

2.5 Implicit Differentiation

y is an explicit function of x :
" implicit " "

$$y = \pm \sqrt{25 - x^2}$$
$$x^2 + y^2 = 25$$

Ex: y depends on x
Find:

a) $\frac{d}{dx} [x^2]$
 $= 2x$

b) $\frac{d}{dx} [y^2]$
 $= 2y \frac{dy}{dx}$ Chain Rule

c) $\frac{d}{dx} [(4x^2)y^3]$
 $= 4x^2 (3y^2 \frac{dy}{dx}) + y^3 (8x)$
 $= 12x^2 y^2 \frac{dy}{dx} + 8xy^3$

Ex: Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ given $x^2 + y^2 = 25$

1) Take $\frac{d}{dx}$

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

2) Solve for $\frac{dy}{dx}$

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

Ex: Find the tangent line to $x^3 + y^3 = 9xy$
at $(2, 4)$

Need $\frac{dy}{dx}$

$(9x)y$

1) Take $\frac{d}{dx}$

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

2) Solve for $\frac{dy}{dx}$

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

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

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

$$\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{(2,4)} = \frac{24}{30} \text{ or } \frac{4}{5}$$

$$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$$

$$y - 4 = \frac{4}{5}(x - 2)$$

$$y - 4 = \frac{4}{5}x - \frac{8}{5}$$

$$y = \frac{4}{5}x - \frac{8}{5} + 4$$

$$y = \frac{4}{5}x + \frac{12}{5}$$

Ex: Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ given $x^4 y + y^4 = 1 + \sin(xy)$

1) Take $\frac{d}{dx}$:

$$x^4 \frac{dy}{dx} + y(4x^3) + 4y^3 \frac{dy}{dx} = \cos(xy) [x \frac{dy}{dx} + y(1)]$$

$$x^4 \frac{dy}{dx} + 4x^3 y + 4y^3 \frac{dy}{dx} = x \cos(xy) \frac{dy}{dx} + y \cos(xy)$$

$$[x^4 + 4y^3 - x \cos(xy)] \frac{dy}{dx} = y \cos(xy) - 4x^3 y$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y \cos(xy) - 4x^3 y}{x^4 + 4y^3 - x \cos(xy)}$$