

CALCULUS

The chain rule

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f is 1-1

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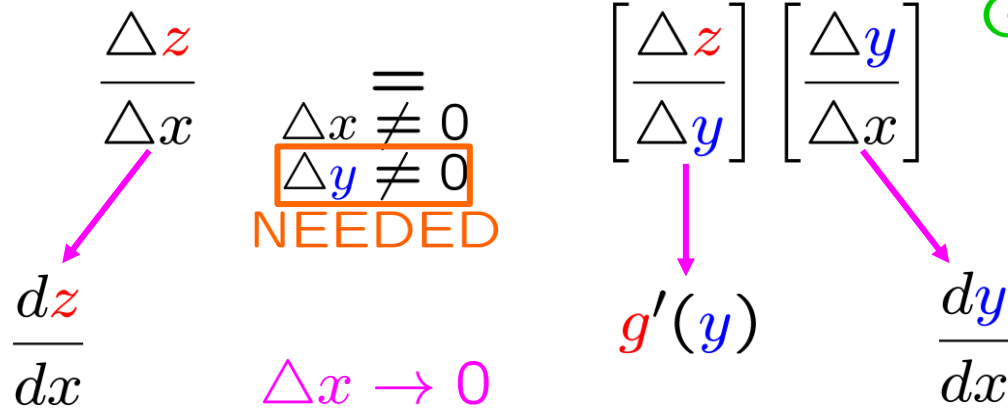
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NOT TRUE FOR $f(x) = x^4$

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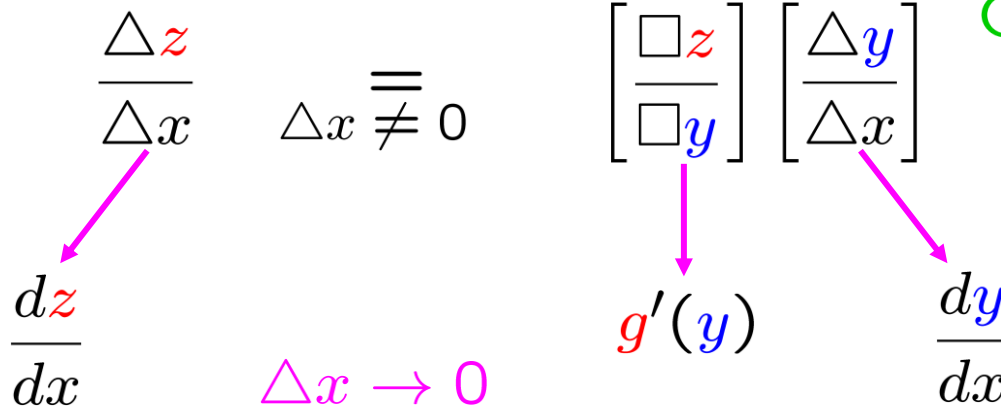
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there is no d/dy , technically, but...

Sloppy, but common:

$$\frac{dz}{dy} = g'(y)$$

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to differentiate the result...
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 and multiply by
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e.g.: $\frac{d}{dx} [\sin(\cot x)] = [\cos(\cot x)] [-\csc^2 x] \blacksquare \frac{(d/dx)(\cot x)}{= -\csc^2 x}$

$\sin' = \cos$

$(d/dx)(\sin(x)) = \cos(x)$

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$$\frac{d}{dx} (\tan x) = \sec^2 x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} (e^x) = e^x \quad (e^{\bullet})' = e^{\bullet}$$

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$(\bullet^3)' = 3 \bullet^2$

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Chain Rule: $\frac{d}{ds}[g(f(s))] = [g'(f(s))] \left[\frac{d}{ds}(f(s)) \right]$

“ f then g ”

the composite of g and f

$$(g \circ f)(x)$$

Chain Rule: $\frac{d}{dx}[g(f(x))] = [g'(f(x))] \left[\frac{d}{dx}(f(x)) \right]$

$$(g \circ f)'(x) = [(g' \circ f)(x)] [f'(x)]$$

Chain Rule: $(g \circ f)' = [g' \circ f] \cdot f'$

$$\frac{d}{dx}[\sin(\tan(x^7))] = \left[\cos(\tan(x^7)) \right] \left[\sec^2(x^7) \right] \left[7x^6 \right]$$

Take the derivative of the function.

Plug in the expression.

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$$\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{e^x \sin x}{\cos^7(x^3)} \right) =$$

$$\boxed{\begin{aligned} & [\cos(x^3)]^7 \\ & 7 [\cos(x^3)]^6 \end{aligned}}$$

$$\frac{[\cos^7(x^3)] [e^x \sin x + e^x \cos x] - [e^x \sin x] [7 \cos^6(x^3)] [-\sin(x^3)] [3x^2]}{\cos^{14}(x^3)}$$

$$\boxed{\left[\frac{e^x \sin x}{\cos^7(x^3)} \right]_{x \rightarrow 3}}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}[\sin x] = \cos x$$

$$\sin' = \cos$$

Goal: the complementary formula

$$\frac{d}{dx}[\cos x] = \frac{d}{dx} \left[\sin \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - x \right) \right]$$

$$= \left[\sin' \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - x \right) \right] \left[\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - x \right) \right]$$

$$= \left[\cos \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - x \right) \right] [-1]$$

$$= [\sin x] [-1]$$

$$= -\sin x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}[\tan x] = \sec^2 x$$

$$\tan' = \sec^2$$

Goal: the complementary formula

$$\frac{d}{dx}[\cot x] = \frac{d}{dx}\left[\tan\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - x\right)\right]$$

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$$\frac{d}{dx}[\sec x] = (\sec x)(\tan x)$$

$$\sec' = (\sec)(\tan)$$

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