

14.5 THE CHAIN RULE

Recall that the Chain Rule for functions of a single variable gives the rule for differentiating a composite function: If $y = f(x)$ and $x = g(t)$, where f and g are differentiable functions, then y is indirectly a differentiable function of t and

$$\boxed{1} \quad \frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{dy}{dx} \frac{dx}{dt}$$

For functions of more than one variable, the Chain Rule has several versions, each of them giving a rule for differentiating a composite function. The first version (Theorem 2) deals with the case where $z = f(x, y)$ and each of the variables x and y is, in turn, a function of a variable t . This means that z is indirectly a function of t , $z = f(g(t), h(t))$, and the Chain Rule gives a formula for differentiating z as a function of t . We assume that f is differentiable (Definition 14.4.7). Recall that this is the case when f_x and f_y are continuous (Theorem 14.4.8).

[2] THE CHAIN RULE (CASE 1) Suppose that $z = f(x, y)$ is a differentiable function of x and y , where $x = g(t)$ and $y = h(t)$ are both differentiable functions of t . Then z is a differentiable function of t and

$$\frac{dz}{dt} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt}$$

PROOF A change of Δt in t produces changes of Δx in x and Δy in y . These, in turn, produce a change of Δz in z , and from Definition 14.4.7 we have

$$\Delta z = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \Delta x + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \Delta y + \varepsilon_1 \Delta x + \varepsilon_2 \Delta y$$

where $\varepsilon_1 \rightarrow 0$ and $\varepsilon_2 \rightarrow 0$ as $(\Delta x, \Delta y) \rightarrow (0, 0)$. [If the functions ε_1 and ε_2 are not defined at $(0, 0)$, we can define them to be 0 there.] Dividing both sides of this equation by Δt , we have

$$\frac{\Delta z}{\Delta t} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta t} + \varepsilon_1 \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} + \varepsilon_2 \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta t}$$

If we now let $\Delta t \rightarrow 0$, then $\Delta x = g(t + \Delta t) - g(t) \rightarrow 0$ because g is differentiable and therefore continuous. Similarly, $\Delta y \rightarrow 0$. This, in turn, means that $\varepsilon_1 \rightarrow 0$ and $\varepsilon_2 \rightarrow 0$, so

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dz}{dt} &= \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta z}{\Delta t} \\ &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta t} + \left(\lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \varepsilon_1 \right) \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} + \left(\lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \varepsilon_2 \right) \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta t} \\ &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt} + 0 \cdot \frac{dx}{dt} + 0 \cdot \frac{dy}{dt} \\ &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt} \end{aligned}$$

□

☞ Notice the similarity to the definition of the differential:

$$dz = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} dy$$

$$\frac{dz}{dt} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt}$$

EXAMPLE 1 If $z = x^2y + 3xy^4$, where $x = \sin 2t$ and $y = \cos t$, find dz/dt when $t = 0$.

SOLUTION The Chain Rule gives

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dz}{dt} &= \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt} \\ &= (2xy + 3y^4)(2 \cos 2t) + (x^2 + 12xy^3)(-\sin t) \end{aligned}$$

It's not necessary to substitute the expressions for x and y in terms of t . We simply observe that when $t = 0$, we have $x = \sin 0 = 0$ and $y = \cos 0 = 1$. Therefore

$$\left. \frac{dz}{dt} \right|_{t=0} = (0 + 3)(2 \cos 0) + (0 + 0)(-\sin 0) = 6 \quad \square$$

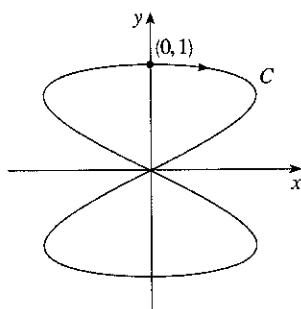


FIGURE 1
The curve $x = \sin 2t$, $y = \cos t$

The derivative in Example 1 can be interpreted as the rate of change of z with respect to t as the point (x, y) moves along the curve C with parametric equations $x = \sin 2t$, $y = \cos t$. (See Figure 1.) In particular, when $t = 0$, the point (x, y) is $(0, 1)$ and $dz/dt = 6$ is the rate of increase as we move along the curve C through $(0, 1)$. If, for instance, $z = T(x, y) = x^2y + 3xy^4$ represents the temperature at the point (x, y) , then the composite function $z = T(\sin 2t, \cos t)$ represents the temperature at points on C and the derivative dz/dt represents the rate at which the temperature changes along C .

