

14.4 continued.

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Ex. Pressure, volume and temperature of a gas are

related by $PV = 8.31 T$,

where P is measured in kilopascals

V in liters, and T in kelvins.

Find the approximate change

in pressure if the volume

increases from 12 L to 12.3 L,

and the temperature decreases

from 310 K to 305 K

Use differentials

$$PV = CT, \quad \text{where } C = 8.31$$

$$P = \frac{CT}{V}$$

We use $V = 12$

and $T = 310$

$$dV = -3, \quad dT = -5$$

$$dP = \frac{C}{V} dT - \frac{CT}{V^2} dV$$

$$= 8.31 \left(\frac{-5}{12} - \frac{310}{12^2} (-3) \right)$$

$$= 8.31 \left(\frac{-60 - 93}{12^2} \right)$$

$$= \frac{- (8.31 \times 153)}{144}$$

$$= -8.829$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} (x-a) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} (y-b)$$

14.5 Chain Rule

If $y = f(x)$ and $x = g(t)$,

we can form the composition

$$y(t) = f(g(t)).$$

The Chain Rule says

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

or more precisely

$$\frac{d}{dt} (f(g(t))) = \frac{df}{dt}(g(t)) \frac{dg}{dt}(t)$$

Chain Rule (Case 1)

Suppose $z = f(x, y)$ is

differentiable function

of x and y , where $x = g(t)$

and $y = h(t)$ are both

differentiable functions of t .

Then $z = f(g(t), h(t))$ is a

differentiable function of t .

$$\text{and } \frac{dz}{dt} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt}$$

$$\text{Proof: } \Delta z = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \Delta x + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \Delta y$$

$$\text{and } \Delta x \approx \frac{dx}{dt} \Delta t \quad \text{and}$$

$$\Delta y \approx \frac{dy}{dt} \Delta t$$

If we divide by Δt

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

Now let $\Delta t \rightarrow 0$. We get

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

or :

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

Note that $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x(t), y(t))$

and $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(x(t), y(t))$

Ex. If $z = x^2y + xy^3$,

where $x = e^{2t}$ and $y = 2e^{3t}$,

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

$= (2xy + y^3)(2e^{2t}) \cdot$

$+ (x^2 + 3xy^2)(6e^{3t})$

Ex. The radius of a cone increases at a rate of 1.5 inches/sec. Also the height decreases at 2 in/s.

At what rate does the volume change when $r = 10$ in. and $h = 8$ in.?

$$V = \frac{\pi r^2 h}{3} \quad \frac{dr}{dt} = 1.5 \quad \frac{dh}{dt} = -2$$

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} \frac{dr}{dt} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial h} \cdot \frac{dh}{dt}$$

Note that $\frac{\partial V}{\partial r} = \frac{2\pi r h}{3} = \frac{2\pi}{3} (80)$

and $\frac{\partial V}{\partial h} = \frac{\pi r^2}{3} = \frac{\pi}{3} (100)$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dV}{dt} &= \frac{2\pi}{3} (80) (1.5) + \frac{\pi}{3} (100) (-2) \\ &= \frac{40\pi}{3} \end{aligned}$$

The Chain Rule (Case 2)

Suppose that $z = f(x, y)$ is a

differentiable function of

x and y , where $x = g(s, t)$ and

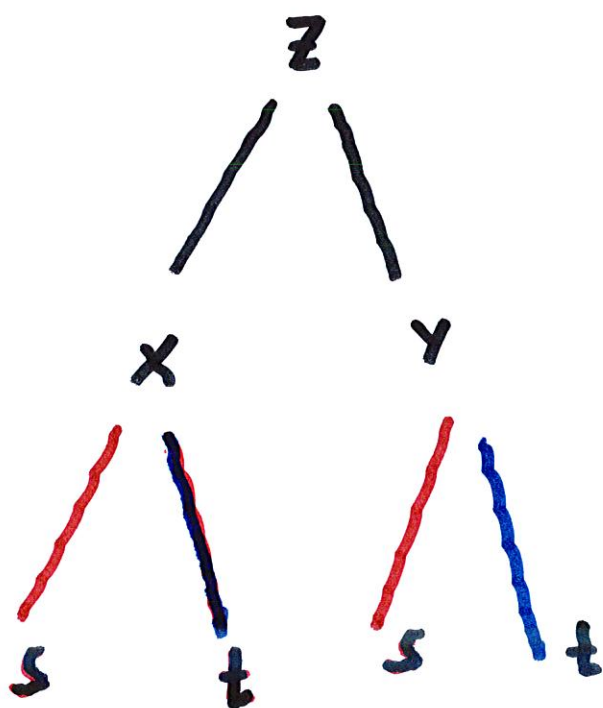
$y = h(s, t)$. Then

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

and

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

It may be useful to look
at the tree diagram:



s and t are the independent
variables and Z is the
dependent variable.

x and y are the intermediate variables.

Also, when we compute $\frac{\partial z}{\partial s}$

we fix t , and differentiate

with respect to s . Hence we

use Case 1 of the Chain Rule

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

and

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

Ex. Let $W(s, t) = F(u(s, t), v(s, t))$

where F, u , and v are

differentiable and satisfy

$$u(1, 0) = 2$$

$$v(1, 0) = -3$$

$$u_s(1, 0) = -2$$

$$v_s(1, 0) = 5$$

$$u_t(1, 0) = 6$$

$$v_t(1, 0) = 4$$

$$F_u(2, 3) = -1$$

$$F_v(2, 3) = 10$$

Compute $W_t(1, 0)$

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$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial F}{\partial u} \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial v} \cdot \frac{\partial v}{\partial t}$$

$$= \frac{\partial F}{\partial u}(2,3) \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(1,0) + \frac{\partial F}{\partial v}(2,3) \cdot \frac{\partial v}{\partial t}(1,0)$$

$$= (-1)(6) + 10 \cdot 4 = 34$$

Similarly $\frac{\partial F}{\partial u} \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial s} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial v} \cdot \frac{\partial v}{\partial s}$

$$= \frac{\partial F}{\partial u}(2,3) \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial s}(1,0) + \frac{\partial F}{\partial v}(2,3) \cdot \frac{\partial v}{\partial s}(1,0)$$

$$= (-1)(-2) + 10 \cdot 5 = 52$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial W}{\partial s}(1,0) = 52$$

$$\text{and } \frac{\partial W}{\partial t}(1,0) = 34$$

The Chain Rule works for
any number of variables:

Ex. Suppose $u = x^4 y + y^2 z^3$,

where

$$x = r s e^t, \quad y = r s^2 e^{-t}, \quad \text{and } z = r^2 s \sin t$$

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

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

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial s} = (4x^3y)(re^t) + (x^4 + 2yz^3)(2rse^{-t}) \\ + (3y^2z^2)r^2 \sin t$$

To compute this for $r=2$, $s=1$
and $t=0$, we have to compute
the values of x , y , and z

We get $x=2$, $y=2$, and $z=0$