

# Applications of the Chain Rule.

Example  $w = xyz^2$        $x = r + s + t$   
 $y = rs$   
 $z = se^t$

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial r}, \frac{\partial w}{\partial s}, \frac{\partial w}{\partial t} = ?$$

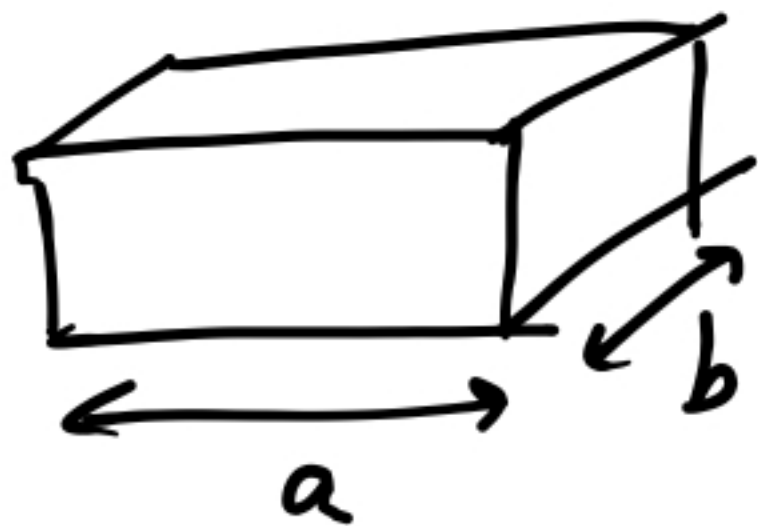
$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial r} = \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \cdot \frac{\partial z}{\partial r} =$$

$$= yz^2 \cdot 1 + xz^2 \cdot s + 2xyz \cdot 0 =$$
$$= rs (se^t)^2 + (r + s + t)(se^t)^2 \cdot s.$$

etc.

# I. Related Rates

Suppose that a rectangular ice box is melting at a rate so its sides are decreasing 1, 2 and 3 cm/s.



How fast is the volume changing when the sides are 10, 10, 20 cm?

$$V = \underline{abc}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} a &= a(t) \\ b &= b(t) \\ c &= c(t) \end{aligned}$$

$$\left. \frac{dV}{dt} \right|_{(a,b,c)} = ?$$

$(a,b,c) = (10,10,20)$

Chain Rule:  $\frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{dV}{da} \cdot \frac{da}{dt} + \frac{dV}{db} \cdot \frac{db}{dt}$

$(a,b,c) = (10,10,20)$

$+ \frac{dV}{dc} \cdot \frac{dc}{dt} =$

$= bc \cdot (-1) + ac \cdot (-2) + ab \cdot (-3) =$

$= 200(-1) + 200(-2) + 100(-3) =$

$= -900 \text{ cm}^3/\text{s}.$

## II. Implicit differentiation

Suppose  $F(x, y) = 0$  implicitly defines  $y$  as a function of  $x$

e.g.

- $y - x^2 = 0 \rightsquigarrow y = x^2$
- $y^2 + x^2 - 1 = 0 \rightsquigarrow y = \pm \sqrt{1 - x^2}$
- $y \sin y + x^2 = 0$   $\rightsquigarrow y = ?$

What is  $\frac{dy}{dx} = ?$

Let's use Chain Rule:  $F(x, y) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow F_x + F_y \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

$$\rightsquigarrow \frac{d}{dx} [F(x, y)] = \frac{d}{dx} [0]$$

$$\cancel{F_x} = 0.$$

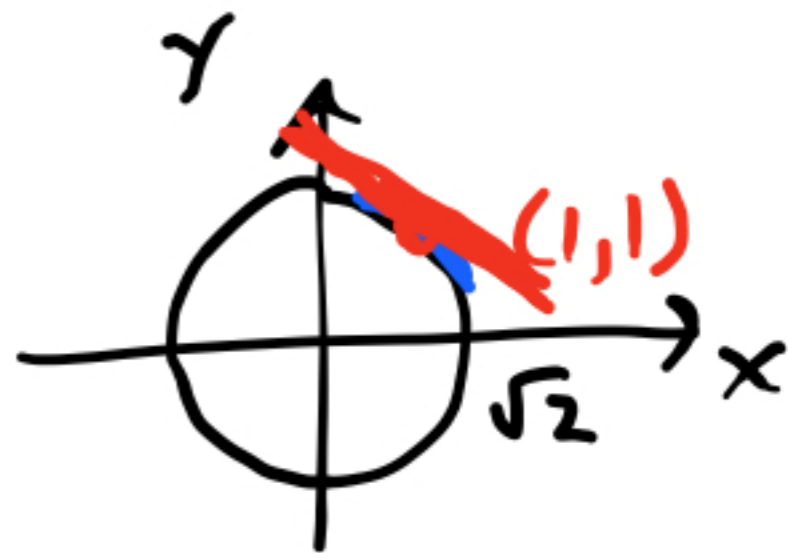
$$F(x, y) = F(x, y(x))$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [F(x, y(x))] = F_x \frac{dx}{dx} + F_y \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = - \frac{F_x}{F_y} \quad (\text{if } F_y \neq 0)$$

Example

$$\underbrace{x^2 + y^2 - 2 = 0}_{F(x,y)}$$



$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{F_x}{F_y} = -\frac{2x}{2y}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} (1,1) = -\frac{1}{1} = -1. \checkmark$$

Suppose  $F(x, y, z) = 0$  defines  $z$   
as a function of  
 $x$  and  $y$ .

eg.  $z - x^2 - y^2 = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad z = x^2 + y^2$

$e^{xz} + xz + z - y - 1 = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad z = ??$

What are  $\frac{dz}{dx}$  and  $\frac{dz}{dy}$ ?

Chain Rule:

$$\frac{d}{dx} (F(x, y, z(x, y))) =$$
$$= F_x \cdot \underbrace{\frac{dx}{dx}}_{=1} + F_y \cdot \underbrace{\frac{dy}{dx}}_{=0} + F_z \cdot \frac{dz}{dx} = 0$$

*x and y are independent*

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dz}{dx} = - \frac{F_x}{F_z} \quad (\text{if } F_z \neq 0)$$

Similarly,

$$\frac{dz}{dy} = - \frac{F_y}{F_z} \quad (\text{if } F_z \neq 0)$$



When does it make sense?

[z defines a function of  
x and y]

## Implicit function theorem

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

$F_z(a, b, c) \neq 0$  and  $F_x, F_y, F_z$  are  
continuous,

then  $z =$  function of  $x$  and  $y$  near  $(a, b)$

Moreover, it is differentiable with

$$\frac{dz}{dx} = -\frac{F_x}{F_z} \cdot$$

$$\frac{dz}{dy} = -\frac{F_y}{F_z} \cdot$$

Example

Exercise

$$F(x, y, z) = e^{xz} + xz + z - y - 1 = 0$$

at  $\underline{(0, 0, 0)}$   
 $F = 0$

$$F_z = \dots$$