

Exercise Consider $f(t) = \int_{t/2}^{t^2} 2\tau t^2 d\tau$.

(a) Compute first the integral and then $f'(t)$.

(b) ~~Compute $f'(t)$ by the chain rule.~~

Show that $f(t) = (h \circ \phi)(t)$,

$$h(x,y) = \int_{x/2}^{x^2} 2\tau y d\tau, \quad \phi(t) = (t, t^2)^T,$$

and compute $f'(t)$ by the chain rule.

Solution

(a)

$$\begin{aligned} f(t) &= \int_{t/2}^{t^2} 2\tau t^2 d\tau \\ &= 2t^2 \int_{t/2}^{t^2} \tau d\tau = 2t^2 \left[\frac{1}{2} \tau^2 \right]_{t/2}^{t^2} \\ &= 2t^2 \left[\frac{1}{2} t^4 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{t^2}{4} \right] = t^6 - \frac{t^4}{4} \end{aligned}$$

$$f'(t) = 6t^5 - t^3$$

(b) $(h \circ \phi)(t) = h(\phi(t)) = h(t, t^2)$

$$= \int_{t/2}^{t^2} 2\tau t^2 d\tau = f(t).$$

Chain rule: $f'(t) = h'(\phi(t)) \cdot \phi'(t)$

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Matrix product!

$$\phi'(t) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2t \end{pmatrix}$$

$$h'(t) = ? \quad h'(t) = \left(\frac{\partial h}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial h}{\partial y} \right)$$

Remark: $a(x) = \int_{u(x)}^{v(x)} b(\tau) d\tau$. $a'(x) = ?$ Let $B'(\tau) = b(\tau)$

$$\Rightarrow a(x) = B(v(x)) - B(u(x))$$

$$a'(x) = B'(v(x))v'(x) - B'(u(x))u'(x)$$

$$= b(v(x))v'(x) - b(u(x))u'(x)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hence: } \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(2y \int_{x/2}^{x^2} \tau d\tau \right) = 2y \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\int_{x/2}^{x^2} \tau d\tau \right) \\ &= 2y \left(x^2 \cdot 2x - \frac{x}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \right) \\ &= 4x^3 y - \frac{xy}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\int_{x/2}^{x^2} 2\tau y \, d\tau \right)$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Th. 4.3}}{=} \int_{x/2}^{x^2} 2\tau \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (y) \, d\tau$$

$$= 2 \int_{x/2}^{x^2} 2\tau \, d\tau$$

$$= 2 \left(\frac{1}{2} x^4 - \frac{1}{8} x^2 \right) = x^4 - \frac{1}{4} x^2$$

$$\text{Hence: } f'(t) = \left(\frac{\partial h}{\partial x}(t, t^2), \frac{\partial h}{\partial y}(t, t^2) \right) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1'(t) \\ \phi_2'(t) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \left(4t^3 t^2 - \frac{t t^2}{2}, t^4 - \frac{1}{4} t^2 \right) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2t \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= 4t^5 - \frac{t^3}{2} + 2t^5 - \frac{1}{2} t^3$$

$$= 6t^5 - t^3$$

That's just the result from (a)!