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Partial Derivative

In Cartesian plane when $y = f(x)$.

f is continuous function if satisfied three conditions:

1. $f(x_0)$ is exists,
2. $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x)$ is exists,
3. $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = f(x_0)$.

f is differentiation if f is continuous function. The *differentiation* of function f is defined as $y' = \frac{dy}{dx}$.

But if $w = f(x, y)$. The partial derivative is defined for each variable:

- The partial derivative of x represented as follows:

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \text{ or } \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \text{ or } f_x$$

- The partial derivative of y represented as follows:

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \text{ or } \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \text{ or } f_y$$

Definition:

If $f: E \rightarrow E'$ is continuous function, $w = f(x, y)$ and $p_0(x_0, y_0)$ then the partial derivative of x is defined is:

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = f_x = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x + \Delta x, y) - f(x, y)}{\Delta x} \dots \dots \dots 1$$

And the partial derivative of y is defined is:

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = f_y = \lim_{\Delta y \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x, y + \Delta y) - f(x, y)}{\Delta y} \dots \dots \dots 2$$

But the partial derivative of x in the point $p_0(x_0, y_0)$ is:

$$(f_x)_{p_0} = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_0 + \Delta x, y_0) - f(x_0, y_0)}{\Delta x} \dots \dots \dots 3$$

And the partial derivative of y in the point $p_0(x_0, y_0)$ is:

$$(f_y)_{p_0} = \lim_{\Delta y \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_0, y_0 + \Delta y) - f(x_0, y_0)}{\Delta y} \dots \dots \dots 4$$

Example 1: Find $\frac{\partial w}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial w}{\partial y}$ if a) $w = f(x, y) = 2xy$ and

b) $w = f(x, y) = x^2 - xy$ (H.W.)?

Solution: a)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} &= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x + \Delta x, y) - f(x, y)}{\Delta x} = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2(x + \Delta x)y - 2xy}{\Delta x} \\ &= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2xy + 2y\Delta x - 2xy}{\Delta x} = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2y\Delta x}{\Delta x} \\ &= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} 2y = 2y \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial w}{\partial y} &= \lim_{\Delta y \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x, y + \Delta y) - f(x, y)}{\Delta y} = \lim_{\Delta y \rightarrow 0} \frac{2x(y + \Delta y) - 2xy}{\Delta y} \\
&= \lim_{\Delta y \rightarrow 0} \frac{2xy + 2x\Delta y - 2xy}{\Delta y} = \lim_{\Delta y \rightarrow 0} \frac{2x\Delta y}{\Delta y} \\
&= \lim_{\Delta y \rightarrow 0} 2x = 2x
\end{aligned}$$

Notes:

- The results of equations 3 and 4 are constant.
- All rules of ordinary differentiation are applied but when make partial derivative of one variable the other variables are held constants.
- The definitions of partial derivatives of functions of more than two variables are like the definitions for functions of two variables.

- The partial derivative of x represented as follows:

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \text{ or } f_x$$

- The partial derivative of y represented as follows:

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \text{ or } f_y$$

- The partial derivative of z represented as follows:

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \text{ or } f_z$$

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Example 2: Find $\frac{\partial w}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial w}{\partial y}$ if a) $w = f(x, y) = y \sin xy$,

[b) $w = f(x, y) = \cos x e^{2y}$, and c) $w = f(x, y) = \frac{2y}{y + \cos x}$ (H.W.)?]

Solution: a) $\frac{\partial w}{\partial x} = y^2 \cos xy$, $\frac{\partial w}{\partial y} = yx \cos xy + \sin xy$

Example 3: Find $(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x})_{p_0}$, $(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y})_{p_0}$ if a) $f(x, y) = x^2 - 8xy$, $p_0 = (-1, 1)$ and b) $f(x, y) = x^3 + 3xy + y - 1$, $p_0 = (4, -5)$ (H.W.)?

Solution: a) $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 2x - 8y \rightarrow (\frac{\partial f}{\partial x})_{p_0} = 2(-1) - 8(1) = -2 - 8 = -10$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = -8x \rightarrow (\frac{\partial f}{\partial y})_{p_0} = -8(-1) = 8$$

Example 4: Find $\frac{\partial w}{\partial x}$, $\frac{\partial w}{\partial y}$ and $\frac{\partial w}{\partial z}$ if a) $w = f(x, y, z) = 2xy^2 + xz^2 + zy + 2$ and b) $w = f(x, y, z) = xz^2 + y + 5$ (H.W.)?

