



equation by  $\Delta t$ , we have

$$\frac{\Delta z}{\Delta t} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta t} + \varepsilon_1 \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} + \varepsilon_2 \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta t}$$

If we now let  $\Delta t \rightarrow 0$ , then  $\Delta x = g(t + \Delta t) - g(t) \rightarrow 0$  because  $g$  is differentiable and therefore continuous. Similarly,  $\Delta y \rightarrow 0$ . This, in turn, means that  $\varepsilon_1 \rightarrow 0$  and  $\varepsilon_2 \rightarrow 0$ , so

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dz}{dt} &= \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta z}{\Delta t} \\ &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta t} + \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \varepsilon_1 \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} + \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \varepsilon_2 \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta t} \\ &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt} + 0 \cdot \frac{dx}{dt} + 0 \cdot \frac{dy}{dt} \\ &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt} \end{aligned} \quad \square$$

Since we often write  $\partial z / \partial x$  in place of  $\partial f / \partial x$ , we can rewrite the Chain Rule in the form

■ Notice the similarity to the definition of the differential:

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

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

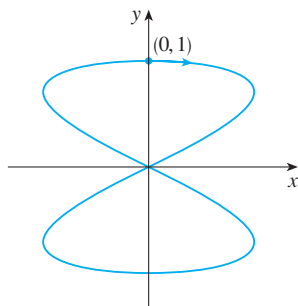
**EXAMPLE 1** If  $z = x^2y + 3xy^4$ , where  $x = \sin 2t$  and  $y = \cos t$ , find  $dz/dt$  when  $t = 0$ .

**SOLUTION** The Chain Rule gives

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dz}{dt} &= \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt} \\ &= (2xy + 3y^4)(2 \cos 2t) + (x^2 + 12xy^3)(-\sin t) \end{aligned}$$

It's not necessary to substitute the expressions for  $x$  and  $y$  in terms of  $t$ . We simply observe that when  $t = 0$  we have  $x = \sin 0 = 0$  and  $y = \cos 0 = 1$ . Therefore,

$$\left. \frac{dz}{dt} \right|_{t=0} = (0 + 3)(2 \cos 0) + (0 + 0)(-\sin 0) = 6 \quad \blacksquare$$



**FIGURE 1**  
The curve  $x = \sin 2t$ ,  $y = \cos t$

The derivative in Example 1 can be interpreted as the rate of change of  $z$  with respect to  $t$  as the point  $(x, y)$  moves along the curve  $C$  with parametric equations  $x = \sin 2t$ ,  $y = \cos t$ . (See Figure 1.) In particular, when  $t = 0$ , the point  $(x, y)$  is  $(0, 1)$  and  $dz/dt = 6$  is the rate of increase as we move along the curve  $C$  through  $(0, 1)$ . If, for instance,  $z = T(x, y) = x^2y + 3xy^4$  represents the temperature at the point  $(x, y)$ , then the composite function  $z = T(\sin 2t, \cos t)$  represents the temperature at points on  $C$  and the derivative  $dz/dt$  represents the rate at which the temperature changes along  $C$ .

**EXAMPLE 2** The pressure  $P$  (in kilopascals), volume  $V$  (in liters), and temperature  $T$  (in kelvins) of a mole of an ideal gas are related by the equation  $PV = 8.31T$ .

Find the rate at which the pressure is changing when the temperature is 300 K and increasing at a rate of 0.1 K/s and the volume is 100 L and increasing at a rate of 0.2 L/s.

**SOLUTION** If  $t$  represents the time elapsed in seconds, then at the given instant we have  $T = 300$ ,  $dT/dt = 0.1$ ,  $V = 100$ ,  $dV/dt = 0.2$ . Since

$$P = 8.31 \frac{T}{V}$$

the Chain Rule gives

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dP}{dt} &= \frac{\partial P}{\partial T} \frac{dT}{dt} + \frac{\partial P}{\partial V} \frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{8.31}{V} \frac{dT}{dt} - \frac{8.31T}{V^2} \frac{dV}{dt} \\ &= \frac{8.31}{100} (0.1) - \frac{8.31(300)}{100^2} (0.2) = -0.04155 \end{aligned}$$

