

Chain rule plays a key role!



## Lecture 14: Implicit Differentiation (ID)

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6 <b>Labor Day</b> No Classes	7 Worksheet: ULTDA  <b>WH1 due</b>	8 Continuity and the Intermediate Value Theorem (CATIVT)	9 Worksheet: CATIVT  <b>HW: IF, ULTDA</b>	10 An Application of Limits (AAOL)
13 Definition of the Derivative (DOTD)	14 Worksheet: AAOL, DOTD  <b>HW: CATIVT</b>	15 Derivatives as Functions (DAF)	16 Worksheet: DAF  <b>HW: AAOL, DOTD</b>	17 Last day to drop w/o a "W"  Rules of Differentiation (ROD)
<b>Midterm 1</b> 8:00-8:40PM UF - CATIVT				
20 Product Rule and Quotient Rule (PRAQR)  <b>WH2 due</b>	21 Worksheet: ROD, PRAQR  <b>HW: DAF</b>	22 Chain Rule (CR)	23 Worksheet: PRAQR, CR  <b>HW: ROD, PRAQR</b>	24 Higher Order Derivatives and Graphs (HODAG)
27 Implicit Differentiation (ID)	28 Worksheet: HODAG, ID  <b>HW: CR</b>	29 Logarithmic Differentiation (LD)	30 Worksheet: ID, LD  <b>HW: HODAG, ID</b>	<b>October 1</b> Derivatives of Inverse Functions (DOIF)
<b>Midterm 2</b> 8:00-8:40PM AAOL-CR				

- o Read important does and announcements on exam policies, formatting, etc.
- o Cover page is available
- o Extended office hours: 4:15 ~ 6:15 pm
- o Review video

- **Timeline**

- 7:55 PM : download exam
  - 8:00 PM : start working on it
  - 8:40 PM : upload exam
  - 8:55 PM : done
- ] 40 min.

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- After this, late!
  - Do not email your exam to instructor!
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# Motivation

Depending on whether or not the dependent variable is written explicitly in terms of the independent variable, a function can be classified as an **explicit function** or an **implicit function**. For example:

- **Explicit functions** ( $y = f(x)$  form)

$$y = 3x^2 - 2x + 1, \quad y = e^{3x}, \quad y = \frac{x-2}{x^2 - 3x + 2}, \dots$$

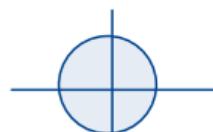
Any explicit functions  
can be expressed  
implicitly!

- **Implicit functions** ( $F(x, y) = 0$  form) → exotic (closed) curves.

$$\underbrace{e^{3x} - y}_{F(x,y)} = 0$$

$$y = \pm \sqrt[4]{4-x^2} \quad \leftarrow x^2 + y^2 = 4, \quad x^3 + y^3 = 9xy, \quad x^4 + 3x^2 = x^{2/3} + y^{2/3} + 1, \dots$$

circle.



Today's goals are:

- to learn how to differentiate implicit functions
- to derive more differentiation shortcuts using the new technique

# Implicit Differentiation

## Procedures

In order to differentiate an implicit function:

"input variable!"

- ① Differentiate the entire equation with respect to  $x$ .
- ② Solve for  $\frac{dy}{dx}$ .

## Note.

- In Step 1, keep in mind that  $y$  is actually a function of  $x$ .
- This inevitably requires an application of the chain rule.

even though the relation  
cannot be explicitly written

Question. Consider the curve defined by:

*y is a func of x.*

$$x^2 + y^2 = 1.$$

radius 1.

(unit circle)

by CR.

① Compute  $\frac{dy}{dx}$ .

Hit it w/  $\frac{d}{dx}$ :

$$2x + 2y \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

Solve for  $\frac{dy}{dx}$ :

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

$$\therefore \boxed{\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{x}{y}}$$

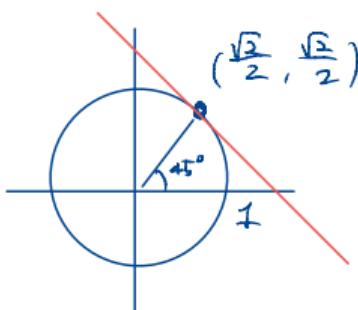
② Find the slope of the tangent line at

$$\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right).$$

x-coord.

y-coord.

slope of tangents.



$$\left[ \frac{dy}{dx} \right]_{\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)} = -\frac{\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}}{\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}} = \boxed{-1}$$

**Question.** Consider the curve defined by:

$$x^3 + y^3 = 9xy$$

*y is a func of x.*

$$y^3 = [f(x)]^3$$

- Take  $\frac{d}{dx}$ :  $3x^2 + 3y^2 \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = qy + qx \cdot \frac{dy}{dx}$

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Solve for  $\frac{dy}{dx}$ :

$$(-9x + 3y^2) \frac{dy}{dx} = -3x^2 + 9y$$

① Compute  $\frac{dy}{dx}$ .