Solution: a) $\frac{\partial w}{\partial x} = 2y^2 + z^2$, $\frac{\partial w}{\partial y} = 4xy + z$, and $\frac{\partial w}{\partial z} = 2xz + y$

Exercises:

1. Find $\frac{\partial w}{\partial x}$ and $\frac{\partial w}{\partial y}$ for the following functions:

1. $w = e^x \sin y$, 2. $w = \sin^2(x - 3y)$, 3. $w = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$,

4. $w = \ln(x + y)$ 5. $w = x^y$, 6. $w = \log_y x$, 7. $w = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$,

8. $w = \frac{x+y}{xy-1}$, 9. $w = \cos^2(3x - y^2)$ and 10. $w = e^{xy} \ln y$.

2. Find the partial derivatives of each function with respect to each variable:

1. $f(x, y, z) = \sinh(xy - z^2)$, 2. $f(x, y, z) = yz \ln(xy)$,

3. $f(x, y, z) = \sec^{-1}(xyz)$,

$$4. f(x, y, z, w) = x^2 e^{2y+4z} \cos(3w), \quad 5. f(x, y, u, v) = \frac{x^2 - y^2}{u^2 + v^2},$$

$$6. f(x, y, r, s) = \sin(2x) \cosh(5r) + \sinh(3y) \cos(2s)$$

Tangent Plane and Normal Line:

If $S: z = f(x, y)$ be a surface and $p_0 = (x_0, y_0, z_0)$ be the point on this surface then:

- The plane intersect with surface at p_0 is called *Tangent Plane* of surface at p_0 .
- The line orthogonal on tangent plane at p_0 is called *Normal Line* of surface at p_0 .
- If P_1, P_2 be two tangent planes of surface at p_0 and v_1, v_2 be two vectors on P_1, P_2 respectively:

$$N = v_1 \times v_2 \quad (N \perp v_1, N \perp v_2)$$

$$N = \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}\right)_{p_0} i + \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}\right)_{p_0} j - k \rightarrow N = (A, B, C), A = \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}\right)_{p_0}, B = \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}\right)_{p_0}, C = -1$$

The equation of Tangent Plane to the surface at the point p_0 is:

$$P: A(x - x_0) + B(y - y_0) + C(z - z_0) = 0$$

Where $p_0 = (x_0, y_0, z_0)$ be the point at the plane, N be a vector

orthogonal on this plane and $A = \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}\right)_{p_0}, B = \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}\right)_{p_0}, C = -1$

- If L be a line orthogonal on surface at the point $p_0 = (x_0, y_0, z_0)$ and $N \setminus L$ then the equation of Normal Line to the surface at the point p_0 is:

$$L: \frac{(x - x_0)}{A} = \frac{(y - y_0)}{B} = \frac{(z - z_0)}{C}$$

Where $A = \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}\right)_{p_0}$, $B = \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}\right)_{p_0}$, $C = -1$.

Notes:

- If $S: z = f(x, y)$ be the surface equation and $N(A, B, C)$ then

$$A = \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}\right)_{p_0}, B = \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}\right)_{p_0}, C = -1.$$

- If $S: x = g(y, z)$ be the surface equation and $N(A, B, C)$ then

$$A = -1, B = \left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial y}\right)_{p_0}, C = \left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial z}\right)_{p_0}.$$

- If $S: y = h(x, z)$ be the surface equation and $N(A, B, C)$ then

$$A = \left(\frac{\partial h}{\partial x}\right)_{p_0}, B = -1, C = \left(\frac{\partial h}{\partial z}\right)_{p_0}.$$

Example 5: Find the plane that is tangent to the surface $y = x^2 - xz + z^2$ at the point $p_0(1, -1, 1)$ and find the normal line to the surface at p_0 ?

