

$$\underline{Q}: \frac{d}{dx} [e^{5x}]$$

$$h(x) = e^{5x} = f(g(x))$$

$$\text{where } f(u) = e^u \quad g(x) = \underline{5x = u}$$

## The Chain Rule

If  $g$  is differentiable at  $x$  and  $f$  is differentiable at  $g(x)$ , then the composition  $F(x) = f(g(x))$  is differentiable at  $x$  and

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

If  $u = g(x)$  and  $y = f(u)$ , then

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

↖ replace  $u$ 's afterward

Ex: ①  $h(x) = e^{5x}$        $y = f(u) = e^u$   
 $u = g(x) = 5x$

$$h'(x) = \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \frac{du}{dx} = e^u \cdot 5 = 5e^{5x}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [e^{5x}] = 5e^{5x}$$

②  $h(x) = \sin(x^2 + 4)$        $u = g(x) = \underline{x^2 + 4}$   
 $y = f(u) = \sin(u)$

$$\begin{aligned} h'(x) &= f'(u) \cdot g'(x) \\ &= \cos(u) \cdot (2x) \\ &= 2x \cos(x^2 + 4) \end{aligned}$$

③  $F(x) = \sqrt{x^3 + 4x}$        $u = g(x) = x^3 + 4x$   
 $y = f(u) = \sqrt{u} = u^{1/2}$

$$\begin{aligned} F'(x) &= \frac{1}{2} u^{-1/2} \cdot (3x^2 + 4) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (x^3 + 4x)^{-1/2} (3x^2 + 4) = \frac{3x^2 + 4}{2\sqrt{x^3 + 4x}} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\textcircled{4} \quad f(x) = \underline{2^x} = e^{\ln(2^x)} = \underline{e^{x \ln(2)}} \quad \leftarrow \text{just a \#}$$

$$u = x \ln(2)$$

$$y = e^u$$

$$f'(x) = e^u \cdot \ln 2$$

$$= \underline{e^{x \ln 2}} \cdot \ln 2$$

$$= 2^x \cdot \ln 2$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [2^x] = 2^x \cdot \ln 2$$

$$\boxed{\frac{d}{dx} [b^x] = b^x \cdot \ln b}$$

$$\textcircled{5} \quad f(x) = \underline{(2x-3)^4} \underline{(x^2+x+1)^5}$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{d}{dx} [(2x-3)^4] (x^2+x+1)^5 + (2x-3)^4 \cdot \frac{d}{dx} [(x^2+x+1)^5]$$

$$= (4(2x-3)^3 \cdot 2) (x^2+x+1)^5 + (2x-3)^4 (5(x^2+x+1)^4 \cdot (2x+1))$$

$$= \boxed{8(2x-3)^3 (x^2+x+1)^5 + 5(2x-3)^4 (x^2+x+1)^4 (2x+1)}$$

$$\textcircled{6} \quad y = \sin(e^{x^2})$$

$$v = h(x) = x^2$$

$$u = g(v) = e^v$$

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

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

$$= \cos(u) \cdot e^v \cdot 2x = \cos(e^v) \cdot e^v \cdot 2x$$

$$= \cos(e^{x^2}) \cdot e^{x^2} \cdot 2x$$

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

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

$$= \cos(e^{x^2}) \cdot e^{x^2} \cdot 2x$$