

8  $x, y, z$  related by the equation  $z = \frac{1-xy}{x+y}$

$$xy + yz + zx = 1$$

Find  $\left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}\right), \frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$ .

This equation implicitly defines  $z$  as a function  $z(x, y)$ .

Take  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x}$  of both sides

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (xy + yz + zx) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (1) = 0$$

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

using linearity and product rule

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

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial}{\partial x}(yz^2) \\&= y \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(z^2) \\&= y 2z \frac{\partial z}{\partial x}.\end{aligned}$$

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Chain rule and small increments formula.

Recall a use of the single-variable derivative of a function  $f(x)$   
 $f'(x)$

Small increments / small changes  
 approximation.

$$f(x + \underbrace{\Delta x}_{\text{small change in } x}) \approx f(x) + \Delta x f'(x)$$

small change in  $x$

This will generalize to the  
 2-variable case

$$\Delta f = f(x + \Delta x, y + \Delta y) - f(x, y)$$

$$\approx \Delta x \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \Delta y \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$$

Where both partial derivatives evaluated at original point  $(x, y)$

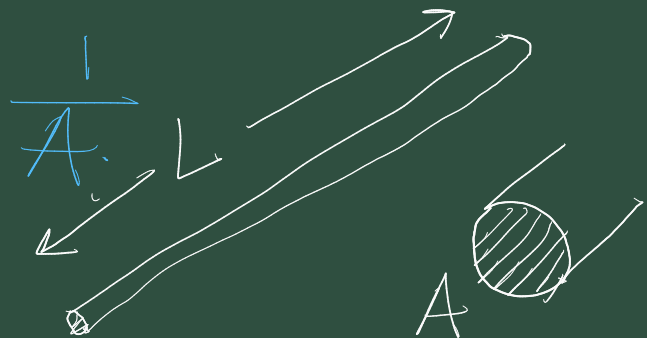
and to  $n$ -variables in general it appears as  $f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$

$$\Delta f \approx \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta x_i \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}$$

$$\frac{1}{x} \rightarrow -\frac{1}{x^2}$$

Example The resistance of a length of wire can be modelled as

$$R = \rho \frac{L}{A}$$



$R(L, A)$

$L$  is length of wire,

$A$  is cross-section area of the wire

$\rho$  is the resistivity of the wire material

$$\rho = \text{"rho"}$$

Suppose  $A$  decreases by 1% and  $L$  increases by 2.5%. Use the small increments formula to approximate change in resistance,  $\Delta R$ , of the wire.

$$\boxed{\Delta R \approx \Delta L \frac{\partial R}{\partial L} + \Delta A \frac{\partial R}{\partial A}}$$

$$= 0.025 L \underbrace{\frac{\rho}{A}} - 0.01 A \underbrace{\left( -\frac{\rho L}{A^2} \right)}$$

$$= \underbrace{0.035 \frac{\rho L}{A}}_{R}$$

$$= 3.5\% \text{ increase in } R.$$

$$\left( 1 + \frac{r}{100} \right) R. \quad - \text{ new value}$$

$$\Delta R = \frac{r}{100} R.$$

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## Chain rule

First, recall 1-variable concept.

Suppose  $y = f(x)$

and in turn  $x = g(t)$

So  $y = f(g(t)) = (f \circ g)(t)$ .

Chain rule tells us about  $\frac{dy}{dt}$ .

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{dy}{dx} \cdot \frac{dx}{dt}$$

OR.

$$y'(t) = f'(g(t)) g'(t)$$

For more than 1 variable.

Suppose  $y = f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$   
and the  $x_i$  in turn are given

as:  $x_i = u_i(z_1, \dots, z_n)$

We need to know how

$\frac{\partial y}{\partial z_i}$  depends on  $\frac{\partial y}{\partial x_j}$  and  $\frac{\partial u_j}{\partial z_i}$

Focus on 2-variable case

Start with small increments

formula.

$$z = f(x, y), \quad x = u(s, t) \\ y = v(s, t)$$

$$\Delta z \approx \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \Delta x + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \Delta y.$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\Delta z}{\Delta s} \approx \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta s} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta s}$$

Consider this as  $\Delta s \rightarrow 0$

$$\text{then } \frac{\Delta z}{\Delta s} \rightarrow \frac{\partial z}{\partial s}, \quad \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta s} \rightarrow \frac{\partial x}{\partial s}$$

$$\frac{\Delta y}{\Delta s} \rightarrow \frac{\partial y}{\partial s} \quad \text{and the}$$

approximation becomes equality.

giving us.

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

and similarly

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

Chain rule equations for the transformation  $(x, y) \rightarrow (s, t)$

And in general case.

$$(x_1, \dots, x_n) \rightarrow (z_1, \dots, z_n)$$

we would n chain

rule equations for  $\frac{\partial y}{\partial z_i}$

for  $i = 1, \dots, n$

$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial z_i} = \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j} \frac{\partial x_j}{\partial z_i}$$

Chain rule equations for  
 $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \rightarrow (z_1, \dots, z_n)$ .

