

## Lecture 13: Implicit Differentiation

**Goal:** Differentiate functions of the form  $F(x, y) = 0$ . Use this to find the derivative of conic sections and inverse trigonometric functions.

Recall ① If  $y$  is a function of  $x$

$$\bullet \frac{d}{dx}(y^2) = 2y \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$[y(x)]^2$$

$$\bullet \sin(y) = \cos(y) \cdot \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$\bullet \ln(y) = \ln(y(x))$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\ln y) = \frac{1}{y} \cdot \frac{dy}{dx}$$

② Taking the derivative does not change equality

$$y - 2x - 1 = 0$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(y - 2x - 1) = \frac{d}{dx}(0)$$

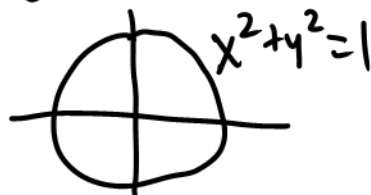
$$y' - 2 = 0$$

$$y' = 2$$

$$y = 2x + 1$$

$$y' = 2$$

Q: How can we find the slope of the tangent line of the unit circle?



A: Recognize that  $y$  is a function of  $x$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(x^2 + y^2) = \frac{d}{dx}(1)$$

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

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

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

Q: Can we write  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  solely as a function of  $x$ ?

A: Sometimes!

$$\begin{array}{l} x^2 + y^2 = 1 \\ y^2 = 1 - x^2 \\ y = \pm \sqrt{1 - x^2} \end{array} \quad \left| \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = \begin{cases} -\frac{x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} & \text{if } y > 0 \\ -\frac{x}{(-\sqrt{1-x^2})} & \text{if } y < 0 \end{cases}$$

$x^2 + y^2 = 1$  is an example of an implicit function of  $x$ . Finding  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  is called implicit differentiation

Ex/ Explicit Functions

$$y = f(x)$$

$$y = 2x - 1$$

$$y = \sin(x)$$

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

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = y'$$

Implicit Functions

$$F(x, y) = 0$$

$$x^2 + y^2 - 1 = 0$$

$$\sin(xy) = 0$$

$$e^{xy} + x^2 = 0$$

Ex/ Find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  for the elliptic curve

$$y^2 = x^3 - x - 1$$

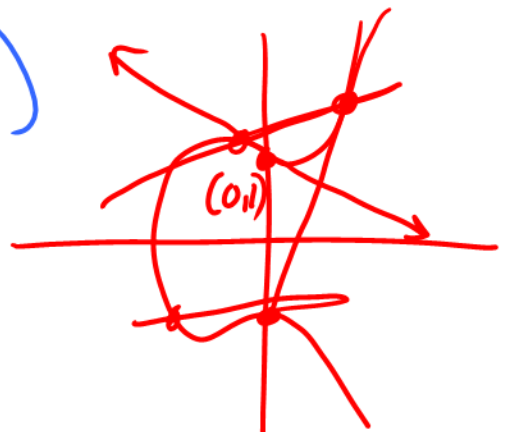
$$y = F(x)$$

at  $(x, y) = (0, 1)$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(y^2) = \frac{d}{dx}(x^3 - x - 1)$$

$$2y \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = 3x^2 - 1$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{3x^2 - 1}{2y}$$



$$\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{(0,1)} = \frac{3(0)^2 - 1}{2(1)} = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$[x \cdot y_{(x)}]'$$

Ex2/Find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  given  $\sin(xy) = x$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\sin(xy)) = \frac{d}{dx}(x)$$

$$\cos(xy) \cdot [xy]' = 1$$

$$\cos(xy) \left[ y + x \frac{dy}{dx} \right] = 1$$

$$y \cos(xy) + x \cos(xy) \frac{dy}{dx} = 1$$

$$x \cos(xy) \frac{dy}{dx} = 1 - y \cos(xy)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1 - y \cos(xy)}{x \cos(xy)}$$

Ex3/Find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  given  $xe^y = 9y$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(xe^y) = \frac{d}{dx}(9y)$$

$$e^y + xe^y \frac{dy}{dx} = 9 \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$xe^y \frac{dy}{dx} - 9 \frac{dy}{dx} = -e^y$$

$$(xe^y - 9) \frac{dy}{dx} = -e^y$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-e^y}{xe^y - 9} = \frac{e^y}{9 - xe^y}$$

Ex/ Fund  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  given  $\ln\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) = 6x$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\ln(x) - \ln(y)) = \frac{d}{dx}(6x)$$

$$(-1)\left(\frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{y} \cdot \frac{dy}{dx}\right) = (6)(-1)$$

$$-\frac{y}{x} + \frac{dy}{dx} = -6y$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y}{x} - 6y$$

Ex5/ Fund  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  for the algebraic curve

$$\frac{d}{dx}(y^3 + yx^2) = \frac{d}{dx}(x^3 + xy^2)$$

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

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

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

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

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

# Derivatives Of Inverse Trig Functions

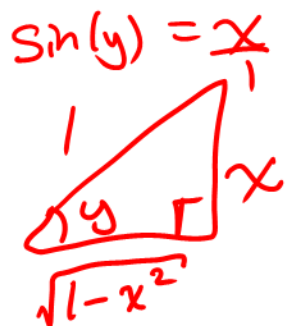
Ex 6/ Find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  if  $y = \sin^{-1}(x)$

$$\sin(y) = \sin(\sin^{-1}(x))$$
$$\frac{d}{dx}(\sin(y)) = \frac{d}{dx}(x)$$

$$\cos(y) \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = 1$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{\cos(y)}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

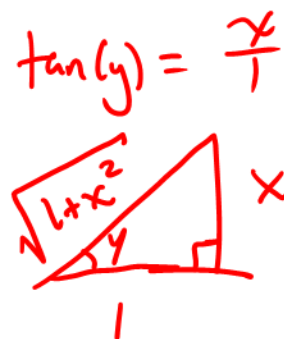


Ex 7/ Repeat for  $y = \tan^{-1}(x)$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\tan(y)) = \frac{d}{dx}(x)$$

$$\sec^2(y) \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = 1$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{\sec^2(y)} = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$$



## Other Examples

Ex/  $\frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y}\right) = \frac{d}{dx}(1)$

$$\left(-\frac{1}{x^2} - \frac{1}{y^2} \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = 0\right) (-y^2)$$

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

Recall  $\frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = -x^{-2} = -\frac{1}{x^2}$

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

$$\cancel{Ex} \sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y} = 4$$

$$\text{Recall } \frac{d}{dx}(\sqrt{x}) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y}) = \frac{d}{dx}(4)$$

$$\frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{y}} \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{2\sqrt{y}} \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}$$

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