

4 Section 14.5: The Chain Rule

- Chain rule in the case of one independent variable t

$$f(x_{(t)})$$

- In the case of single variable calculus, we have the chain rule:

$$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad \frac{d}{dt} f(g(t)) = f'(g(t)) \cdot g'(t). \quad \frac{d}{dt} f(g(t)) = f'(g(t)) g'(t).$$

In other words; $df = f'_x dx$ Then, $\frac{df}{dt} = f'_x \frac{dx}{dt}$

- In the case of multi-variable calculus, we have the chain rule:

$$f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad \frac{d}{dt} f(x(t), y(t)) = f_x(x(t), y(t)) x'(t) + f_y(x(t), y(t)) y'(t).$$

$$dz = f_x dx + f_y dy, \text{ then } \boxed{\frac{dz}{dt} = f_x \frac{dx}{dt} + f_y \frac{dy}{dt}}$$

we write here:

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$$

- Example:** Let $z = f(x, y) = 5x^2 - 4y^2$, $x(t) = \sin(t)$, and $y(t) = \cos(t)$.

* Compute $\frac{dz}{dt}$

$$\frac{dz}{dt} = f_x \frac{dx}{dt} + f_y \frac{dy}{dt} = (10x) (\cos(t)) - 8y (-\sin(t))$$

$$\frac{dz}{dt} = 10x \cos(t) + 8y \sin(t)$$

$$= (10) (\sin(t)) (\cos(t)) + 8 (\cos(t)) (\sin(t)) = \boxed{18 \sin(t) \cos(t)}$$

* Evaluate $\frac{dz}{dt}$ at $t = 1$.

$$\frac{dz}{dt}(1) = 18 \sin(1) \cos(1)$$

- Chain rule in the case of two independent variable t

- In the case of single variable calculus, we have the chain rule:

$$\frac{\partial f(g(t, s))}{\partial t} = f'(g(t, s)) \frac{\partial g(t, s)}{\partial t}$$

and

$$\frac{\partial f(g(t, s))}{\partial s} = f'(g(t, s)) \frac{\partial g(t, s)}{\partial s}$$

- In the case of multi-variable calculus, we have the chain rule:

$$\frac{d}{dt} f(x(t, s), y(t, s)) = f_x(x(t, s), y(t, s)) \frac{\partial x(t, s)}{\partial t} + f_y(x(t, s), y(t, s)) \frac{\partial y(t, s)}{\partial t}.$$

and

$$\frac{d}{ds} f(x(t, s), y(t, s)) = f_x(x(t, s), y(t, s)) \frac{\partial x(t, s)}{\partial s} + f_y(x(t, s), y(t, s)) \frac{\partial y(t, s)}{\partial s}.$$

- **Example:** Let $z = f(x, y) = 5x^2 + xy - 3y^2$, $x(t) = 2u - 3v$, and $y(t) = u - 2v$. Compute $\frac{\partial z}{\partial u}$ and $\frac{\partial z}{\partial v}$

Think of z now as a function of u and v instead of x and y .

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial z}{\partial u} &= \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} \\ &= (10x + y)(2) + (x - 6y)(1) \\ &= 20x + 2y + x - 6y \\ &= 21x - 4y \\ &= (21)(2u - 3v) - 4(u - 2v) \\ &= 42u - 63v - 4u + 8v \end{aligned} \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = 10x + y, \quad \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = x - 6y \\ \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} = 2, \quad \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} = 1. \end{array} \right.$$

$$\boxed{\frac{\partial z}{\partial u} = 38u - 55v} \quad \text{Find } \frac{\partial z}{\partial v} \text{ in a similar way.}$$

- Chain rule in the case of many independent variable t and for many-variables functions

Let $x = f(x_1(t_1, \dots, t_n), x_2(t_1, \dots, t_n), \dots, x_m(t_1, \dots, t_n))$, where each of the $x_i(t_1, \dots, t_n)$ is a differentiable function of $t_1, \dots, t_n$.

Then, z is a differentiable function of $t_1, \dots, t_n$ and

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial t_j} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x_1} \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial t_j} + \dots + \frac{\partial z}{\partial x_m} \frac{\partial x_m}{\partial t_j}$$

For all $j = 1, \dots, n$.

- Implicit Differentiation

$$F: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

- Given an equation $F(x, y) = 0$, which defines y implicitly as a function of x , can we compute $\frac{dy}{dx}$ without explicitly solving for y in terms of x ?

$$F_{x,y} = 0 ; \quad \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{dy}{dt} = 0$$

Let $t=x$, then $F_x \cdot 1 + F_y \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$.

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

Then,

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

- The Implicit Function Theorem (for a function of two variables):

Let $F(x, y)$ be a function of two variable. 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 the equation $F(x, y) = 0$, defines y implicitly as a function of x near the point (a, b) , and the derivative of the function is given by

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

- Example: Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ if $x^4 + 5y^3 = 6x^2y$.

around $(a, b) = (1, 1) \rightarrow (15)(1) - 6(1) \neq 0$

when $F_y \neq 0$, then

y is an implicit function of x and

$$\boxed{\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{4x^3 - 12xy}{15y^2 - 6x^2}}$$

$$x^4 + 5y^3 - 6x^2y = 0$$

Let $F(x, y) = x^4 + 5y^3 - 6x^2y$

so, $F_x = 4x^3 - 12xy$ continuous

$F_y = 15y^2 - 6x^2$ continuous.

- **The Implicit Function Theorem (for a function of three variables):** Let $F(x, y, z)$ be a function of three variable. 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 the equation $F(x, y, z) = 0$, defines z implicitly as a function of x and y near the point (a, b, c) , and the derivative of the function is given by

Why?

$$F_{(x,y,z)} = 0$$
$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = -\frac{F_x}{F_z} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = -\frac{F_y}{F_z}$$
$$F_x \cdot \underbrace{\frac{\partial x}{\partial x}}_{=1} + F_y \cdot \underbrace{\frac{\partial y}{\partial x}}_{=0} + F_z \cdot \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right) = 0$$

so,

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

- **Example:** Find $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$ and $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$ if

$$2x^3 - 3y^3 + 2z^3 + xyz - yz + 2 = 0$$

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

$$F_x = 6x^2 + yz \quad ; \quad F_y = -9y^2 + xz - z \quad ;$$

$$F_z = 6z^2 + xy - y$$

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

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = - \frac{F_2}{F_3} = - \frac{-9y^2 + xz - 3}{6z^2 + xy - y}$$