

Leibnitz's Rule

Let $f \in \mathbb{C}^1$ (i.e. $F \in \mathbb{C}^2$). Then

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \int_{a(\theta)}^{b(\theta)} f(x, \theta) dx = f(b(\theta), \theta) \frac{\partial b(\theta)}{\partial \theta} - f(a(\theta), \theta) \frac{\partial a(\theta)}{\partial \theta} + \int_{a(\theta)}^{b(\theta)} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} f(x, \theta) dx .$$

Proof: let $f(x, \theta) = dF(x, \theta)/dx$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \int_{a(\theta)}^{b(\theta)} f(x, \theta) dx &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} [F(x, \theta)|_{a(\theta)}^{b(\theta)}] \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} [F(b(\theta), \theta) - F(a(\theta), \theta)] \\ &= F_x(b(\theta), \theta) \frac{\partial b(\theta)}{\partial \theta} + F_\theta(b(\theta), \theta) - F_x(a(\theta), \theta) \frac{\partial a(\theta)}{\partial \theta} - F_\theta(a(\theta), \theta) \\ &= f(b(\theta), \theta) \frac{\partial b(\theta)}{\partial \theta} - f(a(\theta), \theta) \frac{\partial a(\theta)}{\partial \theta} + [F_\theta(b(\theta), \theta) - F_\theta(a(\theta), \theta)] \\ &= f(b(\theta), \theta) \frac{\partial b(\theta)}{\partial \theta} - f(a(\theta), \theta) \frac{\partial a(\theta)}{\partial \theta} + \int_{a(\theta)}^{b(\theta)} \frac{d}{dx} F_\theta(x, \theta) dx \\ &= f(b(\theta), \theta) \frac{\partial b(\theta)}{\partial \theta} - f(a(\theta), \theta) \frac{\partial a(\theta)}{\partial \theta} + \int_{a(\theta)}^{b(\theta)} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} f(x, \theta) dx . \end{aligned}$$

The last line follows by Young's Theorem. Clearly, if the integration limits do not depend on θ , then

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \int_a^b f(x, \theta) dx = \int_a^b \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} f(x, \theta) dx ,$$

and if f does not depend on θ , then

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \int_{a(\theta)}^{b(\theta)} f(x) dx = f(b(\theta)) \frac{\partial b(\theta)}{\partial \theta} - f(a(\theta)) \frac{\partial a(\theta)}{\partial \theta} .$$