EXAMPLE 2 The pressure P (in kilopascals), volume V (in liters), and temperature T (in kelvins) of a mole of an ideal gas are related by the equation $PV = 8.31T$. Find the rate at which the pressure is changing when the temperature is 300 K and increasing at a rate of 0.1 K/s and the volume is 100 L and increasing at a rate of 0.2 L/s.

SOLUTION If t represents the time elapsed in seconds, then at the given instant we have $T = 300$, $dT/dt = 0.1$, $V = 100$, $dV/dt = 0.2$. Since

$$P = 8.31 \frac{T}{V}$$

the Chain Rule gives

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dP}{dt} &= \frac{\partial P}{\partial T} \frac{dT}{dt} + \frac{\partial P}{\partial V} \frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{8.31}{V} \frac{dT}{dt} - \frac{8.31T}{V^2} \frac{dV}{dt} \\ &= \frac{8.31}{100} (0.1) - \frac{8.31(300)}{100^2} (0.2) = -0.04155 \end{aligned}$$

The pressure is decreasing at a rate of about 0.042 kPa/s. □

We now consider the situation where $z = f(x, y)$ but each of x and y is a function of two variables s and t : $x = g(s, t)$, $y = h(s, t)$. Then z is indirectly a function of s and t and we

wish to find $\partial z/\partial s$ and $\partial z/\partial t$. Recall that in computing $\partial z/\partial t$ we hold s fixed and compute the ordinary derivative of z with respect to t . Therefore we can apply Theorem 2 to obtain

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial t}$$

A similar argument holds for $\partial z/\partial s$ and so we have proved the following version of the Chain Rule.

3 THE CHAIN RULE (CASE 2) Suppose that $z = f(x, y)$ is a differentiable function of x and y , where $x = g(s, t)$ and $y = h(s, t)$ are differentiable functions of s and t . Then

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial s} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial s} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial s} \qquad \frac{\partial z}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial t}$$

EXAMPLE 3 If $z = e^x \sin y$, where $x = st^2$ and $y = s^2t$, find $\partial z/\partial s$ and $\partial z/\partial t$.

SOLUTION Applying Case 2 of the Chain Rule, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial z}{\partial s} &= \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial s} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial s} = (e^x \sin y)(t^2) + (e^x \cos y)(2st) \\ &= t^2 e^{st^2} \sin(s^2t) + 2ste^{st^2} \cos(s^2t) \\ \frac{\partial z}{\partial t} &= \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} = (e^x \sin y)(2st) + (e^x \cos y)(s^2) \\ &= 2ste^{st^2} \sin(s^2t) + s^2 e^{st^2} \cos(s^2t) \end{aligned}$$

□

Case 2 of the Chain Rule contains three types of variables: s and t are **independent** variables, x and y are called **intermediate** variables, and z is the **dependent** variable. Notice that Theorem 3 has one term for each intermediate variable and each of these terms resembles the one-dimensional Chain Rule in Equation 1.

To remember the Chain Rule, it's helpful to draw the **tree diagram** in Figure 2. We draw branches from the dependent variable z to the intermediate variables x and y to indicate that z is a function of x and y . Then we draw branches from x and y to the independent variables s and t . On each branch we write the corresponding partial derivative. To find $\partial z/\partial s$, we find the product of the partial derivatives along each path from z to s and then add these products:

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial s} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial s} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial s}$$

Similarly, we find $\partial z/\partial t$ by using the paths from z to t .

Now we consider the general situation in which a dependent variable u is a function of n intermediate variables x_1, \dots, x_n , each of which is, in turn, a function of m independent variables t_1, \dots, t_m . Notice that there are n terms, one for each intermediate variable. The proof is similar to that of Case 1.

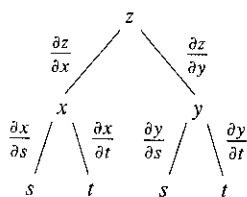


FIGURE 2

4 THE CHAIN RULE (GENERAL VERSION) Suppose that u is a differentiable function of the n variables x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n and each x_j is a differentiable function of the m variables t_1, t_2, \dots, t_m . Then u is a function of t_1, t_2, \dots, t_m and

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t_i} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_1} \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial t_i} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_2} \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial t_i} + \dots + \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_n} \frac{\partial x_n}{\partial t_i}$$

for each $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$.

