

3.4 The Chain Rule

1. Let $u = g(x) = 4x$ and $y = f(u) = \sin u$. Then $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \frac{du}{dx} = (\cos u)(4) = 4 \cos 4x$.
3. Let $u = g(x) = 1 - x^2$ and $y = f(u) = u^{10}$. Then $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \frac{du}{dx} = (10u^9)(-2x) = -20x(1 - x^2)^9$.
5. Let $u = g(x) = \sqrt{x}$ and $y = f(u) = e^u$. Then $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \frac{du}{dx} = (e^u) \left(\frac{1}{2} x^{-1/2} \right) = e^{\sqrt{x}} \cdot \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} = \frac{e^{\sqrt{x}}}{2\sqrt{x}}$.
7. $F(x) = (x^4 + 3x^2 - 2)^5 \Rightarrow F'(x) = 5(x^4 + 3x^2 - 2)^4 \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(x^4 + 3x^2 - 2) = 5(x^4 + 3x^2 - 2)^4(4x^3 + 6x)$
[or $10x(x^4 + 3x^2 - 2)^4(2x^2 + 3)$]
9. $F(x) = \sqrt[4]{1 + 2x + x^3} = (1 + 2x + x^3)^{1/4} \Rightarrow$
 $F'(x) = \frac{1}{4}(1 + 2x + x^3)^{-3/4} \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(1 + 2x + x^3) = \frac{1}{4(1 + 2x + x^3)^{3/4}} \cdot (2 + 3x^2) = \frac{2 + 3x^2}{4(1 + 2x + x^3)^{3/4}}$
 $= \frac{2 + 3x^2}{4\sqrt[4]{(1 + 2x + x^3)^3}}$
11. $g(t) = \frac{1}{(t^4 + 1)^3} = (t^4 + 1)^{-3} \Rightarrow g'(t) = -3(t^4 + 1)^{-4}(4t^3) = -12t^3(t^4 + 1)^{-4} = \frac{-12t^3}{(t^4 + 1)^4}$
13. $y = \cos(a^3 + x^3) \Rightarrow y' = -\sin(a^3 + x^3) \cdot 3x^2$ [a^3 is just a constant] $= -3x^2 \sin(a^3 + x^3)$
15. $y = xe^{-kx} \Rightarrow y' = x[e^{-kx}(-k)] + e^{-kx} \cdot 1 = e^{-kx}(-kx + 1)$ [or $(1 - kx)e^{-kx}$]
17. $f(x) = (2x - 3)^4(x^2 + x + 1)^5 \Rightarrow$
 $f'(x) = (2x - 3)^4 \cdot 5(x^2 + x + 1)^4(2x + 1) + (x^2 + x + 1)^5 \cdot 4(2x - 3)^3 \cdot 2$
 $= (2x - 3)^3(x^2 + x + 1)^4[(2x - 3) \cdot 5(2x + 1) + (x^2 + x + 1) \cdot 8]$
 $= (2x - 3)^3(x^2 + x + 1)^4(20x^2 - 20x - 15 + 8x^2 + 8x + 8) = (2x - 3)^3(x^2 + x + 1)^4(28x^2 - 12x - 7)$
19. $h(t) = (t + 1)^{2/3}(2t^2 - 1)^3 \Rightarrow$
 $h'(t) = (t + 1)^{2/3} \cdot 3(2t^2 - 1)^2 \cdot 4t + (2t^2 - 1)^3 \cdot \frac{2}{3}(t + 1)^{-1/3} = \frac{2}{3}(t + 1)^{-1/3}(2t^2 - 1)^2[18t(t + 1) + (2t^2 - 1)]$
 $= \frac{2}{3}(t + 1)^{-1/3}(2t^2 - 1)^2(20t^2 + 18t - 1)$
21. $y = \left(\frac{x^2 + 1}{x^2 - 1} \right)^3 \Rightarrow$
 $y' = 3 \left(\frac{x^2 + 1}{x^2 - 1} \right)^2 \cdot \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{x^2 + 1}{x^2 - 1} \right) = 3 \left(\frac{x^2 + 1}{x^2 - 1} \right)^2 \cdot \frac{(x^2 - 1)(2x) - (x^2 + 1)(2x)}{(x^2 - 1)^2}$
 $= 3 \left(\frac{x^2 + 1}{x^2 - 1} \right)^2 \cdot \frac{2x[x^2 - 1 - (x^2 + 1)]}{(x^2 - 1)^2} = 3 \left(\frac{x^2 + 1}{x^2 - 1} \right)^2 \cdot \frac{2x(-2)}{(x^2 - 1)^2} = \frac{-12x(x^2 + 1)^2}{(x^2 - 1)^4}$
23. $y = \sqrt{1 + 2e^{3x}} \Rightarrow y' = \frac{1}{2}(1 + 2e^{3x})^{-1/2} \frac{d}{dx}(1 + 2e^{3x}) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{1 + 2e^{3x}}} (2e^{3x} \cdot 3) = \frac{3e^{3x}}{\sqrt{1 + 2e^{3x}}}$
25. Using Formula 5 and the Chain Rule, $y = 5^{-1/x} \Rightarrow y' = 5^{-1/x}(\ln 5)[-1 \cdot (-x^{-2})] = 5^{-1/x}(\ln 5)/x^2$

