

## Implicit differentiation

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Here are some key ideas from section 3.5.

- The chain rule says
- The chain rule helps us with implicit differentiation, which is used when we can't isolate the \_\_\_\_\_ variable.
- Here's an example:

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**Midterm practice (Vojta MT2 '22):** Find the following derivatives.

a)  $\frac{d}{dx} e^x \cos x$

b)  $\frac{d}{dx} \frac{\sin x}{x^2+1}$ .

My Attempt:

Solution:

**Problem 1:** Suppose  $x^3 + y^3 = 1$ . In this problem, we will find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  by implicit differentiation.

- a) Write  $\frac{d}{dx}$  on both sides.  
Simplify the right hand side, and expand the left hand side with the sum rule.
- b) Use a technique from the example to simplify  $\frac{d}{dx}y^3$ .
- c) Solve for  $\frac{dy}{dx}$ .

My Attempt:

Solution:

**Problem 2:** (Stewart 3.5) Suppose  $2\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y} = 3$ . Use the same steps as in the previous problem to find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  by implicit differentiation.

My Attempt:

Solution:

**Problem 3:** (Stewart 3.5) Suppose  $e^{x/y} = x - y$ . Find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  by implicit differentiation.

My Attempt:

Solution:

**Problem 4:** (Stewart 3.7) Two important properties are

$$\frac{d}{dx} \log_b x = \frac{1}{x \ln b} \quad \frac{d}{dx} \ln x = \frac{1}{x}.$$

Find

$$\frac{d}{dz} \ln \sqrt{\frac{a^2 - z^2}{a^2 + z^2}}.$$

My Attempt:

Solution:

**Problem 5:** (Stewart 3.7) Logarithmic differentiation is helpful when want to take the derivative of a complicated function (i.e. lots of products, fractions, exponents, etc.). Here are the steps we can use:

1. Take natural logarithms of both sides and use logarithm laws to simplify.
2. Implicitly differentiate with respect to  $x$ .
3. Solve for  $y'$ .

Use these steps to differentiate

$$y = \frac{x^{3/4} \sqrt{x^2 + 1}}{(3x + 2)^2}.$$

My Attempt:

Solution:

**Problem 6:** If  $y = \tan^{-1} x$ , then  $\tan y = x$ . Use implicit differentiation to find the derivative of the inverse tangent function.

My Attempt:

Solution:

**Problem 7:** (Stewart 3.7) Find  $\frac{d}{dx} x \arctan \sqrt{x}$ .

My Attempt:

Solution:

**Challenge problem:** Show that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{x}{n}\right)^n = e^x$$

for any  $x > 0$ .