

Math 1210-3

Monday Feb 11

§2.3-2.4 Derivative rules, derivatives of trig functions. Maybe start §2.5 chain rule.

• We need to discuss pages 3-4 of Friday notes, starting with Exercise 3

Then,

Exercise 1

a) $(f+g)' =$

b) $(cf)' =$

c) $(f/g)' =$

d) $(x^n)' =$ n any integer

e) $(\cos x)' =$

f) $(\sin x)' =$

g) $(\tan x)' =$

h) $(\cot x)' =$

i) $(\sec x)' =$

j) $(\csc x)' =$

k) $(fg)' =$ (I accidentally left this out!)

Exercise 2

$(fgh)' =$

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The chain rule

how to differentiate composite functions

warmup...

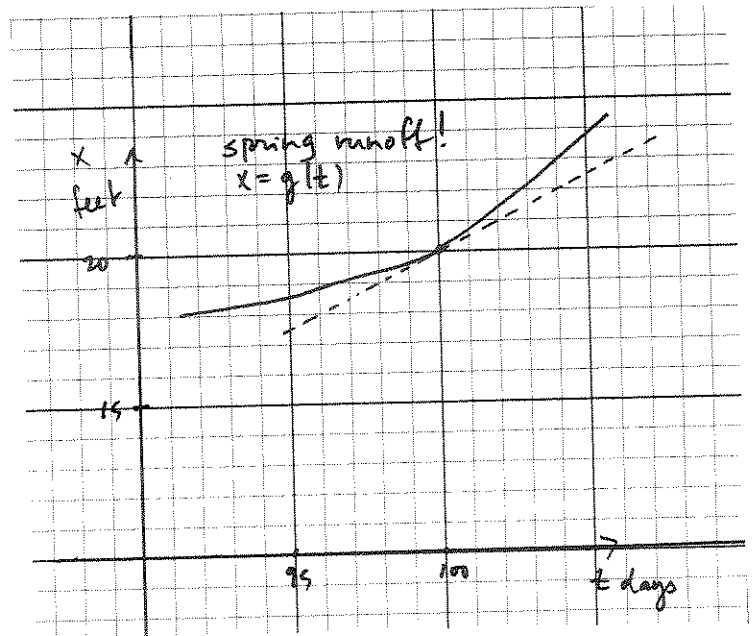
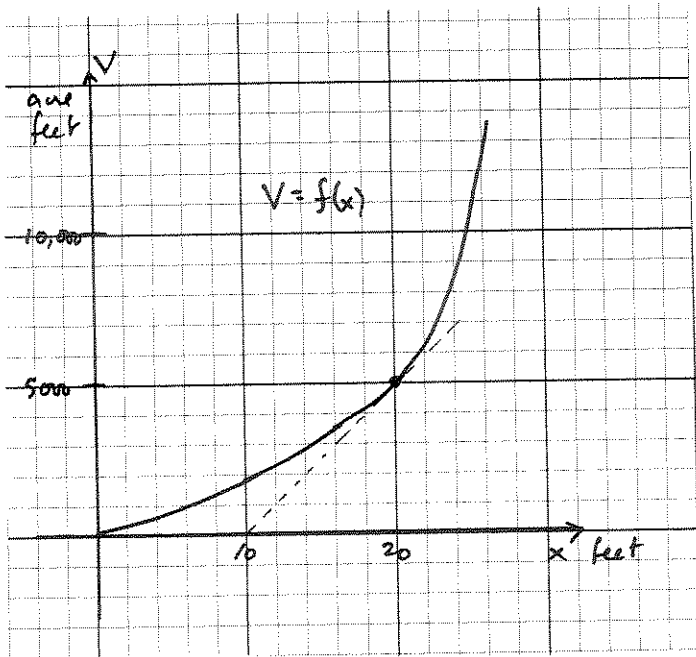
Exercise 3: If your dog is twice as fast as you,
and you're three times faster than your little brother,
how many times faster is your dog than your little brother?

Exercise 4: The volume of a reservoir (say, in acre-feet), is a function of the depth measurement (at the deepest point).

The depth is a function of time. Suppose that at calendar day 100 (some time in March), the depth is 20 feet, and the volume is 5000 acre feet.

Suppose that the volume $V = f(x)$, $V = \text{volume}$
 $x = \text{depth}$

and depth $x = x(t)$ $t = \text{time in calendar day,}$
with graphs



4a) About how fast is the water depth increasing at $t=100$?

4b) About how fast is the reservoir volume increasing at $t=100$?

Hopefully page 2 motivates...

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Chain Rule

For $u = g(x)$
 $y = f(u) = f(g(x))$

(notice we changed
letters from page 2
"t" → "x"
"x" → "u")

Then

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

" The derivative with respect to x of $f(g(x))$ equals
the derivative of f , ~~at~~ evaluated at $g(x)$,
times $g'(x)$.

Exercise 5 Write $F(x)$ as $f(g(x))$, and use the chain rule to differentiate $F(x)$.

5a) $F(x) = (x^3 + x)^2$

5b) $F(x) = \sin\left(\frac{x}{1+x^2}\right)$

5c) $F(x) = [\tan(x^3 + x)]^2$! (this is why it's called the chain rule)

chain rule
Needs lots of practice