

# WORKSHEET (MORE THEORETICAL)

1) THE WAVE EQUATION IN ONE SPACE DIMENSION IS:  $u = u(x, t)$

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \quad (u_{tt} = c^2 u_{xx})$$

WHERE  $c$  IS A CONSTANT (FOR EXAMPLE THE SPEED OF LIGHT FOR ELECTROMAGNETIC WAVES).

PROVE THAT ANY FUNCTION IN THIS FORM

$$u(x, t) = f(x - ct) + g(x + ct)$$

WHERE  $f, g$  ARE 1 VAR. SATISFIED THE EQUATION.

2) CAN WE FIND A  $f(x, y)$  SUCH

THAT  $f_x(x, y) = x^3y + y^2 - x,$

$f_y(x, y) = x^4 + 2xy.$  ? WHAT ABOUT

$f_x(x, y) = 4x^3y + y^2 - x, f_y(x, y) = x^4 + 2xy?$

SOL:

$$1) \quad u(x, \tau) = f(x - c\tau) + g(x + c\tau)$$

$$u_x(x, \tau) = f'(x - c\tau) + g'(x + c\tau)$$

$$u_{xx}(x, \tau) = f''(x - c\tau) + g''(x + c\tau)$$

$$u_\tau(x, \tau) = -c f'(x - c\tau) + c g'(x + c\tau)$$

$$u_{\tau\tau}(x, \tau) = c^2 f''(x - c\tau) + c^2 g''(x + c\tau)$$

$$= c^2 u_{xx}(x, \tau).$$

CONCRETE EXAMPLE:

$$u(x, \tau) = \cos(x - c\tau) + (x + c\tau)^2$$

$$u_{xx}(x, \tau) = -\cos(x - c\tau) + 2$$

$$u_{\tau\tau}(x, \tau) = -c^2 \cos(x - c\tau) + 2c^2$$

$$2) \quad \text{FIRST QUESTION: } \begin{cases} f_x = x^3 y + y^2 - x \\ \text{DOES SUCH } f \text{ EXIST?} \\ f_y = x^4 + 2xy \end{cases}$$

IDEA: INTEGRATE W.R.T.  $x$ , COMPARE

ANTI DERIVATIVE  $\int f_x dx = \frac{x^4}{4} y + xy^2 - \frac{x^2}{2} + C(y)$

$$\frac{\partial F_x}{\partial y} = \frac{x^4}{4} + 2xy + C'(y)$$

↑ CAN DEPEND ON OTHER VARIABLE!

$$\frac{\partial F_x}{\partial y} - f_y = -\frac{3x^4}{4} + C'(y)$$

WE CANNOT CANCEL THE  $x^4$  TERM, SO THE ANSWER IS NO!

NOTE: WE COULD HAVE FOUND ANTI-DEIV OF  $f_y$ , COMPARED  $\frac{\partial F_y}{\partial x}$  WITH  $f_x$ , OR FOUND BOTH  $F_x, F_y$  AND COMPARED THEM.

SECOND QUESTION:

$$\begin{cases} f_x = 4x^3y + y^2 - x \\ f_y = x^4 + 2xy \end{cases}$$

$$F_x = x^4y + xy^2 - \frac{x^2}{2} + C(y)$$

$$\frac{\partial F_x}{\partial y} = x^4 + 2xy + C'(y)$$

$$\frac{\partial F_x}{\partial y} - f_y = C'(y) \quad \text{SO WE}$$

CAN JUST PICK  $C'(y)$  CONSTANT AND ANSWER IS YES.

# THE TOTAL DIFFERENTIAL

$f(x, y)$  FUNCTION OF 2 VARIABLES

THE TOTAL DIFFERENTIAL OF  $f(x, y)$

AT  $(a, b)$  IS:

$$df = f_x(a, b)dx + f_y(a, b)dy$$

$dx, dy$  ARE FORMAL SYMBOLS. THEY ARE "THE SAME" AS THE ONES UNDER THE INTEGRAL SYMBOL.

$f(x, y, z)$  FUNCTION OF 3 VAR:

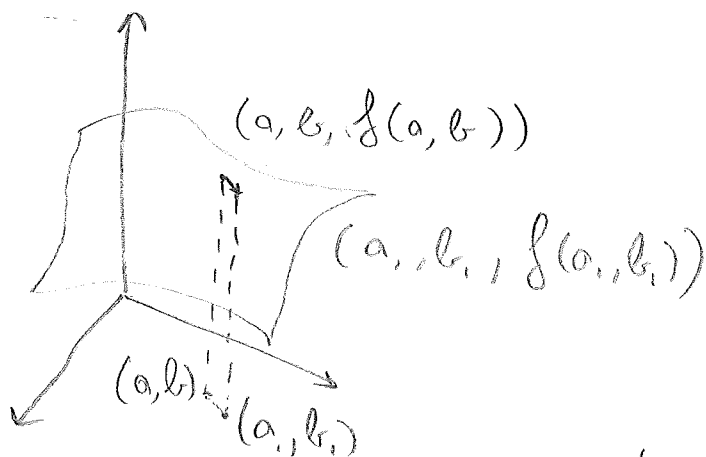
$$df = f_x(a, b, c)dx + f_y(a, b, c)dy + f_z(a, b, c)dz$$

