

2.5: Implicit Differentiation

Note: $\frac{d}{dx}(y) = \frac{dy}{dx}$

Example 1: Given the equation $x^3 - 4y - 9x^2 = 5$, find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ by

- a) Solving explicitly for y.
b) Implicit differentiation.

a) Solve for y:

$$\frac{x^3 - 9x^2 - 5}{4} = y$$

$$y = \frac{1}{4}(x^3 - 9x^2 - 5)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{4}(3x^2 - 18x) = \boxed{\frac{3}{4}x^2 - \frac{9}{2}x}$$

Example 2: Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ for $xy = 4$.

$$\frac{d}{dx}(xy) = \frac{d}{dx}(4)$$

need product rule

$$x \frac{d}{dx}(y) + y \frac{d}{dx}(x) = 0$$

$$x \frac{dy}{dx} + y(1) = 0$$

$$x \frac{dy}{dx} = -y$$

$$\boxed{\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{y}{x}}$$

Example 3: Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ for the equation $x^3y - 2x^2y^3 + x^2 - 3 = 0$.

$$\frac{d}{dx}(x^3y - 2x^2y^3 + x^2 - 3) = \frac{d}{dx}(0)$$

[Product Rule again! on 1st 2 terms]

$$x^3 \frac{d}{dx}(y) + y \frac{d}{dx}(x^3) - 2(x^2 \frac{d}{dx}(y^3) + y^3 \frac{d}{dx}(x^2)) + 2x - 0 = 0$$

$$x^3 \frac{dy}{dx} + y(3x^2) - 2(x^2(3y^2) \frac{dy}{dx} + y^3(2x)) + 2x = 0$$

$$x^3 \frac{dy}{dx} + 3x^2y - 6x^2y^2 \frac{dy}{dx} - 4xy^3 + 2x = 0$$

To solve for $\frac{dy}{dx}$, put all terms with $\frac{dy}{dx}$ on 1 side; put terms

without $\frac{dy}{dx}$ on other side.

$$x^3 \frac{dy}{dx} - 6x^2y^2 \frac{dy}{dx} = -3x^2y + 4xy^3 - 2x$$

could factor out an x and reduce

$$\frac{dy}{dx}(x^3 - 6x^2y^2) = -3x^2y + 4xy^3 - 2x \Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-3x^2y + 4xy^3 - 2x}{x^3 - 6x^2y^2}}$$

Ex $\left| \frac{1}{2} \right|$ Find $\frac{d}{dx} (y^3)$.

$$= 3(y)^2 \frac{d}{dx} (y)$$

$$= 3y^2 \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} (x^2+7)^3$$

$$= 3(x^2+7)^2 (2x)$$

Ex $\left| \frac{6}{5} \right|$ $\frac{d}{dx} (y^5)$

$$= 5y^4 \frac{dy}{dx}$$

Ex $\left| \frac{7}{10} \right|$ $\frac{d}{dx} (\cos(y)) = -(\sin(y)) \frac{dy}{dx}$

Ex $\left| \frac{8}{10} \right|$ Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ for $x^2 + 9y^2 = 12$ It's an ellipse:

$$\frac{x^2}{12} + \frac{9y^2}{12} = \frac{12}{12}$$

$$\frac{x^2}{12} + \frac{y^2}{4/3} = 1$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} (x^2 + 9y^2) = \frac{d}{dx} (12)$$

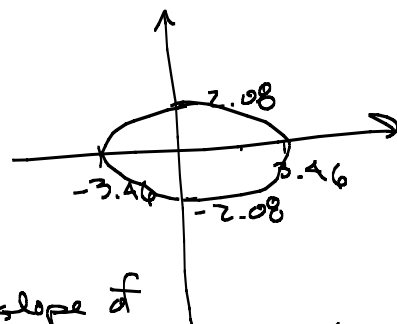
$$2x + 18y \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

$$18y \frac{dy}{dx} = -2x$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-2x}{18y}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{x}{9y}}$$

This is the slope of the tangent line at the point (x, y) .



Solving explicitly for y would be messier.

$$9y^2 = 12 - x^2$$

$$y^2 = \frac{12}{9} - \frac{x^2}{9}$$

$$y = \pm \sqrt{\frac{12}{9} - \frac{x^2}{9}}$$

Example 4: Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ for the equation $\frac{1}{y^4} - \frac{5}{x^4} = 1$.

