

Ex: Find all points where $f(x,y) = x^2 - 3x + 2 + y^2 + 9x - 10$ has a horizontal tangent plane

calculate $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$ and $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 2x - 3$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 2y + 9$$

solve $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 0$ and $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 0$

$$2x - 3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$2y + 9 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y = -\frac{9}{2}$$

Thus, $f(x,y)$ has a horizontal tangent plane at $(x,y) = \left(\frac{3}{2}, -\frac{9}{2}\right)$

Ex: Find all points where $f(x,y) = x^2 - y^2 - xy$ has a horizontal tangent plane

calculate $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$ and $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 2x - y$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = -2y - x$$

solve $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 0$

$$\begin{cases} 2x - y = 0 \\ -2y - x = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 2x - y = 0 \\ x + 2y = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow (x,y) = (0,0)$$

Thus, the only horizontal tangent plane is $(0,0)$.

Ex (p765): If $z = \ln(x^2 + y^2)$ show

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

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{2x}{x^2 + y^2}$$

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

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = \frac{2y}{x^2 + y^2} \Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} = \frac{2x^2 - 2y^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^2}$$

(!) symmetry.

check $\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} = 0$

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

$$= 0.$$

Ex: If $z^2 - 3x^2 + y^2 = 0$ find $\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2}$.

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

$$\Rightarrow 2z \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} - 0 + 2y = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = -\frac{y}{z}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left[2z \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} + 2y \right] = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} [0]$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} + 2z \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} + 2 = 0$$

Ex: If $P = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$ and $x = a + 2b$
 $y = 3a + 4b$
 $z = 5a + 6b$

find $\frac{\partial P}{\partial a}$ at $(a, b) = (1, 1)$

Apply the chain rule

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial a} = \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{\partial x}{\partial a} + \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{\partial y}{\partial a} + \frac{\partial P}{\partial z} \cdot \frac{\partial z}{\partial a}$$

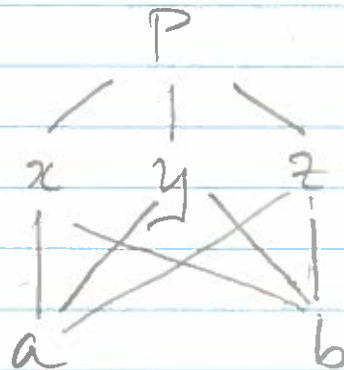
$$= (2x)(1) + (2y)(3) + (2z)(5)$$

calculate (x, y, z)

$$x = 1 + 2 = 3 \quad y = 3 + 4 = 7 \quad z = 5 + 6 = 11$$

Evaluate $\frac{\partial P}{\partial a}$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial P}{\partial a} &= 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 1 + 2 \cdot 7 \cdot 3 + 2 \cdot 11 \cdot 5 \\ &= 6 + 42 + 110 = 158 \end{aligned}$$



To find $\frac{\partial P}{\partial a}$ we find all paths from a to P .

Ex: If $P(x, y, z) = xy + y^2$

$$x = 2a + 3b$$

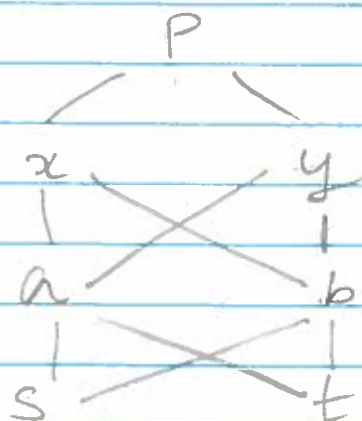
$$y = a^2$$

$$a = s + t$$

$$b = s$$

Find $\frac{\partial P}{\partial s}$ in terms of s and t

Draw the dependence of variables diagram.



