

Last time ... Differentiability of $f(x, y)$ at (x_0, y_0)

Defⁿ: $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ is diff. at $\vec{x}_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$

if \exists linear transformation $Df(\vec{x}_0): \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$

$$\text{s.t. } f(\vec{x}) = \underbrace{f(\vec{x}_0) + Df(\vec{x}_0)(\vec{x} - \vec{x}_0)}_{L(\vec{x})} + \underbrace{\varepsilon(\vec{x})}_{\text{error}}$$

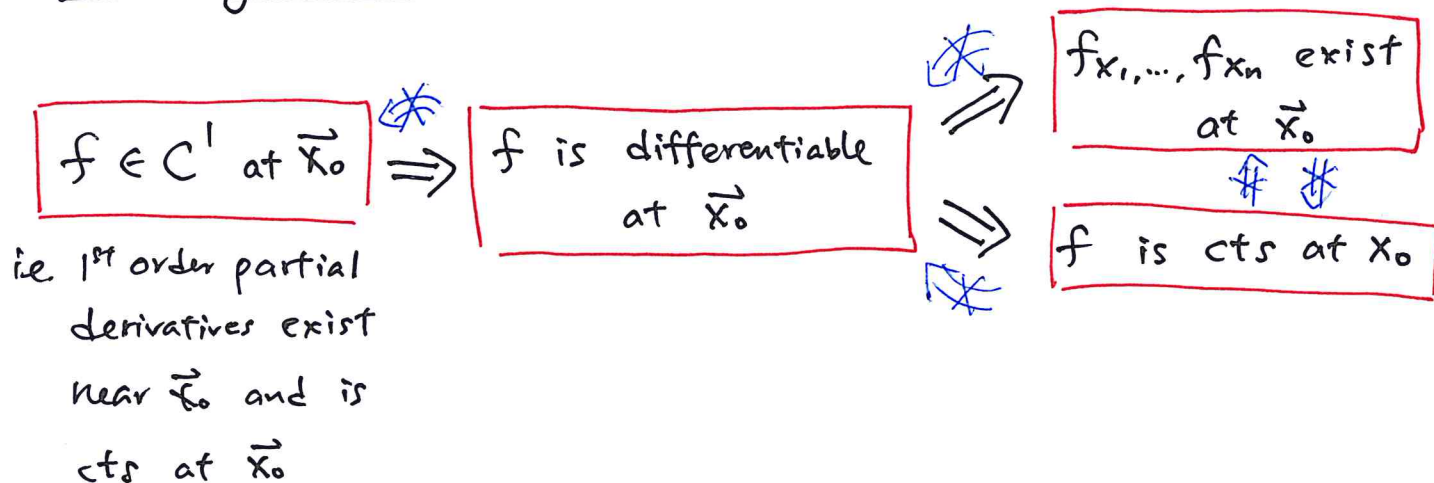
where $\lim_{\vec{x} \rightarrow \vec{x}_0} \frac{\varepsilon(\vec{x})}{\|\vec{x} - \vec{x}_0\|} = 0$.

In matrix form, if $f = (f_1, \dots, f_m)$ in components

$$Df(\vec{x}_0) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f_m}{\partial x_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_m}{\partial x_n} \end{bmatrix} (\vec{x}_0)$$

$m \times n$ matrix.

Summary Chart



Chain Rule

$$(1D) \quad y = f(x(t)) =: f \circ x(t)$$

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

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at t_0 at $x(t_0)$ at t_0

General Chain Rule (Abstract)

Suppose we have two differentiable functions

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \mathbb{R}^n & \xrightarrow{f} & \mathbb{R}^m & \xrightarrow{g} & \mathbb{R}^k \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \vec{x}_0 & \longmapsto & f(\vec{x}_0) & \longmapsto & g(f(\vec{x}_0)) \end{array}$$

Then, $g \circ f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$ is diff. at \vec{x}_0

$$\text{and} \quad D(g \circ f)(\vec{x}_0) = \underbrace{Dg(f(\vec{x}_0))}_{\substack{\text{~~k \times n~~ } \\ k \times m \\ \text{matrix}}} \cdot \underbrace{Df(\vec{x}_0)}_{\substack{m \times n \\ \text{matrix}}}$$

Restrict to some simple cases

Case 1: $n = k = 1, m = 2$.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} t & & (x, y) & & \\ \mathbb{R} & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{R}^2 & \xrightarrow{w} & \mathbb{R} \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ t & \longmapsto & (x(t), y(t)) & & w(x, y) \\ & & \longmapsto & & w(x(t), y(t)) \end{array}$$

$$\text{Claim:} \quad \frac{d}{dt} w(x(t), y(t)) = \left. \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \right|_{(x(t), y(t))} \cdot \frac{dx}{dt} + \left. \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \right|_{(x(t), y(t))} \cdot \frac{dy}{dt}$$

$$\text{Notation:} \quad \boxed{\frac{dw}{dt} = \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt}}$$

Example: Consider $w(x, y) = e^{-x^2 - y^2}$

$$\text{and } \begin{cases} x = t \\ y = \sqrt{t} \end{cases}$$

Calculate $\frac{d}{dt} w(x(t), y(t))$

(i) directly after substitution.