The pressure is decreasing at a rate of about 0.042 kPa/s. ■

We now consider the situation where  $z = f(x, y)$  but each of  $x$  and  $y$  is a function of two variables  $s$  and  $t$ :  $x = g(s, t)$ ,  $y = h(s, t)$ . Then  $z$  is indirectly a function of  $s$  and  $t$  and we wish to find  $\partial z/\partial s$  and  $\partial z/\partial t$ . Recall that in computing  $\partial z/\partial t$  we hold  $s$  fixed and compute the ordinary derivative of  $z$  with respect to  $t$ . Therefore, we can apply Theorem 2 to obtain

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

A similar argument holds for  $\partial z/\partial s$  and so we have proved the following version of the Chain Rule.

**3 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** If  $z = e^x \sin y$ , where  $x = st^2$  and  $y = s^2t$ , find  $\partial z/\partial s$  and  $\partial z/\partial t$ .

**SOLUTION** Applying Case 2 of the Chain Rule, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial z}{\partial s} &= \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial s} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial s} = (e^x \sin y)(t^2) + (e^x \cos y)(2st) \\ &= t^2 e^{st^2} \sin(s^2t) + 2ste^{st^2} \cos(s^2t) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial z}{\partial t} &= \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} = (e^x \sin y)(2st) + (e^x \cos y)(s^2) \\ &= 2ste^{st^2} \sin(s^2t) + s^2 e^{st^2} \cos(s^2t) \end{aligned}$$

■

Case 2 of the Chain Rule contains three types of variables:  $s$  and  $t$  are **independent** variables,  $x$  and  $y$  are called **intermediate** variables, and  $z$  is the **dependent** variable. Notice that Theorem 3 has one term for each intermediate variable and each of these terms resembles the one-dimensional Chain Rule in Equation 1.

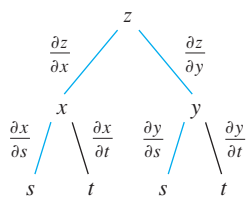


FIGURE 2

To remember the Chain Rule it's helpful to draw the **tree diagram** in Figure 2. We draw branches from the dependent variable  $z$  to the intermediate variables  $x$  and  $y$  to indicate that  $z$  is a function of  $x$  and  $y$ . Then we draw branches from  $x$  and  $y$  to the independent variables  $s$  and  $t$ . On each branch we write the corresponding partial derivative. To find  $\partial z/\partial s$  we find the product of the partial derivatives along each path from  $z$  to  $s$  and then add these products:

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

Similarly, we find  $\partial z/\partial t$  by using the paths from  $z$  to  $t$ .

Now we consider the general situation in which a dependent variable  $u$  is a function of  $n$  intermediate variables  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ , each of which is, in turn, a function of  $m$  independent variables  $t_1, \dots, t_m$ . Notice that there are  $n$  terms, one for each intermediate variable. The proof is similar to that of Case 1.

**4 THE CHAIN RULE (GENERAL VERSION)** Suppose that  $u$  is a differentiable function of the  $n$  variables  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  and each  $x_j$  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  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ .

**V EXAMPLE 4** Write out the Chain Rule for the case where  $w = f(x, y, z, t)$  and  $x = x(u, v)$ ,  $y = y(u, v)$ ,  $z = z(u, v)$ , and  $t = t(u, v)$ .

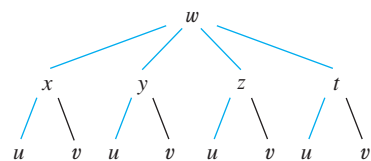


FIGURE 3

**SOLUTION** We apply Theorem 4 with  $n = 4$  and  $m = 2$ . Figure 3 shows the tree diagram. Although we haven't written the derivatives on the branches, it's understood that if a branch leads from  $y$  to  $u$ , then the partial derivative for that branch is  $\partial y/\partial u$ . With the aid of the tree diagram we can now write the required expressions:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial w}{\partial u} &= \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \frac{\partial z}{\partial u} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial t} \frac{\partial t}{\partial u} \\ \frac{\partial w}{\partial v} &= \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \frac{\partial z}{\partial v} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial t} \frac{\partial t}{\partial v} \end{aligned}$$

**V EXAMPLE 5** 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  $\partial u/\partial s$  when  $r = 2$ ,  $s = 1$ ,  $t = 0$ .

