

CHAIN RULE

MOTIVATION: $\frac{d}{dx} \sin(x^2 + 2x) = ?$

Notice: $\sin(x^2 + 2x) = \sin x \circ (x^2 + 2x) = f \circ g$

for $f = \sin x$ and $g(x) = x^2 + 2x$.

If we can derive a rule for:

$$\frac{d}{dx} (f \circ g)$$

We're good-to-go.

Thm Chain Rule

$$(f \circ g)'(x) = f'(g(x)) \cdot g'(x)$$

OR

$$(f \circ g)'(x) = f' \circ g(x) \cdot g'(x)$$

OR

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

Proof: Omitted. But understandable.

EXAMPLE $y = (3x^2 + 1)^2$

- let $y = u^2$ w/ $u = 3x^2 + 1$. Chain Rule \Rightarrow

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx} \quad \text{w/} \quad \frac{dy}{du} = 2 \cdot u = 2(3x^2 + 1)$$

$$\text{and } \frac{du}{dx} = 6x \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = 2 \cdot (3x^2 + 1) \cdot (6x) = 36x^3 + 12x$$

~OR~

- $y = x^2 \circ (3x^2 + 1)$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = (x^2)' \circ (3x^2 + 1) \cdot (3x^2 + 1)'$$

$$= 2x \circ (3x^2 + 1) \cdot (6x)$$

$$= 2(3x^2 + 1) \cdot 6x = 36x^3 + 12x.$$

(Either way is fine).

EXAMPLE Let $x(t) = \cos(t^2+1)$. Find velocity.

$$x(t) = \cos t \circ (t^2+1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dt} &= (\cos t)' \circ (t^2+1) \cdot (t^2+1)' \\ &= -\sin t \circ (t^2+1) \cdot (2t) \\ &= -\sin(t^2+1) \cdot 2t \end{aligned}$$

EXAMPLE $y = \sin(x^2 + e^x)$

$$y = \sin x \circ (x^2 + e^x)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} &= (\sin x)' \circ (x^2 + e^x) \cdot (x^2 + e^x)' \\ &= \cos x \circ (x^2 + e^x) \cdot (2x + e^x) \\ &= \cos(x^2 + e^x) \cdot (2x + e^x) \end{aligned}$$

EXAMPLE $y = e^{\cos x} \rightarrow y = e^x \circ \cos x$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} &= (e^x)' \circ \cos x \cdot (\cos x)' \\ &= e^x \circ \cos x \cdot (-\sin x) \\ &= -e^{\cos x} \cdot \sin x \end{aligned}$$

EXAMPLE: ~~Y=1000X~~ $g(t) = \tan(5 - \sin 2t)$

$$\Rightarrow g(t) = \tan(5 - \sin t \cdot 2t)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow \frac{dg}{dt} &= (\tan t)' \cdot (5 - \sin t \cdot 2t) \cdot (5 - \sin t \cdot 2t)' \\ &= \sec^2 t \cdot (5 - \sin t \cdot 2t) \cdot (0 - \cos t \cdot 2t - (2t)') \\ &= \sec^2(5 - \sin 2t) \cdot (-\cos 2t \cdot 2) \end{aligned}$$

↑ Eventually we must be able to do this w/out all the detail:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dg}{dt} &= \sec^2(5 - \sin 2t) \cdot (5 - \sin 2t)' \\ &= \sec^2(5 - \sin 2t) \cdot (-\cos 2t \cdot 2) \end{aligned}$$

EXAMPLE: $y = (5x^3 - x^4)^7$

$$\Rightarrow y = x^7 \cdot (5x^3 - x^4)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} &= (x^7)' \cdot (5x^3 - x^4) \cdot (5x^3 - x^4)' \\ &= 7x^6 \cdot (5x^3 - x^4) \cdot (15x^2 - 4x^3) \\ &= 7(5x^3 - x^4)^6 \cdot (15x^2 - 4x^3) \end{aligned}$$

