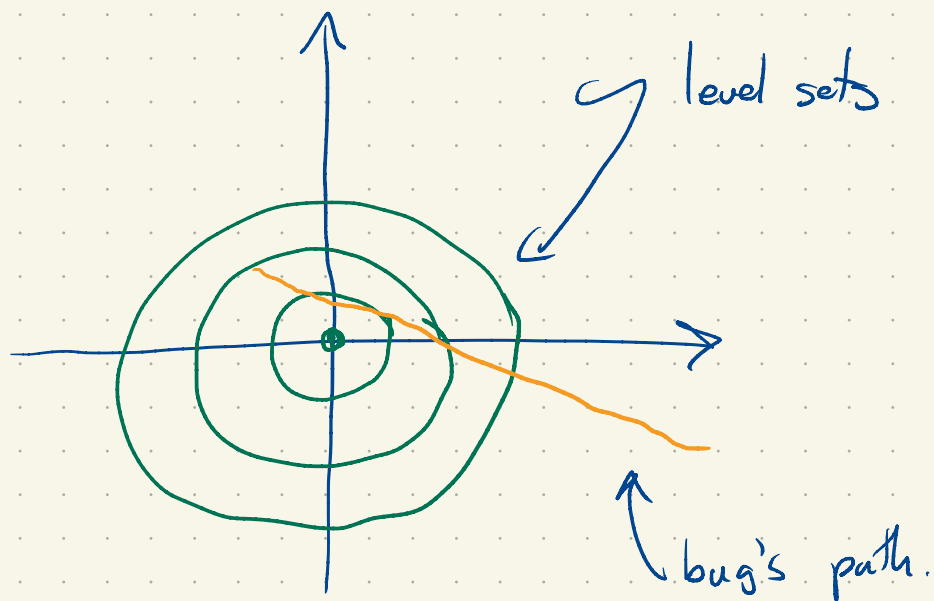


# Chain Rule (a bug's tale)



$$T(x, y) = 100 e^{-\frac{(x^2 + y^2)}{5}} \quad ^\circ\text{C} \quad x, y \text{ in cm}$$

I have a bug walking around

$$\vec{r}(t) = \langle x(t), y(t) \rangle$$

$$= \langle 2 + 6t, 1 - t \rangle \quad t \text{ in s}$$

The bug has a thermometer and can

keep track of the temperature  $T(t) = T(x(t), y(t))$

Question: What is the rate of change of temp that the bug sees at  $t=0$ ?

$$\left. \frac{d}{dt} T(\vec{r}(t)) \right|_{t=0} = ?$$

There's an inside and an outside function!  
It's the chain rule, but it's a little more complicated.

$$\text{At } t=0, \quad \vec{r}(0) = \langle 2, 1 \rangle.$$

Let's replace  $T(x, y)$  with its linearization at  $x=2, y=1$ .

$$L(x, y) = T(x_0, y_0) + \frac{\partial T}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0)(x - x_0) + \frac{\partial T}{\partial y}(x_0, y_0)(y - y_0)$$

$$T(x_0, y_0) = 100 e^{-1} \approx 36.7^\circ\text{C}$$

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial x} = 100 e^{-\frac{x^2+y^2}{5}} \cdot \left(-\frac{2x}{5}\right)$$

$$= -40x e^{-\left(\frac{x^2+y^2}{5}\right)}$$

$$\text{at } (x_0, y_0) = (2, 1), \quad \frac{\partial T}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0) = -80e^{-1} = -29.4 \text{ } ^\circ\text{C/cm}$$

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial y} = -40y e^{-\left(\frac{x^2+y^2}{5}\right)} \quad \frac{\partial T}{\partial y}(x_0, y_0) = -14.7 \text{ } ^\circ\text{C/cm}$$

$$T(x, y) \approx 36.7 - 14.7(x-2) - 29.4(y-1)$$

for  $(x, y)$  near  $(1, 2)$ ,

$$\text{Now } \vec{r}(t) = \langle 2+6t, 1-t \rangle$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = 6 \quad \frac{dy}{dt} = -1$$

$$T(\vec{r}(t)) \approx 36.7 - 14.7 \cdot 6t - 29.4 \cdot (-t)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} T(\vec{r}(t)) &= -14.7 \cdot 6 - 29.4 \cdot (-1) \\ &= -58.8 \text{ } ^\circ\text{C/s} \end{aligned}$$

What are these pieces?

$$\left. \frac{d}{dt} T(\vec{r}(t)) \right|_{t=0} =$$

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial x}(2,1) \cdot \frac{dx}{dt}(0) + \frac{\partial T}{\partial y}(2,1) \cdot \frac{dy}{dt}(0)$$