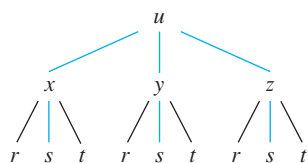


FIGURE 4

**SOLUTION** With the help of the tree diagram in Figure 4, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial u}{\partial s} &= \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial s} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial s} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \frac{\partial z}{\partial s} \\ &= (4x^3y)(re^t) + (x^4 + 2yz^3)(2rse^{-t}) + (3y^2z^2)(r^2 \sin t) \end{aligned}$$

When  $r = 2$ ,  $s = 1$ , and  $t = 0$ , we have  $x = 2$ ,  $y = 2$ , and  $z = 0$ , so

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial s} = (64)(2) + (16)(4) + (0)(0) = 192$$

**EXAMPLE 6** If  $g(s, t) = f(s^2 - t^2, t^2 - s^2)$  and  $f$  is differentiable, show that  $g$  satisfies the equation

$$t \frac{\partial g}{\partial s} + s \frac{\partial g}{\partial t} = 0$$

**SOLUTION** Let  $x = s^2 - t^2$  and  $y = t^2 - s^2$ . Then  $g(s, t) = f(x, y)$  and the Chain Rule gives

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial s} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial s} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial s} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} (2s) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} (-2s)$$

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} (-2t) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} (2t)$$

Therefore

$$t \frac{\partial g}{\partial s} + s \frac{\partial g}{\partial t} = \left( 2st \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} - 2st \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right) + \left( -2st \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + 2st \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right) = 0$$

**EXAMPLE 7** If  $z = f(x, y)$  has continuous second-order partial derivatives and  $x = r^2 + s^2$  and  $y = 2rs$ , find (a)  $\partial z / \partial r$  and (b)  $\partial^2 z / \partial r^2$ .

**SOLUTION**

(a) The Chain Rule gives

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial r} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} (2r) + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} (2s)$$

(b) Applying the Product Rule to the expression in part (a), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial r^2} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( 2r \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + 2s \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right) \\ &= 2 \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + 2r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right) + 2s \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right) \end{aligned}$$

But, using the Chain Rule again (see Figure 5), we have

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right) \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right) \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} = \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} (2r) + \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y \partial x} (2s)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right) \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right) \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} = \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} (2r) + \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} (2s)$$

Putting these expressions into Equation 5 and using the equality of the mixed second-order derivatives, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial r^2} &= 2 \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + 2r \left( 2r \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} + 2s \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y \partial x} \right) + 2s \left( 2r \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} + 2s \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} \right) \\ &= 2 \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + 4r^2 \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} + 8rs \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} + 4s^2 \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} \end{aligned}$$

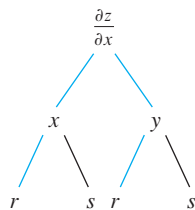


FIGURE 5

### IMPLICIT DIFFERENTIATION

The Chain Rule can be used to give a more complete description of the process of implicit differentiation that was introduced in Sections 2.6 and 11.3. We suppose that an equation of the form  $F(x, y) = 0$  defines  $y$  implicitly as a differentiable function of  $x$ , that is,  $y = f(x)$ , where  $F(x, f(x)) = 0$  for all  $x$  in the domain of  $f$ . If  $F$  is differentiable, we can apply Case 1 of the Chain Rule to differentiate both sides of the equation  $F(x, y) = 0$  with respect to  $x$ . Since both  $x$  and  $y$  are functions of  $x$ , we obtain

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dx} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

But  $dx/dx = 1$ , so if  $\partial F/\partial y \neq 0$  we solve for  $dy/dx$  and obtain

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$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{\frac{\partial F}{\partial x}}{\frac{\partial F}{\partial y}} = -\frac{F_x}{F_y}$$

To derive this equation we assumed that  $F(x, y) = 0$  defines  $y$  implicitly as a function of  $x$ . The **Implicit Function Theorem**, proved in advanced calculus, gives conditions under which this assumption is valid. It states that if  $F$  is defined on a disk containing  $(a, b)$ , where  $F(a, b) = 0$ ,  $F_y(a, b) \neq 0$ , and  $F_x$  and  $F_y$  are continuous on the disk, then the equation  $F(x, y) = 0$  defines  $y$  as a function of  $x$  near the point  $(a, b)$  and the derivative of this function is given by Equation 6.