Solution: $S: y = h(x, z) \rightarrow A = \left(\frac{\partial h}{\partial x}\right)_{p_0}, B = -1, C = \left(\frac{\partial h}{\partial z}\right)_{p_0}$

$$A = \left(\frac{\partial h}{\partial x}\right)_{p_0} = (2x - z)_{(1, -1, 1)} = 2 - 1 = 1, B = -1,$$

$$C = \left(\frac{\partial h}{\partial z}\right)_{p_0} = (-x + 2z)_{(1, -1, 1)} = -1 + 2 = 1$$

$$P: A(x - x_0) + B(y - y_0) + C(z - z_0) = 0$$

$$P: 1(x - 1) - 1(y + 1) + 1(z - 1) = 0$$

$$x - 1 - y - 1 + z - 1 = 0 \rightarrow x - y + z - 3 = 0$$

$$L: \frac{(x - x_0)}{A} = \frac{(y - y_0)}{B} = \frac{(z - z_0)}{C}$$

$$L: \frac{(x - 1)}{1} = \frac{(y + 1)}{-1} = \frac{(z - 1)}{1}$$

Exercises:

Find the plane that is tangent to the given surface at the given point and find the normal line to the surface at the given point:

1. $z = \sqrt{9 - x^2 - y^2}$, $(1, -2, 2)$
2. $y = x^2 + z^2$, $(3, 4, 25)$
3. $z = \tan^{-1} \frac{y}{x}$, $(1, 1, \frac{\pi}{4})$
4. $x = e^{2y-z}$, $(1, 1, 2)$
5. $z = \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}$, $(3, -4, \frac{3}{5})$

Linear Approximate :

Let $S: w = f(x, y)$ where $f: D \rightarrow E$, $(x_0, y_0) \in D$ such that

$w_0 = f(x_0, y_0)$, $p_0(x_0, y_0, w_0)$ be a point on the surface and let

$p(x, y, w)$ be a point on the tangent plane of surface in p_0 then the equation of plane is:

$$P: A(x - x_0) + B(y - y_0) + C(w - w_0) = 0$$

Such that $A = (f_x)_{p_0}$, $B = (f_y)_{p_0}$, $C = -1$

$$\rightarrow (f_x)_{p_0}(x - x_0) + (f_y)_{p_0}(y - y_0) - (w - w_0) = 0$$

$$\rightarrow (w - w_0) = (f_x)_{p_0}(x - x_0) + (f_y)_{p_0}(y - y_0)$$

$$w = w_0 + (f_x)_{p_0}(x - x_0) + (f_y)_{p_0}(y - y_0)$$

The Linear Approximate to the function $w = f(x, y)$ at the point $p_0(x_0, y_0, w_0)$ such that $w_0 = f(x_0, y_0)$ is denoted by w_{tan} .

❖ When the function f is more than two variables:

If $w = f(x, y, z)$ then The Linear Approximate to the function

$w = f(x, y, z)$ at the point $p_0(x_0, y_0, z_0, w_0)$ such that

$w_0 = f(x_0, y_0, z_0)$ is denoted by w_{line} :

$$w = w_0 + (f_x)_{p_0}(x - x_0) + (f_y)_{p_0}(y - y_0) + (f_z)_{p_0}(z - z_0)$$

Example 6: Find the linear approximate to the function

$$w = f(x, y, z) = x^2ye^z \text{ at } p_0(1, -2, \ln 2)?$$

Solution:

$$w_{line} = w_0 + (f_x)_{p_0}(x - x_0) + (f_y)_{p_0}(y - y_0) + (f_z)_{p_0}(z - z_0)$$

$$w_0 = f(x_0, y_0, z_0) = f(1, -2, \ln 2) = (1)^2(-2)e^{\ln 2} = (-2)(2) = -4$$

$$f_x = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 2xye^z \rightarrow (f_x)_{p_0} = 2(1)(-2)e^{\ln 2} = 2(-2)2 = -8$$

$$f_y = \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = x^2e^z \rightarrow (f_y)_{p_0} = (1)^2e^{\ln 2} = 1(2) = 2$$

$$f_z = \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} = x^2ye^z \rightarrow (f_z)_{p_0} = (1)^2(-2)e^{\ln 2} = (-2)2 = -4$$

$$w_{line} = (-4) + (-8)(x - 1) + (2)(y + 2) + (-4)(z - \ln 2) \rightarrow$$

$$w_{line} = -4 - 8x + 8 + 2y + 4 - 4z + 4\ln 2 \rightarrow$$

$$w_{line} = -8x + 2y - 4z + 4\ln 2 + 8$$

Example 7: Find the linear approximate of the given function f at the given point p_0 : (H.W.)

$$1. w = f(x, y) = (2 + xy) \cos y, \quad p_0 \left(2, \frac{\pi}{2} \right)$$

$$2. w = f(x, y, u, v) = \frac{(x^2 + y^2)}{(u^2 - v^2)}, \quad p_0(1, -1, 0, 2)$$

Approximated Value (Δw):

$$w_{tan} = w_0 + (f_x)_{p_0}(x - x_0) + (f_y)_{p_0}(y - y_0)$$

$$w_{tan} - w_0 = (f_x)_{p_0}\Delta x + (f_y)_{p_0}\Delta y, \text{ if } w_{tan} - w_0 = \Delta w$$

$$\Delta w_{tan} = (f_x)_{p_0}\Delta x + (f_y)_{p_0}\Delta y$$

The Δw_{tan} is called the Approximate Value of the tangent plane of surface at the point p_0 .