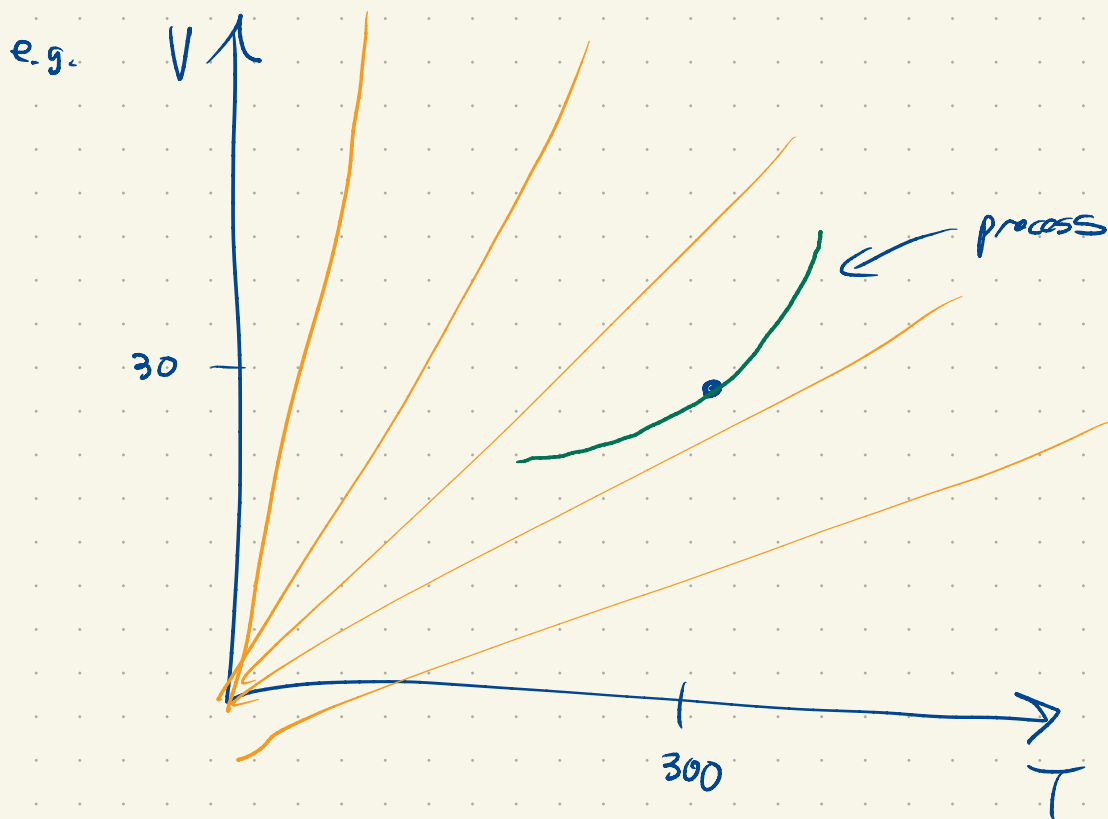
$$= (-14,7) \cdot 6 + (-29,4) \cdot (-1)$$

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In general:

$$f(x,y) \quad x = g(t) \quad y = h(t)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} f(g(t), h(t)) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt}$$



$$P = 8.2$$

$$R = 0,082 \frac{\text{L atm}}{\text{K mol}}$$

$$P = \frac{0,082 T}{V}$$

What is the rate of change of pressure if  $T$  is changing at  $10^\circ \text{K/h}$  and  $V$  is changing at  $4 \text{ l/h}$

$$\frac{dT}{dt} = 10 \quad \frac{dV}{dt} = 4$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial P}{\partial T} \frac{dT}{dt} + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial V} \frac{dV}{dt} &= \frac{0,082}{30} \cdot 10 - \frac{0,082 \cdot 300 \cdot 4}{30^2} \\ &= 0,027 - 0,0109 \\ &= 0,0164 \text{ atm/hour} \end{aligned}$$


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Last class: chain rule

given

$$f(x, y), \quad x(t), \quad y(t)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} f(x(t), y(t)) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt}$$

$$T(x, y) = x^2 e^{-y}$$

$$\vec{r}(t) = \langle t, t^2 \rangle$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} T(\vec{r}(t)) = \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt}$$

e.g. compute

$$\frac{dT}{dt} \text{ at } t = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial x} = 2xe^{-y} \quad \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} = -x^2e^{-y}$$

$$x = \frac{1}{2} \quad y = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial x} = 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot e^{-1/4} \quad \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} = -\frac{1}{4} e^{-1/4}$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = 1$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = 2t$$

$$\left. \frac{dy}{dt} \right|_{t=1/2} = 1$$

$$\text{So } \frac{dT}{dt} = e^{-1/4} \cdot 1 - \frac{1}{4} e^{-1/4} \cdot 1$$

$$= e^{-1/4} \left( \frac{3}{4} \right)$$

$$\approx 0.5841$$

But you could just do

$$T(x(t), y(t)) = t^2 e^{-t^2}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} T(\vec{r}(t)) = 2t e^{-t^2} + t^2 (-2t e^{-t^2})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{at } t = \frac{1}{2} &= e^{-1/4} - \frac{1}{4} e^{-1/4} \\ &= e^{-1/4} \cdot \frac{3}{4} \text{ again.} \end{aligned}$$

[value is mostly theoretical]

What if we add another variable?