**EXAMPLE 8** Find  $y'$  if  $x^3 + y^3 = 6xy$ .

**SOLUTION** The given equation can be written as

$$F(x, y) = x^3 + y^3 - 6xy = 0$$

so Equation 6 gives

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{F_x}{F_y} = -\frac{3x^2 - 6y}{3y^2 - 6x} = -\frac{x^2 - 2y}{y^2 - 2x}$$

■ The solution to Example 8 should be compared to the one in Example 2 in Section 2.6.

Now we suppose that  $z$  is given implicitly as a function  $z = f(x, y)$  by an equation of the form  $F(x, y, z) = 0$ . This means that  $F(x, y, f(x, y)) = 0$  for all  $(x, y)$  in the domain of  $f$ . If  $F$  and  $f$  are differentiable, then we can use the Chain Rule to differentiate the equation  $F(x, y, z) = 0$  as follows:

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

But  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x}(x) = 1$  and  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x}(y) = 0$

so this equation becomes

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

If  $\partial F/\partial z \neq 0$ , we solve for  $\partial z/\partial x$  and obtain the first formula in Equations 7. The formula for  $\partial z/\partial y$  is obtained in a similar manner.

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$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = -\frac{\frac{\partial F}{\partial x}}{\frac{\partial F}{\partial z}} \quad \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = -\frac{\frac{\partial F}{\partial y}}{\frac{\partial F}{\partial z}}$$

Again, a version of the **Implicit Function Theorem** gives conditions under which our assumption is valid. If  $F$  is defined within a sphere containing  $(a, b, c)$ , where  $F(a, b, c) = 0$ ,  $F_z(a, b, c) \neq 0$ , and  $F_x$ ,  $F_y$ , and  $F_z$  are continuous inside the sphere, then the equation  $F(x, y, z) = 0$  defines  $z$  as a function of  $x$  and  $y$  near the point  $(a, b, c)$  and this function is differentiable, with partial derivatives given by (7).

**EXAMPLE 9** Find  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$  and  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$  if  $x^3 + y^3 + z^3 + 6xyz = 1$ .

**SOLUTION** Let  $F(x, y, z) = x^3 + y^3 + z^3 + 6xyz - 1$ . Then, from Equations 7, we have

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = -\frac{F_x}{F_z} = -\frac{3x^2 + 6yz}{3z^2 + 6xy} = -\frac{x^2 + 2yz}{z^2 + 2xy}$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = -\frac{F_y}{F_z} = -\frac{3y^2 + 6xz}{3z^2 + 6xy} = -\frac{y^2 + 2xz}{z^2 + 2xy}$$

■ The solution to Example 9 should be compared to the one in Example 4 in Section 11.3.

## 11.5 EXERCISES

1–4 ■ Use the Chain Rule to find  $dz/dt$  or  $dw/dt$ .

- $z = \sin x \cos y$ ,  $x = \pi t$ ,  $y = \sqrt{t}$
- $z = x \ln(x + 2y)$ ,  $x = \sin t$ ,  $y = \cos t$
- $w = xe^{y/z}$ ,  $x = t^2$ ,  $y = 1 - t$ ,  $z = 1 + 2t$
- $w = xy + yz^2$ ,  $x = e^t$ ,  $y = e^t \sin t$ ,  $z = e^t \cos t$

5–8 ■ Use the Chain Rule to find  $\partial z/\partial s$  and  $\partial z/\partial t$ .