Rewrite: $y^{-4} - 5x^{-4} = 1$

$$\frac{d}{dx} (y^{-4} - 5x^{-4}) = \frac{d}{dx} (1)$$

$$-4y^{-5} \frac{dy}{dx} + 20x^{-5} = 0$$

$$- \frac{4}{y^5} \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{20}{x^5} = 0$$

$$- \frac{4}{y^5} \frac{dy}{dx} = - \frac{20}{x^5}$$

$$\left(-\frac{4}{y^5}\right) \left(-\frac{dy}{dx}\right) = -\frac{20}{x^5} \left(-\frac{y^5}{4}\right)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{20y^5}{4x^5}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{5y^5}{x^5}$$

Example 5: Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ for the equation $(x-y)^4 = y^2$.

$$\frac{d}{dx} (x-y)^4 = \frac{d}{dx} (y^2)$$

$$4(x-y)^3 \frac{d}{dx} (x-y) = 2y \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$4(x-y)^3 \left(1 - \frac{dy}{dx}\right) = 2y \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$4(x-y)^3 - 4(x-y)^3 \frac{dy}{dx} = 2y \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$4(x-y)^3 = 4(x-y)^3 \frac{dy}{dx} + 2y \frac{dy}{dx}$$

Divide by 2:

$$2(x-y)^3 = 2(x-y)^3 \frac{dy}{dx} + y \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$2(x-y)^3 = \frac{dy}{dx} (2(x-y)^3 + y)$$

$$\frac{2(x-y)^3}{2(x-y)^3 + y} = \frac{dy}{dx}$$

Example 6: Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ for the equation $x + \cos(x^2 y) = y$

$$\frac{d}{dx} (x + \cos(x^2 y)) = \frac{d}{dx} (y)$$

$$1 - (\sin(x^2 y)) \frac{d}{dx} (x^2 y) = \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$1 - (\sin(x^2 y)) \left(x^2 \frac{dy}{dx} + y(2x) \right) = \frac{dy}{dx}$$

product rule

$$1 - x^2 \frac{dy}{dx} \sin(x^2 y) - 2xy \sin(x^2 y) = \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$1 - 2xy \sin(x^2 y) = \frac{dy}{dx} + x^2 \frac{dy}{dx} \sin(x^2 y)$$

$$1 - 2xy \sin(x^2 y) = \frac{dy}{dx} (1 + x^2 \sin(x^2 y))$$

$$\frac{1 - 2xy \sin(x^2 y)}{1 + x^2 \sin(x^2 y)} = \frac{dy}{dx}$$

Note: This is equivalent to:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-1 + 2xy \sin(x^2 y)}{-1 - x^2 \sin(x^2 y)}$$

Finding higher-order derivatives using implicit differentiation:

To find the second derivative, denoted $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$, differentiate the first derivative $\frac{dy}{dx}$ with respect to x .

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{d\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)$$

Example 7: Find $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ for the equation $x^3 - 2x^2 = y$.

$$\frac{d}{dx}(x^3 - 2x^2) = \frac{d}{dx}(y)$$

$$3x^2 - 4x = \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{d}{dx}(3x^2 - 4x)$$

$$= 6x - 4$$

Example 8: Find $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ for the equation $xy^2 - y = 3$.

$$\frac{d}{dx}(xy^2 - y) = \frac{d}{dx}(3)$$

$$x \frac{d}{dx}(y^2) + y^2 \frac{d}{dx}(x) - \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

$$x \cdot 2y \frac{dy}{dx} + y^2(1) - \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

$$2xy \frac{dy}{dx} - \frac{dy}{dx} = -y^2$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx}(2xy - 1) = -y^2$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-y^2}{2xy - 1}$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{(2xy - 1) \frac{d}{dx}(-y^2) - (-y^2) \frac{d}{dx}(2xy - 1)}{(2xy - 1)^2}$$

$$= \frac{(2xy - 1)(-2y \frac{dy}{dx}) + y^2(2x \frac{dy}{dx} + y(2))}{(2xy - 1)^2}$$

$$= \frac{-2y \frac{dy}{dx}(2xy - 1) + 2xy^2 \frac{dy}{dx} + 2y^3}{(2xy - 1)^2}$$

Put in $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-y^2}{2xy - 1}$

$$= \frac{-2y \left(-\frac{y^2}{2xy - 1}\right)(2xy - 1) + 2xy^2 \left(\frac{-y^2}{2xy - 1}\right) + 2y^3}{(2xy - 1)^2}$$

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Ex 8 cont'd

$$= \frac{2y^3 - \frac{2xy^4}{2xy-1} + 2y^3}{(2xy-1)^2} \cdot \frac{2xy-1}{2xy-1}$$

$$= \frac{2y^3(2xy-1) - 2xy^4 + 2y^3(2xy-1)}{(2xy-1)^3}$$

$$= \frac{4xy^4 - 2y^3 - 2xy^4 + 4xy^4 - 2y^3}{(2xy-1)^3}$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{6xy^4 - 4y^3}{(2xy-1)^3}}$$

Example 9: Find the equation of the tangent line to the ellipse $4x^2 + 16y^2 = 64$ at the point $(2, \sqrt{3})$.

