

Section 3-10 : Implicit Differentiation

For problems 1 – 3 do each of the following.

(a) Find y' by solving the equation for y and differentiating directly.

(b) Find y' by implicit differentiation.

(c) Check that the derivatives in (a) and (b) are the same.

1. $\frac{x}{y^3} = 1$

2. $x^2 + y^3 = 4$

3. $x^2 + y^2 = 2$

For problems 4 – 9 find y' by implicit differentiation.

4. $2y^3 + 4x^2 - y = x^6$

5. $7y^2 + \sin(3x) = 12 - y^4$

6. $e^x - \sin(y) = x$

7. $4x^2y^7 - 2x = x^5 + 4y^3$

8. $\cos(x^2 + 2y) + xe^{y^2} = 1$

9. $\tan(x^2y^4) = 3x + y^2$

For problems 10 & 11 find the equation of the tangent line at the given point.

10. $x^4 + y^2 = 3$ at $(1, -\sqrt{2})$.

11. $y^2e^{2x} = 3y + x^2$ at $(0, 3)$.

For problems 12 & 13 assume that $x = x(t)$, $y = y(t)$ and $z = z(t)$ and differentiate the given equation with respect to t .

12. $x^2 - y^3 + z^4 = 1$

13. $x^2 \cos(y) = \sin(y^3 + 4z)$