- $z = x^2 + xy + y^2$ ,  $x = s + t$ ,  $y = st$
- $z = x/y$ ,  $x = se^t$ ,  $y = 1 + se^{-t}$
- $z = e^r \cos \theta$ ,  $r = st$ ,  $\theta = \sqrt{s^2 + t^2}$
- $z = \sin \alpha \tan \beta$ ,  $\alpha = 3s + t$ ,  $\beta = s - t$

- If  $z = f(x, y)$ , where  $f$  is differentiable,  $x = g(t)$ ,  $y = h(t)$ ,  $g(3) = 2$ ,  $g'(3) = 5$ ,  $h(3) = 7$ ,  $h'(3) = -4$ ,  $f_x(2, 7) = 6$ , and  $f_y(2, 7) = -8$ , find  $dz/dt$  when  $t = 3$ .
- Let  $W(s, t) = F(u(s, t), v(s, t))$ , where  $F$ ,  $u$ , and  $v$  are differentiable,  $u(1, 0) = 2$ ,  $u_s(1, 0) = -2$ ,  $u_t(1, 0) = 6$ ,  $v(1, 0) = 3$ ,  $v_s(1, 0) = 5$ ,  $v_t(1, 0) = 4$ ,  $F_u(2, 3) = -1$ , and  $F_v(2, 3) = 10$ . Find  $W_s(1, 0)$  and  $W_t(1, 0)$ .

11. Suppose  $f$  is a differentiable function of  $x$  and  $y$ , and  $g(u, v) = f(e^u + \sin v, e^u + \cos v)$ . Use the table of values to calculate  $g_u(0, 0)$  and  $g_v(0, 0)$ .

	$f$	$g$	$f_x$	$f_y$
$(0, 0)$	3	6	4	8
$(1, 2)$	6	3	2	5

12. Suppose  $f$  is a differentiable function of  $x$  and  $y$ , and  $g(r, s) = f(2r - s, s^2 - 4r)$ . Use the table of values in Exercise 11 to calculate  $g_r(1, 2)$  and  $g_s(1, 2)$ .

13–16 ■ Use a tree diagram to write out the Chain Rule for the given case. Assume all functions are differentiable.

13.  $u = f(x, y)$ , where  $x = x(r, s, t)$ ,  $y = y(r, s, t)$

14.  $w = f(x, y, z)$ , where  $x = x(t, u)$ ,  $y = y(t, u)$ ,  $z = z(t, u)$

15.  $v = f(p, q, r)$ ,  
where  $p = p(x, y, z)$ ,  $q = q(x, y, z)$ ,  $r = r(x, y, z)$

16.  $u = f(s, t)$ , where  $s = s(w, x, y, z)$ ,  $t = t(w, x, y, z)$

17–21 ■ Use the Chain Rule to find the indicated partial derivatives.

17.  $z = x^2 + xy^3$ ,  $x = uv^2 + w^3$ ,  $y = u + ve^w$ ;

$\frac{\partial z}{\partial u}$ ,  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial v}$ ,  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial w}$  when  $u = 2$ ,  $v = 1$ ,  $w = 0$

18.  $u = \sqrt{r^2 + s^2}$ ,  $r = y + x \cos t$ ,  $s = x + y \sin t$ ;

$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$ ,  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$ ,  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}$  when  $x = 1$ ,  $y = 2$ ,  $t = 0$

19.  $R = \ln(u^2 + v^2 + w^2)$ ,

$u = x + 2y$ ,  $v = 2x - y$ ,  $w = 2xy$ ;

$\frac{\partial R}{\partial x}$ ,  $\frac{\partial R}{\partial y}$  when  $x = y = 1$

20.  $M = xe^{y-z^2}$ ,  $x = 2uv$ ,  $y = u - v$ ,  $z = u + v$ ;

$\frac{\partial M}{\partial u}$ ,  $\frac{\partial M}{\partial v}$  when  $u = 3$ ,  $v = -1$

21.  $u = x^2 + yz$ ,  $x = pr \cos \theta$ ,  $y = pr \sin \theta$ ,  $z = p + r$ ;

$\frac{\partial u}{\partial p}$ ,  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial r}$ ,  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta}$  when  $p = 2$ ,  $r = 3$ ,  $\theta = 0$

22–24 ■ Use Equation 6 to find  $dy/dx$ .

22.  $y^5 + x^2y^3 = 1 + ye^{x^2}$       23.  $\sqrt{xy} = 1 + x^2y$

24.  $\sin x + \cos y = \sin x \cos y$

25–28 ■ Use Equations 7 to find  $\partial z/\partial x$  and  $\partial z/\partial y$ .