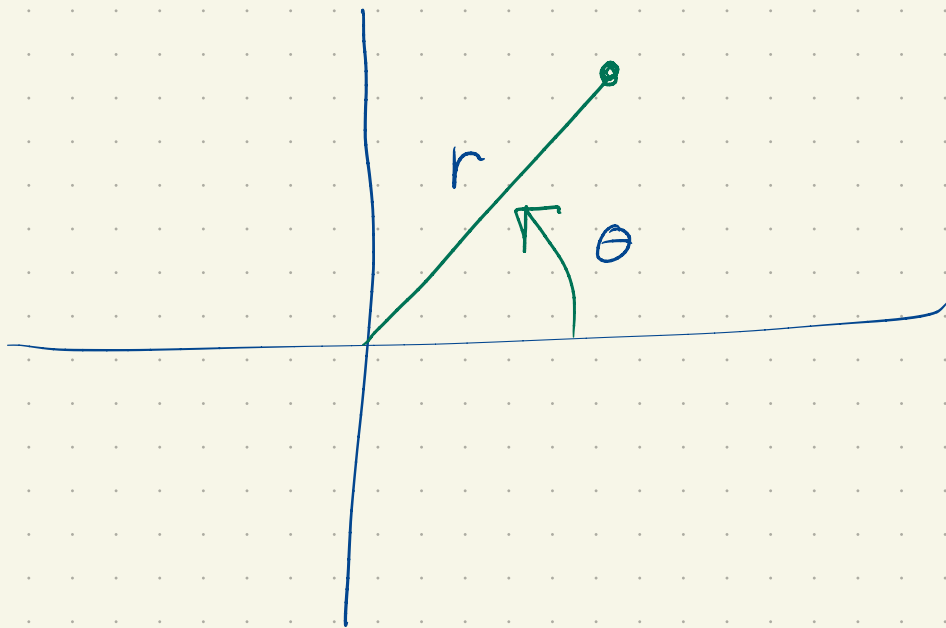
$$T(x, y, z) \quad \vec{r}(t) = \langle x(t), y(t), z(t) \rangle$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} T(\vec{r}(t)) = \frac{d}{dt} T(x(t), y(t), z(t))$$

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



What if you have a curve and I tell  
you not  $x(t)$  and  $y(t)$  but  
instead  $\theta(t)$  and  $r(t)$   
↳ scalar, radius



$$x(r, \theta) = r \cos \theta$$

$$y(r, \theta) = r \sin \theta$$

(two output  
variables)

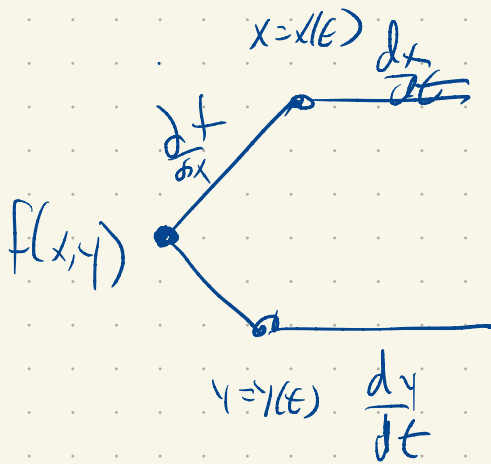
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dx}{dt} &= \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} \frac{dr}{dt} + \frac{\partial x}{\partial \theta} \frac{d\theta}{dt} \\ &= \cos \theta \frac{dr}{dt} - r \sin \theta \frac{d\theta}{dt} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} = \cos \theta & \frac{\partial x}{\partial \theta} = -r \sin \theta \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} = \sin \theta & \frac{\partial y}{\partial \theta} = r \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$$

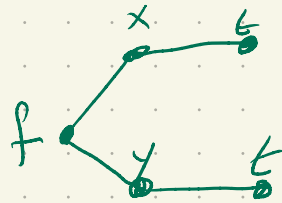
$$\frac{dy}{dt} = \sin \theta \frac{d\theta}{dt} + r \cos \theta \frac{d\theta}{dt}$$

Chain rule applies to each in turn.

