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$$D_x(f(g(x))) = f'(g(x))(g'(x)) \quad \text{or} \quad D_x y = (D_u y)(D_x u)$$

Basically, we differentiate from the 'outside-in.' This is very useful if we need to differentiate something like $f(x) = 3(x^2-2x+1)^{80}$ and you really don't want to multiply it out.

EX 1 If
$$y = (3x^3 - 4x + 5)^{10}$$
 find y'
 $y' = 10(3x^3 - 4x + 5)^{9}(9x^{2} - 4)^{9}(9x^{2} - 4)^{9}$

EX 2 If
$$y = \frac{4}{(2x^7 - 6x^2)^5}$$
 find y'
 $y = 4(2x^7 - 6x^2)^{-5}$ D poly
 $y' = 4(-5)(2x^7 - 6x^2)^{-6}(14x^6 - 12x)$
 $= -\frac{20(14x^6 - 12x)}{(2x^7 - 6x^2)^6}$

Ex 3 Find *f*'(*x*):

a)
$$f(x) = \sin^2 x = (\sin x)^2$$

 $f'(x) = 2(\sin x)(\cos x)$

b)
$$f(x) = \sin(x^3)$$

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

EX 3 (continued) Find f'(x):

c)
$$f(x) = \left(\frac{2x+1}{x-5}\right)^{4}$$

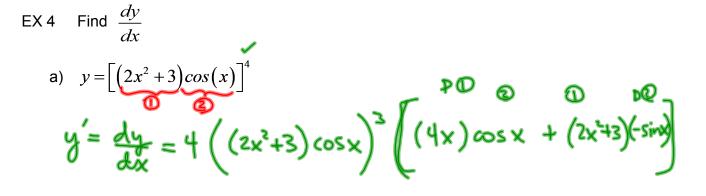
 $f'(x) = 4\left(\frac{2x+1}{x-5}\right)^{3}\left(\frac{(x-5)(2) - (2x+1)(1)}{(x-5)^{2}}\right)$

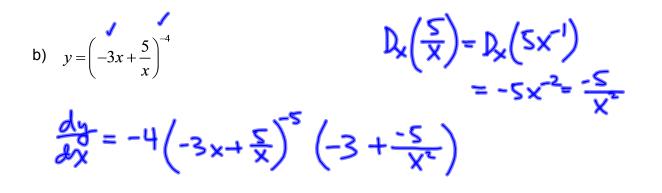
d)
$$f(x) = \sin^{2}(4x)(2x^{5}-3)^{3} = (\sin(4x))^{2}(2x^{5}-3)^{3}$$

start w/ product rule
 $f'(x) = \binom{po}{(2(\sin 4x)(\cos 4x)(4))(2x^{5}-3)^{3}}$
 $+ (\sin(4x))^{2} (3(2x^{5}-3)^{2}(10x^{4}))$

We can think of the chain rule as

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





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