❖ If the function f is more than two variables then:

$$\Delta w_{line} = (f_x)_{p_0}\Delta x + (f_y)_{p_0}\Delta y + (f_z)_{p_0}\Delta z$$

The Δw_{line} is called the Approximate Value of the tangent plane of surface at the point p_0 .

Notes:

To find the approximate value for the function (Δw) be using the following two rules:

$$1. \Delta w = \Delta w_{tan} + \epsilon_1\Delta x + \epsilon_2\Delta y, \text{ when } \epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \Delta x, \Delta y \rightarrow 0,$$

$$\Delta w \rightarrow \Delta w_{tan}, p \rightarrow p_0$$

$$2. \Delta w = \Delta w_{line} + \epsilon_1\Delta x + \epsilon_2\Delta y + \epsilon_3\Delta z, \text{ when } \epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \epsilon_3, \Delta x, \Delta y, \Delta z \rightarrow 0,$$

$$\Delta w \rightarrow \Delta w_{line}, p \rightarrow p_0$$

Example 8: Find the approximate value of the function

$w = f(x, y) = x^2 - xy + y^2$ at the point $p_0(1, -2)$ when

$\Delta x = 0.01, \Delta y = -0.02, \epsilon_1 = 0.09$ and $\epsilon_2 = 0.002$?

Solution: $\Delta w = \Delta w_{tan} + \epsilon_1 \Delta x + \epsilon_2 \Delta y, \Delta w_{tan} = (f_x)_{p_0} \Delta x + (f_y)_{p_0} \Delta y$

$$f_x = 2x - y \rightarrow (f_x)_{p_0} = 2(1) - (-2) = 4$$

$$f_y = -x + 2y \rightarrow (f_y)_{p_0} = -1 + 2(-2) = -5$$

$$\Delta w_{tan} = 4(0.01) - 5(-0.02) = 0.04 + 0.1 = 0.14$$

$$\Delta w = 0.14 + 0.09(0.01) + 0.002(-0.02) = 0.1408$$

Example 9: Find the approximate value of the function

$w = f(x, y) = x^2 - xy + y^2$ at the point $p_0(1, -2)$ when

$\Delta x = 0.01$ and $\Delta y = -0.02$?

Solution: $w + \Delta w = f(x + \Delta x, y + \Delta y)$

$$\begin{aligned} w + \Delta w &= (x + \Delta x)^2 - (x + \Delta x)(y + \Delta y) + (y + \Delta y)^2 \\ &= x^2 + 2x\Delta x + (\Delta x)^2 - xy - y\Delta x - x\Delta y - \Delta x\Delta y + \\ &\quad y^2 + 2y\Delta y + (\Delta y)^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$w = x^2 - xy + y^2, w + \Delta w - w = \Delta w$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta w &= 2x\Delta x + (\Delta x)^2 - y\Delta x - x\Delta y - \Delta x\Delta y + 2y\Delta y + (\Delta y)^2 \\ &= (2x - y)\Delta x + (-x + 2y)\Delta y + (\Delta x)^2 + (\Delta y)^2 - \Delta x\Delta y \\ &= \Delta w_{tan} + (\Delta x)^2 + (\Delta y)^2 - \Delta x\Delta y \\ &= 0.14 + (0.01)^2 + (-0.02)^2 - (0.01)(-0.02) = 0.1407 \end{aligned}$$

The Directional Derivative:

➤ The Directional Derivative in Cartesian Plane:

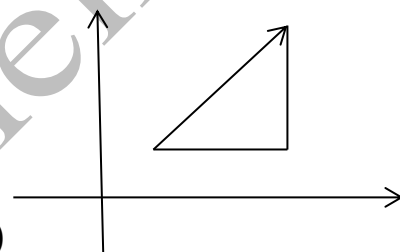
Let $w = f(x, y)$ where $f: D \rightarrow E$, $(x, y) \in D$ and D is xy plane.