INTERPRETATION:

$$\Delta f \approx f_x(a, b, c)\Delta_x + f_y(a, b, c)\Delta_y + f_z(a, b, c)\Delta_z$$

$f(a_1, b_1, c_1) - f(a, b, c)$  FOR  $a_1, b_1, c_1$  CLOSE TO  $a, b, c$  ( $\Delta_x = a_1 - a, \Delta_y = b_1 - b, \Delta_z = c_1 - c$ )

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DIFFERENCE

$$f(a_1, b_1) - f(a, b)$$

IS APPROX

$$(a_1 - a) f_x(a, b) + (b_1 - b) f_y(a, b)$$

WHEN  $a_1 - a, b_1 - b \sim 0$

E.G. WE WANT TO FIND THE VOLUME OF A BOX. WE MEASURED

- LENGTH  $l = 10$  UP TO  $1$  mm
- WIDTH  $w = 15$  UP TO  $2$  mm
- HEIGHT  $h = 12$  UP TO  $.3$  mm

ESTIMATE THE POSSIBLE ERROR IN VOLUME.

$$V(l, w, h) = l \cdot w \cdot h$$

$$dV = wh \, dl + lh \, dw + lw \, dh$$

$$\Delta V = wh \, \Delta l + lh \, \Delta w + lw \, \Delta h$$

$$= 15 \cdot 12 \cdot \underbrace{1}_{\text{Error in } l} + 10 \cdot 12 \cdot \underbrace{2}_{\text{Error in } w} + 10 \cdot 15 \cdot \underbrace{(.3)}_{\text{Error in } h} = 465 \text{ mm}^3$$

# IMPLICIT DIFFERENTIATION

AN EQUATION  $F(x, y, z) = 0$  IN THREE VARIABLES DEFINES "IMPLICIT" FUNCTIONS GIVEN BY SOLVING FOR  $z$ .

JUST LIKE WE DID FOR  $F(x, y) = 0$

(WHICH IMPLICITLY DEFINES A ONE-VAR FUNCTION) WE CAN FIND INFORMATION ON THE PARTIAL DERIVATIVES OF THIS FUNCTIONS BY MANIPULATING THE EQUATION.

E.G.  $x^2 + 3y^2 + 5z^2 - 58 = 0$  (ELLIPSOID)

FIXING  $x, y$  THERE ARE 0, 1, OR 2 SOLUTIONS FOR  $z$

EXPLICITLY:  $z = \pm \sqrt{58 - x^2 - 3y^2} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$

BUT SOMETIMES WE CANNOT EXPLICITLY SOLVE  $F(x, y, z) = 0$ ! HOW DO WE GET INFORMATION?

$z = f(x, y)$  FIND  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$ ,  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$

AT  $(1, 2, 3)$  (NOTE:  $(1, 2, 3)$  SOLVES EQ.)

IDEA: DIFFERENTIATE TREATING  $z$  AS  
FUNCTION

$$x^2 + 3y^2 + 5z^2 - 58 = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (x^2 + 3y^2 + 5z^2 - 58) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (0)$$

$$2x + 10z \cdot z_x = 0 \quad z_x = -\frac{x}{5z}$$

$$\text{AT } (1, 2, 3) \quad \left. \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right|_{(1, 2, 3)} = -\frac{1}{15}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} (x^2 + 3y^2 + 5z^2 - 58) = 0$$

$$6y + 10z z_y = 0 \quad z_y = -\frac{3y}{5z}$$

$$\text{AT } (1, 2, 3) \quad \left. \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right|_{(1, 2, 3)} = -\frac{2}{5}$$

E.G. SURFACE  $x^3y + z^3x + y^3z = 3$

POINT  $(1, 1, 1)$ .

APPROXIMATE THE VALUE OF  $z$  WHEN

$$x = 1.01, y = 1.01$$

WE WANT TO USE A LINEAR  
APPROXIMATION

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (x^3y + z^3x + y^3z) = 0$$

$$3x^2y + 3z^2z_x x + z^3 + y^3z_x = 0$$

$$z_x = \frac{-3x^2y - z^3}{3z^2 + y^3}$$

$$\text{AT } (1, 1, 1) \quad z_x = \frac{-4}{4} = -1$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} (x^3y + z^3x + y^3z) = 0$$

$$x^3 + 3y^2z + y^3z_y + 3z^2z_x x = 0$$

$$z_y = \frac{-x^3 - 3y^2z}{y^3 + 3z^2z_x x}$$

$$\text{AT } (1, 1, 1) \quad z_y = \frac{-4}{4} = -1$$

$$\text{SO } L(x, y) = 1 - (x-1) - (y-1)$$

$$L(1.01, 1.01) = 1 - \frac{2}{100} = \frac{98}{100} = \frac{98}{100} = \frac{98}{100}$$

$$\text{SO } z(1.05, 1.05) \approx 0.98$$

(ACTUAL VALUE  $z = 0.979$ ...)