25.  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 3xyz$       26.  $xyz = \cos(x + y + z)$

27.  $x - z = \arctan(yz)$       28.  $yz = \ln(x + z)$

29. The temperature at a point  $(x, y)$  is  $T(x, y)$ , measured in degrees Celsius. A bug crawls so that its position after  $t$  seconds is given by  $x = \sqrt{1 + t}$ ,  $y = 2 + \frac{1}{3}t$ , where  $x$  and  $y$  are measured in centimeters. The temperature function satisfies  $T_x(2, 3) = 4$  and  $T_y(2, 3) = 3$ . How fast is the temperature rising on the bug's path after 3 seconds?

30. Wheat production in a given year,  $W$ , depends on the average temperature  $T$  and the annual rainfall  $R$ . Scientists

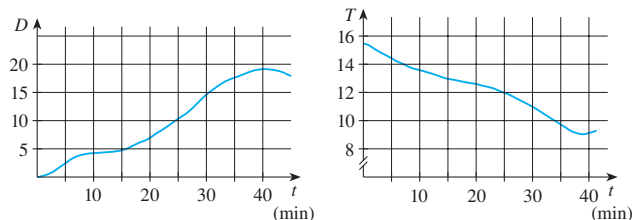
estimate that the average temperature is rising at a rate of  $0.15^\circ\text{C}/\text{year}$  and rainfall is decreasing at a rate of  $0.1 \text{ cm}/\text{year}$ . They also estimate that, at current production levels,  $\partial W/\partial T = -2$  and  $\partial W/\partial R = 8$ .

- (a) What is the significance of the signs of these partial derivatives?  
(b) Estimate the current rate of change of wheat production,  $dW/dt$ .

31. The speed of sound traveling through ocean water with salinity 35 parts per thousand has been modeled by the equation

$$C = 1449.2 + 4.6T - 0.055T^2 + 0.00029T^3 + 0.016D$$

where  $C$  is the speed of sound (in meters per second),  $T$  is the temperature (in degrees Celsius), and  $D$  is the depth below the ocean surface (in meters). A scuba diver began a leisurely dive into the ocean water; the diver's depth and surrounding water temperature over time are recorded in the following graphs. Estimate the rate of change (with respect to time) of the speed of sound through the ocean water experienced by the diver 20 minutes into the dive. What are the units?



32. The radius of a right circular cone is increasing at a rate of  $1.8 \text{ in}/\text{s}$  while its height is decreasing at a rate of  $2.5 \text{ in}/\text{s}$ . At what rate is the volume of the cone changing when the radius is  $120 \text{ in.}$  and the height is  $140 \text{ in.}$ ?
33. The length  $\ell$ , width  $w$ , and height  $h$  of a box change with time. At a certain instant the dimensions are  $\ell = 1 \text{ m}$  and  $w = h = 2 \text{ m}$ , and  $\ell$  and  $w$  are increasing at a rate of  $2 \text{ m}/\text{s}$  while  $h$  is decreasing at a rate of  $3 \text{ m}/\text{s}$ . At that instant find the rates at which the following quantities are changing.  
(a) The volume      (b) The surface area  
(c) The length of a diagonal
34. The voltage  $V$  in a simple electrical circuit is slowly decreasing as the battery wears out. The resistance  $R$  is slowly increasing as the resistor heats up. Use Ohm's Law,  $V = IR$ , to find how the current  $I$  is changing at the moment when  $R = 400 \Omega$ ,  $I = 0.08 \text{ A}$ ,  $dV/dt = -0.01 \text{ V}/\text{s}$ , and  $dR/dt = 0.03 \Omega/\text{s}$ .
35. The pressure of 1 mole of an ideal gas is increasing at a rate of  $0.05 \text{ kPa}/\text{s}$  and the temperature is increasing at a rate of  $0.15 \text{ K}/\text{s}$ . Use the equation in Example 2 to find the rate of change of the volume when the pressure is  $20 \text{ kPa}$  and the temperature is  $320 \text{ K}$ .
36. If a sound with frequency  $f_s$  is produced by a source traveling along a line with speed  $v_s$  and an observer is traveling