EXAMPLE 4 Write out the Chain Rule for the case where $w = f(x, y, z, t)$ and $x = x(u, v)$, $y = y(u, v)$, $z = z(u, v)$, and $t = t(u, v)$.

SOLUTION We apply Theorem 4 with $n = 4$ and $m = 2$. Figure 3 shows the tree diagram. Although we haven't written the derivatives on the branches, it's understood that if a branch leads from y to u , then the partial derivative for that branch is $\partial y / \partial u$. With the aid of the tree diagram, we can now write the required expressions:

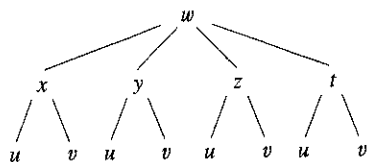


FIGURE 3

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial u} = \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \frac{\partial z}{\partial u} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial t} \frac{\partial t}{\partial u}$$

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial v} = \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \frac{\partial z}{\partial v} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial t} \frac{\partial t}{\partial v}$$

EXAMPLE 5 If $u = x^4y + y^2z^3$, where $x = rse^t$, $y = rs^2e^{-t}$, and $z = r^2s \sin t$, find the value of $\partial u / \partial s$ when $r = 2$, $s = 1$, $t = 0$.

SOLUTION With the help of the tree diagram in Figure 4, we have

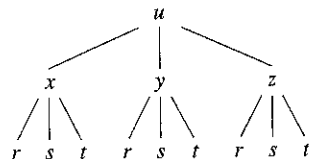


FIGURE 4

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial u}{\partial s} &= \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial s} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial s} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \frac{\partial z}{\partial s} \\ &= (4x^3y)(re^t) + (x^4 + 2yz^3)(2rse^{-t}) + (3y^2z^2)(r^2 \sin t) \end{aligned}$$

When $r = 2$, $s = 1$, and $t = 0$, we have $x = 2$, $y = 2$, and $z = 0$, so

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial s} = (64)(2) + (16)(4) + (0)(0) = 192$$

EXAMPLE 6 If $g(s, t) = f(s^2 - t^2, t^2 - s^2)$ and f is differentiable, show that g satisfies the equation

$$t \frac{\partial g}{\partial s} + s \frac{\partial g}{\partial t} = 0$$

SOLUTION Let $x = s^2 - t^2$ and $y = t^2 - s^2$. Then $g(s, t) = f(x, y)$ and the Chain Rule gives

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial s} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial s} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial s} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} (2s) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} (-2s)$$

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} (-2t) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} (2t)$$

Therefore

$$t \frac{\partial g}{\partial s} + s \frac{\partial g}{\partial t} = \left(2st \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} - 2st \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right) + \left(-2st \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + 2st \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right) = 0$$

EXAMPLE 7 If $z = f(x, y)$ has continuous second-order partial derivatives and $x = r^2 + s^2$ and $y = 2rs$, find (a) $\partial z / \partial r$ and (b) $\partial^2 z / \partial r^2$.

SOLUTION

(a) The Chain Rule gives

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial r} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} (2r) + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} (2s)$$

(b) Applying the Product Rule to the expression in part (a), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial r^2} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(2r \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + 2s \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right) \\ &= 2 \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + 2r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right) + 2s \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right) \end{aligned}$$

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But, using the Chain Rule again (see Figure 5), we have

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right) \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right) \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} = \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} (2r) + \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y \partial x} (2s)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right) \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right) \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} = \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} (2r) + \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} (2s)$$

Putting these expressions into Equation 5 and using the equality of the mixed second-order derivatives, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial r^2} &= 2 \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + 2r \left(2r \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} + 2s \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y \partial x} \right) + 2s \left(2r \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} + 2s \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} \right) \\ &= 2 \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + 4r^2 \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} + 8rs \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} + 4s^2 \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} \end{aligned}$$

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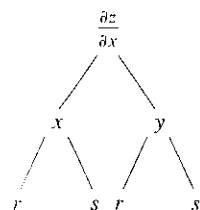


