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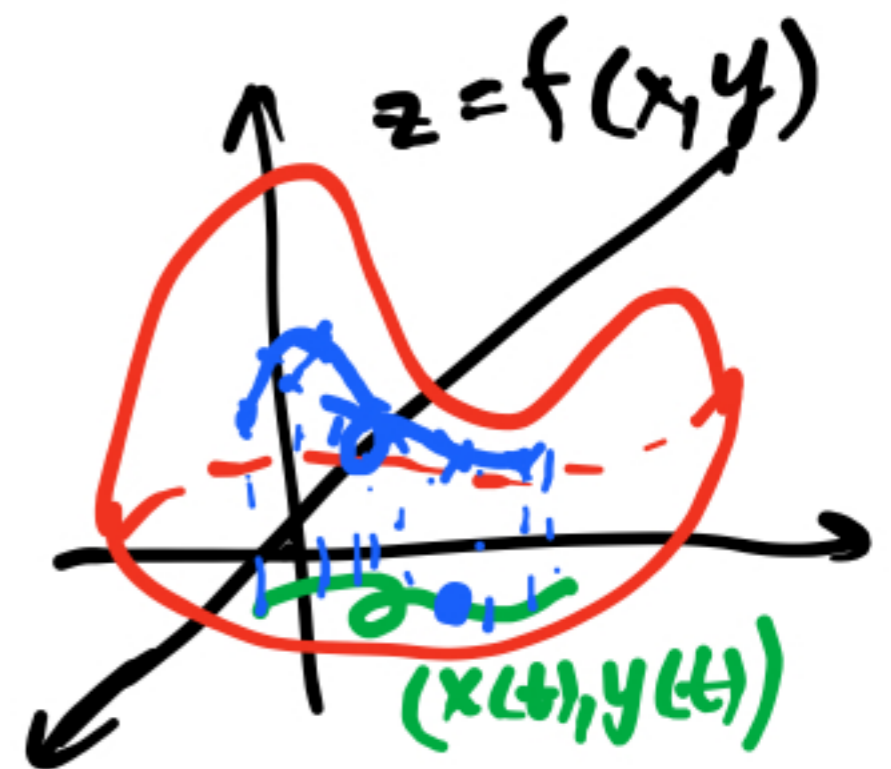


The Chain Rule.

Question: If $z = f(x, y)$ and

$$\begin{cases} x = \underline{x(t)} \\ y = \underline{y(t)} \end{cases}$$

What is $\frac{dz}{dt}$?



Example

$$z = xy \text{ and}$$

$$\begin{cases} x = 1+t^2 \\ y = e^t \end{cases}$$

$$\rightarrow z = (1+t^2)e^t$$

$$\frac{dz}{dt} = 2t \cdot e^t + (1+t^2)e^t.$$

Instead: Case 1

$$y = f(x),$$

$$x = g(t)$$

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

$$y = e^x$$

$$x = t^2 + 1$$

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

Chain Rule.

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = e^{t^2+1} \cdot (2t)$$

If $z = f(x, y)$ is differentiable,
(and $x(t), y(t)$ too).

then

$$\frac{dz}{dt} = f_x \cdot \frac{dx}{dt} + f_y \cdot \frac{dy}{dt}$$

Chain
Rule

$$z \approx f_x \cdot \Delta x + f_y \cdot \Delta y + f(a, b)$$

can be shown by
using linear approximation
of $f(x, y)$

$z(t+h)$

Verify: $z = xy$ and $\begin{cases} x = 1+t^2 \\ y = e^t \end{cases} \rightsquigarrow \frac{dz}{dt} = e^t \cdot 2t + (1+t^2)e^t$

Question: If $z = f(x, y)$ and $x = x(u, v)$, $y = y(u, v)$, then

z becomes a function of u and v .

What are $\frac{dz}{du}$ and $\frac{dz}{dv}$? "Same"

$$\frac{dz}{du} = f_x \frac{dx}{du} + f_y \frac{dy}{du}$$

$$\frac{dz}{dv} = f_x \frac{dx}{dv} + f_y \frac{dy}{dv}$$

$$\frac{dz}{du} = \frac{dz}{dx} \cdot \frac{dx}{du} + \frac{dz}{dy} \cdot \frac{dy}{du}$$

$$\frac{dz}{dv} = \frac{dz}{dx} \cdot \frac{dx}{dv} + \frac{dz}{dy} \cdot \frac{dy}{dv}$$

Example

$$z = x^2 + y^2$$

$$\begin{cases} x = r \cos \theta \\ y = r \sin \theta \end{cases}$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial r}, \frac{\partial z}{\partial \theta} ?$$

$$\frac{dz}{dr} = \frac{dz}{dx} \cdot \frac{dx}{dr} + \frac{dz}{dy} \cdot \frac{dy}{dr} =$$

$$2x \frac{dx}{dr} + 2y \frac{dy}{dr} =$$

$$2x (\cos \theta) + 2y (\sin \theta) =$$

$$= 2r \cos^2 \theta + 2r \sin^2 \theta = \underline{2r}.$$

$$\frac{dz}{d\theta} = \frac{dz}{dx} \cdot \frac{dx}{d\theta} + \frac{dz}{dy} \cdot \frac{dy}{d\theta} =$$

$$2x \cdot \frac{dx}{d\theta} + 2y \cdot \frac{dy}{d\theta} =$$

$$= 2x(-r\sin\theta) + 2y(r\cos\theta) =$$

$$= -2r^2\sin\theta\cos\theta + 2r^2\sin\theta\cos\theta =$$

$$= \underline{0}$$

Check: $z = x^2 + y^2 = r^2$

$$\frac{dz}{dr} = 2r, \quad \frac{dz}{d\theta} = 0.$$

General form of the Chain Rule:

If $z = f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ and

$$x_1 = x_1(t_1, \dots, t_m)$$

$$x_2 = x_2(t_1, \dots, t_m)$$

$$\vdots$$
$$x_n = x_n(t_1, \dots, t_m)$$

Then

$$\frac{dz}{dt_i} = \frac{dz}{dx_1} \cdot \frac{dx_1}{dt_i} + \frac{dz}{dx_2} \cdot \frac{dx_2}{dt_i} + \dots$$

$i = 1, \dots, m$

$1 \quad 2 \quad \quad \quad n \quad 1$

$$+ \frac{dz}{dx_n} \cdot \frac{dx_n}{dt_i}$$

or

$$\frac{dz}{dt_i} = \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{dz}{dx_j} \cdot \frac{dx_j}{dt_i}$$

Ex:

$$w = xyz^2$$

$$\left[\frac{dw}{dr}, \frac{dw}{ds}, \frac{dw}{dt} \right] ?$$

$$\begin{aligned} x &= r + s + t \\ y &= r \cdot s \\ z &= se^t \end{aligned}$$