

AP Calculus – 3.2 Notes – Implicit Differentiation

Recall:

Explicit equation

$$y = x + 16$$

Implicit equation

$$x^2 + y^2 = 16$$

Chain Rule and Implicit Differentiation

In terms of x	In terms of y
$\frac{d}{dx}x = 1\left(\frac{dx}{dx}\right) = 1$	$\frac{d}{dx}y = 1\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)$
$\frac{d}{dx}x^2 = 2x\left(\frac{dx}{dx}\right) = 2x$	$\frac{d}{dx}y^2 = 2y\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)$
$\frac{d}{dx}e^{5x} = e^{5x} \cdot 5\left(\frac{dx}{dx}\right) = 5e^{5x}$	$\frac{d}{dx}e^{5y} = 5e^{5y}\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)$

Implicit Differentiation Example: Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ for $y^2 - 5x^3 = 3y$

Step 1: Take the derivative. Each time the derivative of "y" is involved, include a $\frac{dy}{dx}$.

$$2y\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right) - 15x^2 = 3\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)$$

Step 2: Gather all terms with $\frac{dy}{dx}$ on the left side, everything else on the right.

$$2y\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right) - 3\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right) = 15x^2$$

Step 3: Factor out the $\frac{dy}{dx}$ if necessary, to create only one $\frac{dy}{dx}$ term.

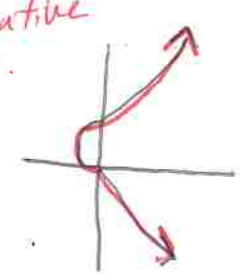
$$\frac{dy}{dx}(2y - 3) = 15x^2$$

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

$$\boxed{\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{15x^2}{2y - 3}}$$

2 instances of y in the starting equation means that 2 instances of $\frac{dy}{dx}$ will show in the derivative equation

this is simply the slope formula or derivative equation for the original equation curve.



1. $y^3 - 2x = x^4 + 2y$

$$3y^2\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right) - 2 = 4x^3 + 2\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)$$

$$3y^2\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right) - 2\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right) = 4x^3 + 2$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx}(3y^2 - 2) = 4x^3 + 2$$

$$\boxed{\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{4x^3 + 2}{3y^2 - 2}}$$

2. $\sin(xy) = 10x$

* Chain Rule $\frac{d}{dx} \sin u = \cos u \cdot u'$

* Product Rule

$$\cos(xy) \cdot \left[(1)(y) + (x)\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right) \right] = 10$$

$$y \cos(xy) + x \cos(xy) \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = 10$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} \cdot x \cos(xy) = 10 - y \cos(xy)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{10 - y \cos(xy)}{x \cos(xy)} \rightarrow \frac{10}{x \cos(xy)} - \frac{y \cos(xy)}{x \cos(xy)}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{10 \sec(xy) - y}{x}$$

Derivative at a point – implicit differentiation.

3. Find the equation of all tangent lines for $x^2 + y^2 = 4$ when $x = 1$

$$2x + 2y \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right) = 0$$

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

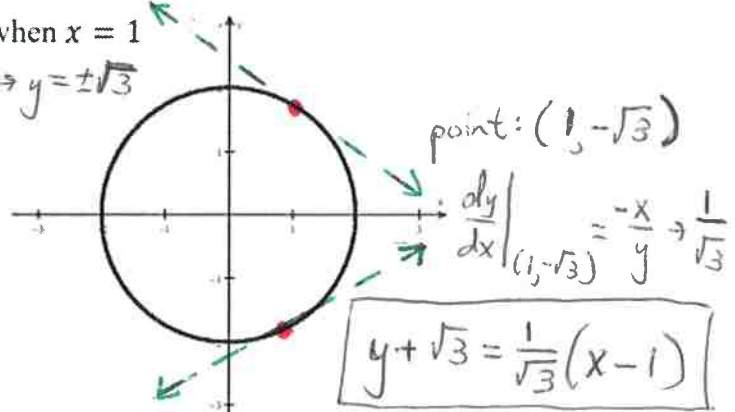
$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-2x}{2y} = \frac{-x}{y}$$

point: $(1)^2 + y^2 = 4 \Rightarrow y^2 = 3 \Rightarrow y = \pm\sqrt{3}$

point: $(1, \sqrt{3})$

slope: $\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{(1, \sqrt{3})} = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{3}}$

$$y - \sqrt{3} = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{3}}(x - 1)$$



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

Horizontal and Vertical Tangent Lines

Horizontal tangent lines exist when the slope, $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$

** set numerator of $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$*

Vertical tangent lines exist when the slope, $\frac{dy}{dx}$ is undefined

** set denominator of $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$*

4. Find all horizontal tangent lines of the graph $3x^2 + 2y^2 = 16$.

$$6x + 4y \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right) = 0 \quad | \quad -3x = 0$$

$$4y \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right) = -6x \quad | \quad \underline{x=0}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-6x}{4y} = \frac{-3x}{2y} \quad | \quad 3(0)^2 + 2y^2 = 16$$

