1. More On Derivatives

1.1. Using the Chain Rule, I. Let s(t) = f(x(t), y(t)), and assume that

$$\left. \frac{ds}{dt} \right|_{t=3} = 5$$

Additionally, suppose that you are told that

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}\Big|_{(0,2)} = 1 \qquad \qquad \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}\Big|_{(0,2)} = 1$$
$$\frac{dx}{dt}\Big|_{t=3} = 3$$
$$y(3) = 0 \qquad \qquad x(3) = 2$$

What is y'(3)?

1.2. Chain Rule in Proofs. The function $f(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$ measures the distance squared of a point from the origin. Show that if $\vec{r}(t) = \langle x(t), y(t), z(t) \rangle$ with $\vec{r}(0) = \langle 1, 0, 0 \rangle$, and $\vec{r}(t) \cdot \vec{r}'(t) = 0$, that f(x(t), y(t)) = 1 for all t.

Conclude that the curve $\vec{r}(t)$ is contained in the unit sphere.

1.3. Implicit Differentiation. Let $f(x,y) = x^3 + y^2$. Suppose that we have a curve $\vec{r}(t) = \langle x(t), y(t) \rangle$ which traces out a level set of f so that

$$f(x(t), y(t)) = 2.$$

Additionally, suppose that

$$\langle x(0), y(0) \rangle = \langle 1, 1 \rangle$$

 $\langle x(0), y(0) \rangle = \langle 1, 1 \rangle.$ Finally, assume that x'(0) = 1. Find the velocity vector $\vec{v}(0)$.

Notice that the velocity vector of $\vec{r}(t)$ is tangent to the 2-level curve at the point (1, 1). Use this information to find a tangent line to level set at (1, 1).