

§ 3.5, Implicit Differentiation

In some sense, you have been lied to!

y = Bunch of x 's

Ex: $x^3 + 2xy + y^2 = 4$, Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$.

$$[x]' = 1$$

$$[y]' = y'$$

$$[x \cdot y]' =$$

$$= [x]'y + x[y]'$$
$$= y + xy'$$

$$[y^2]' = 2y[y]'$$
$$= 2yy'$$

$$[x^3 + 2xy + y^2]' = [4]'$$

$$= 3x^2 + [2x]'y + 2x[y]' + 2y[y]' = 0$$

$$3x^2 + 2y + 2xy' + 2yy' = 0$$

$$3x^2 + 2y = -2xy' - 2yy'$$

$$3x^2 + 2y = y'(-2x - 2y)$$

$$\therefore y' = \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{3x^2 + 2y}{-2x - 2y}$$

$\sin(x+y) + y = 1$, find $\frac{dy}{dx}$.

$$[\sin(x+y) + y]' = [1]'$$

$$\cos(x+y)[x+y]' + y' = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\rightarrow \cos(x+y)(1+y') + y' = 0 \\ &\cos(x+y) + y' \cdot \cos(x+y) + y' = 0 \\ &\cos(x+y) = -y' \cos(x+y) - y' \end{aligned}$$

$$\cos(x+y) = y'(-\cos(x+y) - 1)$$

$$\therefore y' = \frac{\cos(x+y)}{-\cos(x+y) - 1} = \frac{-\cos(x+y)}{\cos(x+y) + 1}$$

Find the equation of the line tangent

to $x^2 + 3xy - y^3 = 9$ at $(2, 1)$

$$y - y_0 = m(x - x_0)$$

$$y - 1 = m(x - 2), \quad m = \left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{(2,1)}$$

$$[x^2 + 3xy - y^3]' = [9]'$$

$$= 2x + 3([x]'y + x[y]') - 3y^2[y]' = 0$$

$$2x + 3y + 3xy' - 3y^2y' = 0$$

$$\therefore 2x + 3y = 3y^2y' - 3xy'$$

$$\therefore \frac{2x + 3y}{3y^2 - 3x} = y'$$

$$\text{Plug in } (2, 1) \Rightarrow \frac{2(2) + 3(1)}{3 \cdot (1)^2 - 3(2)} = \frac{7}{3-6} = -\frac{7}{3}$$

$$y - 1 = -\frac{7}{3}(x - 2)$$