

§ 2.6 | Implicit Differentiation

* y defined explicitly in terms of x : $y = \sqrt{x^5 + 1}$; $y = \tan(x^2 + 1/x)$; $y = x \cos x$

* y defined implicitly in terms of x : $x^2 + y^2 = 25$; $x^3 + y^3 = 6xy$

Very difficult to solve explicitly.

① Curve: $\frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{y^2}{9} = 1$.

a). $\frac{dy}{dx} = ?$ Differentiate both sides w.r.t x :

$$\frac{2x}{4} + \frac{2y \cdot y'}{9} = 0$$

Chain Rule: $\frac{d}{dx}(y^2) = 2y(x) \cdot y'(x)$

Solve for y' :

$$\frac{1}{2}x + \frac{2}{9}y \cdot y' = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{2}{9}y \cdot y' = -\frac{1}{2}x \Rightarrow y' = \frac{9}{2} \frac{1}{y} \left(-\frac{1}{2}x\right) = \left(\frac{-9}{4} \frac{x}{y}\right)$$

b). Eqn. of tangent line to curve @ $\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{4}\sqrt{15}\right)$?

Point: $(x_0, y(x_0)) = \left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{4}\sqrt{15}\right)$

$$\text{slope: } -\frac{9}{4} \frac{x}{y(x)} \Big|_{x=x_0=1/2} = -\frac{9}{4} \cdot \frac{1/2}{\frac{3}{4}\sqrt{15}} = -\frac{3}{2\sqrt{15}}$$

$$y - \frac{3}{4}\sqrt{15} = -\frac{3}{2\sqrt{15}} \left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

② Curve: $x^2 + 2xy = 5y^3 + 3$

a). $\frac{dy}{dx} = ?$ $2x + 2y + 2xy' = 15y^2 \cdot y'$

$$2x + 2y = (15y^2 - 2x)y'; \quad y' = \frac{2x + 2y}{15y^2 - 2x}$$

b). Tangent line @ $(2, 1)$?

Point: $(x_0, y_0) = (2, 1)$

$$\text{slope: } y'(x_0) = \frac{2x_0 + 2y_0}{15y_0^2 - 2x_0} = \frac{2 \cdot 2 + 2 \cdot 1}{15 \cdot 1^2 - 2 \cdot 2} = \frac{6}{11}$$

$$y - 1 = \frac{6}{11}(x - 2)$$

③ Curve: $2xy^3 = xy + 5$
Tangent line at $(5, 1)$?

$$y'(5) = \frac{1 - 2 \cdot 1^3}{6 \cdot 5 \cdot 1^2 - 5} = \frac{-1}{25}$$

$$2y^3 + 6xy^2y' = y + xy'$$

$$(6xy^2 - x)y' = y - 2y^3$$

$$y' = \frac{y - 2y^3}{6xy^2 - x}$$

Tgt. line: $y - 1 = \frac{-1}{25}(x - 5)$

④ Curve: $2xy - \pi \cos(y) = 13\pi$
Tangent line at $(6, \pi)$?

$$y'(6) = \frac{-2\pi}{12 + \pi \sin \pi} = \frac{-\pi}{6}$$

$$2y + 2xy' + \pi \sin(y) \cdot y' = 0$$

$$(2x + \pi \sin y)y' = -2y$$

$$y' = \frac{-2y}{2x + \pi \sin y}$$

Tgt. line: $y - \pi = \frac{-\pi}{6}(x - 6)$

⑤ Curve: $y^2 + 5x = x^2y - 40$, and $y(4) = 6$. Tangent line at $(4, 6)$?

$$2yy' + 5 = 2xy + x^2y'$$

$$(2y - x^2)y' = 2xy - 5$$

$$y'(4) = \frac{2 \cdot 24 - 5}{12 - 16} = \frac{43}{-4}$$

$$y' = \frac{2xy - 5}{2y - x^2}$$

Tgt. line: $y - 6 = -\frac{43}{4}(x - 4)$

⑥ Curve: $x^2 + 2x + xy = 8$

a). $\frac{dy}{dx} = ?$ $2x + 2 + y + xy' = 0 \Rightarrow y' = \frac{-2x - 2 - y}{x}$

b). Express y' as a function of x only.

$$x^2 + 2x + xy = 8 \Rightarrow y = \frac{8 - x^2 - 2x}{x} = \frac{8}{x} - x - 2 \Rightarrow y' = \frac{-2x - 2 - \frac{8}{x} + x + 2}{x}$$

c). Express y'' as a function of x only.

$$y' = -1 - \frac{8}{x^2} \Rightarrow y'' = \frac{16}{x^3}$$

$$= \frac{-x - \frac{8}{x}}{x} = -1 - \frac{8}{x^2}$$

⑦ Curve: $\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y} = 4$.
 $y' = ?$

$$\frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{y}}y' = 0 \Rightarrow y' = \frac{-\sqrt{y}}{\sqrt{x}}$$

⑧ Curve: $-16(x^2 + y^2)^2 = 200(x^2 - y^2)$. Find slope of tgt. line at $(1, -3)$?

$$-16 \cdot 2(x^2 + y^2)(2x + 2yy') = 200(2x - 2yy') \quad | \cdot \frac{1}{8}$$

$$-8x(x^2 + y^2) - 8yy'(x^2 + y^2) = 50x - 50yy'$$

$$(50y - 8y(x^2 + y^2))y' = 50x + 8x(x^2 + y^2)$$

$$y' = \frac{50x + 8x(x^2 + y^2)}{50y - 8y(x^2 + y^2)} \Rightarrow y'(1) = \frac{50 + 8 \cdot 10}{-150 + 24 \cdot 10} = \frac{130}{90} = \frac{13}{9}$$