

CHAIN RULE - ANSWERS

If $x = t^3$ and $y = \sin t$, use the chain rule to find $\frac{dz}{dt}$. Show your work!

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = 3t^2, \quad \frac{dy}{dt} = \cos t$$

1. $z = f(x, y) = x^3 y^2$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dz}{dt} &= \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt} = 3x^2 y^2 \cdot 3t^2 + 2x^3 y \cdot \cos t \\ &= 3(t^3)^2 \sin^2 t \cdot 3t^2 + 2(t^3)^3 \sin t \cdot \cos t \\ &= 9t^8 \sin^2 t + 2t^9 \sin t \cos t\end{aligned}$$

2. $z = f(x, y) = \sin(x^3 y^2)$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dz}{dt} &= \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt} = \cos(x^3 y^2) \cdot 3x^2 y^2 \cdot 3t^2 + \cos(x^3 y^2) \cdot 2x^3 y \cdot \cos t \\ &= \cos((t^3)^3 \sin^2 t) \cdot 3(t^3)^2 \sin^2 t \cdot 3t^2 + \cos((t^3)^3 \sin^2 t) \cdot 2(t^3)^3 \sin t \cdot \cos t \\ &= \cos(t^9 \sin^2 t) [9t^8 \sin^2 t + 2t^9 \sin t \cos t]\end{aligned}$$

3. $z = f(x, y) = \sqrt{x^3 y^2}$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dz}{dt} &= \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x^3 y^2}} \cdot 3x^2 y^2 \cdot 3t^2 + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x^3 y^2}} \cdot 2x^3 y \cdot \cos t \\ &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{(t^3)^3 \sin^2 t}} \cdot 3(t^3)^2 \sin^2 t \cdot 3t^2 + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{(t^3)^3 \sin^2 t}} \cdot 2(t^3)^3 \sin t \cdot \cos t \\ &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{t^9 \sin^2 t}} [9t^8 \sin^2 t + 2t^9 \sin t \cos t]\end{aligned}$$

$$4. \quad z = f(x, y) = \sec(x^3 y^2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dz}{dt} &= \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt} = \sec(x^3 y^2) \tan(x^3 y^2) \cdot 3x^2 y^2 \cdot 3t^2 + \sec(x^3 y^2) \tan(x^3 y^2) \cdot 2x^3 y \cdot \cos t \\ &= \sec((t^3)^3 \sin^2 t) \tan((t^3)^3 \sin^2 t) \cdot 3(t^3)^2 \sin^2 t \cdot 3t^2 \\ &\quad + \sec((t^3)^3 \sin^2 t) \tan((t^3)^3 \sin^2 t) \cdot 2(t^3)^3 \sin t \cdot \cos t \\ &= \sec(t^9 \sin^2 t) \tan(t^9 \sin^2 t) [9t^8 \sin^2 t + 2t^9 \sin t \cos t] \end{aligned}$$

$$5. \quad z = f(x, y) = \tan(x^3 y^2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dz}{dt} &= \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt} = \sec^2(x^3 y^2) \cdot 3x^2 y^2 \cdot 3t^2 + \sec^2(x^3 y^2) \cdot 2x^3 y \cdot \cos t \\ &= \sec^2((t^3)^3 \sin^2 t) \cdot 3(t^3)^2 \sin^2 t \cdot 3t^2 + \sec^2((t^3)^3 \sin^2 t) \cdot 2(t^3)^3 \sin t \cdot \cos t \\ &= \sec^2(t^9 \sin^2 t) [9t^8 \sin^2 t + 2t^9 \sin t \cos t] \end{aligned}$$