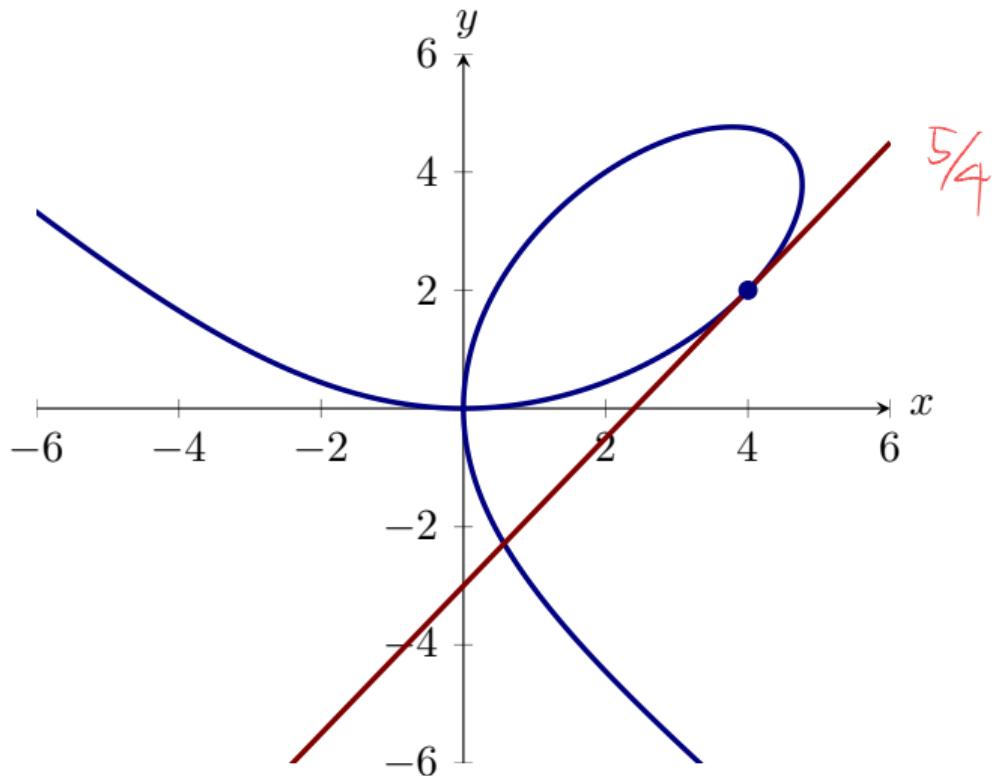
② Find the slope of the tangent line at  $(4, 2)$ .

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-3x^2 + 9y}{-9x + 3y^2}$$

$$\left[ \frac{dy}{dx} \right]_{(x,y)=(4,2)} = \frac{-3 \cdot 4^2 + 9 \cdot 2}{-9 \cdot 4 + 3 \cdot 2^2}$$

$$= \frac{+3/(16-6)}{+3/(12-4)} = \boxed{\frac{5}{4}}$$

Graph for the previous problem.



## Recall: Implicit differentiation

- Useful in differentiating functions defined "implicitly", e.g.,

$$x^2 + y^2 = 1 \quad \leftarrow$$

- Steps: To find  $\frac{dy}{dx} = y'$

① Take  $\frac{d}{dx}$ .

Regard  $y$  as a function of  $x$   
(Use chain rule)

② Solve for  $\frac{dy}{dx} = y'$ .