Check: is $(2, \sqrt{3})$ on the curve?

$$\begin{aligned} 4(2)^2 + 16(\sqrt{3})^2 &= 64 \\ 16 + 48 &= 64 \\ 64 &= 64 \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx}(4x^2 + 16y^2) &= \frac{d}{dx}(64) \\ 8x + 32y \frac{dy}{dx} &= 0 \\ 32y \frac{dy}{dx} &= -8x \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= -\frac{8x}{32y} = -\frac{x}{4y} \\ m &= \left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{\substack{x=2 \\ y=\sqrt{3}}} = -\frac{x}{4y} \bigg|_{\substack{x=2 \\ y=\sqrt{3}}} \\ &= -\frac{2}{4\sqrt{3}} = -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}} = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{6} \end{aligned}$$

write eqn:

$$\begin{aligned} y - y_1 &= m(x - x_1) \\ y - \sqrt{3} &= -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}(x - 2) \\ y &= -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}x + \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{6} + \sqrt{3} \end{aligned}$$

Definition: Two curves are said to be *orthogonal* if at each point of intersection, their tangent lines are perpendicular.

Example 10: Show that the hyperbola $x^2 - y^2 = 5$ and the ellipse $4x^2 + 9y^2 = 72$ are orthogonal.

Find the intersection points:

$$x^2 - y^2 = 5 \Rightarrow x^2 = y^2 + 5$$

Put $x^2 = y^2 + 5$ into $4x^2 + 9y^2 = 72$

$$\begin{aligned} 4(y^2 + 5) + 9y^2 &= 72 \\ 4y^2 + 20 + 9y^2 &= 72 \\ 13y^2 &= 52 \\ y^2 &= 4 \Rightarrow y = \pm 2 \end{aligned}$$

Back to $x^2 = y^2 + 5$:

$$\begin{aligned} y=2 \quad x^2 &= 2^2 + 5 \\ x^2 &= 9 \\ x &= \pm 3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} y=-2 \quad x^2 &= (-2)^2 + 5 \\ x^2 &= 9 \\ x &= \pm 3 \end{aligned}$$

So, intersection points are $(3, 2), (-3, 2), (3, -2), (-3, -2)$

$$\begin{aligned} y &= -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}x + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} + \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{3} \\ y &= -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}x + \frac{4\sqrt{3}}{3} \end{aligned}$$

Differentiate each curve:

$$\frac{d}{dx}(x^2 - y^2) = \frac{d}{dx}(5)$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2x - 2y \frac{dy}{dx} &= 0 \\ 2x &= 2y \frac{dy}{dx} \end{aligned}$$

$$m_1 = \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2x}{2y} = \frac{x}{y}$$

2nd curve: $\frac{d}{dx}(4x^2 + 9y^2) = \frac{d}{dx}(72)$

$$8x + 18y \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

$$18y \frac{dy}{dx} = -8x$$

$$m_2 = \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{8x}{18y} = -\frac{4x}{9y}$$

At $(3, 2)$: $m_1 = \frac{x}{y} = \frac{3}{2}$

$$m_2 = -\frac{4x}{9y} = -\frac{4(3)}{9(2)} = -\frac{12}{18} = -\frac{2}{3}$$

Slopes are opposite reciprocals, so tangent lines are perpendicular at $(3, 2)$. Repeat for other 3 points.

compare

Homework Questions (Mon 2/23)

2.4 #23 | $f(x) = x^2 (x-2)^4$

Product Rule: $f'(x) = x^2 \frac{d}{dx} (x-2)^4 + (x-2)^4 \frac{d}{dx} (x^2)$

$$= x^2 (4)(x-2)^3 (1) + (x-2)^4 (2x)$$

$$= \underline{4x^2 (x-2)^3} + \underline{2x (x-2)^4}$$

$$= 2x (x-2)^3 [2x + (x-2)]$$

$$= \boxed{2x (x-2)^3 (3x-2)}$$

2.4 #49 | $h(x) = \sin(2x) \cos(2x)$

Product Rule: $h'(x) = \sin(2x) \frac{d}{dx} (\cos(2x)) + \cos(2x) \frac{d}{dx} (\sin(2x))$

$$= (\sin(2x)) (-\sin(2x)) (2) + \cos(2x) (\cos(2x)) (2)$$

$$= \boxed{-2\sin^2(2x) + 2\cos^2(2x)}$$

$$= -2\sin^2(2x) + 2(1 - \sin^2(2x))$$

$$= -2\sin^2(2x) + 2 - 2\sin^2(2x)$$

$$= \boxed{2 - 4\sin^2(2x)}$$

could write in terms of $\cos 2x$ instead.

