

8. Implicit Differentiation

Lec 7 mini review.

Two Special Limits:

$$\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin \theta}{\theta} = 1$$

$$\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos \theta - 1}{\theta} = 0$$

Trig Rules:

$$\frac{d}{dx} [\sin x] = \cos x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [\cos x] = -\sin x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [\tan x] = \sec^2 x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [\csc x] = -\csc x \cot x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [\sec x] = \sec x \tan x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [\cot x] = -\csc^2 x$$

The Chain Rule:

$$\frac{d}{dx} [f(g(x))] = f'(g(x))g'(x)$$

Power Chain Rule:

$$\frac{d}{dx} [(g(x))^n] = n(g(x))^{n-1}g'(x)$$

Exponential Chain Rule:

$$\frac{d}{dx} [e^{g(x)}] = e^{g(x)}g'(x)$$

WARM-UP FOR IMPLICIT DIFFERENTIATION

Differentiate each of the following expressions:

$$f(x) = x^3 g(x) + [h(x)]^5$$

$$V(t) = \pi[R(t)]^2 H(t)$$

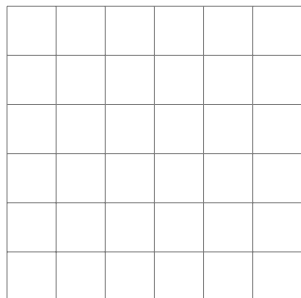
$$y = \left(\sqrt[3]{v(x)} \right) [u(x)]^{10}$$

$$p(x) = e^{x^3} + e^{g(x)/h(x)} + \frac{h(x)}{\cos(x)} + \sin(f(x) + g(x))$$

GRAPHS

- ◇ Any equation in two variables (let's use x and y) has a graph.
 - ◇ The graph consists of all pairs of the form (x, y) that satisfy the equation.
 - ◇ It might not be possible to isolate y and write an *explicit* formula $y = f(x)$.
 - ◇ Nonetheless, we still think of y as an **implicit** function of x (where “function” is being used loosely; the graph of the equation could fail the vertical line test, hence not technically be a function of x)
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Example 8.1. Consider the equation $x^2 + y^2 = 4$.



IMPLICIT DIFFERENTIATION

1. Start with some equation with x 's and y 's.
2. Implicitly differentiate both sides of the equation:
 - Treat y as a “mystery” function of x (an implicitly defined function)
 - When you need to write the derivative of y , just write $\frac{dy}{dx}$
 - Differentiate x 's as usual.
 - When you are done differentiating both sides, you will have a new equation that may contain some x 's, some y 's, and some $\frac{dy}{dx}$'s. Because you performed the same operation (differentiation) to both sides of the original equation, the new equation is still a valid equation.
3. Isolate $\frac{dy}{dx}$ from your new equation:
 - Put all terms that have a $\frac{dy}{dx}$ on one side of the equation, and put all other terms on the other side of the equation.
 - Factor out $\frac{dy}{dx}$ from all terms on the $\frac{dy}{dx}$ -side of the equation, then divide to isolate $\frac{dy}{dx}$.

Example 8.2. a. Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ for the equation $x^2 + y^2 = 4$.

- b. What is the slope of the tangent line to the graph of $x^2 + y^2 = 4$ at the point $(-1, \sqrt{3})$?
What is it at $(-1, -\sqrt{3})$?

Example 8.3. For the following equation, find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ at the point $(1, 0)$: $e^{2y+x} + x^2y^3 = e^x$

Example 8.4. Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ if $\sin(x + y) = y^2 \cos(x)$.

INVERSE TRIG DERIVATIVES

Derivative of Arcsine

Derivative of Arctangent

Inverse Trig Rules

DERIVATIVES OF LOGARITHMS

Log Chain Rules

Example 8.5. Find $f'(x)$ if $f(x) = \ln |x|$.

Example 8.6. Differentiate each of the following:

$$f(x) = \arctan(3e^x - 2x^5)$$

$$y = \ln(x) \sin^{-1}(x)$$

LOGARITHMIC DIFFERENTIATION

Example 8.7. Find $f'(x)$ where $f(x) = x^x$.

Exercise 8.8. Use logarithmic differentiation to prove that the Power Rule (which we've been using for all sorts of powers $n \in \mathbb{R}$) is in fact valid.

That is, prove $\frac{d}{dx}[x^n] = nx^{n-1}$ for all $n \in \mathbb{R}$.

STUDY GUIDE

◇ **implicit differentiation strategy**

◇ **derivative rules for inverse trig functions:**

$$\frac{d}{dx}[\sin^{-1} x] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}[\tan^{-1} x] = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$$

(and others!)

◇ **derivative rules for logs:** $\frac{d}{dx}[\ln(x)] = \frac{1}{x}$ $\frac{d}{dx}[\log_b(x)] = \left(\frac{1}{\ln b}\right) \frac{1}{x}$

◇ **log chain rule:** $\frac{d}{dx}[\ln(g(x))] = \frac{g'(x)}{g(x)}$

◇ **logarithmic differentiation strategy**
