

Chain Rule

> **restart;**

Derivative of a single variable.

We want to find $\frac{\partial}{\partial t} f$ where $f = \frac{x e^z}{y}$, $x = r \cos(t)$, $y = r \sin(t)$, and $z = \tan(t)$. We enter the four expressions and take the derivative.

> **f:=x/y*exp(z);**

$$f := \frac{x e^z}{y}$$

> **x:=sin(t);**

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> **y:=cos(t);**

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> **z:=tan(t);**

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> **derivative:=diff(f,t);**

$$\text{derivative} := e^{\tan(t)} + \frac{\sin(t)^2 e^{\tan(t)}}{\cos(t)^2} + \frac{\sin(t) (1 + \tan(t)^2) e^{\tan(t)}}{\cos(t)}$$

We simplify the derivative.

> **derivative:=simplify(% ,trig);**

$$\text{derivative} := \frac{e^{\frac{\sin(t)}{\cos(t)}} (\sin(t) + \cos(t))}{\cos(t)^3}$$

We can also find higher derivatives, for instance, the third derivative.

> **third_derivative:=diff(f,t\$3);**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{third_derivative} := & 6 \tan(t) (1 + \tan(t)^2) e^{\tan(t)} + 3 (1 + \tan(t)^2)^2 e^{\tan(t)} + 2 e^{\tan(t)} + \frac{8 \sin(t)^2 e^{\tan(t)}}{\cos(t)^2} \\ & + \frac{6 \sin(t) (1 + \tan(t)^2) e^{\tan(t)}}{\cos(t)} + \frac{6 \sin(t)^4 e^{\tan(t)}}{\cos(t)^4} + \frac{6 \sin(t)^3 (1 + \tan(t)^2) e^{\tan(t)}}{\cos(t)^3} \\ & + \frac{6 \sin(t)^2 \tan(t) (1 + \tan(t)^2) e^{\tan(t)}}{\cos(t)^2} + \frac{3 \sin(t)^2 (1 + \tan(t)^2)^2 e^{\tan(t)}}{\cos(t)^2} \\ & + \frac{2 \sin(t) (1 + \tan(t)^2)^2 e^{\tan(t)}}{\cos(t)} + \frac{4 \sin(t) \tan(t)^2 (1 + \tan(t)^2) e^{\tan(t)}}{\cos(t)} \\ & + \frac{6 \sin(t) \tan(t) (1 + \tan(t)^2)^2 e^{\tan(t)}}{\cos(t)} + \frac{\sin(t) (1 + \tan(t)^2)^3 e^{\tan(t)}}{\cos(t)} \end{aligned}$$

This certainly needs simplifying.

> **third_derivative:=simplify(%,trig);**

$$third_derivative := - \frac{e^{\frac{\sin(t)}{\cos(t)}} \left(-\sin(t) + 4 \sin(t) \cos(t)^4 - 18 \sin(t) \cos(t)^2 + 4 \cos(t)^5 - 9 \cos(t) \right)}{\cos(t)^7}$$

You can also do the same thing using function notation, as follows.

> **x:=t->sin(t);**

$$x := t \rightarrow \sin(t)$$

> **y:=t->cos(t);**

$$y := t \rightarrow \cos(t)$$

> **z:=t->tan(t);**

$$z := t \rightarrow \tan(t)$$

> **f:=(x,y)->x(t)/y(t)*exp(z(t));**

$$f := (x, y) \rightarrow \frac{x(t) e^{z(t)}}{y(t)}$$

> **derivative:=diff(f(x,y),t);**

$$derivative := e^{\tan(t)} + \frac{\sin(t)^2 e^{\tan(t)}}{\cos(t)^2} + \frac{\sin(t) (1 + \tan(t)^2) e^{\tan(t)}}{\cos(t)}$$

> **derivative:=simplify(%,trig);**

$$derivative := \frac{e^{\frac{\sin(t)}{\cos(t)}} (\sin(t) + \cos(t))}{\cos(t)^3}$$

