

3.6 Chain Rule

$$y = f \circ g = f(g(x))$$

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

$$u = g(x)$$

$$y = f(u)$$

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

$$\textcircled{1} y = (2x+3)^2$$

$$y = u^2$$

$$y' = 2u \cdot 2$$

$$y' = 2(2x+3) \cdot 2$$

$$y' = 8x + 12$$

$$g(x) = 2x+3 = u$$

$$f(x) = u^2$$

$$y' = 2(2x+3)' \cdot 2$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad y = (x^3 + x - 1)^5 \quad u = x^3 + x - 1$$

$$y = u^5$$

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

$$y' = 5u^4 (3x^2 + 1)$$

$$y' = 5(x^3 + x - 1)^4 (3x^2 + 1)$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad y = \sqrt{x^2 + 4}$$

$$u = x^2 + 4$$

$$y' = \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + 4}}$$

$$y' = \frac{du}{dy} \cdot \frac{dy}{du}$$

$$y' = \frac{1}{2} u^{-1/2} \cdot (2x)$$

~~$$y' = \frac{1 \cdot 2x}{2 \sqrt{u}}$$~~

$$\textcircled{4} \quad y = (2x+3)^{2/3}$$

$$u = 2x+3$$

$$y' = u^{2/3}$$
$$y'' = \frac{2}{3} u^{-1/3} \cdot 2$$


$$y'' = \frac{4}{3\sqrt[3]{2x+3}}$$

$$\textcircled{5} \quad y = \sin 2x$$

$$u = 2x$$

$$y = \sin u$$

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

$$y' = 2 \cos 2x$$


$$\textcircled{6} \quad y = \sec(x^2) \quad u = x^2$$

$$y = \underline{\sec u}$$

$$y' = \underline{\sec u \tan u} \cdot 2x$$

$$y' = 2x \sec x^2 \tan x^2$$