$$27. y = \frac{r}{\sqrt{r^2+1}} \Rightarrow$$

$$\begin{aligned} y' &= \frac{\sqrt{r^2+1}(1) - r \cdot \frac{1}{2}(r^2+1)^{-1/2}(2r)}{(\sqrt{r^2+1})^2} = \frac{\sqrt{r^2+1} - \frac{r^2}{\sqrt{r^2+1}}}{(\sqrt{r^2+1})^2} = \frac{\sqrt{r^2+1}\sqrt{r^2+1} - r^2}{(\sqrt{r^2+1})^2} \\ &= \frac{(r^2+1) - r^2}{(\sqrt{r^2+1})^3} = \frac{1}{(r^2+1)^{3/2}} \text{ or } (r^2+1)^{-3/2}. \end{aligned}$$

Another solution: Write y as a product and make use of the Product Rule. $y = r(r^2+1)^{-1/2} \Rightarrow$

$$y' = r \cdot -\frac{1}{2}(r^2+1)^{-3/2}(2r) + (r^2+1)^{-1/2} \cdot 1 = (r^2+1)^{-3/2}[-r^2 + (r^2+1)^1] = (r^2+1)^{-3/2}(1) = (r^2+1)^{-3/2}$$

The step that students usually have trouble with is factoring out $(r^2+1)^{-3/2}$. But this is no different than factoring out x^2 from $x^2 + x^5$; that is, we are just factoring out a factor with the *smallest* exponent that appears on it. In this case, $-\frac{3}{2}$ is smaller than $-\frac{1}{2}$.

$$29. \text{ By (9), } F(t) = e^{t \sin 2t} \Rightarrow F'(t) = e^{t \sin 2t} (t \sin 2t)' = e^{t \sin 2t} (t \cdot 2 \cos 2t + \sin 2t \cdot 1) = e^{t \sin 2t} (2t \cos 2t + \sin 2t)$$

$$31. y = \sin(\tan 2x) \Rightarrow y' = \cos(\tan 2x) \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(\tan 2x) = \cos(\tan 2x) \cdot \sec^2(2x) \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(2x) = 2 \cos(\tan 2x) \sec^2(2x)$$

$$33. \text{ Using Formula 5 and the Chain Rule, } y = 2^{\sin \pi x} \Rightarrow$$

$$y' = 2^{\sin \pi x} (\ln 2) \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(\sin \pi x) = 2^{\sin \pi x} (\ln 2) \cdot \cos \pi x \cdot \pi = 2^{\sin \pi x} (\pi \ln 2) \cos \pi x$$

$$35. y = \cos\left(\frac{1-e^{2x}}{1+e^{2x}}\right) \Rightarrow$$

$$\begin{aligned} y' &= -\sin\left(\frac{1-e^{2x}}{1+e^{2x}}\right) \cdot \frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{1-e^{2x}}{1+e^{2x}}\right) = -\sin\left(\frac{1-e^{2x}}{1+e^{2x}}\right) \cdot \frac{(1+e^{2x})(-2e^{2x}) - (1-e^{2x})(2e^{2x})}{(1+e^{2x})^2} \\ &= -\sin\left(\frac{1-e^{2x}}{1+e^{2x}}\right) \cdot \frac{-2e^{2x}[(1+e^{2x}) + (1-e^{2x})]}{(1+e^{2x})^2} = -\sin\left(\frac{1-e^{2x}}{1+e^{2x}}\right) \cdot \frac{-2e^{2x}(2)}{(1+e^{2x})^2} = \frac{4e^{2x}}{(1+e^{2x})^2} \cdot \sin\left(\frac{1-e^{2x}}{1+e^{2x}}\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$37. y = \cot^2(\sin \theta) = [\cot(\sin \theta)]^2 \Rightarrow$$

