

## Section 14.5: Chain Rule

Chain rule for functions of a single variable: If  $y = f(x)$  and  $x = g(t)$ , where  $f$  and  $g$  are differentiable functions, then  $y$  is indirectly a differentiable function of  $t$  and

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

Example: Let  $z = x^y$  with  $x = t^3$  and  $y = \sin(t)$ . Compute  $z'(t) = \frac{dz}{dt}$ .

$$z = (t^3)^{\sin(t)} = t^{3\sin(t)}$$

$$\ln z = \ln t^{3\sin t}$$

$$\ln(z) = 3\sin t \cdot \ln(t)$$

$$\frac{z'}{z} = 3\cos(t) \ln(t) + \frac{3\sin(t)}{t}$$

$$z' = \frac{dz}{dt} = z \left[ 3\cos(t) \ln(t) + \frac{3\sin(t)}{t} \right]$$

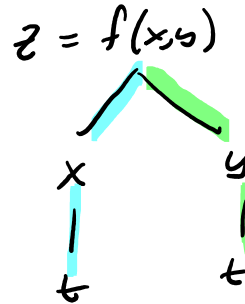
$$\frac{dz}{dt} = t^{3\sin(t)} \left[ 3\cos(t) \cdot \ln(t) + \frac{3\sin(t)}{t} \right]$$

**Chain Rule (Case 1):** Suppose the  $z = f(x, y)$  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

$$\underbrace{\frac{dz}{dt} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt}}_{\text{Chain Rule}}$$

or

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



Example: Let  $z = x^y$  with  $x = t^3$  and  $y = \sin(t)$ . Compute  $z'(t) = \frac{dz}{dt}$

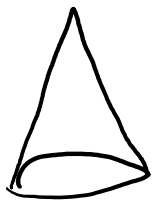
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dz}{dt} &= z_x \frac{dx}{dt} + z_y \frac{dy}{dt} \\ &= y \cdot x^{y-1} (3t^2) + x^y \cdot 1 \cdot \ln(x) \cdot (\cos(t)) \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{dz}{dt} = y x^{y-1} \cdot 3t^2 + x^y \ln(x) \cdot \cos(t)$$

Example: Let  $z = \ln(x + y^2)$  with  $x = \sqrt{1 + t^2}$  and  $y = e^{3t}$ . Compute  $z'(t) = \frac{dz}{dt}$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dz}{dt} &= z_x \frac{dx}{dt} + z_y \frac{dy}{dt} \\ &= \frac{1}{x + y^2} \cdot \frac{1}{2}(1 + t^2)^{-1/2} \cdot 2t + \frac{2y}{x + y^2} \cdot 3e^{3t} \\ &= \frac{t}{(x + y^2) \sqrt{1 + t^2}} + \frac{6ye^{3t}}{x + y^2}\end{aligned}$$

Example: The radius of a right circular cone is increasing at a rate of 2.1 in/s while its height is decreasing at a rate of 1.5 in/s. At what rate is the volume of the cone changing when the radius is 120 in and the height is 140 in?



$$V = \frac{1}{3} \pi r^2 h$$

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = V_r \frac{dr}{dt} + V_h \frac{dh}{dt}$$

$$\frac{dr}{dt} = 2.1 \text{ in/sec}$$

$$\frac{dh}{dt} = -1.5 \text{ in/sec}$$

$$r = 120 \quad h = 140$$

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{2}{3} \pi r h \cdot \frac{dr}{dt} + \frac{1}{3} \pi r^2 \frac{dh}{dt}$$

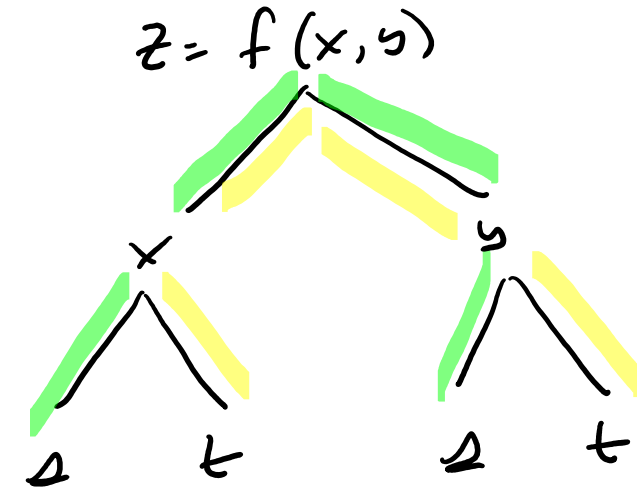
$$= \frac{2}{3} \pi (120)(140)(2.1) + \frac{1}{3} \pi (120)^2 (-1.5)$$

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = 163.20 \pi \text{ cubic in/sec}$$

**Chain Rule (Case 2):** Suppose the  $z = f(x, y)$  is a differentiable function of  $x$  and  $y$ , where  $x = g(s, t)$  and  $y = h(s, t)$  and all first partials of  $x$  and  $y$  exists. Then

