

Chain Rule SPECIAL The General Power Rule

If you grok the Chain Rule, then you already know the General Power Rule, so it's kind of an extra thing to remember that just wastes space in your brain.

$$\text{When } h(x) = f(g(x)) \text{ \& } f(u) = u^n = (g(x))^n$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} [h(x)] &= \frac{d}{dx} [f(g(x))] = \frac{d}{dx} [f(u)] = \frac{d}{dx} [u^n] \\ &= n u^{n-1} \frac{du}{dx} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} [(x^7 + \sin(x))^5] &= 5(x^7 + \sin(x))^4 \cdot (7x^6 + \cos(x)) \\ &\text{since } \frac{d}{dx} [\sin(x)] = \cos(x). \end{aligned}$$

Find the limit.

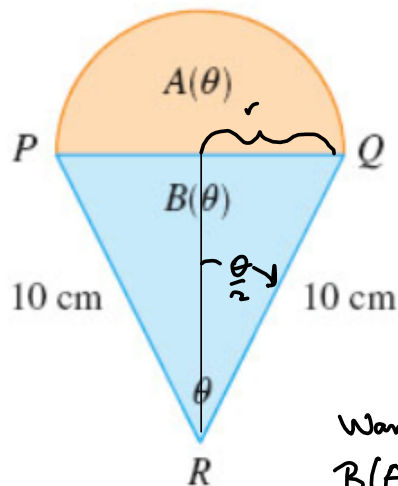
$$\begin{aligned}
 \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos(4\theta) - 1}{\sin(7\theta)} &= \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\cos(4\theta) - 1}{1} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{\sin(7\theta)} \right) \right) \\
 &= \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\cos(4\theta) - 1}{\theta} \cdot \frac{\theta}{\sin(7\theta)} \right) \\
 &= \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \left(\left(\frac{\cos(4\theta) - 1}{4\theta} \cdot 4 \right) \left(\frac{7\theta}{\sin 7\theta} \cdot \frac{1}{7} \right) \right) \\
 &= \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{4 \cos(4\theta) - 1}{4\theta} \right) \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{7\theta}{7 \sin(7\theta)} \right) \\
 &= 4 \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\cos(4\theta) - 1}{4\theta} \right) \left(\frac{1}{7} \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{7\theta}{\sin(7\theta)} \right) \\
 &= 4 \cdot 0 \cdot \frac{1}{7} \cdot 1
 \end{aligned}$$

$\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(3\theta)}{\theta} = 3$, but it's NOT
 because you factored the "3" out
 of the $\sin(3\theta)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 4 \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\cos(4\theta) - 1}{4\theta} \right) \left(\frac{1}{7} \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{7\theta}{\sin(7\theta)} \right) \\
 &= 4 \lim_{u \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\cos(u) - 1}{u} \right) \left(\frac{1}{7} \lim_{v \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{v}{\sin(v)} \right) \right), \text{ where } u = 4\theta, v = 7\theta \\
 &\quad \& \text{ Note that } \theta \rightarrow 0 \text{ if and} \\
 &\quad \text{only if } 4\theta \rightarrow 0 \\
 &\quad \& 7\theta \rightarrow 0
 \end{aligned}$$

A semicircle with diameter PQ sits on an isosceles triangle PQR to form a region shaped like a two-dimensional ice-cream cone, as shown in the figure. If $A(\theta)$ is the area of the semicircle and $B(\theta)$ is the area of the triangle, find

$$\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{A(\theta)}{B(\theta)}$$



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$$A(\theta)$$

$$A(r) = \frac{1}{2} \pi r^2$$

$$\frac{r}{10} = \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)$$

$$r = 10 \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore A(r) = A(r(\theta)) &= \frac{1}{2} \pi \left(10 \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)\right)^2 \\ &= 50\pi \sin^2\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

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$$B(\theta):$$

$$B = \frac{1}{2} bh = \frac{1}{2} br = \frac{1}{2} b \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)$$

$$\cancel{r^2 + b^2 = 10^2}$$

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$$\sqrt{b^2} = \sqrt{100 - r^2}$$

$$b = \sqrt{100 - r^2} \quad (b/c \ b > 0)$$

See 2.4 Notes on harryzaims.com by clicking here. There's a way to simplify this problem that I missed, live, and then went and looked up in the 2.4 Notes, where it was plain as day.