$$y' = 2[\cot(\sin \theta)] \cdot \frac{d}{d\theta}[\cot(\sin \theta)] = 2 \cot(\sin \theta) \cdot [-\csc^2(\sin \theta) \cdot \cos \theta] = -2 \cos \theta \cot(\sin \theta) \csc^2(\sin \theta)$$

$$39. f(t) = \tan(e^t) + e^{\tan t} \Rightarrow f'(t) = \sec^2(e^t) \cdot \frac{d}{dt}(e^t) + e^{\tan t} \cdot \frac{d}{dt}(\tan t) = \sec^2(e^t) \cdot e^t + e^{\tan t} \cdot \sec^2 t$$

$$41. f(t) = \sin^2(e^{\sin^2 t}) = [\sin(e^{\sin^2 t})]^2 \Rightarrow$$

$$\begin{aligned} f'(t) &= 2[\sin(e^{\sin^2 t})] \cdot \frac{d}{dt} \sin(e^{\sin^2 t}) = 2 \sin(e^{\sin^2 t}) \cdot \cos(e^{\sin^2 t}) \cdot \frac{d}{dt} e^{\sin^2 t} \\ &= 2 \sin(e^{\sin^2 t}) \cos(e^{\sin^2 t}) \cdot e^{\sin^2 t} \cdot \frac{d}{dt} \sin^2 t = 2 \sin(e^{\sin^2 t}) \cos(e^{\sin^2 t}) e^{\sin^2 t} \cdot 2 \sin t \cos t \\ &= 4 \sin(e^{\sin^2 t}) \cos(e^{\sin^2 t}) e^{\sin^2 t} \sin t \cos t \end{aligned}$$

43. $g(x) = (2ra^{rx} + n)^p \Rightarrow$

$$g'(x) = p(2ra^{rx} + n)^{p-1} \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(2ra^{rx} + n) = p(2ra^{rx} + n)^{p-1} \cdot 2ra^{rx}(\ln a) \cdot r = 2r^2 p(\ln a)(2ra^{rx} + n)^{p-1} a^{rx}$$

45. $y = \cos \sqrt{\sin(\tan \pi x)} = \cos(\sin(\tan \pi x))^{1/2} \Rightarrow$

$$\begin{aligned} y' &= -\sin(\sin(\tan \pi x))^{1/2} \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(\sin(\tan \pi x))^{1/2} = -\sin(\sin(\tan \pi x))^{1/2} \cdot \frac{1}{2}(\sin(\tan \pi x))^{-1/2} \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(\sin(\tan \pi x)) \\ &= \frac{-\sin \sqrt{\sin(\tan \pi x)}}{2 \sqrt{\sin(\tan \pi x)}} \cdot \cos(\tan \pi x) \cdot \frac{d}{dx} \tan \pi x = \frac{-\sin \sqrt{\sin(\tan \pi x)}}{2 \sqrt{\sin(\tan \pi x)}} \cdot \cos(\tan \pi x) \cdot \sec^2(\pi x) \cdot \pi \\ &= \frac{-\pi \cos(\tan \pi x) \sec^2(\pi x) \sin \sqrt{\sin(\tan \pi x)}}{2 \sqrt{\sin(\tan \pi x)}} \end{aligned}$$

47. $y = \cos(x^2) \Rightarrow y' = -\sin(x^2) \cdot 2x = -2x \sin(x^2) \Rightarrow$

$$y'' = -2x \cos(x^2) \cdot 2x + \sin(x^2) \cdot (-2) = -4x^2 \cos(x^2) - 2 \sin(x^2)$$