with speed  $v_o$  along the same line from the opposite direction toward the source, then the frequency of the sound heard by the observer is

$$f_o = \left( \frac{c + v_o}{c - v_s} \right) f_s$$

where  $c$  is the speed of sound, about 332 m/s. (This is the **Doppler effect**.) Suppose that, at a particular moment, you are in a train traveling at 34 m/s and accelerating at  $1.2 \text{ m/s}^2$ . A train is approaching you from the opposite direction on the other track at 40 m/s, accelerating at  $1.4 \text{ m/s}^2$ , and sounds its whistle, which has a frequency of 460 Hz. At that instant, what is the perceived frequency that you hear and how fast is it changing?

**37–40** ■ Assume that all the given functions are differentiable.

**37.** If  $z = f(x, y)$ , where  $x = r \cos \theta$  and  $y = r \sin \theta$ , (a) find  $\partial z / \partial r$  and  $\partial z / \partial \theta$  and (b) show that

$$\left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right)^2 = \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial r} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{r^2} \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial \theta} \right)^2$$

**38.** If  $u = f(x, y)$ , where  $x = e^s \cos t$  and  $y = e^s \sin t$ , show that

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

**39.** If  $z = f(x - y)$ , show that  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = 0$ .

**40.** If  $z = f(x, y)$ , where  $x = s + t$  and  $y = s - t$ , show that

$$\left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right)^2 - \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right)^2 = \frac{\partial z}{\partial s} \frac{\partial z}{\partial t}$$

**41–46** ■ Assume that all the given functions have continuous second-order partial derivatives.

**41.** Show that any function of the form

$$z = f(x + at) + g(x - at)$$

is a solution of the wave equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial t^2} = a^2 \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2}$$

[Hint: Let  $u = x + at$ ,  $v = x - at$ .]

**42.** If  $u = f(x, y)$ , where  $x = e^s \cos t$  and  $y = e^s \sin t$ , show that

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = e^{-2s} \left[ \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial s^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} \right]$$

**43.** If  $z = f(x, y)$ , where  $x = r^2 + s^2$ ,  $y = 2rs$ , find  $\partial^2 z / \partial r \partial s$ . (Compare with Example 7.)

**44.** If  $z = f(x, y)$ , where  $x = r \cos \theta$ ,  $y = r \sin \theta$ , find (a)  $\partial z / \partial r$ , (b)  $\partial z / \partial \theta$ , and (c)  $\partial^2 z / \partial r \partial \theta$ .

**45.** If  $z = f(x, y)$ , where  $x = r \cos \theta$ ,  $y = r \sin \theta$ , show that

$$\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} = \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial \theta^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial z}{\partial r}$$

**46.** Suppose  $z = f(x, y)$ , where  $x = g(s, t)$  and  $y = h(s, t)$ . (a) Show that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial t^2} &= \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} \left( \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} \right)^2 + 2 \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} \left( \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} \right)^2 \\ &\quad + \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{\partial^2 x}{\partial t^2} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2} \end{aligned}$$

(b) Find a similar formula for  $\partial^2 z / \partial s \partial t$ .

**47.** Suppose that the equation  $F(x, y, z) = 0$  implicitly defines each of the three variables  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  as functions of the other two:  $z = f(x, y)$ ,  $y = g(x, z)$ ,  $x = h(y, z)$ . If  $F$  is differentiable and  $F_x$ ,  $F_y$ , and  $F_z$  are all nonzero, show that

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial z} = -1$$

## 11.6 DIRECTIONAL DERIVATIVES AND THE GRADIENT VECTOR

Recall that if  $z = f(x, y)$ , then the partial derivatives  $f_x$  and  $f_y$  are defined as

$$f_x(x_0, y_0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_0 + h, y_0) - f(x_0, y_0)}{h}$$

$$f_y(x_0, y_0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_0, y_0 + h) - f(x_0, y_0)}{h}$$

and represent the rates of change of  $z$  in the  $x$ - and  $y$ -directions, that is, in the directions of the unit vectors  $\mathbf{i}$  and  $\mathbf{j}$ .