The Chain Rule for Partial Derivatives





















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$$\frac{dz}{dt} = \frac{dz}{dx} \frac{dx}{dt}$$

$$x = t \cos \pi t$$
 $y = t \sin \pi t$ $z = \sqrt{2 - x^2 - y^2}$

Use the Chain Rule for Partial Derivatives to find $\frac{dz}{dt}$ at t = 1.

 $x = t \cos \pi t$ $y = t \sin \pi t$ $z = \sqrt{2 - x^2 - y^2}$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \cos \pi t - \pi t \sin \pi t$$
$$\frac{dy}{dt} = \sin \pi t + \pi t \cos \pi t$$

At t = 1,

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = -1 \qquad \frac{dy}{dt} = -\pi$$

 $x = t \cos \pi t \qquad y = t \sin \pi t \qquad z = \sqrt{2 - x^2 - y^2}$ $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{-x}{\sqrt{2 - x^2 - y^2}} \qquad \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = \frac{-y}{\sqrt{2 - x^2 - y^2}}$ At t = 1, x = -1 and y = 0 so: $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = 1 \qquad \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = 0$

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$$z = \sqrt{2 - (t \cos \pi t)^2 - (t \sin \pi t)^2} = \sqrt{2 - t^2}$$
$$\frac{dz}{dt} = \frac{-t}{\sqrt{2 - t^2}}$$
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$$\frac{dz}{dt} = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2 - 1}} = -1$$

Cylindrical Block of Ice

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How fast is the volume changing at this point in time?

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At r = 6 and h = 24 then $\frac{dr}{dt} = -3$ and $\frac{dh}{dt} = -1$. Find $\frac{dV}{dt}$

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$$\frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} \frac{dr}{dt} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial h} \frac{dh}{dt}$$
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$$= 2\pi rh\frac{dr}{dt} + \pi r^{2}\frac{dh}{dt}$$

$$= 2\pi (6)(24)(-3) + \pi (6)^{2}(-1)$$

$$= -900\pi$$

$$\approx 2827 \text{ cm}^{3}/\text{hour}$$

Let x be the distance from an object to a lens Let y be the distance from the lens to the image Let f be the focal length

$$\frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y}$$

At the point in time when x = 4 cm and y = 4 cm, the positions of the object and its image are changing at the following rates:

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$$= \left(\frac{y}{x+y}\right)^2 \frac{dx}{dt} + \left(\frac{x}{x+y}\right)^2 \frac{dy}{dt}$$

When x = y = 4 then $\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{1}{8}$ and $\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{3}{8}$

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$$= \left(\frac{4}{4+4}\right)^2 \cdot \frac{1}{8} + \left(\frac{4}{4+4}\right)^2 \cdot \frac{3}{8}$$
$$= \frac{1}{8} \text{ cm/min}$$