49. $y = e^{\alpha x} \sin \beta x \Rightarrow y' = e^{\alpha x} \cdot \beta \cos \beta x + \sin \beta x \cdot \alpha e^{\alpha x} = e^{\alpha x}(\beta \cos \beta x + \alpha \sin \beta x) \Rightarrow$

$$\begin{aligned} y'' &= e^{\alpha x}(-\beta^2 \sin \beta x + \alpha \beta \cos \beta x) + (\beta \cos \beta x + \alpha \sin \beta x) \cdot \alpha e^{\alpha x} \\ &= e^{\alpha x}(-\beta^2 \sin \beta x + \alpha \beta \cos \beta x + \alpha \beta \cos \beta x + \alpha^2 \sin \beta x) = e^{\alpha x}(\alpha^2 \sin \beta x - \beta^2 \sin \beta x + 2\alpha \beta \cos \beta x) \\ &= e^{\alpha x}[(\alpha^2 - \beta^2) \sin \beta x + 2\alpha \beta \cos \beta x] \end{aligned}$$

51. $y = (1 + 2x)^{10} \Rightarrow y' = 10(1 + 2x)^9 \cdot 2 = 20(1 + 2x)^9.$

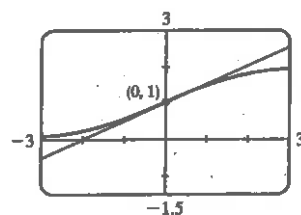
At $(0, 1)$, $y' = 20(1 + 0)^9 = 20$, and an equation of the tangent line is $y - 1 = 20(x - 0)$, or $y = 20x + 1$.

53. $y = \sin(\sin x) \Rightarrow y' = \cos(\sin x) \cdot \cos x$. At $(\pi, 0)$, $y' = \cos(\sin \pi) \cdot \cos \pi = \cos(0) \cdot (-1) = 1(-1) = -1$, and an equation of the tangent line is $y - 0 = -1(x - \pi)$, or $y = -x + \pi$.

55. (a) $y = \frac{2}{1 + e^{-x}} \Rightarrow y' = \frac{(1 + e^{-x})(0) - 2(-e^{-x})}{(1 + e^{-x})^2} = \frac{2e^{-x}}{(1 + e^{-x})^2}$ (b)

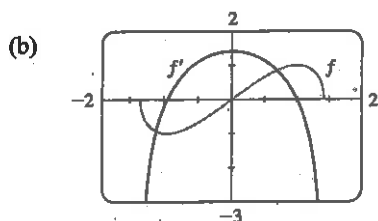
$$\text{At } (0, 1), y' = \frac{2e^0}{(1 + e^0)^2} = \frac{2(1)}{(1 + 1)^2} = \frac{2}{2^2} = \frac{1}{2}. \text{ So an equation of the}$$

tangent line is $y - 1 = \frac{1}{2}(x - 0)$ or $y = \frac{1}{2}x + 1$.



57. (a) $f(x) = x\sqrt{2 - x^2} = x(2 - x^2)^{1/2} \Rightarrow$

$$f'(x) = x \cdot \frac{1}{2}(2 - x^2)^{-1/2}(-2x) + (2 - x^2)^{1/2} \cdot 1 = (2 - x^2)^{-1/2}[-x^2 + (2 - x^2)] = \frac{2 - 2x^2}{\sqrt{2 - x^2}}$$



$f' = 0$ when f has a horizontal tangent line, f' is negative when f is decreasing, and f' is positive when f is increasing.

59. For the tangent line to be horizontal, $f'(x) = 0$. $f(x) = 2 \sin x + \sin^2 x \Rightarrow f'(x) = 2 \cos x + 2 \sin x \cos x = 0 \Leftrightarrow 2 \cos x(1 + \sin x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \cos x = 0$ or $\sin x = -1$, so $x = \frac{\pi}{2} + 2n\pi$ or $\frac{3\pi}{2} + 2n\pi$, where n is any integer. Now $f(\frac{\pi}{2}) = 3$ and $f(\frac{3\pi}{2}) = -1$, so the points on the curve with a horizontal tangent are $(\frac{\pi}{2} + 2n\pi, 3)$ and $(\frac{3\pi}{2} + 2n\pi, -1)$, where n is any integer.

61. $F(x) = f(g(x)) \Rightarrow F'(x) = f'(g(x)) \cdot g'(x)$, so $F'(5) = f'(g(5)) \cdot g'(5) = f'(-2) \cdot 6 = 4 \cdot 6 = 24$

63. (a) $h(x) = f(g(x)) \Rightarrow h'(x) = f'(g(x)) \cdot g'(x)$, so $h'(1) = f'(g(1)) \cdot g'(1) = f'(2) \cdot 6 = 5 \cdot 6 = 30$.