> **third_derivative:=diff(f(x,y),t\$3);**

$$third_derivative := 6 \tan(t) (1 + \tan(t)^2) e^{\tan(t)} + 3 (1 + \tan(t)^2)^2 e^{\tan(t)} + 2 e^{\tan(t)} + \frac{8 \sin(t)^2 e^{\tan(t)}}{\cos(t)^2}$$

$$+ \frac{6 \sin(t) (1 + \tan(t)^2) e^{\tan(t)}}{\cos(t)} + \frac{6 \sin(t)^4 e^{\tan(t)}}{\cos(t)^4} + \frac{6 \sin(t)^3 (1 + \tan(t)^2) e^{\tan(t)}}{\cos(t)^3}$$

$$+ \frac{6 \sin(t)^2 \tan(t) (1 + \tan(t)^2) e^{\tan(t)}}{\cos(t)^2} + \frac{3 \sin(t)^2 (1 + \tan(t)^2)^2 e^{\tan(t)}}{\cos(t)^2}$$

$$+ \frac{2 \sin(t) (1 + \tan(t)^2)^2 e^{\tan(t)}}{\cos(t)} + \frac{4 \sin(t) \tan(t)^2 (1 + \tan(t)^2) e^{\tan(t)}}{\cos(t)}$$

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Partial Derivatives.

The next example deals with converting from rectangular to polar coordinates. Suppose $z = 3y^2 e^x$. We want to find all of the first and second order partial derivatives.

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> restart;
> z:=3*y^2*exp(x);
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$$z := 3y^2 e^x$$

We enter the equations for the change of variables.

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> x:=r*cos(theta);
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$$x := r \cos(\theta)$$

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> y:=r*sin(theta);
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$$y := r \sin(\theta)$$

We find the first-order partial derivatives.

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> Z[r]:=diff(z,r);
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$$Z_r := 6r \sin(\theta)^2 e^{r \cos(\theta)} + 3r^2 \sin(\theta)^2 \cos(\theta) e^{r \cos(\theta)}$$

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> Z[theta]:=diff(z,theta);
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$$Z_\theta := 6r^2 \sin(\theta) e^{r \cos(\theta)} \cos(\theta) - 3r^3 \sin(\theta)^3 e^{r \cos(\theta)}$$

We find the second-order partial derivatives.

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> Z_r_r:=diff(z,r$2);
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$$Z_{r_r} := 6 \sin(\theta)^2 e^{r \cos(\theta)} + 12r \sin(\theta)^2 \cos(\theta) e^{r \cos(\theta)} + 3r^2 \sin(\theta)^2 \cos(\theta)^2 e^{r \cos(\theta)}$$

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> Z_r_theta:=diff(diff(z,r),theta);
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$$Z_{r_\theta} := 12r \sin(\theta) e^{r \cos(\theta)} \cos(\theta) - 9r^2 \sin(\theta)^3 e^{r \cos(\theta)} + 6r^2 \sin(\theta) \cos(\theta)^2 e^{r \cos(\theta)} - 3r^3 \sin(\theta)^3 \cos(\theta) e^{r \cos(\theta)}$$

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> Z_theta_theta:=diff(z,theta$2);
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$$Z_{\theta_\theta} := 6r^2 \cos(\theta)^2 e^{r \cos(\theta)} - 15r^3 \sin(\theta)^2 e^{r \cos(\theta)} \cos(\theta) - 6r^2 \sin(\theta)^2 e^{r \cos(\theta)} + 3r^4 \sin(\theta)^4 e^{r \cos(\theta)}$$

Implicit Differentiation.

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> restart;
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The following equation defines z as an implicit function of x and y .

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> eqn:=3*y*z^2-exp(4*x)*cos(4*z)-3*y^2=4;
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$$eqn := 3yz^2 - e^{4x} \cos(4z) - 3y^2 = 4$$

We take the implicit partial derivatives of z with respect to x and y using the [implicitdiff](#) command.

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> Z_x:=implicitdiff(eqn,z,x);
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$$Z_x := \frac{2e^{4x} \cos(4z)}{3yz + 2e^{4x} \sin(4z)}$$

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> Z_y:=implicitdiff(eqn,z,y);
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$$Z_y := \frac{3}{2} \frac{-z^2 + 2y}{3yz + 2e^{4x} \sin(4z)}$$

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>
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