FIGURE 5

IMPLICIT DIFFERENTIATION

The Chain Rule can be used to give a more complete description of the process of implicit differentiation that was introduced in Sections 3.5 and 14.3. We suppose that an equation of the form $F(x, y) = 0$ defines y implicitly as a differentiable function of x , that is, $y = f(x)$, where $F(x, f(x)) = 0$ for all x in the domain of f . If F is differentiable, we can apply Case 1 of the Chain Rule to differentiate both sides of the equation $F(x, y) = 0$ with respect to x . Since both x and y are functions of x , we obtain

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dx} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

But $dx/dx = 1$, so if $\partial F / \partial y \neq 0$ we solve for dy/dx and obtain

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$$\frac{dy}{dx} = - \frac{\frac{\partial F}{\partial x}}{\frac{\partial F}{\partial y}} = - \frac{F_x}{F_y}$$

To derive this equation we assumed that $F(x, y) = 0$ defines y implicitly as a function of x . The **Implicit Function Theorem**, proved in advanced calculus, gives conditions under which this assumption is valid: It states that if F is defined on a disk containing (a, b) , where $F(a, b) = 0$, $F_y(a, b) \neq 0$, and F_x and F_y are continuous on the disk, then the equation $F(x, y) = 0$ defines y as a function of x near the point (a, b) and the derivative of this function is given by Equation 6.

EXAMPLE 8 Find y' if $x^3 + y^3 = 6xy$.

SOLUTION The given equation can be written as

$$F(x, y) = x^3 + y^3 - 6xy = 0$$

so Equation 6 gives

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{F_x}{F_y} = -\frac{3x^2 - 6y}{3y^2 - 6x} = -\frac{x^2 - 2y}{y^2 - 2x} \quad \square$$

■ The solution to Example 8 should be compared to the one in Example 2 in Section 3.5.

Now we suppose that z is given implicitly as a function $z = f(x, y)$ by an equation of the form $F(x, y, z) = 0$. This means that $F(x, y, f(x, y)) = 0$ for all (x, y) in the domain of f . If F and f are differentiable, then we can use the Chain Rule to differentiate the equation $F(x, y, z) = 0$ as follows:

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = 0$$

But $\frac{\partial}{\partial x}(x) = 1$ and $\frac{\partial}{\partial x}(y) = 0$

so this equation becomes

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = 0$$

If $\partial F / \partial z \neq 0$, we solve for $\partial z / \partial x$ and obtain the first formula in Equations 7. The formula for $\partial z / \partial y$ is obtained in a similar manner.

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$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = -\frac{\frac{\partial F}{\partial x}}{\frac{\partial F}{\partial z}} \quad \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = -\frac{\frac{\partial F}{\partial y}}{\frac{\partial F}{\partial z}}$$

Again, a version of the **Implicit Function Theorem** gives conditions under which our assumption is valid: If F is defined within a sphere containing (a, b, c) , where $F(a, b, c) = 0$, $F_z(a, b, c) \neq 0$, and F_x , F_y , and F_z are continuous inside the sphere, then the equation $F(x, y, z) = 0$ defines z as a function of x and y near the point (a, b, c) and this function is differentiable, with partial derivatives given by (7).

EXAMPLE 9 Find $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$ and $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$ if $x^3 + y^3 + z^3 + 6xyz = 1$.

SOLUTION Let $F(x, y, z) = x^3 + y^3 + z^3 + 6xyz - 1$. Then, from Equations 7, we have

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = -\frac{F_x}{F_z} = -\frac{3x^2 + 6yz}{3z^2 + 6xy} = -\frac{x^2 + 2yz}{z^2 + 2xy}$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = -\frac{F_y}{F_z} = -\frac{3y^2 + 6xz}{3z^2 + 6xy} = -\frac{y^2 + 2xz}{z^2 + 2xy}$$

The solution to Example 9 should be compared to the one in Example 4 in Section 14.3.

14.5 EXERCISES

1–6 Use the Chain Rule to find dz/dt or dw/dt .

1. $z = x^2 + y^2 + xy$, $x = \sin t$, $y = e^t$

2. $z = \cos(x + 4y)$, $x = 5t^4$, $y = 1/t$

3. $z = \sqrt{1 + x^2 + y^2}$, $x = \ln t$, $y = \cos t$

4. $z = \tan^{-1}(y/x)$, $x = e^t$, $y = 1 - e^{-t}$

5. $w = xe^{y/z}$, $x = t^2$, $y = 1 - t$, $z = 1 + 2t$

6. $w = \ln\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$, $x = \sin t$, $y = \cos t$, $z = \tan t$

7–12 Use the Chain Rule to find $\partial z/\partial s$ and $\partial z/\partial t$.

