MTHSC 102 SECTION 3.5-6 – THE PRODUCT RULE

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$$\frac{\mathsf{dR}}{\mathsf{dt}} = \frac{\mathsf{dT}}{\mathsf{dt}} \cdot E(t) + T(t) \cdot \frac{\mathsf{dE}}{\mathsf{dt}}.$$

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Note

The quotient rule can be achieved by applying the product and chain rules to $f(x) = g(x) \cdot [h(x)]^{-1}$.