

**FB1: Find  $y''$  using implicit differentiation of**

$$x^2 - y^2 = 5.$$

The second derivative  $y''$  can be found by implicit differentiation, i.e., differentiating both sides of the equation twice. The first derivative is found to be

$$2x - 2yy' = 0,$$

where both chain rule and difference rule is used on the left-hand side, while the right-hand side is found to be 0 because the derivative of a constant is always 0. Furthermore, the second derivative can be found using the product rule on the  $-2yy'$  term and simple differentiation on  $2x$  like this:

$$2 - 2(y'^2 + yy'') = 0.$$

Finally, rearranging for  $y''$  and dividing both sides by 2 gives

$$y'' = \frac{1 - y'^2}{y}.$$

**FB2: Prove by induction that  $n! \leq n^n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .**

Let the statement  $P(n)$  be that  $n! \leq n^n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . To prove a statement by induction, two steps have to be taken. Firstly, the base case has to be proven, which in this case is most easily done with  $n = 1$  because 1 is the smallest natural number. With the base case, the statement becomes

$$\begin{aligned} 1! &\leq 1^1 \\ \Rightarrow 1 &\leq 1, \end{aligned}$$

which results in a true statement. Secondly, the statement  $P(n)$  is assumed to be true. It can be restated as

$$n! \leq n^n.$$

The last step is to check whether  $P(n+1)$  can be proven by  $P(n)$ . To do that one needs to keep in mind what the right-hand side for  $P(n+1)$  is supposed to be, which is  $(n+1)^{n+1}$ . Therefore, the right-hand side of  $P(n)$  can be compared with a simplified version of this, which can be gained by comparing  $n$  and  $(n+1)$ , and then taking them both to the  $n$ th power (which can be done without falling into fallacies because both sides are positive ( $n$  being a natural number)) like this:

$$\begin{aligned} n &\leq n+1 \\ \Rightarrow n^n &\leq (n+1)^n. \end{aligned}$$

This can then be combined with  $P(n)$  to make

$$n! \leq n^n \leq (n+1)^n,$$

from which it can be concluded that

$$n! \leq (n+1)^n.$$

When multiplying both sides by  $(n+1)$ , which does not affect the inequality because it is a positive number, the statement becomes

$$\begin{aligned} (n+1)n! &\leq (n+1)(n+1)^n \\ \Rightarrow (n+1)! &\leq (n+1)^{n+1}. \end{aligned}$$

This is the same as statement  $P(n+1)$ , acquired from  $P(n)$ .

Therefore, since both steps of induction (the base case for  $n = 1$  and the induction step from  $P(n)$  to  $P(n+1)$ ) hold true, the statement  $P(n)$ , or  $n! \leq n^n$ , is proven true by the mathematical principle of induction.

**FB3: Suppose the roots of the equation  $2x^2 - 5x - 6 = 0$  are  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ . Find the quadratic equation with roots  $\frac{1}{\alpha}$  and  $\frac{1}{\beta}$ .**

To find the sum and product of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ , Vieta's formulas can be used, which state that

$$\alpha + \beta = \frac{5}{2}$$

and

$$\alpha\beta = -\frac{6}{2} = -3.$$

Furthermore, Vieta's formulas can also be used to find the coefficients of the new quadratic equation. The  $x$  term will be the negative value of the sum, which can be expressed as

$$\frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\beta} = \frac{\alpha + \beta}{\alpha\beta}.$$

And the constant term will be the product, which can be expressed as

$$\frac{1}{\alpha} \cdot \frac{1}{\beta} = \frac{1}{\alpha\beta}.$$

When the sum and product of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are inserted into these equations, the sum evaluates to

$$\frac{\frac{5}{2}}{-3} = -\frac{5}{6},$$

and the product becomes

$$\frac{1}{-3} = -\frac{1}{3}.$$

With these values, the new quadratic equation can be found, and it is

$$x^2 + \frac{5}{6}x - \frac{1}{3} = 0,$$

which can be simplified a bit by multiplying both sides by 6 and getting

$$6x^2 + 5x - 2 = 0.$$