

14.4 Chain Rule (CR)

diff = differentiable

14.4.1

Thm = Theorem (a fact)

Cor = Corollary (follows from a Thm)

Thm 1 If: $w = f(x, y)$ is diff
 $x = x(t)$ and $y = y(t)$ are diff w.r.t. t
 then $w = f(x(t), y(t))$ is diff. w.r.t. t

and $\frac{dw}{dt}(t) = f_x(x(t), y(t)) x'(t) + f_y(x(t), y(t)) y'(t)$

in other notation $\frac{dw}{dt} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt}$ or

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

\downarrow $w = f(x, y)$
 \downarrow $x = x(t)$ \downarrow $y = y(t)$

TL = Thinking Land

Thm 2 If: $w = f(x, y, z)$ is diff
 $x = x(t)$ and $y = y(t)$ and $z = z(t)$ are diff w.r.t. t
 then $w = f(x(t), y(t), z(t))$ is diff. w.r.t. t

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

\downarrow $w = f(x, y, z)$
 \downarrow $x = x(t)$ \downarrow $y = y(t)$ \downarrow $z = z(t)$

TL

Do Ex 1

Thm 3 If: $w = f(x, y, z)$ is diff.
 $x = g(r, s)$ and $y = h(r, s)$ and $z = k(r, s)$ are diff.
 then w has partial derivatives w.r.t. r and s

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

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

AND

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

Rmk If $w = f(x, y)$, can view $w = f(x, y, z)$ with w a constant function of z and apply Thm 3 to get Cor 4 (below).
 Cor 5 is similar, with $w = f(x)$.

Let's think out before peeking

Cor 4 If $w = f(x, y)$ and $x = g(r, s)$ and $y = h(r, s)$ are diff. then w has partial der. wrt r and s

and

TL: $w = f(x, y)$

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

AND

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

Cor 5

If $w = f(x)$ and $x = g(r, s)$ is diff. then w has partial der. wrt r and s

and

TL: $w = f(x)$
$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial r} = \frac{dw}{dx} \frac{\partial x}{\partial r}$$

AND

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial s} = \frac{dw}{dx} \frac{\partial x}{\partial s}$$

► Do Ex 2

Implicit Differentiation

Thm If $F(x, y)$ is diff. and the equation $F(x, y) = 0$ defines a diff. function of x (think of as: a diff. function $y = g(x)$)

then

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

↑
do not need to find y .

at any point where $F_y \neq 0$.

Thm If $F(x, y, z)$ is diff. and the equation $F(x, y, z) = 0$ defines a diff. function of x and y (think of as: a diff. function $z = g(x, y)$)

then

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = - \frac{F_x}{F_z} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = - \frac{F_y}{F_z}$$

↑
do not need to find z .

at any point where $F_z \neq 0$.

► Do Ex 3 and Ex 4

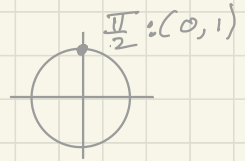
Ex 1 Thm 1 / Thm 2.

Let $W = x^2y + y + xz$ and:

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \cos \theta \\ y &= \sin \theta \\ z &= \theta^2 \end{aligned}$$

1.1 Express $\frac{dW}{d\theta}$ as a function of θ .

1.2 Evaluate $\frac{dW}{d\theta} \Big|_{\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}}$



Soln

1.1 π

$$\frac{dW}{d\theta} =$$

Ex 2 Thm 3 (and: cor 4, cor 5)

Let $w = x^4 y + y^2 z^3$ where

$$x = r s e^t$$

$$y = r s^2 e^{-t}$$

$$z = r^2 s \sin t.$$

Evaluate $\frac{\partial w}{\partial s}$ when: $r = 2$, $s = 1$, $t = 0$.

Soln.

Implicit Differentiation Examples

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Ex 3 Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ if $x^3 + y^3 = 6xy$.

Soln. $x^3 + y^3 = 6xy \Leftrightarrow x^3 + y^3 - 6xy = 0$.

So let $F(x, y) =$ _____

Ex 4 Find $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$ if $x^3 + y^3 + z^3 + 6xyz = 1$.

Soln. $x^3 + y^3 + z^3 + 6xyz = 1 \Leftrightarrow x^3 + y^3 + z^3 + 6xyz - 1 = 0$.

So let $F(x, y, z) =$ _____