Recall:

$$\sin 2\theta = 2\sin\theta \cos\theta$$

$$\cos^2\theta = 1 - \sin^2\theta$$

$$\sin^2\theta = 1 - \cos^2\theta$$

$$\leftarrow \boxed{\cos^2\theta = 1 - \sin^2\theta}$$

OR, could use a double angle formula and avoid product rule altogether:

$$h(x) = \sin(2x) \cos(2x)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sin(4x)$$

$$h'(x) = \frac{1}{2} (\cos(4x)) (4)$$

$$= \boxed{2\cos(4x)}$$

$$\begin{cases} \sin 2\theta = 2\sin\theta \cos\theta \\ \frac{1}{2} \sin 2\theta = \sin\theta \cos\theta \end{cases} \quad \star$$

$$\cos 2\theta = \cos^2\theta - \sin^2\theta \quad \star$$

$$= 1 - 2\sin^2\theta$$

$$= 2\cos^2\theta - 1$$

replace $\cos^2\theta = 1 - \sin^2\theta$

replace $\sin^2\theta = 1 - \cos^2\theta$

Make $2 - 4\sin^2(2x)$ look like this:

$$2 - 4\sin^2(2x)$$

$$= 2(1 - 2\sin^2 2x)$$

$$= 2 \cos(2 \cdot 2x) = \boxed{2\cos(4x)}$$

2.4 #51 $f(x) = \frac{\cot x}{\sin x}$

$$= \frac{\frac{\cos x}{\sin x}}{\sin x} = \frac{\cos x}{\sin x} \cdot \frac{1}{\sin x} = \frac{\cos x}{\sin^2 x}$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{\sin^2 x \frac{d}{dx}(\cos x) - (\cos x) \frac{d}{dx}(\sin^2 x)}{(\sin^2 x)^2}$$

$$= \frac{\sin^2 x (-\sin x) - (\cos x)(2)(\sin x) \frac{d}{dx}(\sin x)}{\sin^4 x}$$

$$= \frac{-\sin^3 x - 2\cos x \sin x \cos x}{\sin^4 x} = \frac{-\sin^3 x - 2\cos^2 x \sin x}{\sin^4 x}$$

$$= \frac{\sin x (-\sin^2 x - 2\cos^2 x)}{\sin^4 x} = \frac{-\sin^2 x - 2\cos^2 x}{\sin^3 x}$$

$$= \frac{-\sin^2 x - 2(1 - \sin^2 x)}{\sin^3 x} = \frac{-\sin^2 x - 2 + 2\sin^2 x}{\sin^3 x}$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{-2 + \sin^2 x}{\sin^3 x}}$$

2.4 #83 $f(x) = 2\cos x + \sin 2x$

$$f'(x) = -2\sin x + (\cos 2x)(2)$$

$$= -2\sin x + 2\cos 2x$$

where on $(0, 2\pi)$ is tangent line horizontal?

Set equal to 0: $0 = -2\sin x + 2\cos 2x$

$$0 = -2\sin x + 2(\cos^2 x - \sin^2 x)$$

$$0 = -2\sin x + 2\cos^2 x - 2\sin^2 x$$

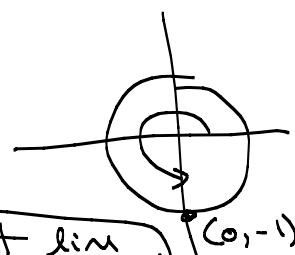
$$0 = -2\sin x + 2(1 - \sin^2 x) - 2\sin^2 x$$

Recall $\cos 2\theta = \cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta$

OR use $\cos 2\theta = 1 - 2\sin^2 \theta$

$$\cos^2 x = 1 - \sin^2 x$$

$(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$ $(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$ $0 = -2\sin x + 2 - 4\sin^2 x$
 $(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, -\frac{1}{2})$ $0 = -4\sin^2 x - 2\sin x + 2$
 $(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, -\frac{1}{2})$ $0 = -2(2\sin^2 x + \sin x - 1)$
 $0 = -2(2\sin x - 1)(\sin x + 1)$
 $2\sin x = 1$ $\sin x = -1$
 $x = \frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{5\pi}{6}$ $\sin x = \frac{1}{2}$ $x = \frac{3\pi}{2}$



Tangent line is horizontal at $\frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{5\pi}{6}, \frac{3\pi}{2}$

2.4 # 89 $f(x) = \sin(x^2)$
 $f'(x) = (\cos(x^2))(2x)$
 $= 2x \cos(x^2)$

$$\begin{aligned} f''(x) &= 2x \frac{d}{dx} (\cos(x^2)) + (\cos(x^2)) \frac{d}{dx} (2x) \\ &= 2x (-\sin(x^2))(2x) + (\cos(x^2))(2) \\ &= \boxed{-4x^2 \sin(x^2) + 2\cos(x^2)} \end{aligned}$$