

Chain rule solutions.

1. $y = (2x^3 + 3)^6$ let $u = 2x^3 + 3$
so $y = u^6$ $\therefore u' = 6x^2$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore y' &= 6u^5 \times u' \\ &= 6(2x^3 + 3)^5 \times 6x^2 \\ &= 36x^2 (2x^3 + 3)^5\end{aligned}$$

2. $y = (3x + 4)^4$ let $u = 3x + 4$
so $y = u^4$ $\therefore u' = 3$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore y' &= 4u^3 \times u' \\ &= 4(3x + 4)^3 \times 3 \\ &= 12(3x + 4)^3\end{aligned}$$

3. $y = 2(x^2 + 1)^5$ let $u = x^2 + 1$
so $y = 2u^5$ $\therefore u' = 2x$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore y' &= 2 \times 5u^4 \times u' \\ &= 10(x^2 + 1)^4 \times 2x \\ &= 20x(x^2 + 1)^4\end{aligned}$$

4. $y = (x^3 + x^2 + 5)^2$ let $u = x^3 + x^2 + 5$
so $y = u^2$ $\therefore u' = 3x^2 + 2x$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore y' &= 2u \times u' \\ &= 2(x^3 + x^2 + 5) \times (3x^2 + 2x) \\ &= 2(x^3 + x^2 + 5)(3x^2 + 2x)\end{aligned}$$

5. $y = e^{5x}$ or let $u = 5x$ $\therefore u' = 5$
 $\therefore y = e^u$
 $\therefore y' = e^u \times u'$
 $= 5e^{5x}$

$$6. \quad y = e^{3x+2}$$

$$\therefore y' = 3e^{3x+2}$$

$$\text{or let } u = 3x+2 \therefore u' = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow y = e^u$$

$$\therefore y' = e^u \times u'$$

$$= 3e^{3x+2}$$

$$7. \quad y = \ln(2x+4)$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \ln u$$

$$\text{let } u = 2x+4$$

$$\therefore u' = 2$$

$$\therefore y' = \frac{1}{u} \times u'$$

$$= \frac{1}{2x+4} \times 2$$

$$= \frac{2}{2x+4}$$

$$= \frac{2}{2(x+2)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{x+2}$$

$$10. \quad y = e^{-4x-1}$$

$$\therefore y' = -4e^{-4x-1}$$

(same as Q6).

$$8. \quad y = e^{-x^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = e^u$$

$$\text{let } u = -x^2$$

$$\therefore u' = -2x$$

$$\therefore y' = e^u \times u'$$

$$= e^{-x^2} \times -2x$$

$$= -2xe^{-x^2}$$

$$9. \quad y = (3x^2+5)^{-3}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = u^{-3}$$

$$\text{let } u = 3x^2+5$$

$$\therefore u' = 6x$$

$$\therefore y' = -3u^{-4} \times u'$$

$$= -3(3x^2+5)^{-4} \times 6x$$

$$= -18x(3x^2+5)^{-4}$$