(b) $H(x) = g(f(x)) \Rightarrow H'(x) = g'(f(x)) \cdot f'(x)$, so $H'(1) = g'(f(1)) \cdot f'(1) = g'(3) \cdot 4 = 9 \cdot 4 = 36$.

65. (a) $u(x) = f(g(x)) \Rightarrow u'(x) = f'(g(x))g'(x)$. So $u'(1) = f'(g(1))g'(1) = f'(3)g'(1)$. To find $f'(3)$, note that f is linear from $(2, 4)$ to $(6, 3)$, so its slope is $\frac{3-4}{6-2} = -\frac{1}{4}$. To find $g'(1)$, note that g is linear from $(0, 6)$ to $(2, 0)$, so its slope is $\frac{0-6}{2-0} = -3$. Thus, $f'(3)g'(1) = (-\frac{1}{4})(-3) = \frac{3}{4}$.

(b) $v(x) = g(f(x)) \Rightarrow v'(x) = g'(f(x))f'(x)$. So $v'(1) = g'(f(1))f'(1) = g'(2)f'(1)$, which does not exist since $g'(2)$ does not exist.

(c) $w(x) = g(g(x)) \Rightarrow w'(x) = g'(g(x))g'(x)$. So $w'(1) = g'(g(1))g'(1) = g'(3)g'(1)$. To find $g'(3)$, note that g is linear from $(2, 0)$ to $(5, 2)$, so its slope is $\frac{2-0}{5-2} = \frac{2}{3}$. Thus, $g'(3)g'(1) = (\frac{2}{3})(-3) = -2$.

67. The point $(3, 2)$ is on the graph of f , so $f(3) = 2$. The tangent line at $(3, 2)$ has slope $\frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \frac{-4}{6} = -\frac{2}{3}$.

$$g(x) = \sqrt{f(x)} \Rightarrow g'(x) = \frac{1}{2}[f(x)]^{-1/2} \cdot f'(x) \Rightarrow$$

$$g'(3) = \frac{1}{2}[f(3)]^{-1/2} \cdot f'(3) = \frac{1}{2}(2)^{-1/2}(-\frac{2}{3}) = -\frac{1}{3\sqrt{2}} \text{ or } -\frac{1}{6}\sqrt{2}$$

69. (a) $F(x) = f(e^x) \Rightarrow F'(x) = f'(e^x) \frac{d}{dx}(e^x) = f'(e^x)e^x$

(b) $G(x) = e^{f(x)} \Rightarrow G'(x) = e^{f(x)} \frac{d}{dx} f(x) = e^{f(x)} f'(x)$

71. $r(x) = f(g(h(x))) \Rightarrow r'(x) = f'(g(h(x))) \cdot g'(h(x)) \cdot h'(x)$, so

$$r'(1) = f'(g(h(1))) \cdot g'(h(1)) \cdot h'(1) = f'(g(2)) \cdot g'(2) \cdot 4 = f'(3) \cdot 5 \cdot 4 = 6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 = 120$$

73. $F(x) = f(3f(4f(x))) \Rightarrow$

$$F'(x) = f'(3f(4f(x))) \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(3f(4f(x))) = f'(3f(4f(x))) \cdot 3f'(4f(x)) \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(4f(x)) \\ = f'(3f(4f(x))) \cdot 3f'(4f(x)) \cdot 4f'(x), \text{ so}$$

$$F'(0) = f'(3f(4f(0))) \cdot 3f'(4f(0)) \cdot 4f'(0) = f'(3f(4 \cdot 0)) \cdot 3f'(4 \cdot 0) \cdot 4 \cdot 2 = f'(3 \cdot 0) \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 4 \cdot 2 = 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 4 \cdot 2 = 96.$$