7. $z = x^2y^3$, $x = s \cos t$, $y = s \sin t$

8. $z = \arcsin(x - y)$, $x = s^2 + t^2$, $y = 1 - 2st$

9. $z = \sin \theta \cos \phi$, $\theta = st^2$, $\phi = s^2t$

10. $z = e^{x+2y}$, $x = s/t$, $y = t/s$

11. $z = e^r \cos \theta$, $r = st$, $\theta = \sqrt{s^2 + t^2}$

12. $z = \tan(u/v)$, $u = 2s + 3t$, $v = 3s - 2t$

13. If $z = f(x, y)$, where f is differentiable, and

$$x = g(t) \quad y = h(t)$$

$$g(3) = 2 \quad h(3) = 7$$

$$g'(3) = 5 \quad h'(3) = -4$$

$$f_x(2, 7) = 6 \quad f_y(2, 7) = -8$$

find dz/dt when $t = 3$.

14. Let $W(s, t) = F(u(s, t), v(s, t))$, where F , u , and v are differentiable, and

$$u(1, 0) = 2 \quad v(1, 0) = 3$$

$$u_s(1, 0) = -2 \quad v_s(1, 0) = 5$$

$$u_t(1, 0) = 6 \quad v_t(1, 0) = 4$$

$$F_u(2, 3) = -1 \quad F_v(2, 3) = 10$$

Find $W_s(1, 0)$ and $W_t(1, 0)$.

15. Suppose f is a differentiable function of x and y , and $g(u, v) = f(e^u + \sin v, e^u + \cos v)$. Use the table of values to calculate $g_u(0, 0)$ and $g_v(0, 0)$.

	f	g	f_x	f_y
$(0, 0)$	3	6	4	8
$(1, 2)$	6	3	2	5

16. Suppose f is a differentiable function of x and y , and $g(r, s) = f(2r - s, s^2 - 4r)$. Use the table of values in Exercise 15 to calculate $g_r(1, 2)$ and $g_s(1, 2)$.

17–20 Use a tree diagram to write out the Chain Rule for the given case. Assume all functions are differentiable.

17. $u = f(x, y)$, where $x = x(r, s, t)$, $y = y(r, s, t)$

18. $R = f(x, y, z, t)$, where $x = x(u, v, w)$, $y = y(u, v, w)$, $z = z(u, v, w)$, $t = t(u, v, w)$

19. $w = f(r, s, t)$, where $r = r(x, y)$, $s = s(x, y)$, $t = t(x, y)$

20. $t = f(u, v, w)$, where $u = u(p, q, r, s)$, $v = v(p, q, r, s)$, $w = w(p, q, r, s)$

21–26 Use the Chain Rule to find the indicated partial derivatives.

21. $z = x^2 + xy^3$, $x = uv^2 + w^3$, $y = u + ve^w$;

$\frac{\partial z}{\partial u}$, $\frac{\partial z}{\partial v}$, $\frac{\partial z}{\partial w}$ when $u = 2$, $v = 1$, $w = 0$

22. $u = \sqrt{r^2 + s^2}$, $r = y + x \cos t$, $s = x + y \sin t$;

$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$, $\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$, $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}$ when $x = 1$, $y = 2$, $t = 0$

23. $R = \ln(u^2 + v^2 + w^2)$,

$u = x + 2y$, $v = 2x - y$, $w = 2xy$;

$\frac{\partial R}{\partial x}$, $\frac{\partial R}{\partial y}$ when $x = y = 1$

24. $M = xe^{y-z^2}$, $x = 2uv$, $y = u - v$, $z = u + v$;

$\frac{\partial M}{\partial u}$, $\frac{\partial M}{\partial v}$ when $u = 3$, $v = -1$

25. $u = x^2 + yz$, $x = pr \cos \theta$, $y = pr \sin \theta$, $z = p + r$;

$\frac{\partial u}{\partial p}$, $\frac{\partial u}{\partial r}$, $\frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta}$ when $p = 2$, $r = 3$, $\theta = 0$

26. $Y = w \tan^{-1}(uv)$, $u = r + s$, $v = s + t$, $w = t + r$;

$\frac{\partial Y}{\partial r}$, $\frac{\partial Y}{\partial s}$, $\frac{\partial Y}{\partial t}$ when $r = 1$, $s = 0$, $t = 1$

27–30 Use Equation 6 to find dy/dx .

