

### 3.6: Implicit differentiation

EXAMPLE 1. Find  $y'$  if the  $y = y(x)$  satisfies the equation  $xy = 5$  for all values of  $x$  in its domain and evaluate  $y'(5)$ .

Solution 1 (by explicit differentiation):

Solution 2 (by implicit differentiation):

EXAMPLE 2. (a) If  $x^2 + y^2 = 16$  find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$ .

(b) Find the equation of the tangent line to  $x^2 + y^2 = 16$  at the point  $(2, 2\sqrt{3})$ .

EXAMPLE 3. Find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  for the following:

(a)  $4x^3 + 2y^2 = 4xy^5 + y$

(b)  $x^3 - \cot(xy^2) = x \cos y$

DEFINITION 4. Two curves are said to be **orthogonal** if at the point(s) of their intersection, their tangent lines are orthogonal(perpendicular). In this case we also say that the angle between these curves is  $\frac{\pi}{2}$ .

Illustration: Consider two families of curves:

$$x^2 + y^2 = r^2, \quad y = kx,$$

where  $r$  and  $k$  are real parameters.

EXAMPLE 5. Are these curves orthogonal?

$$x^2 - y^2 = 5, \quad 4x^2 + 9y^2 = 72$$