

# Forms of the chain rule

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Form 1.

Ex:  $\phi(t) = \sin(3t)$   
 $= \sin(y)$   $\swarrow$  simple substitution

$$\begin{cases} \phi(y(t)), \\ y(t) = 3t \end{cases}$$

$$\text{So } \begin{cases} \phi'(t) = \frac{d}{dt}(\sin(3t)) \\ = \cos(3t)(3) = 3\cos(3t) \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} \phi'(t) = \frac{d}{dt}(\sin(y)) \\ = \cos(y) \cdot \frac{dy}{dt} \end{cases} \longrightarrow \frac{d}{dy} \sin(y) = \cos(y)$$

If  $y = 3t$ ,  $\frac{dy}{dt} = 3$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} \phi &= \frac{d}{dy} \phi \cdot \frac{dy}{dt} \\ &= \left( \frac{d}{dy} \sin(y) \right) \cdot \frac{dy}{dt} \\ &= \cos(y) \cdot 3 \\ &= 3 \cos(3t) \\ &= 3 \cos(3t) \end{aligned}$$

Ex.  $y = t^2 + 2 \ln(t)$   $\phi(y) = e^y$

$$\phi(t) = \phi(y) = e^y \Rightarrow \phi(t) = e^{t^2 + 2 \ln(t)} = e^{t^2} e^{2 \ln(t)} = e^{t^2} t^2 = t^2 e^{t^2}$$

$$\frac{d\phi}{dy} = \frac{d}{dy} e^y$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = 2t + 2 \cdot \frac{1}{t}$$


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$$\left( \frac{d\phi}{dy} \cdot \frac{dy}{dt} \right) = e^y \cdot (2t + \frac{2}{t}) = e^{t^2 + 2 \ln(t)} \cdot 2t \left( t + \frac{1}{t} \right)$$

$$\phi(t) = e^{(t^2 + 2 \ln(t))}$$

$$\phi' = e^{(t^2 + 2 \ln(t))} \cdot \frac{d}{dt} (t^2 + 2 \ln(t))$$

$$= e^{(t^2 + 2 \ln(t))} (2t + \frac{2}{t}) \quad \leftarrow \text{same}$$


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Easier Form of the chain rule.

$$\phi(y(t))$$

$$\frac{d\phi}{dt} = \frac{d\phi}{dy} \cdot \frac{dy}{dt} \quad \leftarrow \text{no stuff!}$$


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Next Form

$$\frac{d}{dt} \phi(x(t), y(t)) = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt}$$

$$\text{Ex. } \begin{cases} x(t) = \cos(3t), & y = \sin(5t) \\ \phi(x, y) = x^2 y^2 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} \frac{d\phi}{dx} = 2x, & \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} = 2y \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = -\sin(3t) \cdot 3 & \frac{dy}{dt} = \cos(5t) \cdot 5 \end{cases}$$

Then:  $\frac{d\phi}{dt} = (z_x) \cdot (-3 \sin(3t)) + (z_y) \cdot (-5 \sin(5t))$

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$$= (2 \cos(3t))(-3 \sin(3t)) + (z_y) (-5 \cos(5t))$$

$$= -6 \cos(3t) \sin(3t) - 10 \sin(4t) \cos(4t)$$

Third Form (what we need)

$$\phi(x, y) = \phi(x, y(x))$$

← we will likely be thinking  
y as a function of x.

$$\frac{d\phi}{dx}(x, y) = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{dx}{dx} + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dx}$$

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

So, suppose we have

$$\phi(x, y) = \text{constant}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d\phi}{dx} = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

1st order ODE

Ex:  $\phi(x, y(x)) = y^2 + x^2 y$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \phi = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dx} + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dx} = \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (y^2 + x^2 y) \right) (1) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (y^2 + x^2 y) \frac{dy}{dx}$$

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constant derivative

$$= (2xy)(1) + (2y + x^2) \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2xy + (2y + x^2) \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (2y + x^2) \frac{dy}{dx} = -2xy$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-2xy}{2y + x^2}} \quad \text{1st order ODE}$$

So,

1. Define  $\phi(x, y)$  so that

$$\phi(x, y) = \text{constant}$$

2. Compute  $\frac{d}{dx}(\phi)$

3. Solve for  $\frac{dy}{dx} =$

↓  
above changes can be done

Suppose we start with

$$M(x, y) + N(x, y) \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Ex} & 2xy & + (2y + x^2) \frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \\ & M(x) & N(x, y) \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d\phi}{dx} = 0 \quad \text{if } \phi(x, y) = y^2 + x^2y = C,$$

then gives an immediate way to

get a solution

If

$$\frac{d\phi}{dx} + \frac{d\phi}{dy} \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

$$\Downarrow \quad \Downarrow$$

$$M \quad N$$

$$\Rightarrow M(x,y) + N(y) \frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{M(x,y)}{N(y)}}$$

Ex:  $2xy + (2y+x^2) y' = 0$

$$\Downarrow \quad \Downarrow$$

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} = 2xy \quad \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} = (2y+x^2)$$

$\Downarrow$   
integrate

$$\int \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} dx \Rightarrow \phi(x,y) = \int 2xy dx$$

$$= x^2 y + g(y)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} = x^2 + g'(y)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} = 2y + x^2$$

$\uparrow$   
must be equal

$$\Rightarrow x^2 g'(y) = 2y + x^2$$

$$\Rightarrow g'(y) = y^2 + C_1$$

So,

$$\phi(x,y) = x^2 y + y^3 + C_1$$

Set  $\phi$  to a constant

$$x^2 y + y^3 + C_1 = C_2$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 y + y^3 = C_3$$