Suppose that $p_0(x_0, y_0)$ and $p_1(x_1, y_1)$ be two points in D such that

$w_0 = f(x_0, y_0)$ and $w_1 = f(x_1, y_1)$. If $\overrightarrow{p_0 p_1}$ (is a moving vector or path) and $\Delta s =$ change of length $\overrightarrow{p_0 p_1}$ then the directional derivative of function $f(x, y)$ is:

$$\frac{dw}{ds} = \lim_{\Delta s \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta w}{\Delta s} = \lim_{\Delta s \rightarrow 0} \frac{w_1 - w_0}{\sqrt{(\Delta x)^2 + (\Delta y)^2}}$$

$$\left(\frac{dw}{ds}\right)_0 = \lim_{p_1 \rightarrow p_0} \frac{f(x_1, y_1) - f(x_0, y_0)}{\sqrt{(x_1 - x_0)^2 + (y_1 - y_0)^2}}$$



➤ The Directional Derivative in Space:

Let $w = f(x, y, z)$ where $f: D \rightarrow E$, $(x, y, z) \in D$ and D is the space.

Suppose that $p_0(x_0, y_0, z_0)$ and $p_1(x_1, y_1, z_1)$ be two points in D

such that $w_0 = f(x_0, y_0, z_0)$ and $w_1 = f(x_1, y_1, z_1)$. If $\overrightarrow{p_0 p_1}$

(is a moving vector or path) and $\Delta s =$ change of length $\overrightarrow{p_0 p_1}$ then the directional derivative of function $f(x, y, z)$ is:

$$\frac{dw}{ds} = \lim_{\Delta s \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta w}{\Delta s} = \lim_{\Delta s \rightarrow 0} \frac{w_1 - w_0}{\sqrt{(\Delta x)^2 + (\Delta y)^2 + (\Delta z)^2}}$$

$$\left(\frac{dw}{ds}\right)_0 = \lim_{p_1 \rightarrow p_0} \frac{f(x_1, y_1, z_1) - f(x_0, y_0, z_0)}{\sqrt{(x_1 - x_0)^2 + (y_1 - y_0)^2 + (z_1 - z_0)^2}}$$

Notes:

$$1. \left(\frac{dw}{ds}\right)_0 = (f_x)_0 \cos \theta + (f_y)_0 \sin \theta,$$

Where θ is the angle between $\overrightarrow{p_0 p_1}$ and x=axis.

$$2. \left(\frac{dw}{ds}\right)_0 = (f_x)_0 \cos \alpha + (f_y)_0 \cos \beta + (f_z)_0 \cos \gamma,$$

Where θ, β , and γ are the direction angles of $\overrightarrow{p_0 p_1}$.

3. Let θ, β , and γ are the direction angles of $\overrightarrow{p_0 p_1}$, u is a unit vector has the same direction of $\overrightarrow{p_0 p_1}$ and $u = \cos \alpha i + \cos \beta j + \cos \gamma k$.

$$4. \frac{dw}{ds} = u \cdot v, \text{ where } u = \cos \alpha i + \cos \beta j + \cos \gamma k, \\ v = (f_x)_0 i + (f_y)_0 j + (f_z)_0 k.$$

Example 10: Find the directional derivative of function

$f(x, y, z) = x^2 + 2y^2 + 3z^2$ at the point $p_0(1, 1, 1)$ and in the direction of vector $A = i + j + k$?

$$\text{Solution: } u = \frac{A}{|A|} = \frac{i+j+k}{\sqrt{(1)^2+(1)^2+(1)^2}} = \frac{i+j+k}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}i + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}j + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}k$$

$$(f_x)_0 = (2x)_0 = 2, (f_y)_0 = (4y)_0 = 4, \text{ and } (f_z)_0 = (6z)_0 = 6$$

$$v = (f_x)_0 i + (f_y)_0 j + (f_z)_0 k = 2i + 4j + 6k$$

$$\frac{dw}{ds} = u \cdot v = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}i + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}j + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}k\right) \cdot (2i + 4j + 6k) \\ = 2\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right) + 4\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right) + 6\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right) = \frac{12}{\sqrt{3}}$$

Exercises:

1- Find the directional derivatives of given function at the given point and in the same direction of the given vector A:

