

Implicit Differentiation

Differentiate the the given curves.

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

Solution:

Differentiate both sides:

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

$$\text{Let LHS} = \frac{d}{dx}[y + x \cos(y)] = \frac{d}{dx}[y] + \frac{d}{dx}[x \cos(y)]$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}[y] = y'$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}[x \cos(y)] = \frac{d}{dx}[Fg] = F'g + Fg' = \cos(y) - x \sin(y)y' \quad \Rightarrow \quad \begin{array}{l} F = x \quad g = \cos(y) = \cos(y(x)) \\ F' = 1 \quad g' = -\sin(y(x))y'(x) = -\sin(y)y' \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Recall: } y = y(x)! \\ \text{u.s. (need to use} \\ \text{Chain Rule!)} \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{LHS} = y' + \cos(y) - x \sin(y)y'$$

$$\text{Let RHS} = \frac{d}{dx}[x^2 y] = \frac{d}{dx}[p \cdot q] = p'q + pq' = 2xy + x^2 y'$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} p = x^2 & q = y \\ p' = 2x & q' = y' \end{array}$$

Put these back together & solve for y'

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

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

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

$$\Rightarrow y' = \frac{2xy - \cos(y)}{1 - x \sin(y) - x^2}$$

2. $e^y \sin x = x + xy$

Solution:

Differentiate both sides

$$\frac{d}{dx}[e^y \sin(x)] = \frac{d}{dx}[x + xy]$$

$$\text{Let } LHS = \frac{d}{dx}[e^y \sin(x)] = \frac{d}{dx}[F \cdot g] = F'g + Fg'$$

$$\begin{aligned} F &= e^y & g &= \sin(x) \\ F' &= y'e^y & g' &= \cos(x) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow LHS = y'e^y \sin(x) + e^y \cos(x)$$

$$\text{Let } RHS = \frac{d}{dx}[x + xy] = \frac{d}{dx}[x] + \frac{d}{dx}[xy]$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}[x] = 1$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}[xy] = \frac{d}{dx}[p \cdot q] = p'q + pq' = y + xy'$$

$$\begin{aligned} p &= x & q &= y \\ p' &= 1 & q' &= y' \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow RHS = 1 + y + xy'$$

Putting everything back together & Solve for y'

$$y'e^y \sin(x) + e^y \cos(x) = 1 + y + xy'$$

$$y'e^y \sin(x) - xy' = 1 + y - e^y \cos(x)$$

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

$$\Rightarrow y' = \frac{1 + y - e^y \cos(x)}{e^y \sin(x) - x}$$

Differentiation of Logarithmic Functions

3. $y = \ln(x \ln(x))$

Solution:

y is a fcn composition \Rightarrow Need Chain Rule

Chain Rule w/ natural log:

$$\frac{d}{dx}[\ln(u(x))] = \frac{u'(x)}{u(x)} = \frac{u'}{u}$$

$$y' = \frac{d}{dx}[\ln(x \ln(x))] = \frac{d}{dx}[\ln(u)] = \frac{u'}{u}$$

$$u = x \ln(x)$$

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

$$f = x$$

$$f' = 1$$

$$g = \ln(x)$$

$$g' = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow u' = \ln(x) + x \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$$

$$= \ln(x) + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow y' = \frac{u'}{u} = \frac{\ln(x) + 1}{x \ln(x)}$$

4. $y = \log_5(1 + 2x)$

Solution:

Method I: Use change of base formula to change to natural log:

$$\text{change of base : } \log_a(x) = \frac{\ln(x)}{\ln(b)}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \log_5(1+2x) = \frac{\ln(1+2x)}{\ln(5)} = \frac{1}{\ln(5)} \ln(1+2x)$$

$$y' = \frac{d}{dx} \left[\frac{1}{\ln(5)} \ln(1+2x) \right] = \frac{1}{\ln(5)} \frac{d}{dx} [\ln(u)] = \frac{1}{\ln(5)} \frac{u'}{u}$$

$$u = 1+2x$$

$$u' = 2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow y' &= \frac{1}{\ln(5)} \frac{u'}{u} = \frac{1}{\ln(5)} \left(\frac{2}{1+2x} \right) \\ &= \frac{2}{\ln(5)(1+2x)} \end{aligned}$$

Method II

Using differentiation Rule for logs of base b :

$$\frac{d}{dx} [\log_b(u)] = \frac{u'}{u \cdot \ln(b)}$$

$$\Rightarrow y' = \frac{d}{dx} [\log_5(1+2x)] = \frac{d}{dx} [\log_5(u)] = \frac{u'}{\ln(5) \cdot u}$$

$$u = 1+2x$$

$$u' = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow y' = \frac{u'}{\ln(5) u} = \frac{2}{\ln(5)(1+2x)}$$

Either method will get the same result!