So we'll focus on the case of one output variable.



$$\frac{d}{dt} f = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt}$$



What if  $f$  depends on  $x, y$  but

$$x = x(u, v)$$

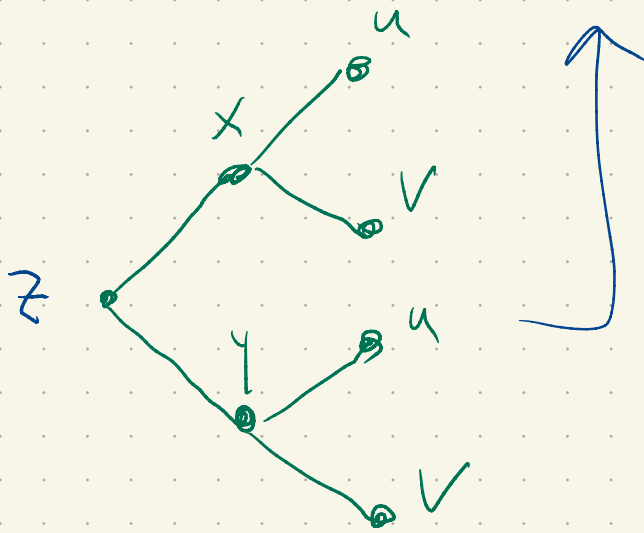
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$$y = y(u, v)$$

$$z = f(x(u, v), y(u, v))$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial u} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial u}$$

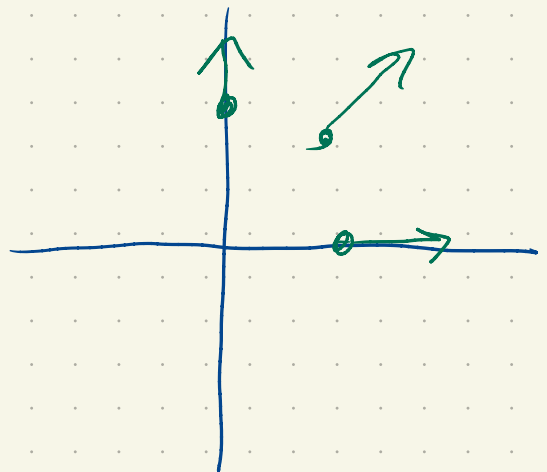
$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial v} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial v}$$



$$h(x, y) = xy$$

$$x = r \cos \theta$$

$$y = r \sin \theta$$



$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial r} = \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial h}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial r}$$

$$= y \cos \theta + x \sin \theta$$

$$= r \sin \theta \cos \theta + r \cos \theta \sin \theta$$

$$= 2r \sin\theta \cos\theta$$

$$= r \sin(2\theta)$$

$$h(r, \theta) = r^2 \cos^2 \sin^2 \theta$$

$$= \frac{r^2}{2} \sin(2\theta)$$

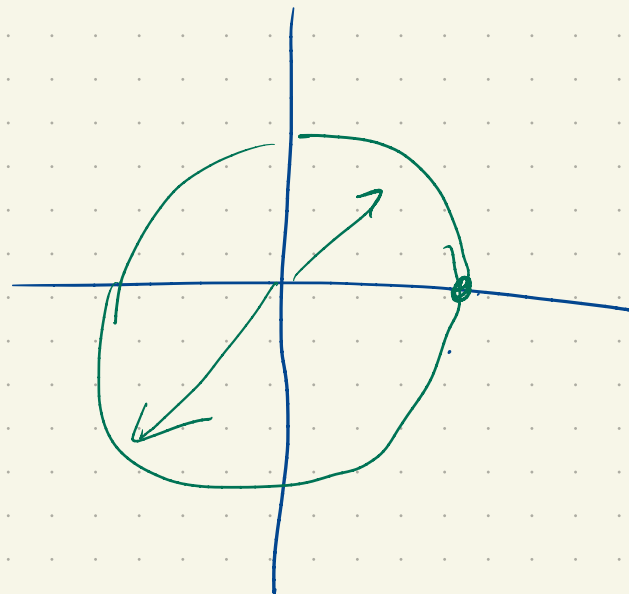
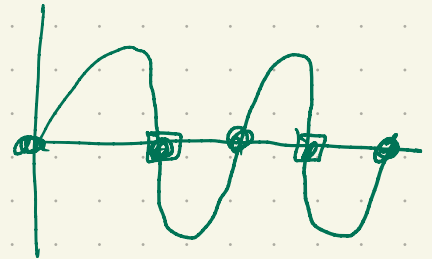
$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial \theta} = \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial h}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial \theta}$$

$$= y(-r \sin\theta) + x r \cos\theta$$

$$= -r^2 \sin^2 \theta + r^2 \cos^2 \theta$$

$$= r^2 (\cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta)$$

$$= r^2 \cos(2\theta)$$



$r$  increases, goes like  $r^2$

on  $\theta = 0$ , goes like  $r^2$

on  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$   $\cos(\pi/2) = 0$ , ~~0~~

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial \theta} = 0$$

More variables:

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

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

