

The Chain Rule (Case 1): Suppose that $z = f(x, y)$ is a differentiable function of x and y , where $x = g(t)$ and $y = h(t)$ are both differentiable functions of t . Then z is a differentiable function of t and

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

EXAMPLE 1: Use the chain rule to find $\frac{dz}{dt}$ where $z = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$, $x = e^{2t}$, $y = e^{-2t}$.

EXAMPLE 2: Suppose that $z = 4x^2y^3$ where $x = \sin t$ and $y = \cos t$. Find $\frac{dz}{dt}$ when $t = \pi$.

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 $y = h(s, t)$ are differentiable functions of s and t . Then

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

EXAMPLE 3: Use the chain rule to find $\frac{\partial z}{\partial s}$ and $\frac{\partial z}{\partial t}$ where $z = e^{xy} \tan y$, $x = s + 2t$, $y = s/t$.

The Chain Rule (Generalized Version): Suppose that u is a differentiable function of n variables x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n and each x_i is a differentiable function of the m variables t_1, t_2, \dots, t_m . Then u is a function of t_1, t_2, \dots, t_m and

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t_i} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_1} \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial t_i} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_2} \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial t_i} + \cdots + \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_n} \frac{\partial x_n}{\partial t_i}$$

for each $t = 1, 2, \dots, m$.

EXAMPLE 4: If $u = x^4y + y^2z^3$, where $x = rse^t$, $y = rs^2e^{-t}$, and $z = r^2s \sin t$, find the value of $\frac{\partial u}{\partial s}$ when $r = 2$, $s = 1$, $t = 0$.

The Chain Rule (Implicit Differentiation): If the equation $F(x, y) = 0$ defines y implicitly as a differentiable function of x , then

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{F_x(x, y)}{F_y(x, y)}, \quad F_y(x, y) \neq 0$$

If the equation $F(x, y, z) = 0$ defines z implicitly as a differentiable function of x and y , then

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = -\frac{F_x(x, y, z)}{F_z(x, y, z)} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = -\frac{F_y(x, y, z)}{F_z(x, y, z)}, \quad F_z(x, y, z) \neq 0$$

EXAMPLE 5: Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ given that $y^5 + x^2y^3 = 1 - ye^{x^2}$.

EXAMPLE 6: Find $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$ and $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$ given that $3x^2z - x^2y^2 + 2z^3 + 3yz - 5 = 0$.

Homework: pp 974–975; 1–13 odd, 19–33 odd, 43, 47