5. $y = \ln(\sin^2 x)$

Solution:

$$y' = \frac{d}{dx}[\ln(\sin^2(x))] = \frac{d}{dx}[\ln(u)] = \frac{u'}{u}$$

$$u = \sin^2(x) = (\sin(x))^2$$

$$u' = \frac{d}{dx}[(\sin(x))^2] = \frac{d}{dx}[f(g)] = f'(g)g'$$

$$f(g) = g^2 \quad g = \sin(x)$$

$$f'(g) = 2g \quad g' = \cos(x)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow u' &= 2g g' \\ &= 2 \sin(x) \cos(x)\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow y' = \frac{u'}{u} = \frac{2 \sin(x) \cos(x)}{\sin^2(x)} = \frac{2 \cos(x)}{\sin(x)}$$

6. $y = e^{\cos(x)} + \cos(e^x)$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} y' &= \frac{d}{dx} [e^{\cos(x)} + \cos(e^x)] \\ &= \frac{d}{dx} [e^{\cos(x)}] + \frac{d}{dx} [\cos(e^x)] \end{aligned}$$

Note

$$\frac{d}{dx} [e^{\cos(x)}] = \frac{d}{dx} [e^u] = u' e^u = -\sin(x) e^{\cos(x)}$$

$$u = \cos(x)$$

$$u' = -\sin(x)$$

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

$$g = e^x$$

$$g' = e^x$$

$$\Rightarrow y' = -\sin(x) e^{\cos(x)} - e^x \sin(e^x)$$

Logarithmic Differentiation

Apply properties of logarithms to differentiate the following.

7. $y = x^2 \cos x$.

Solution:

First we apply Properties of logarithms by taking the natural log of each side

$$\ln(y) = \ln(x^2 \cos(x))$$

$$= \ln(x^2) + \ln(\cos(x))$$

Product Rule of Logs: $\ln(xy) = \ln(x) + \ln(y)$

$$= 2\ln(x^2) + \ln(\cos(x))$$

Apply Power Rule of Logs: $\ln(x^p) = p \ln(x^p)$

So we have

$$\ln(y) = 2\ln(x) + \ln(\cos(x))$$

This is now an implicit fcn

Differentiate each side

$$\frac{d}{dx}[\ln(y)] = \frac{d}{dx}[2\ln(x) + \ln(\cos(x))]$$

$$\text{Let LHS} = \frac{d}{dx}[\ln(y)] = \frac{y'}{y}$$

$$\text{Let RHS} = \frac{d}{dx}[2\ln(x) + \ln(\cos(x))] = 2 \frac{d}{dx}[\ln(x)] + \frac{d}{dx}[\ln(\cos(x))]$$

Note: $\frac{d}{dx}[\ln(x)] = \frac{1}{x}$ and $\frac{d}{dx}[\ln(\cos(x))] = \frac{d}{dx}[\ln(u)] = \frac{u'}{u} = \frac{-\sin(x)}{\cos(x)}$

$u = \cos(x)$
 $u' = -\sin(x)$

$$\Rightarrow \text{RHS} = 2\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) - \frac{\sin(x)}{\cos(x)}$$

Putting everything back together:

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

Solve for y' : $y' = y \left[\frac{2}{x} - \frac{\sin(x)}{\cos(x)} \right]$

In this case, we know what y equals since its the function we started with!

$$\Rightarrow y' = x^2 \cos(x) \left[\frac{2}{x} - \frac{\sin(x)}{\cos(x)} \right]$$

This method may seem like more work because you do a lot before even taking a derivative. However, none of the actual derivatives we took were that complicated. This method can significantly reduce the complexity in taking derivatives of some functions.

$$8. y = \frac{x^6 \sin^5(2x)}{\sqrt{2x-3}}.$$

Note that $\sqrt{2x-3} = (2x-3)^{1/2}$
and $\sin^5(2x) = (\sin(2x))^5$

Solution:

