

FURTHER DIFFERENTIATION

Implicit Differentiation

Up to the present we have dealt only with explicit functions of x , e.g. $y = x^2 - 5x + 4/x$. Here y is given as an expression in x . If, however, y is given implicitly by an equation such as $x = y^4 - y - 1$, we cannot express y in terms of x .

$$\frac{d}{dx} x^n = nx^{n-1}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} (1+x)^n = n(1+x)^{n-1} \cdot \frac{d(1+x)}{dx}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} y^n = ny^{n-1} \cdot \frac{dy}{dx}$$

Example

Find the gradient of the curve $x^2 + 2xy - 2y^2 + x = 2$ at the point $(-4, 1)$.

$$\text{Ans.} = -\frac{5}{12} \quad \frac{d}{dx} (x^2 + 2xy - 2y^2 + x) = 2$$

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

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

$$2x + 2x \frac{dy}{dx} + 2y - 4y \frac{dy}{dx} + 1 = 0$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$= \frac{-1 - 2x - 2y}{2x - 4y}$$

Substituting for $(-4, 1)$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} \Big|_{x=-4} &= \frac{-1 - 2(-4) - 2}{2 - 4(-4)} \\ &= \frac{7}{18} \end{aligned}$$

Higher Derivatives (Second derivative)

Considering displacement, s , velocity, v , and acceleration, a .

$$v = \frac{ds}{dt}, \quad a = \frac{dv}{dt} \therefore a = \frac{d^2s}{dt^2}$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{dy}{dx}, \quad f''(x) = \frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$$

d two y by d x squared

Example

If $x = a(t^2 - 1)$, $y = 2a(t + 1)$, find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ and $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ in terms of t .

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dt} \cdot \frac{dt}{dx}$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt}(a(t^2 - 1)) = a\left(\frac{d}{dt}t^2 + \frac{d}{dt}1\right) \\ = 2at$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = 2a \quad \therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = 2a \cdot \frac{1}{2at} \\ = \frac{1}{t}$$

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

$$= \frac{d}{dt}\left(\frac{1}{t}\right) \cdot \frac{1}{2at}$$

$$= \frac{-1}{t^2} \cdot \frac{1}{2at}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2at^3}$$

SMALL CHANGES

$$\frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} \approx \frac{dy}{dx} \text{ as } \Delta x \rightarrow 0$$

$$\Delta y \approx \frac{dy}{dx} \cdot \Delta x \text{ as } \Delta x \rightarrow 0$$

Examples

The side of a square is 5 cm. Find the increase in the area of the square when the side expands 0.01 cm.

Find the approximation for $\sqrt{9.01}$.

let the side be x

$$A = x^2$$
$$\frac{dA}{dx} = 2x$$

$$x = 5 \text{ cm}$$
$$\Delta x = 0.01$$

$$\frac{\Delta A}{\Delta x} \approx \frac{dA}{dx} \text{ as } \Delta x \rightarrow 0$$

$$\frac{\Delta A}{\Delta x} \approx 2x$$

$$\Delta A \approx 2x \cdot \Delta x$$
$$\approx 2(5)(0.01)$$
$$= 0.1 \text{ cm}^2$$

$$\text{let } y = \sqrt{x}$$

$$y + \Delta y = \sqrt{x + \Delta x}$$

$$x = 9$$
$$\Delta x = 0.01$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx} x^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} x^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}$$

$$\frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} \approx \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$\Delta x \rightarrow 0$$

$$\therefore \Delta y \approx \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} \cdot \Delta x$$

$$\approx \frac{1}{2\sqrt{9}} \cdot 0.01$$

$$= \frac{1}{600}$$

$$\sqrt{9.01} = y + \Delta y \approx \sqrt{9} + \frac{1}{600}$$
$$= 3 + 0.00167$$

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