

## §14.5 Chain Rule.

Calc I. (again).

$$y = f(x)$$

$$x = g(t).$$

where  $f$  &  $g$  are differentiable then

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

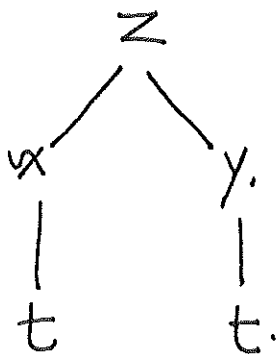
Chain  
Rule  
(part 1):

$z = f(x, y)$  a differentiable function  
of  $x$  &  $y$ ,  $x = g(t)$ ,  $y = h(t)$  for  
 $g$  &  $h$  diffble fns of  $t$ .

Then,  $z$  is a diffble fn of  $t$   
with

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

Tree  
diagram



Proof

Recall def'n of differentiable.

Informally,  
(This just says plane tangent to  $z$  approx  $z$  well).

$$\Delta z = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \Delta x + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \Delta y + \epsilon_1 \Delta x + \epsilon_2 \Delta y.$$

where  $(\Delta x, \Delta y) \rightarrow (0, 0)$

or  $\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2 \rightarrow 0$ .

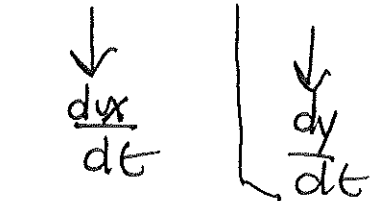
Divide by  $\Delta t$ . Take limit as  $\Delta t \rightarrow 0$ .

$$\lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta z}{\Delta t} = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} f_x \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} + f_y \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta t} +$$

$$\epsilon_1 \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} + \epsilon_2 \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta t}$$

$$\frac{dz}{dt} = f_x dx + f_y dy + \epsilon$$

$$+ \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \epsilon_1 \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} + \epsilon_2 \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta t}.$$



since  $x$  &  $y$  are diffble wrt  $t$ ,

since  $\Delta x \rightarrow 0$  &  $\Delta y \rightarrow 0$  as  $\Delta t \rightarrow 0$ .

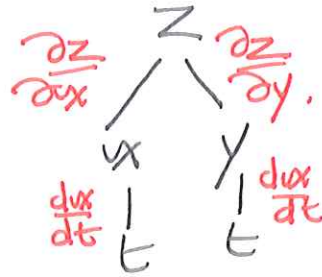
Find  $\frac{dz}{dt}$ .

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ex.  $z = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$

$$x = \cos t$$

$$y = \sin t$$



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

$$= \frac{1}{2} (x^2 + y^2)^{-1/2} \cdot 2x (-\sin t) + \frac{1}{2} (x^2 + y^2)^{-1/2} \cdot 2y (\cos t)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \cdot 1 \cdot 2 \cos t (-\sin t) +$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \cdot 1 \cdot 2 \sin t (\cos t) = 0 \quad (\text{check!})$$

ex.  $z = \tan^{-1}(x \cdot y)$

Find  $\frac{dz}{dt}$  @  $t=0$ .

$$x = \tan t$$

$$y = e^t$$

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

$$= \frac{1}{1+(xy)^2} \cdot y \cdot \sec^2 t + \frac{1}{1+(xy)^2} \cdot x \cdot e^t$$

When  $t=0$ ,

$$x = \tan 0 = 0$$

$$y = e^0 = 1$$

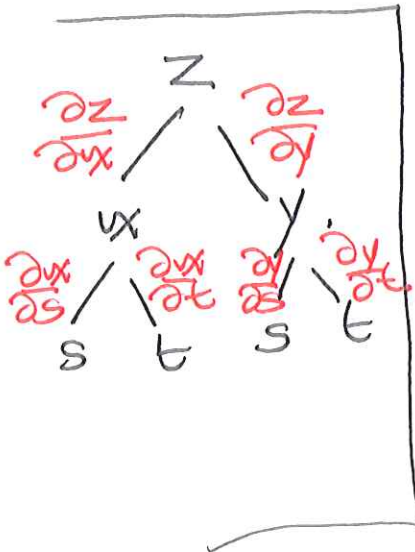
$$\Rightarrow \frac{dz}{dt} = \frac{1}{1+0^2} \cdot 1 \cdot \sec^2 0 + 1 \cdot 0 \cdot e^0 = 1 + 0 = \textcircled{1}$$

Chain Rule in 3 variables

$z = f(x, y)$  double fn of  $x$  &  $y$

$x = g(s, t), y = h(s, t)$  double fns of  $s$  &  $t$ .

Then,



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

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

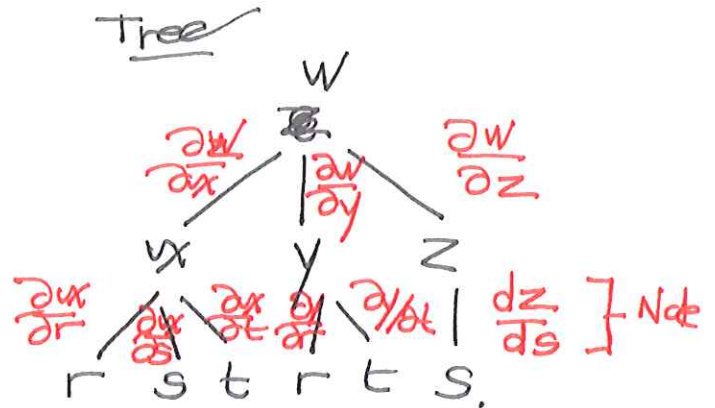
Holds in more variables!

ex.  $w = x^2 y^3 z$

$x = 3rst$

$y = r^2 t$

$z = s^3$



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

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

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

$z$  does not depend on  $t$

$y$  does not depend on  $s$

(The dreaded)

Implicit Differentiation.

ex. Find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  of  $x^2 + 6xy = 5y^2 - 3$

Soln

Rewrite as  $F(x, y) = 0$ .

$$x^2 + 6xy - 5y^2 + 3 = 0$$

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$$F(x, y).$$

This defines  $y$  implicitly as a differentiable function of  $x$ .

Differentiate  $F(x, y) = 0$  wrt  $x$ :

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

~~or~~  $\neq 0$ , or  $1$ , or Assume nonzero

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

This is the  
Implicit Function Theorem  
of Advanced Calculus.

If,

①  $F$  defined on an open disk containing  
point  $(a, b)$ .

②  $F(a, b) = 0$

③  $F_y(a, b) \neq 0$ .

④  $F_x$  &  $F_y$  continuous on disk.

then

$F(x, y) = 0$  defines  $y$  as a function of  
 $x$  near the point  $(a, b)$

†,

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

ex. (return to),

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{F_x}{F_y} = -\frac{(2x+6y)}{(6x-10y)} = -\frac{(x+3y)}{(3x-5y)}.$$

Implicit Function Thm  
for  $F(a,b,c)$  III