$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial s} = \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{\partial x}{\partial s} + \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{\partial y}{\partial s}$$

$$= \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial x}{\partial a} \frac{\partial a}{\partial s} + \frac{\partial x}{\partial b} \frac{\partial b}{\partial s} \right) + \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \left(\frac{\partial y}{\partial a} \frac{\partial a}{\partial s} + \right.$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial y}{\partial b} \frac{\partial b}{\partial s} \right)$$

$$= [y](2 \cdot 1 + 3 \cdot 1) + [x + 2y](2a \cdot 1 + 0 \cdot 1)$$

$$= 5y + [x + 2y] \cdot (2a)$$

$$= 5(s+t)^2 + [s+t + 2(s+t)^2] \cdot (2(s+t))$$

Ex: Assume $P = x + y^2 + z^3$

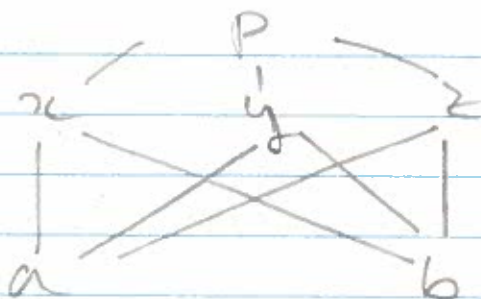
$$x = a + 2b$$

$$y = 2a + 3b$$

$$z = 3a + 4b$$

Calculate $\frac{\partial P}{\partial a}$ at $(a,b) = (1,1)$

Draw the dependence of variables diagram.



Apply the chain rule.

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial a} = \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{\partial x}{\partial a} + \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{\partial y}{\partial a} + \frac{\partial P}{\partial z} \cdot \frac{\partial z}{\partial a}$$

$$= 1 \cdot (1) + 2y \cdot (2) + 3z^2 \cdot (3)$$

$$= 1 + 4y + 9z^2$$

Calculate (x, y, z)

$$x = 1 + 2 = 3 \quad y = 2 + 3 = 5 \quad z = 3 + 4 = 7$$

Evaluate $\frac{\partial P}{\partial a}$

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial a} = 1 + 4 \cdot 5 + 9 \cdot 7^2 = 1 + 20 + 9 \cdot 49 = 462$$

The Chain Rule

Recall, from A32, the chain rule:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dx} f(g(x)) &= f'(g(x)) \cdot g'(x) \\ &= \frac{df}{dg} \cdot \frac{dg}{dx}\end{aligned}$$

Ex: calculate $\frac{dy}{dx}$ if $y = \sin(t)$ and $t = x^2$.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{dy}{dt} \cdot \frac{dt}{dx} = \cos(t) \cdot (2x) \\ &= \cos(x^2) \cdot 2x\end{aligned}$$

Alternatively, $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx} [\sin(x^2)] = \cos(x^2) \cdot (2x)$

Ex: calculate $\frac{dh}{dx}$ if $h = f^2$, $f = 3g$, $g = \cos(x)$

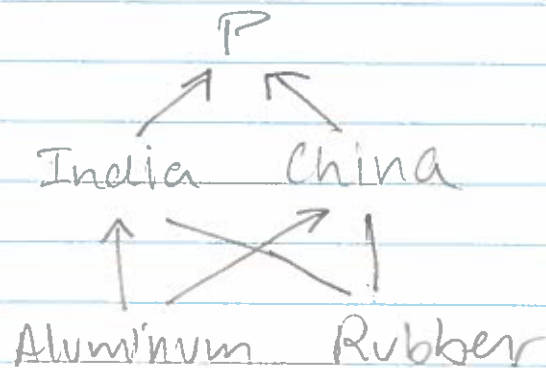
$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dh}{dx} &= \frac{dh}{df} \cdot \frac{df}{dg} \cdot \frac{dg}{dx} \\ &= (2f)(3)(-\sin(x)) \\ &= [6\cos(x)] \cdot 3 \cdot (-\sin(x)) = -18\sin(x)\cos(x)\end{aligned}$$

Alternatively, $h = [3\cos(x)]^2$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dh}{dx} &= 2 \cdot [3\cos(x)](-3\sin(x)) \\ &= -18\sin(x)\cos(x)\end{aligned}$$

Ex: You produce bicycles in China and India. To make bicycles you need rubber and aluminum.

Describe how an increase in the global availability of aluminum affects your productivity.



More aluminum \Rightarrow more in China and more in India

\Rightarrow more bicycles.

