

## The Chain Rule- HW Problems

1. Let  $f(x, y, z) = xy + z^2$ . Suppose  $x = \rho \cos(\theta) \sin(\phi)$ ,  $y = \rho \sin(\theta) \sin(\phi)$ ,  $z = \rho \cos(\phi)$ . Use the chain rule to find  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial \rho}$ ,  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta}$ , and  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial \phi}$  in terms of  $\rho$ ,  $\theta$ , and  $\phi$ .
  
2. Find  $\frac{dz}{dt}$  using the chain rule.
  - a.  $z = \cos(x + 4y)$ ;  $x = 5t^2$ ,  $y = \frac{1}{t}$ .
  - b.  $z = xe^y$ ;  $x = t^2$ ,  $y = 1 + \ln(t)$ .
  
3. Find  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial s}$  and  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial t}$  using the chain rule.
  - a.  $z = x^2y^4$ ,  $x = (s)\cos(t)$ ,  $y = (s)\sin(t)$ .
  - b.  $z = \tan^{-1}(x - y)$ ,  $x = s^2 + t^2$ ,  $y = 1 - 2st$ .
  
4. Use the chain rule to find the indicated partial derivatives.
  - a.  $u = \sqrt{r^2 + s^2}$ ,  $r = y + (x)\cos(t)$ ,  $s = x + (y)\sin(t)$ .  
Find  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$ ,  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$ ,  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}$ , when  $x = 1$ ,  $y = 2$ ,  $t = 0$ .
  - b.  $M = xe^{(y-z^2)}$ ,  $x = 2uv$ ,  $y = u - v$ ,  $z = u + v$ .  
Find  $\frac{\partial M}{\partial u}$ ,  $\frac{\partial M}{\partial v}$  when  $u = 3$ ,  $v = -1$ .

5. Let  $g(x, y, z) = z^2 + z \ln(x^2 + y^2)$ ,  
 $x = 2s + t, \quad y = -2s + t, \quad z = 2st$ .

Use the chain rule to find  $\frac{\partial g}{\partial s}, \frac{\partial g}{\partial t}$ , when  $s = 1, t = 0$ .