(ii) using the Chain Rule.

Sol: (i) $w(x(t), y(t)) = e^{-t^2 - t}$ (function in t),

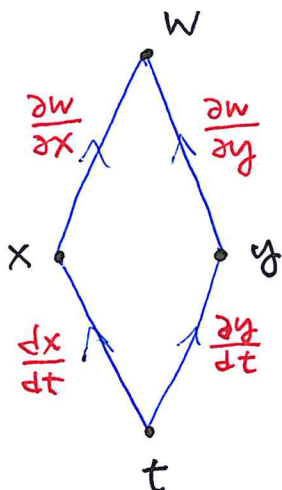
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} w(x(t), y(t)) &= \frac{d}{dt} (e^{-t^2 - t}) \\ &= e^{-t^2 - t} (-2t - 1) \quad * \end{aligned}$$

(ii) Chain Rule: $\frac{dw}{dt} = \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt}$.

$$\frac{dw}{dt} = e^{-x^2 - y^2} (-2x) \cdot (1) + e^{-x^2 - y^2} (-2y) \left(\frac{1}{2\sqrt{t}}\right)$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} \text{Put} \\ x = t \\ y = \sqrt{t} \end{array} \right) = e^{-t^2 - t} [-2t - 1] \quad * \quad (\text{same as (i)})$$

Remember Chain Rule - "Branch diagram"



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

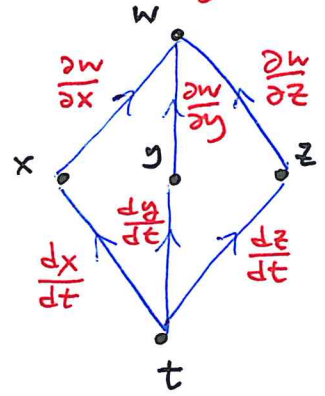
Case 2: $n = k = 1, m = 3$

$$\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

E.g. Consider $W(x, y, z) = \sin(xyz)$

"Branch diagram"

and
$$\begin{cases} x = t \\ y = t^2 \\ z = t^3 \end{cases}$$



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

Sol:
$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} = yz \cos xyz \\ \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} = xz \cos xyz \\ \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} = xy \cos xyz \end{cases} ; \begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = 1 \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = 2t \\ \frac{dz}{dt} = 3t^2 \end{cases}$$

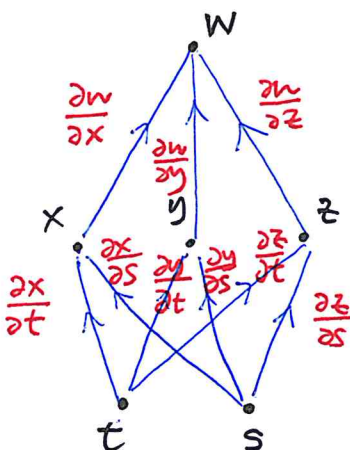
$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \frac{dw}{dt} &= \cos xyz \left[yz \cdot 1 + xz \cdot 2t + xy \cdot 3t^2 \right] \\ &= (\cos t^6) (t^5 + 2t^5 + 3t^5) \\ &= 6t^5 \cos t^6 \end{aligned}$$

Case 3: $n = 2, m = 3, k = 1, \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

"Branch Diagram"

Chain Rule: $W = W(x, y, z) = W(x(t, s), y(t, s), z(t, s))$

function of t & s



$$\begin{cases} \frac{dw}{dt} = \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \frac{dz}{dt} \\ \frac{dw}{ds} = \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{ds} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{ds} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \frac{dz}{ds} \end{cases}$$

E.g. Consider $w(x, y, z) = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$

$$\text{and } \begin{cases} x = 3e^t \sin s \\ y = 3e^t \cos s \\ z = 4e^t \end{cases}$$

Calculate $\frac{\partial w}{\partial t}$ and $\frac{\partial w}{\partial s}$ at $t = s = 0$.