27. $\sqrt{xy} = 1 + x^2y$

28. $y^5 + x^2y^3 = 1 + ye^{x^2}$

29. $\cos(x - y) = xe^y$

30. $\sin x + \cos y = \sin x \cos y$

31–34 Use Equations 7 to find $\partial z/\partial x$ and $\partial z/\partial y$.

31. $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 3xyz$

32. $xyz = \cos(x + y + z)$

33. $x - z = \arctan(yz)$

34. $yz = \ln(x + z)$

35. The temperature at a point (x, y) is $T(x, y)$, measured in degrees Celsius. A bug crawls so that its position after t seconds is given by $x = \sqrt{1+t}$, $y = 2 + \frac{1}{3}t$, where x and y are measured in centimeters. The temperature function satisfies $T_x(2, 3) = 4$ and $T_y(2, 3) = 3$. How fast is the temperature rising on the bug's path after 3 seconds?

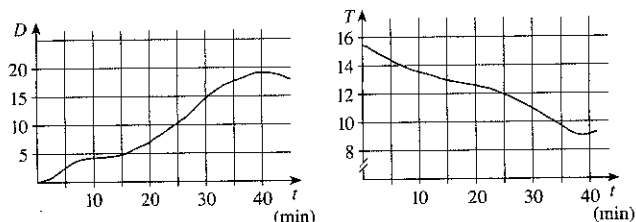
36. Wheat production W in a given year depends on the average temperature T and the annual rainfall R . Scientists estimate that the average temperature is rising at a rate of $0.15^\circ\text{C}/\text{year}$ and rainfall is decreasing at a rate of $0.1 \text{ cm}/\text{year}$. They also estimate that, at current production levels, $\partial W/\partial T = -2$ and $\partial W/\partial R = 8$.

- What is the significance of the signs of these partial derivatives?
- Estimate the current rate of change of wheat production, dW/dt .

37. The speed of sound traveling through ocean water with salinity 35 parts per thousand has been modeled by the equation

$$C = 1449.2 + 4.6T - 0.055T^2 + 0.00029T^3 + 0.016D$$

where C is the speed of sound (in meters per second), T is the temperature (in degrees Celsius), and D is the depth below the ocean surface (in meters). A scuba diver began a leisurely dive into the ocean water; the diver's depth and the surrounding water temperature over time are recorded in the following graphs. Estimate the rate of change (with respect to time) of the speed of sound through the ocean water experienced by the diver 20 minutes into the dive. What are the units?



38. The radius of a right circular cone is increasing at a rate of 1.8 in/s while its height is decreasing at a rate of 2.5 in/s . At what rate is the volume of the cone changing when the radius is 120 in. and the height is 140 in. ?

39. The length ℓ , width w , and height h of a box change with time. At a certain instant the dimensions are $\ell = 1 \text{ m}$ and $w = h = 2 \text{ m}$, and ℓ and w are increasing at a rate of 2 m/s while h is decreasing at a rate of 3 m/s . At that instant find the rates at which the following quantities are changing.

- The volume
- The surface area
- The length of a diagonal

40. The voltage V in a simple electrical circuit is slowly decreasing as the battery wears out. The resistance R is slowly increasing as the resistor heats up. Use Ohm's Law, $V = IR$, to find how the current I is changing at the moment when $R = 400 \Omega$, $I = 0.08 \text{ A}$, $dV/dt = -0.01 \text{ V/s}$, and $dR/dt = 0.03 \Omega/\text{s}$.

41. The pressure of 1 mole of an ideal gas is increasing at a rate of 0.05 kPa/s and the temperature is increasing at a rate of 0.15 K/s . Use the equation in Example 2 to find the rate of change of the volume when the pressure is 20 kPa and the temperature is 320 K .

42. Car A is traveling north on Highway 16 and car B is traveling west on Highway 83. Each car is approaching the intersection of these highways. At a certain moment, car A is 0.3 km from the intersection and traveling at 90 km/h while car B is 0.4 km from the intersection and traveling at 80 km/h . How fast is the distance between the cars changing at that moment?

