

## 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  $x$ ,

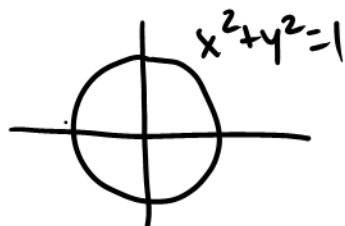
$$\bullet \frac{d}{dx}(y^2) = 2y \frac{dy}{dx} \quad \bullet \frac{d}{dx}[\ln(y)] = \frac{1}{y} \cdot \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}[\sin(y)] = \cos(y) \cdot \frac{dy}{dx}$$

② Taking the derivative does not change equality

$$\begin{array}{l|l} \frac{d}{dx}(y - 2x - 1) = \frac{d}{dx} 0 & y = 2x + 1 \\ y' - 2 = 0 & y' = 2 \\ y' = 2 & \end{array}$$

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

A: Sometimes!

$$\begin{aligned}x^2 + y^2 &= 1 \\y^2 &= 1 - x^2 \\y &= \pm \sqrt{1 - x^2}\end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \begin{cases} -\frac{x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} & \text{if } y > 0 \\ -\frac{x}{(-\sqrt{1-x^2})} & \text{if } y < 0 \end{cases}$$

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

Ex/ Explicit Functions

$$\begin{aligned}y &= f(x) \\y &= 2x + 1 \\y &= \sin x \\y &= \ln(x^2) \cdot \cos x\end{aligned}$$

Implicit Functions

$$\begin{aligned}F(x, y) &= 0 \\x^2 + y^2 - 1 &= 0 \\\ln(xy) &= 0 \\e^{xy} + x^2 &= 0\end{aligned}$$

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

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

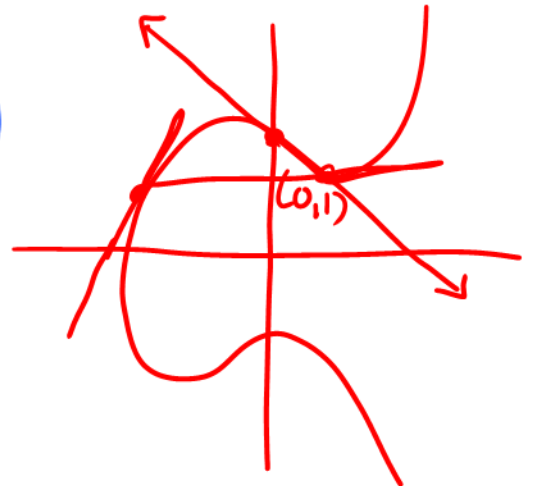
at  $(x, y) = (0, 1)$

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

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

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

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



Ex 2/ Find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  for  $\sin(xy) = x$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\sin(xy)) = \frac{d}{dx}(x) \quad (xy)' = (x)'y + x(y)'$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ex 3/ Find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  given  $xe^y = 9y$

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

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

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

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

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

Ex 4/ Find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  given  $\ln\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) = 6x$

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

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

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

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

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

Ex/Fund  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  given the algebraic curve

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

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

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

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

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

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

# Derivatives of Inverse Trig Functions

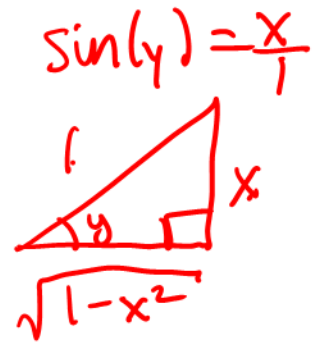
Ex 6/ Compute  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  if  $y = \sin^{-1}(x)$

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

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

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

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{\cos(y)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$



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

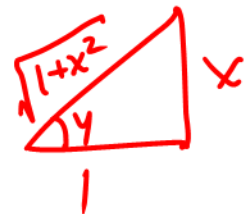
$$\frac{d}{dx}(\tan(y)) = \frac{d}{dx}(x)$$

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

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

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

$\tan(y) = \frac{x}{1}$



## Other Examples

Ex/  $\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} = 1$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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