1. $f(x, y) = x \tan^{-1} \frac{y}{x}$, $p_0(1,1), A = 2i - j$
 2. $f(x, y, z) = \ln \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$, $p_0(3,4,12), A = 3i + 6j - 2k$
 3. $f(x, y, z) = xy + yz + zx$, $p_0(1, -1, 2), A = 10i + 11j - 2k$
- 2- The directional derivative of a function $w = f(x, y)$ at $p_0(1,2)$ in the direction toward $p_1(2,3)$ is $2\sqrt{2}$ and in the direction toward $p_2(1,0)$ is (-3) , What is the $\frac{dw}{ds}$ at p_0 in the direction toward the origin?
- 3- In which direction is the directional derivative of $f(x, y) = \frac{(x^2 - y^2)}{(x^2 + y^2)}$ at $(1,1)$ equal to zero?

The Chain Rule:

The function of one or more independent variables and each variable is a function of one or more other variables. The Chain Rule for functions of a single variable when

$$w = f(x) \text{ and } x = g(t) \text{ then } \frac{dw}{dt} = \frac{dw}{dx} \cdot \frac{dx}{dt}$$

Or

$$w = f(x) \text{ and } x = g(r, s) \text{ then } \frac{\partial w}{\partial r} = \frac{dw}{dx} \cdot \frac{\partial x}{\partial r}, \quad \frac{\partial w}{\partial s} = \frac{dw}{dx} \cdot \frac{\partial x}{\partial s}$$

For functions of two or more independent variables the Chain Rule has several forms. The form depends on how many variables are involved.

Case 1: Chain Rule for functions of two independent variables as follows:

If $w = f(x, y)$ and $x = x(t), y = y(t)$ then $w = w(t)$ and

$$\frac{dw}{dt} = f_x(x(t), y(t)) \cdot x'(t) + f_y(x(t), y(t)) \cdot y'(t)$$

Or

$$\frac{dw}{dt} = \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{dy}{dt}$$

The generalization of case 1:

If $w = f(x, y, z, \dots)$ and $x = x(t), y = y(t), z = z(t), \dots$ then $w = w(t)$ and

$$\frac{dw}{dt} = f_x(x(t), y(t), z(t), \dots) \cdot x'(t) + f_y(x(t), y(t), z(t), \dots) \cdot y'(t) + f_z(x(t), y(t), z(t), \dots) \cdot z'(t) + \dots$$

Or

$$\frac{dw}{dt} = \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{dy}{dt} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \cdot \frac{dz}{dt} + \dots$$

Example 10: Find $\frac{dw}{dt}$ if $w = xy$ and $x = \cos t, y = \sin t$, what the derivative's value at $t = \pi/2$.

Solution: $\frac{dw}{dt} = \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{dy}{dt} = y(-\sin t) + x(\cos t) =$

$$\sin t(-\sin t) + \cos t(\cos t) = -\sin^2 t + \cos^2 t = \cos 2t$$

$$\left(\frac{dw}{dt}\right)_{t=\pi/2} = \cos\left(2 \cdot \frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \cos \pi = -1$$

Example 11: Find $\frac{dw}{dt}$ if $w = xy + z$ and $x = \cos t, y = \sin t, z = t$, what the derivative's value at $t = 0$.

Solution: $\frac{dw}{dt} = \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{dy}{dt} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \cdot \frac{dz}{dt} = y(-\sin t) + x(\cos t) + 1(1)$

$$= \sin t(-\sin t) + \cos t(\cos t) + 1 = -\sin^2 t + \cos^2 t + 1 = \cos 2t + 1$$

$$\left(\frac{dw}{dt}\right)_{t=0} = \cos 2(0) + 1 = \cos 0 + 1 = 1 + 1 = 2$$

Case 2: Chain Rule for functions of two independent variables as follows:

If $w = f(x, y)$ and $x = x(r, s), y = y(r, s)$ then $w = w(r, s)$ and

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial r} = f_x(x(r, s), y(r, s)) \cdot x_r + f_y(x(r, s), y(r, s)) \cdot y_r,$$

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial s} = f_x(x(r, s), y(r, s)) \cdot x_s + f_y(x(r, s), y(r, s)) \cdot y_s$$

Or

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial r} = \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{\partial y}{\partial r}, \quad \frac{\partial w}{\partial s} = \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{\partial x}{\partial s} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{\partial y}{\partial s}$$