First we apply Properties of logarithms by taking the natural log of each side

$$\ln(y) = \ln\left(\frac{x^6 \sin^5(2x)}{\sqrt{2x-3}}\right)$$

$$= \underbrace{\ln(x^6 (\sin(2x))^5)}_{\text{Product Rule}} - \underbrace{\ln((2x-3)^{1/2})}_{\text{Power Rule}}$$

Apply Quotient Rule of Logs: $\ln\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) = \ln(x) - \ln(y)$

$$= [\ln(x^6) + \ln((\sin(2x))^5)] - \left[\frac{1}{2} \ln(2x-3)\right]$$

Apply Power Rule of Logs: $\ln(x^p) = p \ln(x^p)$
& Product Rule of Logs: $\ln(xy) = \ln(x) + \ln(y)$

$$= 6 \ln(x) + 5 \ln(\sin(2x)) - \frac{1}{2} \ln(2x-3) \quad \text{Apply Power Rule of Logs}$$

We then differentiate each side \Rightarrow Now this is just implicit differentiation!

$$\frac{d}{dx}[\ln(y)] = \frac{d}{dx}\left[6 \ln(x) + 5 \ln(\sin(2x)) - \frac{1}{2} \ln(2x-3)\right]$$

$$\text{Let LHS} = \frac{d}{dx}[\ln(y)] = \frac{y'}{y}$$

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$$\text{Let RHS} = 6 \frac{d}{dx}[\ln(x)] + 5 \frac{d}{dx}[\ln(\sin(2x))] - \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dx}[\ln(2x-3)]$$

Note: $\frac{d}{dx}[\ln(\sin(2x))] = \frac{d}{dx}[\ln(u)] = \frac{u'}{u} = \frac{2 \cos(2x)}{\sin(2x)}$
 $u = \sin(2x)$
 $u' = 2 \cos(2x)$

$$\frac{d}{dx}[\ln(2x-3)] = \frac{d}{dx}[\ln(v)] = \frac{v'}{v} = \frac{2}{2x-3}$$

$v = 2x-3$
 $v' = 2$

$$\Rightarrow \text{RHS} = 6\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + 5\left(\frac{2 \cos(2x)}{\sin(2x)}\right) - \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{2}{2x-3}\right) = \frac{6}{x} + \frac{10 \cos(2x)}{\sin(2x)} - \frac{1}{2x-3}$$

Putting everything back together:

$$\frac{y'}{y} = \frac{6}{x} + \frac{10 \cos(2x)}{\sin(2x)} - \frac{1}{2x-3}$$

Solve for y' : $y' = y \left[\frac{6}{x} + \frac{10 \cos(2x)}{\sin(2x)} - \frac{1}{2x-3} \right]$

Plug in y : $y' = \frac{x^6 \sin^5(2x)}{\sqrt{2x-3}} \left[\frac{6}{x} + \frac{10 \cos(2x)}{\sin(2x)} - \frac{1}{2x-3} \right]$

This method may seem like more work because you do a lot before even taking a derivative. If we were to do it the other way we wouldn't end up with such a nice simple form!

9. $y = 3^{x \ln(x)}$

Solution:

First take natural log of each side

$$\begin{aligned}\ln(y) &= \ln(3^{x \ln(x)}) \\ &= (x \ln(x)) \ln(3) \quad \text{by applying power rule of logs}\end{aligned}$$

Differentiate each side:

$$\frac{d}{dx}[\ln(y)] = \frac{d}{dx}[\ln(3) x \ln(x)]$$

$$\text{Let LHS} = \frac{d}{dx}[\ln(y)] = \frac{y'}{y}$$

$$\text{Let RHS} = \frac{d}{dx}[\ln(3) x \ln(x)] = \ln(3) \frac{d}{dx}[x \ln(x)]$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dx}[x \ln(x)] &= \frac{d}{dx}[F \cdot g] = F'g + Fg' \\ F &= x & g &= \ln(x) \\ F' &= 1 & g' &= \frac{1}{x}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow \text{RHS} &= \ln(3) (\ln(x) + x \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)) \\ &= \ln(3) (\ln(x) + 1)\end{aligned}$$

Put everything back together & solve for y'

$$\Rightarrow \frac{y'}{y} = \ln(3) (\ln(x) + 1)$$

$$\begin{aligned}y' &= y [\ln(3) (\ln(x) + 1)] \\ &= 3^{x \ln(x)} [\ln(3) (\ln(x) + 1)]\end{aligned}$$