

15.4: The Chain Rule $\frac{dy}{dx}$ derivative of y wrt to the single var x $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$ partial deriv of z wrt to one of the vars e.g. (x, y)

Theorem 15.7: Chain Rule (One Independent Variable)

Let z be a differentiable function of x and y on its domain, where x and y are differentiable functions of t on an interval I . Then

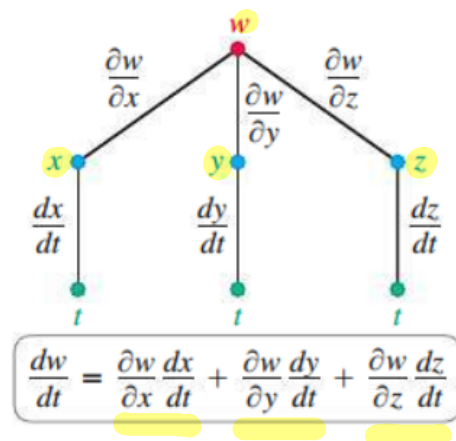
$$z = f(x, y)$$

$$x = g(t), \quad y = h(t)$$

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

Note:

- For $z = f(x(t), y(t))$, z is the dependent variable, t is the independent variable, and x and y are **intermediate variables**.
- Since x and y only depend on t , we use the 'ordinary' derivative symbol
- Theorem 15.7 generalizes to functions of n variables



Example. Find the derivative of the following functions using the chain rule where appropriate.

$$z = x^2 - 2y^2 + 20 \text{ where } x = 2 \cos(t) \text{ and } y = 2 \sin(t)$$

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

LC1

$$= (2x) (-2 \sin(t)) + (-4y) (2 \cos(t))$$

$$= -4x \sin(t) - 8y \cos(t)$$

$$= -8 \cos(t) \sin(t) - 16 \sin(t) \cos(t)$$

$$= -24 \sin(t) \cos(t) \leftarrow \text{OK}$$

$$= -12 \sin(2t)$$

$w = \sin(12x) \cos(2y)$ where $x = t/2$ and $y = t^3$

$$\frac{dw}{dt} = \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt}$$

LC 2

$$= (\cos(12x) \cos(2y) 12) \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + (\sin(12x) (-\sin(2y) 2)) (3t^2)$$

$$= 6 \cos(12x) \cos(2y) - 6t^2 \sin(12x) \sin(2y)$$

$$= 6 (\cos(6t) \cos(2t^3) - t^2 \sin(6t) \cos(2t^3))$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial s}, \frac{\partial z}{\partial t}$$

$$z(m) \leftarrow \frac{dz}{dm}$$

$m(x, y)$
 $x(s, t)$ $y(s, t)$

~~$\frac{\partial \pi}{\partial t}$~~

$Q = \sqrt{3x^2 + 3y^2 + 2z^2}$ where $x = \sin(t)$, $y = \cos(t)$, and $z = \cos(t)$.

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

$$= \left(\frac{3x}{\sqrt{3x^2 + 3y^2 + 2z^2}} \right) (\cos(t)) + \left(\frac{3y}{\sqrt{3x^2 + 3y^2 + 2z^2}} \right) (-\sin(t)) + \left(\frac{2z}{\sqrt{3x^2 + 3y^2 + 2z^2}} \right) (-\sin(t))$$

$$= \frac{3x \cos(t) - (3y + 2z) \sin(t)}{\sqrt{3x^2 + 3y^2 + 2z^2}} = \frac{3 \sin(t) \cos(t) - 5 \cos(t) \sin(t)}{\sqrt{3 \sin^2(t) + 5 \cos^2(t)}}$$

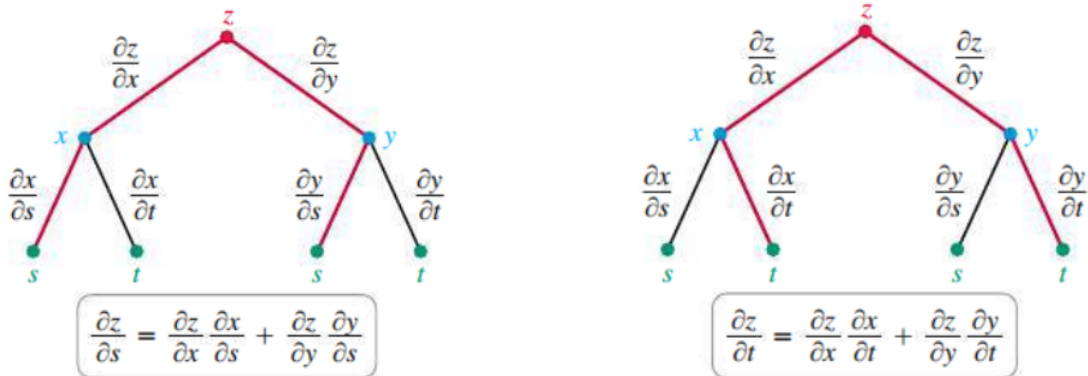
$$\frac{3 \sin^2(t) + 3 \cos^2(t) + 2 \cos^2(t)}{3}$$

$$= \frac{-2 \cos(t) \sin(t)}{\sqrt{3 + 2 \cos^2(t)}}$$

Theorem 15.8: Chain Rule (Two Independent Variables)

Let z be a differentiable function of x and y , where x and y are differentiable functions of s and t . Then

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial s} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial s} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial s} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial z}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial t}.$$



Example. For $z = e^{5x+8y}$, where $x = 7st$ and $y = 5s + t$, find z_s and z_t .