EXAMPLE: $y = \frac{1}{3x-2}$

$$\Rightarrow y = (3x-2)^{-1} \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = -(3x-2)^{-2} \cdot (3x-2)'$$

$$= \frac{-3}{(3x-2)^2}$$

EXAMPLE: $y = e^{\sqrt{3x+1}} = \exp((3x+1)^{\frac{1}{2}})$

Notation: $\exp(x) = e^x$

Here $y = \exp(x) \circ x^{\frac{1}{2}} \circ (3x+1)$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx} \exp(x) \circ x^{\frac{1}{2}} \circ (3x+1) \cdot \frac{d}{dx} (x^{\frac{1}{2}} \circ (3x+1))'$$

writing like this is messy... Better:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \exp((3x+1)^{\frac{1}{2}}) \cdot \frac{d}{dx} (3x+1)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$= \exp((3x+1)^{\frac{1}{2}}) \cdot \frac{1}{2} (3x+1)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \frac{d}{dx} (3x+1)$$

$$= \exp((3x+1)^{\frac{1}{2}}) \cdot \frac{3}{2 (3x+1)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

$$= e^{\sqrt{3x+1}} \cdot \frac{3}{2\sqrt{3x+1}}$$

EXAMPLE: $y = \sin^5 x = (\sin x)^5$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} &= 5(\sin x)^4 \cdot (\sin x)' \\ &= 5 \sin^4 x \cdot \cos x \end{aligned}$$

EXAMPLE: $y = |x| = \sqrt{x^2}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{d(x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{dx} = \frac{1}{2}(x^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot (x^2)'$$

$$= \frac{2x}{2\sqrt{x^2}} = \frac{x}{|x|} \quad \text{for } x \neq 0.$$

EXAMPLE: Show the slope of all tangent lines to $y = \frac{1}{(1-2x)^3}$ is positive.

EQ: Show $\frac{dy}{dx} > 0$ for all x .

$$\begin{aligned} y = (1-2x)^{-3} &\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = -3(1-2x)^{-4} \cdot (1-2x)' \\ &= \frac{6}{(1-2x)^4} \end{aligned}$$

Notice $(1-2x)^4 \geq 0 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{(1-2x)^4} \geq 0 \Rightarrow \frac{6}{(1-2x)^4} \geq 0$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} \geq 0.$$

EXERCISE: let $f(3) = -1$ $g(2) = 3$

$g'(2) = 5$ $y = f(g(x))$.

What is $y'(2)$?

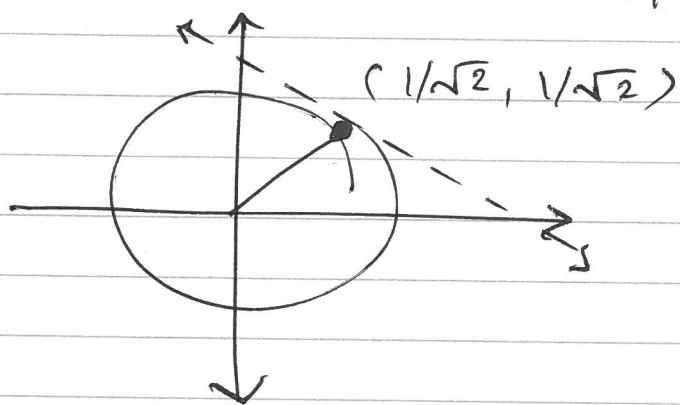
EXERCISE $y = \left(\frac{t^2}{t^3 - 4t} \right)^3 \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dt} = ?$

EXERCISE Expand $\frac{d}{dx} (f(g(h(x))))$.

Implicit Differentiation

Motivation: How can we differentiate eqns we cannot write as functions?

