

More examples of implicit differentiation:

**Example:** Suppose  $2x + 2\ln(2y) = 5 - z^2 + xz$ . Find  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$  when  $(x, y, z) = (4, \frac{1}{2}, 1)$ .

product rule

Differentiate  
both sides  
with respect  
to  $x$

$$2 + 0 = 0 - 2z \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial x}{\partial x} \cdot z + x \frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$$

$$= -2z \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + z + x \frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$$

At  $(4, \frac{1}{2}, 1)$ :

$$2 = -2 \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + 1 + 4 \frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$$

While we're talking about implicit differentiation: we can use implicit differentiation to obtain second-order partial derivatives.

**Example:** Suppose  $2x + 2\ln(2y) = 5 - z^2 + xz$ . Find  $\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2}$  when  $(x, y, z) = (4, \frac{1}{2}, 1)$ .

$$2 = 0 - 2z \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + \left( z + x \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right)$$

$$2 - z = (x - 2z) \frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$$

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$$0 - \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (x - 2z) \cdot z_x + (x - 2z) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} z_x$$

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

$$- \frac{1}{2} = \left( 1 - 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \right) \frac{1}{2} + (4 - 2 \cdot 1) \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} \Big|_{(4, \frac{1}{2}, 1)}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} \Big|_{(4, \frac{1}{2}, 1)} = -\frac{1}{4}.$$

differentiate  
with respect to  
 $x$  again

At  $(4, \frac{1}{2}, 1)$

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 $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{2}$

**Example:** Suppose  $xy + y^2z + zw = 3$  and  $w^2x + 3yz = 4$ . Calculate  $\left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}\right)_y$  and  $\left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial x}\right)_y$  at the point  $P$  where  $(x, y, z, w) = (1, 1, 1, 1)$ .

∴ differentiating both sides with respect to  $x$ , fixing  $y$

$$xy + y^2z + zw = 3$$

$$y + y^2\left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}\right)_y + z\left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial x}\right)_y + w\left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}\right)_y = 0$$

$$w^2x + 3yz = 4$$

$$w^2 + 2wx\left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial x}\right)_y + 3y\left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}\right)_y = 0$$

At  $(1, 1, 1, 1)$ :

$$1 + 2\left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}\right)_y + \left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial x}\right)_y = 0$$

$$1 + 2\left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial x}\right)_y + 3\left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}\right)_y = 0$$

many ways to solve this. e.g. combine into a matrix equation

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}\right)_y \\ \left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial x}\right)_y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

can solve by row-reduction

$$\begin{pmatrix} \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}\right)_y \\ \left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial x}\right)_y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \\ = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{so } \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}\right)_y = 1, \left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial x}\right)_y = -1.$$

**Example:** Suppose

$$\begin{aligned} 3x + 2y + u - v^2 &= 0 \\ 4x + 3y + u^2 + vw &= 2 \\ xu^2 + w &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Show that  $u, v, w$  can be written as functions of  $x, y$  when  $u = 0$  and  $v = 1$ .

By Implicit Function Theorem, we need to show  $\frac{\partial(F, G, H)}{\partial(u, v, w)} \neq 0$

where  $F(x, y, u, v, w) = 3x + 2y + u - v^2$

$G(x, y, u, v, w) = 4x + 3y + u^2 + vw - 2$

$H(x, y, u, v, w) = xu^2 + w - 1$

$$\frac{\partial(F, G, H)}{\partial(u, v, w)} = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial F}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial F}{\partial v} & \frac{\partial F}{\partial w} \\ \frac{\partial G}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial G}{\partial v} & \frac{\partial G}{\partial w} \\ \frac{\partial H}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial H}{\partial v} & \frac{\partial H}{\partial w} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -2v & 0 \\ 2u & w & v \\ 2xu & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

when  $u=0$  and  $v=1$ , this is  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & w & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = w$

$xu^2 + w = 1$  so when  $u=0$ ,  $w=1$ , so  $\frac{\partial(F, G, H)}{\partial(u, v, w)} = 1 \neq 0$