The generalization of case 2:

- If $w = f(x, y, z, \dots)$ and $x = x(r, s), y = y(r, s), z = z(r, s), \dots$ then $w = w(r, s)$ and

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial r} = \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \cdot \frac{\partial z}{\partial r} + \dots, \quad \frac{\partial w}{\partial s} = \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{\partial x}{\partial s} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{\partial y}{\partial s} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \cdot \frac{\partial z}{\partial s} + \dots$$

- If $w = f(x, y, z, \dots)$ and $x = x(r, s, q, \dots), y = y(r, s, q, \dots), z = z(r, s, q, \dots), \dots$ then $w = w(r, s, q, \dots)$ and

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

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial s} = \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{\partial x}{\partial s} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{\partial y}{\partial s} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \cdot \frac{\partial z}{\partial s} + \dots,$$

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial q} = \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{\partial x}{\partial q} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{\partial y}{\partial q} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \cdot \frac{\partial z}{\partial q} + \dots,$$

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Example12: Find $\frac{\partial w}{\partial r}$ and $\frac{\partial w}{\partial s}$ in term of r and s if $w = x^2 + y^2$ and $x = r - s, y = r + s$.

Solution: 1- $w = (r - s)^2 + (r + s)^2$

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial r} = 2(r - s) + 2(r + s) = 4r, \quad \frac{\partial w}{\partial s} = -2(r - s) + 2(r + s) = 4s.$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2- \quad \frac{\partial w}{\partial r} &= \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{\partial y}{\partial r}, & \frac{\partial w}{\partial s} &= \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{\partial x}{\partial s} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{\partial y}{\partial s} \\ &= 2x(1) + 2y(1), & &= 2x(-1) + 2y(1) \\ &= 2(r - s) + 2(r + s), & &= -2(r - s) + 2(r + s) \\ &= 4r, & &= 4s \end{aligned}$$

Example13: Find $\frac{\partial w}{\partial r}$ and $\frac{\partial w}{\partial s}$ in term of r and s if $w = xy + z$

and $x = r - s, y = r + s, z = r + 2s$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Solution: } \frac{\partial w}{\partial r} &= \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \cdot \frac{\partial z}{\partial r}, & \frac{\partial w}{\partial s} &= \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{\partial x}{\partial s} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{\partial y}{\partial s} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \cdot \frac{\partial z}{\partial s} \\ &= y(1) + x(1) + 1(1), & &= y(-1) + x(1) + 1(2) \\ &= (r + s) + (r - s) + 1, & &= -(r + s) + (r - s) + 2 \\ &= 2r + 1, & &= -2s + 2 \end{aligned}$$

Exercises:

1- Find $\frac{dw}{dt}$ by using Chain Rule for the following functions:

a- $w = e^{2x+3y} \cos 4z$ and $x = \ln t, y = \ln(t^2 + 1), z = t$

b- $w = \frac{xy}{x^2+y^2}$ and $x = \cos ht, y = \sin ht$

c- $w = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$ and $x = e^t \cos t, y = e^t \sin t, z = e^t$

2- Find $\frac{dw}{dt}$ by using Chain Rule, check your answer by using different method and evaluate $\frac{dw}{dt}$ at given value of t for the following functions:

a- $w = x^2 + y^2, x = \cos t, y = \sin t; t = \pi$

b- $w = x^2 + y^2, x = \cos t + \sin t, y = \cos t - \sin t; t = 0$

c- $w = \frac{x}{z} + \frac{y}{z}, x = \cos^2 t, y = \sin^2 t, z = 1/t; t = 3$

d- $w = \ln(x^2 + y^2 + z^2), x = \cos t, y = \sin t, z = 4\sqrt{t}; t = 3$

e- $w = 2ye^x - \ln z, x = \ln(t^2 + 1), y = \tan^{-1} t, z = e^t; t = 1$

f- $w = z - \sin xy, x = t, y = \ln t, z = e^{t-1}; t = 1$

3- Find $\frac{\partial w}{\partial r}$ and $\frac{\partial w}{\partial s}$ in term of r and s by using Chain Rule and check your answer by using different method for the following functions:

a- $w = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$ and $x = e^r \cos s, y = e^r \sin s, z = e^r$

b- $w = \ln(x^2 + y^2 + 2z)$ and $x = r + s, y = r - s, z = 2rs$

c- $w = x + 2y$ and $x = \frac{r}{s}, y = r^2 + \ln s$

4- Find $\frac{\partial w}{\partial u}$ and $\frac{\partial w}{\partial v}$ in term of u and v by using Chain Rule and check your answer by using different method and evaluate

