

Mon 9/29

§14.5 Chain Rule

- Implicit Differentiation
- Quiz 6 (Tuesday 9/30)

We take 10 of the 12 best quizzes in case you want to go to Engineering Expo.

You may also take quiz with another class.

1:35 (ANR 123) or 3:10 (MOS 202).

In calculus I, for $y = f(x)$, then we can differentiate explicitly to get $y' = f'(x)$. Suppose we have $F(x, y) = C$, but with $y = f(x)$. Then we can differentiate implicitly using the chain rule, since

$$F(x, y) = F(x, y(x)) = C.$$

$$\frac{dF}{dx} = \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dx} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \Rightarrow F_x + F_y \frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \Rightarrow$$

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

Example: For $\tan^{-1}(x^2y) = x + xy^2$, find $\frac{dy}{dx}$.

Solution: Let $F(x, y) = \tan^{-1}(x^2y) - x - xy^2 = 0$.

$$\begin{aligned} F_x &= \frac{1}{1+(x^2y)^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(x^2y) - 1 - y^2 \\ &= \frac{2xy}{1+x^4y^2} - 1 - y^2 \\ &= \frac{2xy - 1 - y^2 - x^4y^2 - x^4y^4}{1+x^4y^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$F_y = \frac{x^2}{1 + (x^2y)^2} - 2xy = \frac{x^2 - 2xy - 2x^5y^3}{1 + x^4y^2}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{F_x}{F_y} = \frac{1 + y^2 + x^4y^2 + x^4y^4 - 2xy}{x^2 - 2xy - 2x^5y^3}$$

Alternatively,

$$\frac{d}{dx} \tan^{-1}(x^2y) = \frac{d}{dx} (x + xy^2) \Rightarrow$$

$$\frac{1}{1 + x^4y^2} \frac{d}{dx} (x^2y) = 1 + \frac{d}{dx} (xy^2) \Rightarrow$$

$$\frac{2xy + x^2y'}{1 + x^4y^2} = 1 + y^2 + 2xyy' \Rightarrow$$

$$2xy + x^2y' = 1 + y^2 + 2xyy' + x^4y^2 + x^4y^4 + 2x^5y^3y' \Rightarrow$$

$$x^2y' - 2xyy' - 2x^5y^3y' = 1 + y^2 + x^4y^2 + x^4y^4 - 2xy \Rightarrow$$

$$y' = \frac{1 + y^2 + x^4y^2 + x^4y^4 - 2xy}{x^2 - 2xy - 2x^5y^3}$$

Suppose $F(x, y, z) = C$, with $z = f(x, y)$.

Then $F(x, y, f(x, y)) = C$, and the chain rule gives

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = -\frac{F_x}{F_z}}$$

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = -\frac{F_y}{F_z}}$$

Example: For $x^2 - y^2 + z^2 - 2z = 4$, find $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$ and $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$.

Solution: $F(x, y, z) = x^2 - y^2 + z^2 - 2z = 4$

$$F_x = 2x$$

$$F_y = -2y$$

$$F_z = 2z - 2$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = -\frac{F_x}{F_z} = \frac{-2x}{2z-2} = \frac{x}{z-1}$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = -\frac{F_y}{F_z} = \frac{2y}{2z-2} = \frac{y}{z-1}$$

Alternatively,

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (x^2 - y^2 + z^2 - 2z) = \frac{\partial 4}{\partial x} \Rightarrow 2x + 2z \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} - 2 \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{-2x}{2z-2} = \frac{x}{z-1}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} (x^2 - y^2 + z^2 - 2z) = \frac{\partial 4}{\partial y} \Rightarrow -2y + 2z \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} - 2 \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$(2z-2) \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = 2y \Rightarrow \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = \frac{y}{z-1}$$

Example: For $e^z = xyz$, find $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$ and $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$.

Solution: $F(x, y, z) = e^z - xyz = 0$

$$F_x = -yz$$

$$F_y = -xz$$

$$F_z = e^z - xy$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = -\frac{F_x}{F_z} = \frac{yz}{e^z - xy}$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = -\frac{F_y}{F_z} = \frac{xz}{e^z - xy}$$

Alternatively,

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} e^z = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (xyz) \Rightarrow e^z \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = yz + xy \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \Rightarrow$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{yz}{e^z - xy}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} e^z = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (xyz) \Rightarrow e^z \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = xz + xy \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \Rightarrow$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = \frac{xz}{e^z - xy}$$