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial s} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial s} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial s} = z_x x_s + z_y y_s$$

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



Example:  $z = \sin(x) \cos(y)$ , where  $x = (s-t)^2$  and  $y = s^2 - t^2$ . Compute  $z_s$  and  $z_t$ .

$$z_s = z_x X_s + z_y Y_s$$

$$z_s = \cos(x) \cos(y) \cdot 2(s-t) - \sin(x) \sin(y) \cdot (2s)$$

$$z_t = z_x X_t + z_y Y_t$$

$$z_t = \cos(x) \cos(y) \cdot (-2)(s-t) + \sin(x) \sin(y) \cdot (2t)$$

$$z_x = \cos(x) \cos(y)$$

$$z_y = -\sin(x) \sin(y)$$

$$X_s = 2(s-t)'$$

$$X_t = 2(s-t)'(-1)$$

$$Y_s = 2s$$

$$Y_t = -2t$$

$$x=2 \quad y=4 \quad z=0$$

Example: If  $u = x^2y + y^3z^2$  where  $x = rse^t$ ,  $y = rt^3 + s^2$  and  $z = rs \sin(t)$ , find  $u_s$  when  $(r, s, t) = (1, 2, 0)$ .

$$r=1 \quad t=0 \\ s=2$$

$$u_s = u_x x_s + u_y y_s + u_z z_s$$

$$= (16)(1) + 4(4) + (0)(0)$$

$$= 16 + 16$$

$$= 32$$

$$u_x = 2xy \rightarrow u_x = 16$$

$$u_y = x^2 + 3y^2z^2 \rightarrow u_y = 4$$

$$u_z = 2y^3z \rightarrow u_z = 0$$

$$x_s = re^t \rightarrow x_s = 1$$

$$y_s = 2s \rightarrow y_s = 4$$

$$z_s = r \sin(t) \rightarrow z_s = 0$$

Example: Suppose  $f$  is a differentiable function of  $x$  and  $y$ , and  $g(a, b) = f(e^a + \sin(b), e^a + \cos(b))$ . Use the table of values to calculate  $g_a(0, 0)$  and  $g_b(0, 0)$ .

	$f$	$g$	$f_x$	$f_y$
$(0, 0)$	4	5	10	20
$(1, 2)$	8	9	7	6

$$x = e^a + \sin(b)$$

$$y = e^a + \cos(b)$$

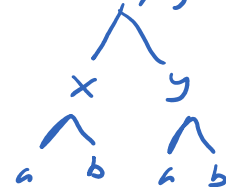
$$x = 1$$

$$a = 0$$

$$y = 2$$

$$b = 0$$

$$g(a, b) = f(x, y)$$



$$x_a = e^a \xrightarrow{a=0, b=0} x_a = 1$$

$$x_b = \cos(b) \xrightarrow{a=0, b=0} x_b = 1$$

$$y_a = e^a \xrightarrow{a=0, b=0} y_a = 1$$

$$y_b = -\sin(b) \xrightarrow{a=0, b=0} y_b = 0$$

$$g_a = f_x x_a + f_y y_a$$

$$g_a(0, 0) = f_x(1, 2) x_a + f_y(1, 2) y_a$$

$$= 7(1) + 6(1) = 13$$

$$g_b(0, 0) = f_x(1, 2) x_b + f_y(1, 2) y_b$$

$$= 7(1) + (6)(0) = 7$$



**Implicit Differentiation:** Suppose that an equation  $F(x, y) = 0$  defines  $y$  implicitly as a differentiable function of  $x$ . i.e.  $y = f(x)$  and  $F(x, f(x)) = 0$  for all  $x$  in the domain of  $f(x)$ . Find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$ .

$$F_x \frac{dx}{dx} + F_y \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

$$F_x + F_y \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

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

Example: Find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  if  $x^3 + y^3 = 6x^2y^4$

$$\underbrace{x^3 + y^3 - 6x^2y^4}_{F(x,y)} = 0$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-F_x}{F_y} = \frac{-(3x^2 - 12xy^4)}{3y^2 - 24x^2y^3}$$

Example: Suppose that  $z$  is given implicitly as a function  $z = f(x, y)$  by an equation  $F(x, y, z) = 0$ . Find  $z_x$  and  $z_y$ .

$$F_x \frac{\partial x}{\partial x} + F_y \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} + F_z \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = 0$$

$\uparrow$   $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$

1
0

$$F_x + F_z \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = 0$$

$$z_x = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = -\frac{F_x}{F_z}$$

$$z_y = \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = -\frac{F_y}{F_z}$$

Example: If  $\overbrace{x^4 + y^3 + z^2 + xye^z}^{F(x,y,z)} = 10$ . Find

$$(a) z_x = -\frac{F_y}{F_z} = -\frac{(4x^3 + ye^z)}{2z + xye^z}$$

 $z(x,y)$ 

$$(b) x_y = -\frac{F_y}{F_x} = -\frac{(3y^2 + xe^z)}{4x^3 + ye^z}$$

 $x(y,z)$