$$75. y = e^{2x}(A \cos 3x + B \sin 3x) \Rightarrow$$

$$\begin{aligned} y' &= e^{2x}(-3A \sin 3x + 3B \cos 3x) + (A \cos 3x + B \sin 3x) \cdot 2e^{2x} \\ &= e^{2x}(-3A \sin 3x + 3B \cos 3x + 2A \cos 3x + 2B \sin 3x) \\ &= e^{2x}[(2A + 3B) \cos 3x + (2B - 3A) \sin 3x] \Rightarrow \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} y'' &= e^{2x}[-3(2A + 3B) \sin 3x + 3(2B - 3A) \cos 3x] + [(2A + 3B) \cos 3x + (2B - 3A) \sin 3x] \cdot 2e^{2x} \\ &= e^{2x}\{-3(2A + 3B) + 2(2B - 3A)\} \sin 3x + \{3(2B - 3A) + 2(2A + 3B)\} \cos 3x \\ &= e^{2x}\{(-12A - 5B) \sin 3x + (-5A + 12B) \cos 3x\} \end{aligned}$$

Substitute the expressions for y , y' , and y'' in $y'' - 4y' + 13y$ to get

$$\begin{aligned} y'' - 4y' + 13y &= e^{2x}\{(-12A - 5B) \sin 3x + (-5A + 12B) \cos 3x\} \\ &\quad - 4e^{2x}\{(2A + 3B) \cos 3x + (2B - 3A) \sin 3x\} + 13e^{2x}(A \cos 3x + B \sin 3x) \\ &= e^{2x}\{(-12A - 5B - 8B + 12A + 13B) \sin 3x + (-5A + 12B - 8A - 12B + 13A) \cos 3x\} \\ &= e^{2x}\{(0) \sin 3x + (0) \cos 3x\} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the function y satisfies the differential equation $y'' - 4y' + 13y = 0$.

77. The use of D , D^2 , ..., D^n is just a derivative notation (see text page 157). In general, $Df(2x) = 2f'(2x)$,

$D^2 f(2x) = 4f''(2x)$, ..., $D^n f(2x) = 2^n f^{(n)}(2x)$. Since $f(x) = \cos x$ and $50 = 4(12) + 2$, we have

$$f^{(50)}(x) = f^{(2)}(x) = -\cos x, \text{ so } D^{50} \cos 2x = -2^{50} \cos 2x.$$

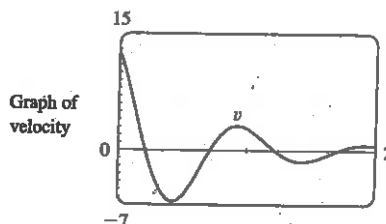
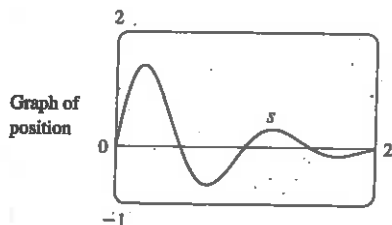
79. $s(t) = 10 + \frac{1}{4} \sin(10\pi t) \Rightarrow$ the velocity after t seconds is $v(t) = s'(t) = \frac{1}{4} \cos(10\pi t)(10\pi) = \frac{5\pi}{2} \cos(10\pi t)$ cm/s.

$$81. \text{ (a) } B(t) = 4.0 + 0.35 \sin \frac{2\pi t}{5.4} \Rightarrow \frac{dB}{dt} = \left(0.35 \cos \frac{2\pi t}{5.4}\right) \left(\frac{2\pi}{5.4}\right) = \frac{0.7\pi}{5.4} \cos \frac{2\pi t}{5.4} = \frac{7\pi}{54} \cos \frac{2\pi t}{5.4}$$

$$\text{(b) At } t = 1, \frac{dB}{dt} = \frac{7\pi}{54} \cos \frac{2\pi}{5.4} \approx 0.16.$$

$$83. s(t) = 2e^{-1.5t} \sin 2\pi t \Rightarrow$$

$$v(t) = s'(t) = 2[e^{-1.5t}(\cos 2\pi t)(2\pi) + (\sin 2\pi t)e^{-1.5t}(-1.5)] = 2e^{-1.5t}(2\pi \cos 2\pi t - 1.5 \sin 2\pi t)$$



85. By the Chain Rule, $a(t) = \frac{dv}{dt} = \frac{dv}{ds} \frac{ds}{dt} = \frac{dv}{ds} v(t) = v(t) \frac{dv}{ds}$. The derivative dv/dt is the rate of change of the velocity with respect to time (in other words, the acceleration) whereas the derivative dv/ds is the rate of change of the velocity with respect to the displacement.