Sol:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{2x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}} = \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}} = 0 \\ \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} = \frac{y}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}} = \frac{3}{5} \\ \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} = \frac{z}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}} = \frac{4}{5} \end{cases} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{at} \\ (x, y, z) = (0, 3, 4) \end{array}$$

[Note: $t = s = 0$
 $\Rightarrow x = 0, y = 3, z = 4$]

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} = 3e^t \sin s = 0 \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} = 3e^t \cos s = 3 \\ \frac{\partial z}{\partial t} = 4e^t = 4 \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} \frac{\partial x}{\partial s} = 3e^t \cos s = 3 \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial s} = -3e^t \sin s = 0 \\ \frac{\partial z}{\partial s} = 0 = 0 \end{cases}$$

Therefore,

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \frac{\partial z}{\partial t} = 0 + 3 \cdot \frac{3}{5} + 4 \cdot \frac{4}{5} = 5.$$

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial s} = \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial s} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial s} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \frac{\partial z}{\partial s} = 0 + 0 + 0 = 0.$$

Applications of Chain Rule

(I) Implicit Differentiation.

$$f(x,y) = x^2 + y^2 = 1 \Rightarrow y(x) = \pm \sqrt{1-x^2}$$

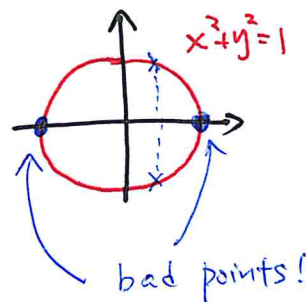
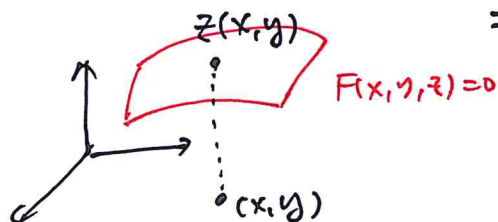
Go up 1-dimension, consider a level set

$$F(x,y,z) = 0 \Rightarrow \text{implicitly defines } z = z(x,y)$$

ie. $F(x,y,z(x,y)) \equiv 0$ (identity)

Eg. $x+y+z = 0 \Rightarrow z(x,y) = -x-y$

$F(x,y,z)$ since $F(x,y,z(x,y)) = x+y+(-x-y) \equiv 0$.



Q: How to find $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$, $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$ if $z(x,y)$ is defined implicitly by the equation $F(x,y,z) = 0$?

A: Just differentiate

Eg. Suppose $x^3 + y^3 + z^3 = xyz$ (*). Find $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$, $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$.

Take $\frac{\partial}{\partial x}$ of (*), Remember: only y is a constant. ($z = z(x,y)$)

$$3x^2 + 0 + 3z^2 \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = y(z + x \frac{\partial z}{\partial x})$$

Then, solve for $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$.

$$(3z^2 - xy) \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = yz - 3x^2$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{yz - 3x^2}{3z^2 - xy}$$

Ex: $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = ?$

draw back: in terms of x, y AND z .

General Formula: $F(x, y, z) = 0$

implicitly $\Rightarrow F(x, y, z(x, y)) = 0$

Take $\frac{\partial}{\partial x}$, chain rule

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial x} \frac{\cancel{\partial x}}{\cancel{\partial x}} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} \frac{\cancel{\partial y}}{\cancel{\partial x}} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow F_x + F_z \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = -\frac{F_x}{F_z}}$$

Similarly,

$$\boxed{\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = -\frac{F_y}{F_z}}$$

(II) Change of Variable.

Ex. $W = f(r)$, $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$.

\uparrow $W: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ "rotationally symmetric".

$$\frac{\partial W}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial W}{\partial r} \cdot \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} = \frac{x}{r} \frac{\partial W}{\partial r}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 W}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[\frac{x}{r} \frac{\partial W}{\partial r} \right] = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{x}{r} \right) \frac{\partial W}{\partial r} + \frac{x}{r} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(\frac{\partial W}{\partial r} \right) \right] \left(\frac{\partial r}{\partial x} \right)$$

$$= \frac{r - x \frac{x}{r}}{r^2} \frac{\partial W}{\partial r} + \frac{x^2}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 W}{\partial r^2}$$

$$= \frac{r^2 - x^2}{r^3} \frac{\partial W}{\partial r} + \frac{x^2}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 W}{\partial r^2}$$

$$\left[\text{Ex: } \underbrace{\frac{\partial^2 W}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 W}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 W}{\partial z^2}}_{\Delta W} = \frac{\partial^2 W}{\partial r^2} + \frac{2}{r} \frac{\partial W}{\partial r} \right]$$