

Math 1003

Implicit Differentiation

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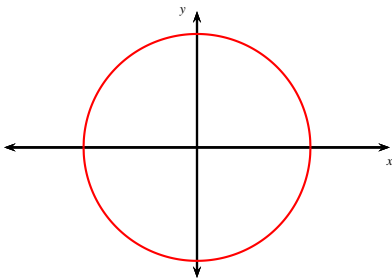
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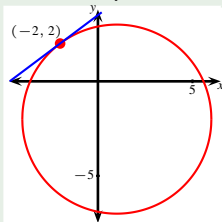
Implicit Differentiation

- So far, we have seen functions with formulas that express one variable explicitly in terms of the other.
- $y = \sqrt{x^3 + 1}$, $y = x \sin x$, etc.
- Some functions are given implicitly by a relation between x and y .
- $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ isn't the equation of any one function.
- Implicitly it gives two functions: $y = \sqrt{1 - x^2}$ and $y = -\sqrt{1 - x^2}$.
- How do we differentiate these functions?
- Differentiate both sides with respect to x , and then solve for y' .



Example

Find an equation of the tangent line to $(x - 1)^2 + (y + 2)^2 = 25$ at $(-2, 2)$.



Plug in $(-2, 2)$:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1 - (-2)}{2 + 2} = \frac{3}{4}$$

Point-slope form:

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

Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$, given $(x - 1)^2 + (y + 2)^2 = 25$:

$$\frac{d}{dx}((x - 1)^2) + \frac{d}{dx}((y + 2)^2) = \frac{d}{dx}(25)$$

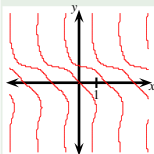
$$2(x - 1)\frac{d}{dx}(x - 1) + 2(y + 2)\frac{d}{dx}(y + 2) = 0$$

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

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

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

Example



Find y' as an expression of x and y .

$$\sin(2(x+y)) = y^2 \cos(2x).$$

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

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

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

$$2 \cos(2(x+y)) (1 + y') = 2yy' \cos(2x) - y^2 \sin(2x) 2$$

$$\cos(2(x+y)) + y' \cos(2(x+y)) = yy' \cos(2x) - y^2 \sin(2x)$$

$$y' \cos(2(x+y)) - yy' \cos(2x) = -\cos(2(x+y)) - y^2 \sin(2x)$$

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

$$y' = \frac{-\cos(2(x+y)) - y^2 \sin(2x)}{\cos(2(x+y)) - y \cos(2x)}.$$

Example

Let $x^4 + y^4 = 16$. Find y'' .

$$4x^3 + 4y^3y' = 0$$

$$y' = -\frac{x^3}{y^3}.$$

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

$$= -\frac{(3x^2)y^3 - x^3(3y^2y')}{y^6} = -\frac{3x^2y^3 - 3x^3y^2\left(-\frac{x^3}{y^3}\right)}{y^6}$$

$$= -\frac{3x^2(y^3 + \frac{x^4}{y})}{y^6} = -\frac{3x^2\left(\frac{y^4+x^4}{y}\right)}{y^6}$$

$$= -\frac{3x^2(y^4 + x^4)}{y^7} = -\frac{3x^2(16)}{y^7} = -48\frac{x^2}{y^7}.$$

Example (Implicit Differentiation)

Find y' if $\tan xy = x^2 - y^2$.

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

$$(\sec^2 xy) \frac{d}{dx}(xy) = 2x - 2yy'$$

$$\left(y \frac{d}{dx}(x) + x \frac{d}{dx}(y) \right) \sec^2 xy = 2x - 2yy'$$

$$(y(1) + x(y')) \sec^2 xy = 2x - 2yy'$$

$$y \sec^2 xy + xy' \sec^2 xy = 2x - 2yy'$$

$$xy' \sec^2 xy + 2yy' = 2x - y \sec^2 xy$$

$$y'(x \sec^2 xy + 2y) = 2x - y \sec^2 xy$$

$$y' = \frac{2x - y \sec^2 xy}{x \sec^2 xy + 2y}.$$