

Questions on the Chain Rule?

## 4.2 Implicit Differentiation

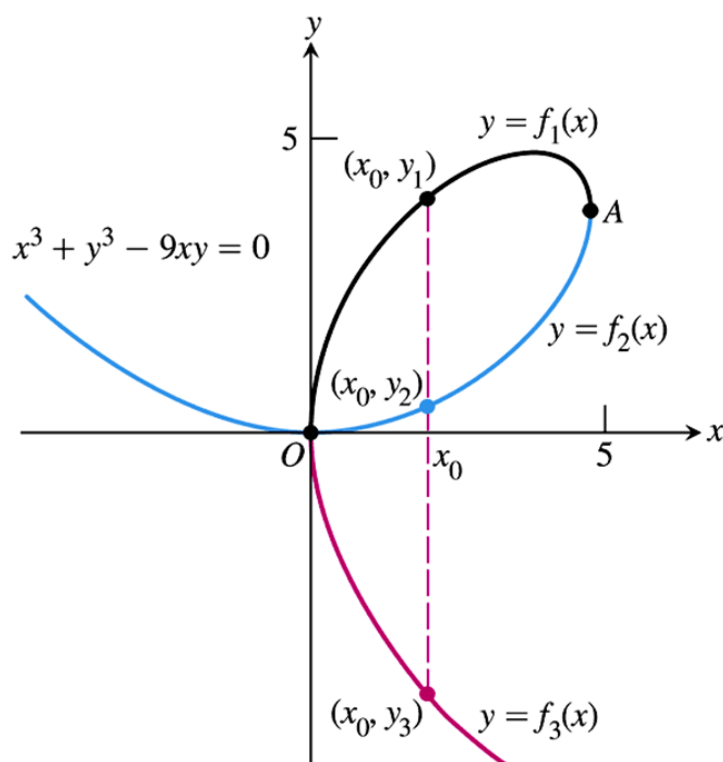
An important problem in Calculus is how to find the slope when the function can't conveniently be solved for  $y$ . Instead,  $y$  is treated as a differentiable function of  $x$  and both sides of the equation are differentiated with respect to  $x$ , using the appropriate rules for sums, products, quotients and the Chain rule. Then solve for  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  in terms of  $x$  and  $y$  together to obtain a formula that calculates the slope at any point  $(x, y)$  on the graph.

The process by which we find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  is called **implicit differentiation**.

The phrase derives from the fact that the equation

$$x^3 + y^3 - 9xy = 0$$

defines the functions  $f_1, f_2$  and  $f_3$  implicitly (i.e., hidden inside the equation), without giving us *explicit* formulas to work with.



**EXAMPLE 2 Finding Slope of**  
 Find the slope of the circle  $x^2 + y^2 = 25$   
**SOLUTION**  
 The circle is not the graph of a single two differentiable functions,  $y_1 = \sqrt{25 - x^2}$   
 The point  $(3, -4)$  lies on the graph of the lower semicircle. We find the slope explicitly:

$$\frac{dy_2}{dx} \Big|_{x=3} = -\frac{-2x}{2\sqrt{25-x^2}} = \frac{x}{\sqrt{25-x^2}}$$

But we can also find this slope more easily by differentiating the equation of the circle implicitly with respect to  $x$ :

$$\frac{d}{dx}(x^2 + y^2) = \frac{d}{dx}(25)$$

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

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

The slope at  $(3, -4)$  is

$$-\frac{x}{y} \Big|_{(3, -4)} = -\frac{3}{-4} = \frac{3}{4}$$

The implicit solution, besides being computationally simpler, is a formula that applies at any point on the circle (except, of course, at the top and bottom where the slope is undefined). The explicit solution derived from the formula above applies only to the upper half of the circle.

**Figure 4.9** The circle combines the graphs of two functions. The graph of  $y_2$  is the lower semicircle and passes through  $(3, -4)$ . (Example 2)

Handwritten notes in red:  $x^2 + y^2 = 25$ ,  $y_1 = \sqrt{25 - x^2}$ ,  $y_2 = -\sqrt{25 - x^2}$

# Implicit Differentiation Process

1. Differentiate both sides of the equation with respect to  $x$ .

2. Collect the terms with  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  on one side of the equation.

3. Factor out  $\frac{dy}{dx}$ .

4. Solve for  $\frac{dy}{dx}$ .

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

## Examples

1.  $\frac{d}{dx}(x^2 - 2xy + y^2 = 4)$

$$\frac{d}{dx} x^2 - \frac{d}{dx} 2xy + \frac{d}{dx} y^2 = \frac{d}{dx} 4$$

$$(x-y)^2=4 \quad 2x - 2(x \frac{dy}{dx} + y \cdot 1) + 2y \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

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

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

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

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

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 1$$

2. Find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  for  $2y = x^2 + \sin y$ .

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

$$- \cos y \frac{dy}{dx}$$

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

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

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

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3. Find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  for the function  $x^2 + xy + y^2 = 7$ .