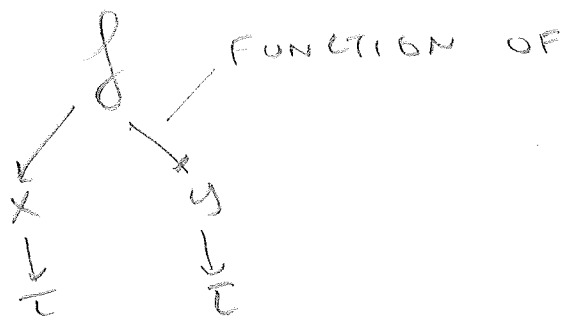
# CHAIN RULE

1 VAR: X AS FUNCTION OF

$$\frac{d}{dt} f(x(t)) = x'(t) f'(x(t)) \quad \left( \begin{array}{l} dx = \\ x' \frac{dx}{dt} \end{array} \right)$$

NOW SUPPOSE THAT BOTH X AND Y DEPEND ON  $\tau$  (SAY, WE ARE FOLLOWING A PARTICLE MOVING ALONG A CURVE

$\sigma(\tau) = (x(\tau), y(\tau))$ ) AND WE WANT TO MEASURE THE CHANGE IN A FUNCTION  $f(x, y)$  AS A FUNCTION OF  $\tau$ . HOW DOES THIS WORK?



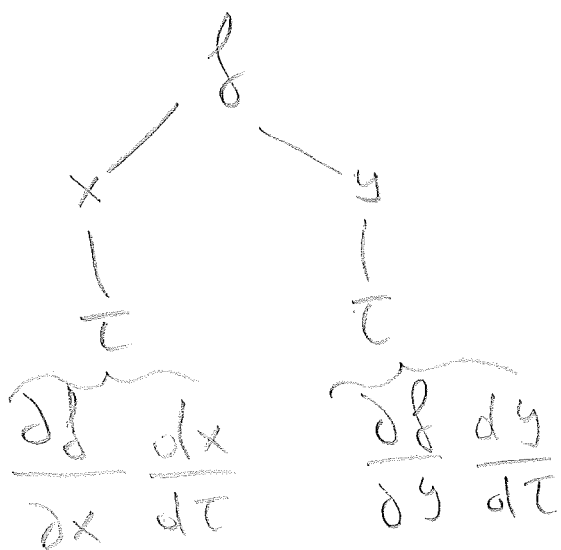
$$\frac{df}{d\tau} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{dx}{d\tau} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{dy}{d\tau}$$

"WHY":  $df = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} dy$   
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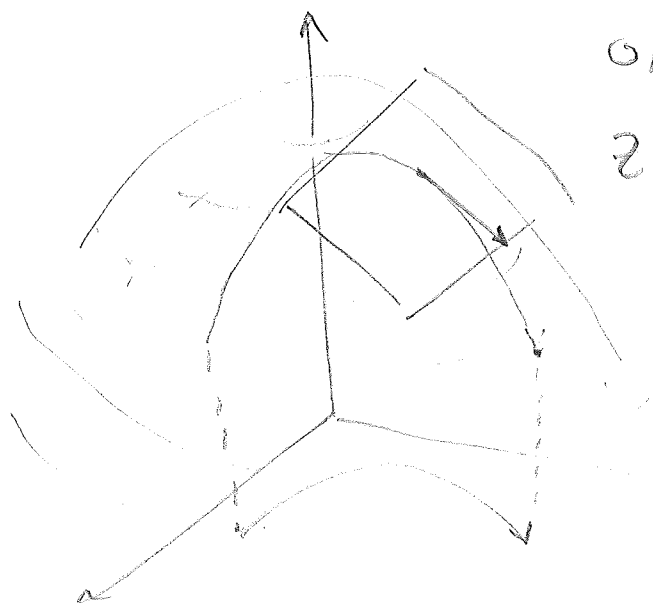
$$dx = \frac{dx}{dt} dt, \quad dy = \frac{dy}{dt} dt$$

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

TO REMEMBER: USE THE "FUNCTION OF"  
DIAGRAM



GEOMETRICALLY:



POINT MOVING  
ON SURFACE

$z = f(x, y)$  WITH  
EQUATION

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

→ VELOCITY

VECTOR  $\langle x'(t), y'(t), \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} x'(t) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} y'(t) \rangle$