

Answer on Question #51998 – Math – Multivariable Calculus

Find $\frac{dw}{dt}$ at $t = p$, where

$$w = x^2 + y^2 + 2x + 3y, \quad x = \cos t, \quad y = \sin t$$

Solution

Method 1

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(x^2 + y^2 + 2x + 3y) = 2x + 2,$$

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(x^2 + y^2 + 2x + 3y) = 2y + 3,$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = (\cos(t))' = -\sin(t),$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = (\sin(t))' = \cos(t),$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dw}{dt} &= \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{dy}{dt} = (2x + 2) \cdot (-\sin(t)) + (2y + 3) \cdot \cos(t) = \\ &= (2\cos(t) + 2) \cdot (-\sin(t)) + (2\sin(t) + 3) \cdot \cos(t) = \\ &= -2\sin(t) + 3\cos(t). \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{If } t = p^2, \text{ then } \frac{dw}{dt} = -2\sin(p^2) + 3\cos(p^2).$$

Method 2

$$\begin{aligned} w &= x^2 + y^2 + 2x + 3y = \cos^2 t + \sin^2 t + 2\cos t + 3\sin t \\ &= 2\cos t + 3\sin t + 1; \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{dw}{dt} = -2\sin t + 3\cos t;$$

$$\text{If } t = p^2, \text{ then } \frac{dw}{dt} = -2\sin(p^2) + 3\cos(p^2).$$