Ex: Suppose $P(x, y) = x + y$ and
 $x = 3a + 4b$ and
 $y = 5a + 6b$

Determine $\frac{\partial P}{\partial a}$.

$$P = [3a + 4b] + [5a + 6b]$$

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial a} = 3 + 5 = 8.$$

$2\frac{1}{2}$

Ex: Suppose $P(x, y) = x^2 + y^3$
 $x = 3a + 4b$
 $y = 5a + 6b$

Determine $\frac{\partial P}{\partial a}$.

$$P = (3a + 4b)^2 + (5a + 6b)^3$$

≠ Differentiate both sides with respect to a

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial a} = \frac{\partial}{\partial a} (3a + 4b)^2 + \frac{\partial}{\partial a} (5a + 6b)^3$$
$$= 2(3a + 4b) \cdot (3) + 3(5a + 6b)^2 \cdot (5)$$

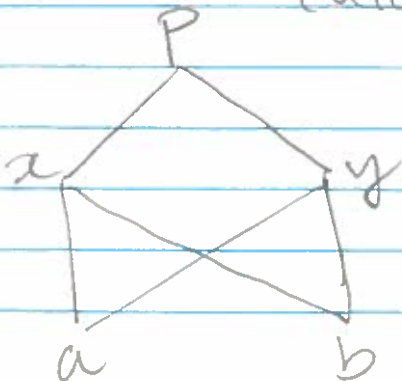
$$= \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{\partial x}{\partial a} + \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{\partial y}{\partial a}$$

Rule: To calculate $\frac{\partial P}{\partial a}$ given

$$P = P(x, y)$$
$$x = f(a, b) \quad y = g(a, b)$$

calculate

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial a} = \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{\partial x}{\partial a} + \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{\partial y}{\partial a}$$



Ex (Summer 2016) Given. $z = 3x^2 + 2xy$

$$x = r^2 + s$$

$$y = \frac{s}{r+1}$$

Calculate $\frac{\partial z}{\partial r}$ when $r=1$ and $s=1$

apply the chain rule

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

$$= [6x + 2y](2r) + [2x] \left(-\frac{s}{(r+1)^2} \right)$$

calculate x and y

$$x = r^2 + s = 1^2 + 1 = 2$$

$$y = \frac{1}{1+1} = \frac{1}{2}$$

Evaluate $\frac{\partial z}{\partial r}$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial r} = [6 \cdot 2 + 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2}](2 \cdot 1) + [2 \cdot 2] \cdot \left(-\frac{1}{(1+1)^2} \right)$$

$$= [13](2) + [4] \left(-\frac{1}{4} \right) = 25$$

NB: We need to use r and s to calculate x and y .

$$(r, s) \longrightarrow (x, y) \longrightarrow \frac{\partial z}{\partial r}$$

Ex (winter 2015) given $z = (3x - 4y)^3$

$$x = r + s^2$$

$$y = 2r^2 + s$$

calculate $\frac{\partial z}{\partial r}$ when $r=1$ and $s=2$.

apply the chain rule

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

$$= [3(3x-4y)^2 \cdot (3)] \cdot (1) +$$

$$[3(3x-4y)^2 \cdot (-4)] \cdot (4r)$$

calculate x and y

$$x = 1 + 2^2 = 5 \quad y = 2 \cdot 1^2 + 2 = 4$$

evaluate $\frac{\partial z}{\partial r}$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial r} = [3(3 \cdot 5 - 4 \cdot 4)^2 \cdot (3)](1) +$$

$$[3 \cdot (3 \cdot 5 - 4 \cdot 4)^2 \cdot (-4)](4 \cdot 1)$$

$$= [3 \cdot (-1)^2 \cdot (3)](1) + [3 \cdot (-1)^2 \cdot (-4)](4)$$

$$= 9 - 48 = -37$$

Ex (Summer 2014):

$$\text{Given } u = f(r^2 - s^2, s^2 - r^2)$$

$$\text{Show: } s \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} + r \frac{\partial u}{\partial s} = 0$$

introduce variables for f

$$u = f(x, y) \text{ where } x = r^2 - s^2 \text{ and } y = s^2 - r^2$$

calculate $\frac{\partial u}{\partial r}$ and $\frac{\partial u}{\partial s}$

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

$$= \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \cdot (2r) + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \cdot (-2r) \quad (!) \text{ We do not know } \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \text{ or } \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}.$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial s} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{\partial x}{\partial s} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{\partial y}{\partial s}$$

$$= \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \cdot (-2s) + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \cdot (2s) \quad (!)$$

calculate $s \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} + r \frac{\partial u}{\partial s}$

$$s \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} + r \frac{\partial u}{\partial s} = s \left[\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} (2r) + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} (-2r) \right]$$

$$+ r \left[\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} (-2s) + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} (2s) \right]$$

$$= \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} (2rs - 2rs) + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} (-2rs + 2rs)$$

$$= 0$$