$

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a variable = a function of x

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$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{d u^c}{dx} = \frac{d u^c}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx} \\ &= c \cdot u^{c-1} \cdot \frac{du}{dx} \end{aligned}$$

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$$f(x) = \sin[\cos(x^2)] = \sin[J(x)]$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$f'(x) = \cos[J(x)] \cdot J'(x)$$

or

$$f(x) = \sin(u)$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$f'(x) = \cos(u) \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$$

So:

$$f(x) = \sin[\cos(x^2)]$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$f'(x) = \cos[\cos(x^2)] \cdot [-\sin(x^2) \cdot (2x)]$$

OR

$$y = \sin[\cos(x^2)]$$

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

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

$$= \cos[\cos(x^2)] \cdot \frac{d \cos(x^2)}{dx^2} \cdot \frac{dx^2}{dx}$$

$$= \cos[\cos(x^2)] \cdot [-\sin(x^2) \cdot 2x]$$

$$f(x) = (\sin[\cos(x^2)])^3 = (J(x))^3 \quad (11)$$

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$$f'(x) = 3 \cdot (J(x))^2 \cdot J'(x)$$

$$= 3 \cdot (\sin[\cos(x^2)])^2 \cdot [\cos[\cos(x^2)] \cdot (-\sin(x^2)) \cdot 2x]$$

**OR**

$$y = f(x) = u^3 \quad \text{where } u = \sin[\cos(x^2)]$$

$$= \sin(v) \quad \text{where}$$

$$v = \cos(x^2)$$

$$= \cos(w)$$

$$\text{where } w = x^2$$

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$$f'(x) = \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{du^3}{dx} = \frac{du^3}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx} = 3u^2 \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$= 3u^2 \cdot \frac{d \sin(v)}{dv} = 3u^2 \cdot \frac{d \sin(v)}{dv} \cdot \frac{dv}{dx}$$

$$= 3u^2 \cdot \cos(v) \cdot \frac{dv}{dx} = 3u^2 \cdot \cos(v) \cdot \frac{d \cos(w)}{dw} \cdot \frac{dw}{dx}$$

$$= 3u^2 \cdot \cos(v) \cdot \frac{d \cos(w)}{dw} \cdot \frac{dw}{dx}$$

$$= 3u^2 \cdot \cos(v) \cdot (-\sin(w)) \cdot \frac{dw}{dx}$$

$$= 3u^2 \cdot \cos(v) \cdot (-\sin(w)) \cdot \frac{d x^2}{dx}$$

$$= 3u^2 \cdot \cos(v) \cdot (-\sin(w)) \cdot 2x$$

$$= 3 (\sin[\cos(x^2)])^2 \cdot \cos[\cos(x^2)] \cdot (-\sin(x^2)) \cdot 2x$$

$$= -6x \cdot (\sin[\cos(x^2)])^2 \cdot \cos[\cos(x^2)] \cdot \sin(x^2)$$

$$f(x) = x^7 + x^5 \Rightarrow f'(x) = 7x^6 + 5x^4 \quad (12)$$

$$f(x) = -6x^3 + 12x^2 - 4x + 7$$

$$\Downarrow \\ f'(x) = -18x^2 + 24x - 4$$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{10} \cdot x^{10} + \frac{1}{9} \cdot x^9 + \frac{1}{8} \cdot x^8$$

$$\Downarrow \\ f'(x) = x^9 + x^8 + x^7$$

$$f(x) = (3x+5)^2 = 9x^2 + 30x + 25$$

$$\Downarrow \\ f'(x) = 18x + 30$$

$$\boxed{\text{OR}} \quad f(x) = (3x+5)^2 \Rightarrow f'(x) = 2 \cdot (3x+5)^1 \cdot 3 \\ = 6 \cdot (3x+5) = 18x + 30$$

$$f(x) = (-2x^2+1)^3 = (-2x^2+1) \cdot (-2x^2+1)^2 \\ = (-2x^2+1) \cdot (4x^4 - 4x^2 + 1) \\ = -8x^6 + 8x^4 - 2x^2 + 4x^4 - 4x^2 + 1 \\ = -8x^6 + 12x^4 - 6x^2 + 1$$

$$\Downarrow \\ f'(x) = -48x^5 + 48x^3 - 12x$$

$$\boxed{\text{OR}} \quad f(x) = (-2x^2+1)^3 = (a+b)^3 \text{ where } a = -2x^2 \text{ \& } b = 1 \\ = a^3 + 3a^2b + 3ab^2 + b^3 \\ = a^3 + 3a^2 + 3a + 1 \\ = (-2x^2)^3 + 3 \cdot (-2x^2)^2 + 3 \cdot (-2x^2) + 1 \\ = -8x^6 + 3 \cdot 4x^4 - 6x^2 = -8x^6 + 12x^4 - 6x^2 + 1$$

$$\Downarrow \\ f'(x) = -48x^5 + 48x^3 - 12x$$

$$\boxed{\text{OR}} \quad f(x) = (-2x^2+1)^3 \Rightarrow f'(x) = 3 \cdot (-2x^2+1)^2 \cdot (-4x) \\ = -12x \cdot (4x^4 - 4x^2 + 1) \\ = -48x^5 + 48x^3 - 12x$$