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Q6.

$$w = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$$

$$\text{and } x = st, \quad y = s \cos(t), \\ z = s \sin(t).$$

Method 1 Direct substitution.



$$\begin{aligned}
 w &= (st)^2 + (s \cos(t))^2 + (s \sin(t))^2 \\
 &= s^2 t^2 + s^2, \quad \cos^2 t + \sin^2 t = 1 \\
 &= s^2 (t^2 + 1)
 \end{aligned}$$

Then diff. as usual. to get.

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial s} = 2s(t^2 + 1)$$

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial t} = 2s^2 t$$

Method 2 Use chain rule(s).

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\partial w}{\partial s} &= \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial s} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial s} \\
 &\quad + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \frac{\partial z}{\partial s}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= 2xt + 2y \cos(t) + 2z \sin(t)$$









Recall the chain rule equations.

$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial z_i} = \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j} \frac{\partial x_j}{\partial z_i} \quad ; i=1, \dots, n$$

The RHS might look familiar.

vector

$$\boxed{\phantom{0}}_i = \sum_{j=1}^n \boxed{\phantom{0}}_j \boxed{i}_j$$

vector matrix.

This looks like matrix multiplication with vectors.

Yes, the chain rule equations have a nice expression in matrix form.

2-variable case.

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

and similarly

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

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial z}{\partial s} & \frac{\partial z}{\partial t} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial s} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial s} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$J = \frac{\partial (x, y)}{\partial (s, t)}$$

Known as the Jacobian

matrix of  $(x, y) \rightarrow (s, t)$

index the  
rows

index the  
columns

In general for a transformation

$$(x_1, \dots, x_n) \rightarrow (z_1, \dots, z_n)$$

$J$  is a  $n \times n$  matrix.

$$J_{i,j} = \frac{\partial x_i}{\partial z_j}$$

row, col.

and chain rule eqs.

are.

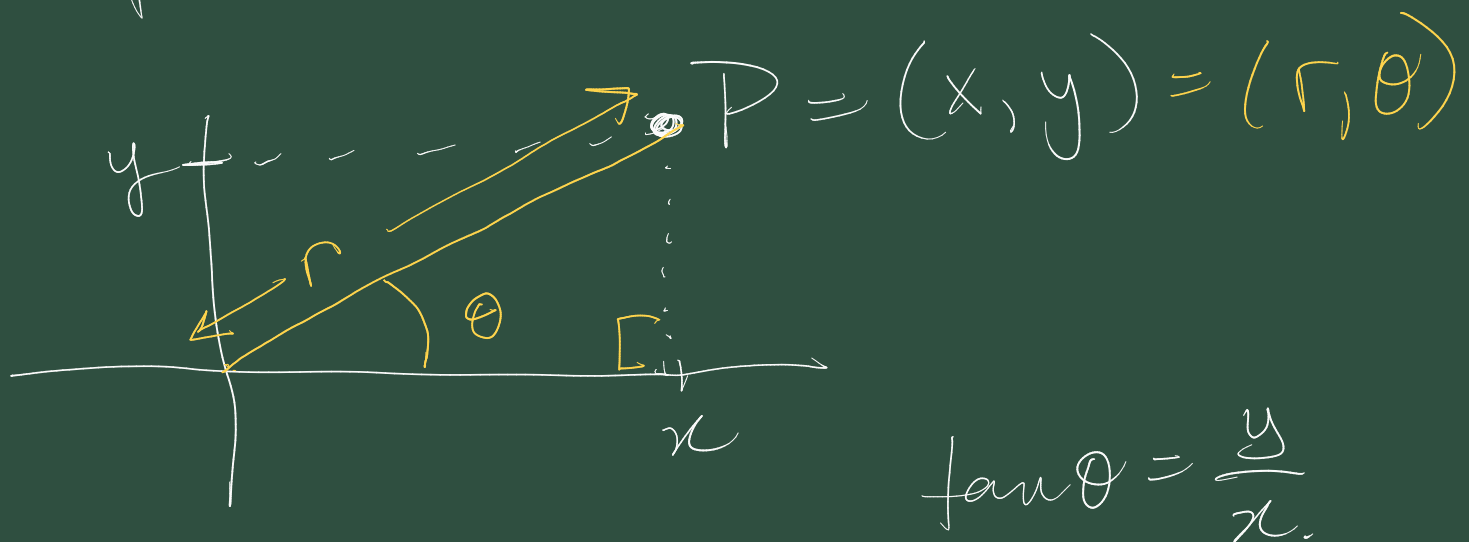
$$\left( \frac{\partial y}{\partial z_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial y}{\partial z_n} \right)$$

$$= \left( \frac{\partial y}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial y}{\partial x_n} \right) J.$$

see Q7 on Tut. sheet 02

$$|J| = \frac{\partial (x_1, \dots, x_n)}{\partial (z_1, \dots, z_n)} \quad \text{the Jacobian determinant}$$

Q7. Change from Cartesian to polar coords.





$$\begin{aligned} x &= r \cos \theta \\ y &= r \sin \theta \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} r &= \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \\ \theta &= \arctan\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) \end{aligned}$$

Jacobians (determinants)

feature importantly in  
integration

$$\frac{\delta(x, y)}{\delta(r, \theta)} = \text{determinant of Jacobian matrix.}$$

