

Math 2551 Worksheet Section 14.4

1. Find $\frac{dw}{dt}$ when $t = 1$, if $w = 2ye^x - \ln z$, $x = \ln(t^2 + 1)$, $y = \tan^{-1}(t)$, $z = e^t$.

2. Let $w = xy + yz + zx$, where $x = r \cos \theta$, $y = r \sin \theta$, $z = r\theta$.

Find $\frac{\partial w}{\partial r}$ and $\frac{\partial w}{\partial \theta}$ when $r = 2$ and $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$.

3. Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ if $\tan^{-1}(x^2y) = x + xy^2$.

4. Suppose that we substitute polar coordinates $x = r \cos \theta$ and $y = r \sin \theta$ in a differentiable function $w = f(x, y)$.

(a) Show that

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial r} = f_x \cos \theta + f_y \sin \theta \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial w}{\partial \theta} = -f_x \sin \theta + f_y \cos \theta$$

(b) Solve the equations in part (a) to express f_x and f_y in terms of $\frac{\partial w}{\partial r}$ and $\frac{\partial w}{\partial \theta}$.