Ex

$$\frac{d}{dx} y^2 = 2y \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = 2y \cdot y'$$

$$\cdot \frac{d}{dx} e^{2y+1} = e^{2y+1} \cdot (2y' + 0) \\ = 2e^{2y+1} y'$$

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

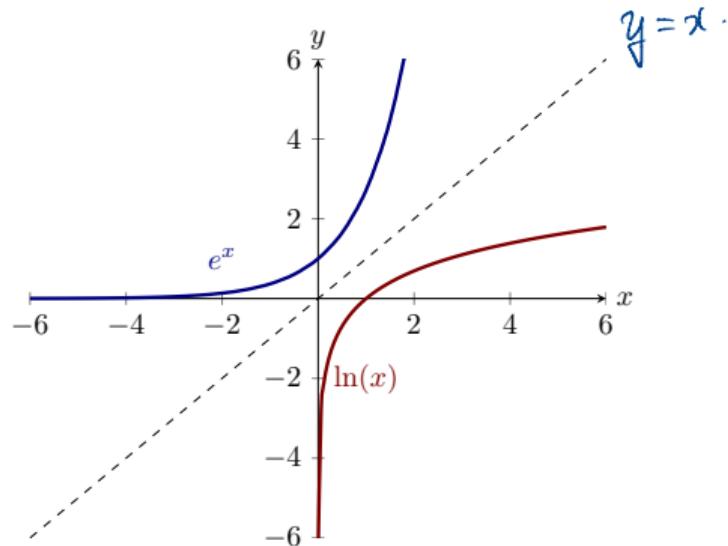
# Derivatives of Logarithmic Functions

- Recall that  $e^x$  and  $\ln(x)$  are inverses and thus their graphs are reflections of each other about  $y = x$ .

In particular, we can write  $y = \ln(x)$  as  $x = e^y$ .

- And we know that  $\frac{d}{dx} e^x = e^x$ .

$$e^y = e^{\ln(x)} = x$$



Question: What is  $\frac{d}{dx} \ln(x)$ ?

Imp. Diff.

Let  $y = \ln(x)$ . Want  $\frac{dy}{dx} = y'$ .

Rewrite:  $x = e^y$

① Take  $\frac{d}{dx}$ :  $1 = e^y \cdot y'$

② Solve for  $\frac{dy}{dx} = y'$ :  $y' = \frac{1}{e^y} = \frac{1}{x}$

## Theorem (The derivative of logarithm)

Let  $b > 0$  and  $b \neq 1$ . Then

Why?  $\rightarrow \frac{d}{dx} \log_b(x) = \frac{1}{x \ln(b)}$ . (General)

In particular, when  $b = e$ , the formula reduces to

$$\frac{d}{dx} \ln(x) = \frac{1}{x}. \quad (\text{Special})$$

When  $b = e$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \log_e(x) = \frac{1}{x \ln(e)} = 1$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \ln(x) = \frac{1}{x}.$$

Explanation. Let  $y = \log_b(x)$ . Want  $\frac{dy}{dx} = y'$ .

Rewrite:  $x = b^y = e^{(\ln b)y}$  change of bases.

Imp. Diff.: ① Take  $\frac{d}{dx}$ :  $1 = e^{(\ln b)y} \cdot \ln b \frac{dy}{dx} = y'$

② Solve for  $\frac{dy}{dx} = y'$ :  $y' = \frac{1}{e^{(\ln b)y} \ln b} = \boxed{\frac{1}{x \ln b}}$

deriv. of outer  
@ inner      deriv. of  
                    inner

Question. Compute:

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{1} \quad \frac{d}{dx} (-\ln(\cos(x))) &= - \frac{1}{\cos(x)} \cdot (-\sin(x)) \\ &\stackrel{\text{outer}}{\uparrow} \qquad \qquad \stackrel{\text{inner}}{\uparrow} \\ &= \frac{\sin(x)}{\cos(x)} = \boxed{\tan(x)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \frac{d}{dx} \log_7(x) = \boxed{\frac{1}{x \cdot \ln 7}}$$

# The Derivative of an Exponential Function

## Theorem (The derivative of an exponential function)

Let  $a$  be a positive real number. Then

$$\frac{d}{dx} a^x = a^x \cdot \ln(a) . \quad (\text{General}) \qquad a = e$$

Explanation.

change of bases

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} e^x &= e^x \cdot \cancel{\ln(e)}_1 \\ &= e^x \end{aligned} \quad (\text{Special})$$

Note:

$$\begin{aligned} a^x &= (e^{\ln a})^x \\ &= e^{(\ln a)x} \end{aligned}$$

So

$$\frac{d}{dx} a^x = \frac{d}{dx} e^{(\ln a)x} = e^{(\ln a)x} \cdot \ln a = a^x \ln a$$

**Question.** Compute

$$\frac{d}{dx} 7^x = 7^x \cdot \ln 7$$