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

$$2x + xy' + y \cdot 1 + 2yy' = 0$$

$$2x + y = -2yy' - xy'$$

$$\frac{2x+y}{-2y-x} = \frac{(-2y-x)y'}{-2y-x}$$

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

## AP Problems!!

4. If  $\sin(xy) = x$  then  $\frac{dy}{dx} =$

(A)  $\frac{1}{\cos(xy)}$

(B)  $\frac{1}{x \cos(xy)}$

(C)  $\frac{1 - \cos(xy)}{\cos(xy)}$

(D)  $\frac{1 - y \cos(xy)}{x \cos(xy)}$

(E)  $\frac{y(1 - \cos(xy))}{x}$

$$\begin{aligned} \cos(xy) \cdot (xy' + y \cdot 1) &= 1 \\ \cos(xy) \cdot xy' + \cos(xy) \cdot y &= 1 \\ xy' \cdot \cos(xy) &= 1 - y \cos(xy) \\ \frac{xy' \cdot \cos(xy)}{x \cos(xy)} &= \frac{1 - y \cos(xy)}{x \cos(xy)} \\ y' &= \frac{1 - y \cos(xy)}{x \cos(xy)} \end{aligned}$$

5. If  $4x^2 + 2xy + 3y = 9$ , then the value of  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  at the point  $(2, -1)$  is

(A)  $-\frac{1}{2}$

(B)  $\frac{1}{2}$

(C) 2

(D) -2

(E) none of these

$$8x + 2(xy' + y) + 3y' = 0$$

$$8x + 2xy' + 2y + 3y' = 0$$

$$\frac{8x + 2y}{-2x - 3} = \frac{(-2x - 3)y'}{-2x - 3}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{8x + 2y}{-2x - 3} = y'}$$

$$(2, -1) \rightarrow \frac{8 \cdot 2 + 2 \cdot (-1)}{-2 \cdot 2 - 3} = \frac{14}{-7} = \boxed{-2}$$

Slopes and tangent lines:

Write the equation(s) of the tangent(s) to  $x^2 + xy - y^2 = 1$  at the point where  $x = 2$ .

$$2x + xy' + y - 2yy' = 0$$

$$\frac{2x+y}{2y-x} = \frac{(2y-x)y'}{2y-x}$$

$$\frac{2x+y}{2y-x} = y' \quad \begin{matrix} (2, 3) \\ (2, -1) \end{matrix}$$

$$2^2 + 2y - y^2 = 1 \quad -4$$

$$0 = y^2 - 2y - 3$$

$$0 = (y-3)(y+1)$$

$$y = 3, -1$$

$$(2, 3) \rightarrow \frac{2 \cdot 2 + 3}{2 \cdot 3 - 2} = \frac{7}{4}$$

$$(2, -1) \rightarrow \frac{2 \cdot 2 + (-1)}{2 \cdot (-1) - 2} = \frac{3}{-4}$$

$$y - 3 = \frac{7}{4}(x - 2)$$

$$y = \frac{7}{4}x - \frac{7}{2} + 3$$

$$y = \frac{7}{4}x - \frac{1}{2}$$

$$y + 1 = -\frac{3}{4}(x - 2)$$

$$y = -\frac{3}{4}x + \frac{3}{2} - 1$$

$$y = -\frac{3}{4}x + \frac{1}{2}$$

Second derivatives:

Find  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$  of  $2x^3 - 3y^2 = 8$ 

$$6x^2 - 6yy' = 0$$

$$\frac{6x^2}{6y} = \frac{6yy'}{6y}$$

$$\frac{x^2}{y} = y'$$

2<sup>nd</sup> der:

$$\frac{y \cdot 2x - x^2 \cdot y'}{y^2}$$

$$\frac{2xy - x^2 \left(\frac{x^2}{y}\right)}{y^2}$$

$$\frac{\frac{y}{y} \cdot 2xy - \frac{x^4}{y}}{y^2}$$

$$\frac{2xy^2 - x^4}{y^3}$$

$$= \frac{2xy^2 - x^4}{y^3}$$

# Homework

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