



Chain Rule with Trig. Functions Practice

Directions: Find the derivative of $f(x)$, then evaluate the derivative at the given x -value. No calculator!

1. If $f(x) = x^3 \cos x$, find $f'(\pi)$

$$f'(x) = x^3 \sin x + 3x^2 \cos x$$

$$f'(\pi) = (\pi)^3 \sin \pi + 3(\pi)^2 \cos \pi = -\pi^3 \cdot 0 + 3\pi^2 \cdot -1 = \boxed{-3\pi^2}$$

2. If $f(x) = \sqrt{x} \sin x$, find $f'(2\pi)$

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

$$= \sqrt{x} \cos x + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} \sin x$$

$$f'(2\pi) = \sqrt{2\pi} \cos 2\pi + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2\pi}} \sin 2\pi = \sqrt{2\pi} \cdot 1 + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2\pi}} \cdot 0 = \boxed{\sqrt{2\pi}}$$

3. If $f(x) = \frac{\sec x^4}{x^2}$, find $f'(x)$

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

4. If $f(x) = \frac{\tan x}{x^2}$, find $f'(x)$

$$f'(x) = \frac{x^2 \sec^2 x - 2x \tan x}{x^4}$$

5. If $f(x) = \sin(2x)$, find $f'\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)$

$$f'(x) = \cos(2x) \cdot 2 = \boxed{2 \cos(2x)}$$

$$f'\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 2 \cdot \cos\left(2 \cdot \frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 2 \cdot \cos \pi = 2 \cdot -1 = \boxed{-2}$$

6. If $f(x) = \cos\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)$, find $f'\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)$

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

$$f'\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = -\frac{1}{2} \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2}\right) = -\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} = \boxed{-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{4}}$$

7. If $f(x) = \sec(x^2)$, find $f'(\sqrt{\pi})$

$$f'(x) = \sec(x^2) \tan(x^2) \cdot 2x$$

$$f'(\sqrt{\pi}) = \sec(\sqrt{\pi}^2) \tan(\sqrt{\pi}^2) \cdot 2(\sqrt{\pi}) = -1 \cdot 0 \cdot 2\sqrt{\pi} = \boxed{0}$$

8. If $f(x) = \tan^2 x$, find $f'\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)$

$$f'(x) = 2 \tan x \cdot \sec^2 x$$

$$f'\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = 2 \tan \frac{\pi}{4} \cdot \sec^2\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = 2 \cdot 1 \cdot \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{8}{2} = \boxed{4}$$

9. If $f(x) = \csc^5(x)$, find $f'\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)$

$$f'(x) = 5 \csc^4 x \cdot -\cot x \csc x$$

$$= -5 \csc^5 x \cdot \cot x$$

$$f'\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = -5 \csc^5\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) \cdot \cot\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \boxed{0}$$

10. If $f(x) = \cos^3(4x)$, find $f'\left(\frac{\pi}{16}\right)$

$$f'(x) = 3 \cos^2(4x) \cdot -\sin(4x) \cdot 4$$

$$= -12 \cos^2(4x) \sin(4x)$$

$$f'\left(\frac{\pi}{16}\right) = -12 \cos^2\left(4 \cdot \frac{\pi}{16}\right) \sin\left(4 \cdot \frac{\pi}{16}\right) = -12 \cos^2\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) \cdot \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = -12 \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} = \boxed{-3\sqrt{2}}$$

11. If $f(x) = \cot^3(2x)$, find $f'\left(\frac{\pi}{12}\right)$

$$f'(x) = 3 \cot^2(2x) \cdot -\csc^2(2x) \cdot 2$$

$$= -6 \cot^2(2x) \csc^2(2x)$$

$$f'\left(\frac{\pi}{12}\right) = -6 \cot^2\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) \csc^2\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)$$

$$= -6 \cdot \sqrt{3} \sqrt{3} \cdot 2 \cdot 2 = \boxed{-72}$$

12. If $f(x) = \sin^3(3x^2)$, find $f'\left(\frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{3}\right)$

$$f'(x) = 3 \sin^2(3x^2) \cos(3x^2) \cdot 6x$$

$$= 18x \sin^2(3x^2) \cos(3x^2)$$

$$f'\left(\frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{3}\right) = 18 \cdot \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{3} \cdot \sin^2\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) = 18 \cdot \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{3} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \boxed{\frac{9\sqrt{\pi}}{4}}$$