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial z}{\partial s} &= \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{\partial x}{\partial s} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{\partial y}{\partial s} = (5e^{5x+8y})(7t) + (8e^{5x+8y})(5) \\ &= 5e^{5x+8y}(7t+8) \\ &= 5e^{35st+40s+8t}(7t+8) \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (5s+t) = 0+1 = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial z}{\partial t} &= \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} = (5e^{5x+8y})(7s) + (8e^{5x+8y})(1) \\ &= e^{5x+8y}(35s+8) \\ &= e^{35st+40s+8t}(35s+8) \end{aligned}$$

Example. For $z = \sin(2x) \cos(3y)$, where $x = s + t$ and $y = s - t$, find $\partial z / \partial s$ and $\partial z / \partial t$.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial z}{\partial s} &= \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{\partial x}{\partial s} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{\partial y}{\partial s} = \left(2 \cos(2x) \cos(3y) \right) (1) + (-3 \sin(2x) \sin(3y)) (-1) \\ &= 2 \cos(2s+2t) \cos(3s-3t) - 3 \sin(2s+2t) \sin(3s-3t) \end{aligned}$$

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"big" derivative d

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} = 2 \cos(2s+2t) \cos(3s-3t) + 3 \sin(2s+2t) \sin(3s-3t)$$

Example. For $r = \ln(x^2 + xy + y^2)$, where $x = 2st$ and $y = s/t$, find $\partial r / \partial s$ and $\partial r / \partial t$.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial r}{\partial s} &= \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{\partial x}{\partial s} + \frac{\partial r}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{\partial y}{\partial s} = \left(\frac{2x + y}{x^2 + xy + y^2} \right) (2t) + \left(\frac{x + 2y}{x^2 + xy + y^2} \right) (1/t) \\ &= \frac{2t(4st + s/t) + 1/t(2st + 2s/t)}{4s^2t^2 + 2s^2 + s^2/t^2} \end{aligned}$$

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

$$z = \log(m)$$

$$m = 2x + 3y, \quad x = st, \quad y = s + t$$

func of z

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial s} = \frac{dz}{dm} \cdot \frac{\partial m}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial s} + \frac{dz}{dm} \frac{\partial m}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial s}$$

$$= \frac{dz}{dm} \left(\frac{\partial m}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial s} + \frac{\partial m}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial s} \right)$$

$$xy + \cos(xy) = 2$$

$$(y + x \frac{dy}{dx}) - \sin(xy) (y + x \frac{dy}{dx}) = 0 \xrightarrow{\text{solve}} \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\sin(xy)}{1 - \sin(xy)}$$

Theorem 15.9: Implicit Differentiation

Let F be differentiable on its domain and suppose $F(x, y) = 0$ defines y as a differentiable function of x . Provided $F_y \neq 0$,

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{F_x}{F_y}.$$

Note: The above derivation comes from using the chain rule on $F(x, y) = 0$.

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (F(x, y) = 0) \rightarrow F_x \cdot \frac{dx}{dx} + F_y \frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \rightarrow F_y \frac{dy}{dx} = -F_x \quad \begin{matrix} \uparrow \\ \text{constant} \end{matrix}$$

Example. For $4x^3 + 2x^2y - 3y^3 = 0$, find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ implicitly.

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{F_x}{F_y}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{12x^2 + 4xy}{2x^2 - 9y^2}$$

$$F(x, y, z) = 42$$

Example. For $xy + xz + 5yz = 42$, find $\partial z / \partial x$ and $\partial z / \partial y$ implicitly.

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = -\frac{F_x}{F_z} = -\frac{y + z}{x + 5y}$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = -\frac{F_y}{F_z} = -\frac{x + 5z}{x + 5y}$$

Example. For $xyz + 2yz + 3xz = 4x + 2y - 3z$, find $\partial z / \partial x$ and $\partial z / \partial y$.

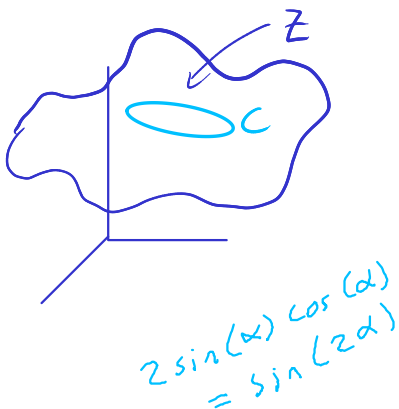
$$\underbrace{xyz + 2yz + 3xz - 4x - 2y + 3z}_{F} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = -\frac{F_x}{F_z} = -\frac{yz + 3z - 4}{xy + 2y + 3x + 3}$$

$$\begin{aligned} z(t) &= 3(\underbrace{\cos^2(t) + \sin^2(t)}_1) + 6\sin^2(t) + 4 \\ &= 6\sin^2(t) + 7 \Rightarrow \boxed{z'(t) = 12\sin(t)\cos(t)} \end{aligned}$$

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Example. Consider the surface $z = f(x, y) = 3x^2 + 9y^2 + 4$ and the curve C given parametrically by $x = \cos(t)$ and $y = \sin(t)$ where $0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$. Find $z'(t)$ and find t such that $z'(t) > 0$.



$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dz}{dt} &= \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt} \\ &= -6x \sin(t) + 18x \cos(t) \\ &= -6 \cos(t) \sin(t) + 18 \sin(t) \cos(t) \\ &= 12 \sin(t) \cos(t) \\ &= 6 \sin(2t) \end{aligned}$$

Solve $6 \sin(2t) > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \sin(2t) &> 0 \\ 2n\pi < 2t < (2n+1)\pi \\ n\pi < t < \frac{(2n+1)\pi}{2} \end{aligned}$$