$\frac{\partial w}{\partial u}, \frac{\partial w}{\partial v}$ at given value of u, v for the following functions:

a- $w = 4e^x \ln y, x = \ln(u \cos v), y = u \sin v; (u, v) = (2, \pi/4)$

b- $w = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{x}{y} \right), x = u \cos v, y = u \sin v; (u, v) = (1.3, \pi/6)$

c- $w = xy + yz + xz, x = u + v, y = u - v, z = uv; (u, v) = (1/2, 1)$

d- $w = \ln(x^2 + y^2 + z^2), x = ue^v \sin u, y = ue^v \cos u,$

$z = ue^v; (u, v) = (-2, 0)$

5- Express $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$ and $\frac{\partial u}{\partial z}$ as a functions of x, y and z both by

using Chain Rule and by expressing u directly in term

of x, y and z before differentiating and evaluate $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$ and $\frac{\partial u}{\partial z}$

at given point (x, y, z) for the following functions:

a- $u = \frac{p-q}{q-r}, p = x + y + z, q = x - y + z, r = x + y -$

$z; (x, y, z) = (\sqrt{3}, 2, 1)$

b- $u = e^{qr} \sin^{-1} p, p = \sin x, q = z^2 \ln y, r = 1/z; (x, y, z) =$

$(\pi/4, 1/2, -1/2)$

Higher – Order Derivative:

1- If the function $y = f(x)$ can derivation n times for x then derivatives of f as follows:

$$y = f(x),$$

$$y' = f'(x) = \frac{dy}{dx},$$

$$y'' = f''(x) = \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right) = \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2},$$

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$$y^{(n)} = f^{(n)}(x) = \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{d^{n-1} y}{dx^{n-1}} \right) = \frac{d^n y}{dx^n}$$

Example 14: Find y' and y'' if $y = x^3 + 2x$.

Solution: $y' = 3x^2 + 2, y'' = 6x, y''' = 6, y'''' = 0$.

2- If the function $w = f(x, y, z, \dots)$ can partial derivation n times for x, y, z, \dots then

$$\begin{aligned} f_x &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial w}{\partial x}, \\ f_{xx} &= \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right), \\ f_{xxx} &= \frac{\partial^3 f}{\partial x^3} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} \right), \\ &\vdots \\ f_{xxx\dots x} &= \frac{\partial^n f}{\partial x^n} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial^{n-1} f}{\partial x^{n-1}} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Same way for variables y, z, \dots

Example 15: Find f_{xxxxx} and f_{yyyyy} if $w = f(x, y) = x^4 - 3y^2x + y^4 + 10$.

Solution: $f_x = 4x^3 - 3y^2, f_{xx} = 12x^2, f_{xxx} = 24x,$

$f_{xxxx} = 24, f_{xxxxx} = 0,$

$f_y = -6yx + 4y^3, f_{yy} = -6x + 12y^2, f_{yyy} = 24y,$

$f_{yyyy} = 24, f_{yyyyy} = 0$

3- Higher – Order partial derivatives for different variables as follows:

$$f_{xy} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right),$$

$$f_{yx} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right),$$

$$f_{xyz} = \frac{\partial^3 f}{\partial x \partial y \partial z} = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} \right) = \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right) \right] \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right)$$

Note: Let $w = f(x, y)$ be a continuous function and have partial derivatives f_x, f_y then $f_{xy} = f_{yx}$.

Example16: Prove that $f_{xy} = f_{yx}$ such that

$$w = f(x, y) = x^4 - 3y^2x + y^4 + 10$$

Proof: $f_x = 4x^3 - 3y^2, f_{xy} = -6y,$

$$f_y = -6yx + 4y^3, f_{yx} = -6y$$

$$f_{xy} = f_{yx}$$

Example17: Find f_{xyz} and f_{zyx} if

$$w = f(x, y, z) = 3y^2x + y^3zx + x^2z$$

Solution: $f_x = 3y^2 + y^3z + 2xz, f_{xy} = 6y + 3y^2z, f_{xyz} = 3y^2$

$$f_z = y^3x + x^2, f_{zy} = 3y^2x, f_{zyx} = 3y^2$$