

Lecture #16 - Week 6 - Chain Rule - 14.5

If $y = f(x)$ and $x = g(t)$, then

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

If $z = f(x, y)$ and $x = g(t)$, $y = h(t)$, then

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

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

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

or

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

Now, let $z = f(x, y)$, where
 $x = g(t, s)$
 $y = h(t, s)$

We get

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

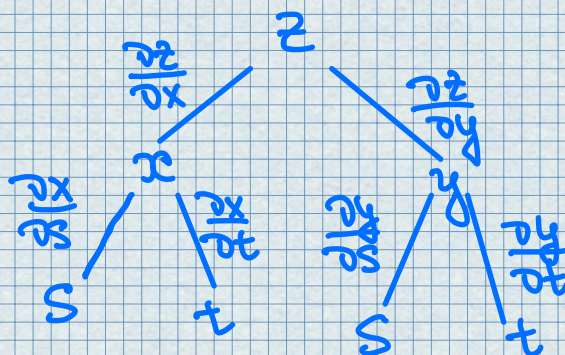
$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial s} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial s} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial s}$$

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

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

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



The Chain Rule (General version)

Suppose that u is a differentiable function of the n variables x_1, \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, \dots, t_m and

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t_i} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_1} \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial t_i} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_2} \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial t_i} + \dots + \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_n} \frac{\partial x_n}{\partial t_i}, \quad i = 1, \dots, m$$

• Implicit Differentiation

We suppose that

$$F(x, y) = 0$$

defines y implicitly as a differ. function of x , that is, $y = f(x)$, $F(x, f(x)) = 0$ for all x in the domain of f .

If F is differentiable, we obtain

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

So, if $\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} \neq 0$, we obtain

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

(1)

Now, we suppose that

$$z = f(x, y)$$

is given implicitly by an equation of the form

$$F(x, y, z) = 0.$$

$$F(x, y, f(x, y)) = 0 \text{ for all } (x, y) \in \text{Dom}(f).$$

If F and f are differentiable, then

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

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

Hence,

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

If $\frac{\partial F}{\partial z} \neq 0$, then

$$\boxed{\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = - \frac{\frac{\partial F}{\partial x}}{\frac{\partial F}{\partial z}}}$$

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Similarly,

$$\boxed{\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = - \frac{\frac{\partial F}{\partial y}}{\frac{\partial F}{\partial z}}}$$

Implicit Function Theorem:

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 $F(x,y)=0$ defines y as a function of x near the point (a,b) and the derivative of this function is given by (1).

Implicit Function Theorem:

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

$F(x,y,z)=0$ 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 (2).

Examples

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

Solution

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

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = 2xy + 3y^4$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = 2 \cos 2t$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = x^2 + 12xy^3$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = -\sin t$$

$$\frac{dz}{dt} = (2xy + 3y^4) 2 \cos 2t + (x^2 + 12xy^3) (-\sin t)$$

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



2. If $z = e^x \sin y$, where

$$x = st^2$$

$$y = s^2t$$

find

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial s} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial z}{\partial t}.$$

Solution

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

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

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

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



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

Solution

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

$$\left. \frac{\partial u}{\partial s} \right|_{r=2, s=1, t=0} = (4 \cdot 2^3 \cdot 2) 2 \cdot 1 + (2^4 + 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 0) \cdot$$

$$\cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 + 3 \cdot 0 \cdot 2^2 \cdot 2^2 \cdot 0 =$$

$$= 8 \cdot 8 \cdot 2 + 16 \cdot 4 = 64 \cdot 2 + 64 = 64 \cdot 3 = 192.$$

4. If $g(s,t) = f(\overbrace{s^2-t^2}^x, \overbrace{t^2-s^2}^y)$ and f is differentiable, show that g satisfies the equation

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

Solution

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

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

$$\frac{\partial x}{\partial s} = 2s$$

$$\frac{\partial x}{\partial t} = -2t$$

$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial s} = -2s$$

$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial t} = 2t$$

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

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

Solution

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

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

6. Find $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$ and $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$ if

$$x^3 + y^3 + z^3 + 6xyz = 1.$$

Solution

$$F(x, y, z) = x^3 + y^3 + z^3 + 6xyz - 1$$

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

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