43. One side of a triangle is increasing at a rate of 3 cm/s and a second side is decreasing at a rate of 2 cm/s . If the area of the

triangle remains constant, at what rate does the angle between the sides change when the first side is 20 cm long, the second side is 30 cm, and the angle is $\pi/6$?

44. If a sound with frequency f_s is produced by a source traveling along a line with speed v_s and an observer is traveling with speed v_o along the same line from the opposite direction toward the source, then the frequency of the sound heard by the observer is

$$f_o = \left(\frac{c + v_o}{c - v_s} \right) f_s$$

where c is the speed of sound, about 332 m/s. (This is the **Doppler effect**.) Suppose that, at a particular moment, you are in a train traveling at 34 m/s and accelerating at 1.2 m/s^2 . A train is approaching you from the opposite direction on the other track at 40 m/s, accelerating at 1.4 m/s^2 , and sounds its whistle, which has a frequency of 460 Hz. At that instant, what is the perceived frequency that you hear and how fast is it changing?

- 45–48 Assume that all the given functions are differentiable.

45. If $z = f(x, y)$, where $x = r \cos \theta$ and $y = r \sin \theta$, (a) find $\partial z / \partial r$ and $\partial z / \partial \theta$ and (b) show that

$$\left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right)^2 = \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial r} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{r^2} \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial \theta} \right)^2$$

46. If $u = f(x, y)$, where $x = e^s \cos t$ and $y = e^s \sin t$, show that

$$\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right)^2 = e^{-2s} \left[\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial s} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right)^2 \right]$$

47. If $z = f(x - y)$, show that $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = 0$.

48. If $z = f(x, y)$, where $x = s + t$ and $y = s - t$, show that

$$\left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right)^2 - \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right)^2 = \frac{\partial z}{\partial s} \frac{\partial z}{\partial t}$$

- 49–54 Assume that all the given functions have continuous second-order partial derivatives.

49. Show that any function of the form

$$z = f(x + at) + g(x - at)$$

is a solution of the wave equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial t^2} = a^2 \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2}$$

[Hint: Let $u = x + at$, $v = x - at$.]

50. If $u = f(x, y)$, where $x = e^s \cos t$ and $y = e^s \sin t$, show that

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = e^{-2s} \left[\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial s^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} \right]$$

51. If $z = f(x, y)$, where $x = r^2 + s^2$ and $y = 2rs$, find $\partial^2 z / \partial r \partial s$. (Compare with Example 7.)

52. If $z = f(x, y)$, where $x = r \cos \theta$ and $y = r \sin \theta$, find (a) $\partial z / \partial r$, (b) $\partial z / \partial \theta$, and (c) $\partial^2 z / \partial r \partial \theta$.

53. If $z = f(x, y)$, where $x = r \cos \theta$ and $y = r \sin \theta$, show that

$$\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} = \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial \theta^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial z}{\partial r}$$

54. Suppose $z = f(x, y)$, where $x = g(s, t)$ and $y = h(s, t)$. (a) Show that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial t^2} &= \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} \left(\frac{\partial x}{\partial t} \right)^2 + 2 \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} \left(\frac{\partial y}{\partial t} \right)^2 \\ &\quad + \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{\partial^2 x}{\partial t^2} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2} \end{aligned}$$

- (b) Find a similar formula for $\partial^2 z / \partial s \partial t$.

55. A function f is called **homogeneous of degree n** if it satisfies the equation $f(tx, ty) = t^n f(x, y)$ for all t , where n is a positive integer and f has continuous second-order partial derivatives.

- (a) Verify that $f(x, y) = x^2 y + 2xy^2 + 5y^3$ is homogeneous of degree 3.

- (b) Show that if f is homogeneous of degree n , then

$$x \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = n f(x, y)$$

[Hint: Use the Chain Rule to differentiate $f(tx, ty)$ with respect to t .]

56. If f is homogeneous of degree n , show that

$$x^2 \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + 2xy \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} + y^2 \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} = n(n-1)f(x, y)$$

57. If f is homogeneous of degree n , show that

$$f_x(tx, ty) = t^{n-1} f_x(x, y)$$

58. Suppose that the equation $F(x, y, z) = 0$ implicitly defines each of the three variables x , y , and z as functions of the other two: $z = f(x, y)$, $y = g(x, z)$, $x = h(y, z)$. If F is differentiable and F_x , F_y , and F_z are all nonzero, show that

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial z} = -1$$