Ex. What is the slope of the tangent on the unit circle at $p = (1/\sqrt{2}, 1/\sqrt{2})$?



$$\text{Find } \frac{dy}{dx} \Big|_{(x,y) = (1/\sqrt{2}, 1/\sqrt{2})}$$

$$\text{Circle: } x^2 + y^2 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x \cdot \frac{dx}{dx} + 2y \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

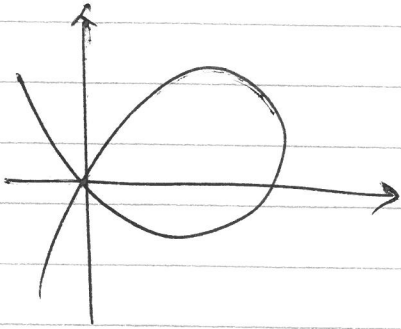
$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{x}{y} \quad (\text{notice } x \neq y)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} \Big|_{(x,y) = (1/\sqrt{2}, 1/\sqrt{2})} = \frac{-1/\sqrt{2}}{1/\sqrt{2}} = -1.$$

EXAMPLE

Investigate derivatives of

$$x^3 + y^3 - 9xy = 0 \quad (*)$$



at the origin.

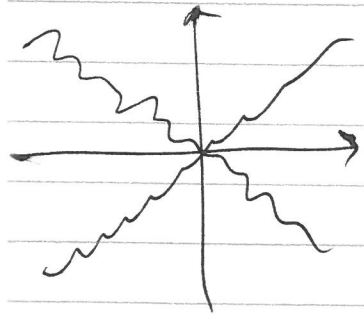
$$\Rightarrow \frac{d(*)}{dx} : 3x^2 \cdot \frac{dx}{dx} + 3y^2 \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} - 9 \frac{dx}{dx} y - 9x \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 3x^2 + \frac{dy}{dx} (3y^2 - 9x) - 9y = 0$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{9y - 3x^2}{3y^2 - 9x} = \frac{3y - x^2}{y^2 - 3x}$$

will not give you slope at origin — because there are two.

EXAMPLE : Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ when $y^2 = x^2 + \sin xy$ (*)



$$\frac{d(*)}{dx} : 2y \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = 2x \cdot \frac{dx}{dx} + \cos(xy) \cdot \left(\frac{dx}{dx} y + x \frac{dy}{dx} \right)$$

and isolate for $\frac{dy}{dx}$.

EXAMPLE: let $xy + y^2 = 1$, find y''

Let $A: xy + y^2 = 1$

$\Rightarrow \frac{dA}{dx}: x'y + xy' + 2yy' = 0$

$\Rightarrow y + xy' + 2yy' = 0 \quad : B$

$\Rightarrow y'(x + 2y) = -y$

$\Rightarrow y' = \frac{-y}{(x+2y)}$ Proceed w/ quotient rule on...

$\frac{dB}{dx}: y' + x'y' + xy'' + 2y'y' + 2yy'' = 0$

$\Rightarrow y''(x+2y) + 2y' + 2(y')^2 = 0$

$\Rightarrow y'' = -\left(2y' + 2(y')^2\right) / (x+2y)$

~~WAI~~ $= -\left(\frac{-2y}{(x+2y)} + 2\left(\frac{-y}{(x+2y)}\right)^2\right) / (x+2y)$

$= \frac{2y}{(x+2y)^2} - \frac{2y^2}{(x+2y)^3}$

EXERCISE Find slope of the tangent on

$$(x^2 + y^2)^2 = (x - y)^2 \text{ at } (1, 0) \text{ and } (1, -1).$$

EXERCISE Find $\frac{dr}{d\theta}$ when $\cos r + \cot \theta = e^{r\theta}$.

EXERCISE Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ when $x^2y + xy^2 = 6$.

EXERCISE Find two points where

$$x^2 + xy + y^2 = 7.$$

crosses the x -axis. and show the tangents to the curve at those points are parallel.

EXERCISE The line that is normal to the curve

$$x^2 + 2xy - 3y^2 = 0$$

at $(1, 1)$ intersects the curve at what other point?