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

$$2y^2 = 16$$

$$y^2 = 8$$

$$y = \pm\sqrt{8}$$

Practice Problems:

5. Find all vertical tangent lines of the graph $3x^2 + 2y^2 = 16$.

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-3x}{2y} \quad | \quad 2y = 0$$

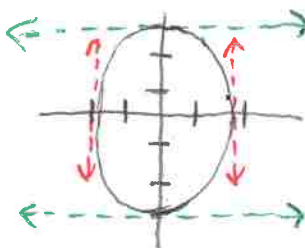
$$y = 0$$

$$3x^2 + 2(0)^2 = 16$$

$$3x^2 = 16 \quad | \quad x = \pm\sqrt{\frac{16}{3}}$$

$$x^2 = \frac{16}{3}$$

$$x = \pm\frac{4}{\sqrt{3}}$$



chain Rule
 $\frac{d}{dx} \sin u = \cos u \cdot u'$

Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$.

1. $5x^2 + 2y^3 = 4$

$$10x + 6y^2 \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right) = 0$$

$$6y^2 \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right) = -10x$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-10x}{6y^2} \rightarrow \frac{-5x}{3y^2}$$

2. $5y^2 + 3 = x^2$

$$10y \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right) + 0 = 2x$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2x}{10y} = \frac{x}{5y}$$

3. $\sin(x + y) = 2x$

$$\cos(x+y) \cdot \left[1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right) \right] = 2$$

$$\cos(x+y) + \frac{dy}{dx} [\cos(x+y)] = 2$$

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

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2 - \cos(x+y)}{\cos(x+y)} \text{ or } \sec(x+y) - 1$$

$$4. 4x + 1 = \cos y^2$$

$$4 + 0 = -\sin(y^2) \cdot 2y \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)$$

$$4 = -2y \sin(y^2) \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)$$

$$\frac{4}{-2y \sin(y^2)} = \frac{dy}{dx}$$

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

$$5. 5x^2 - e^{4y^2} = -6$$

$$10x - e^{4y^2} \cdot 8y \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right) = 0$$

$$-8ye^{4y^2} \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right) = -10x$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{5x}{4ye^{4y^2}}$$

$$6. \ln(y^3) = 5x + 3$$

$$3 \ln y = 5x + 3$$

$$3 \left(\frac{1}{y}\right) \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right) = 5$$

$$\frac{3}{y} \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right) = 5$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 5 \cdot \frac{y}{3} \rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{5y}{3}$$

$$7. x^2 = 4y^3 + 5y^2$$

$$2x = 12y^2 \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right) + 10y \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)$$

$$2x = \frac{dy}{dx} (12y^2 + 10y)$$

$$\frac{2x}{12y^2 + 10y} = \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x}{6y^2 + 5y}$$

$$8. 5x^3 - 2y = 5y^3$$

$$15x^2 - 2 \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right) = 15y^2 \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)$$

$$15x^2 = 2 \frac{dy}{dx} + 15y^2 \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)$$

$$15x^2 = \frac{dy}{dx} (2 + 15y^2)$$

$$\frac{15x^2}{2 + 15y^2} = \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$9. \ln y^2 + \cos^2 x = 1 - y$$

$$2 \ln y + [\cos x]^2 = 1 - y$$

$$2 \left(\frac{1}{y}\right) \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right) + 2[\cos x] \cdot -\sin x = 0 - 1 \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)$$

$$\frac{2}{y} \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right) + 1 \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right) = 2 \sin x \cos x$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} \left(\frac{2}{y} + 1\right) = 2 \sin x \cos x$$

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

$$10. \sin\left(\frac{y}{2}\right) + e^y = 4x$$

$$\cos\left(\frac{y}{2}\right) \cdot \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right) + e^y \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right) = 4$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} \left[\frac{1}{2} \cos\left(\frac{y}{2}\right) + e^y\right] = 4$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{4}{\frac{1}{2} \cos\left(\frac{y}{2}\right) + e^y}$$

$$11. x^3 + y^3 = 6xy$$

← product Rule

$$3x^2 + 3y^2 \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right) = 6 \cdot y + 6x \cdot \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)$$

$$3y^2 \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right) - 6x \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right) = 6y - 3x^2$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} (3y^2 - 6x) = 6y - 3x^2$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{6y - 3x^2}{3y^2 - 6x} \rightarrow \frac{\cancel{3}(2y - x^2)}{\cancel{3}(y^2 - 2x)} \rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2y - x^2}{y^2 - 2x}$$

$$12. \frac{x}{\sin y} = 5$$

$$5 \sin y = x$$

$$5 \cos y \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right) = 1$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{5 \cos y}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\sec y}{5}$$

$$13. \ln x e^{3y} = 2y^2$$

$$\frac{1}{x} \cdot e^{3y} + \ln x \cdot e^{3y} \cdot 3 \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right) = 4y \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)$$

$$3e^{3y} \ln x \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right) - 4y \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right) = \frac{-e^{3y}}{x}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} (3e^{3y} \ln x - 4y) = \frac{-e^{3y}}{x}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-e^{3y}}{x(3e^{3y} \ln x - 4y)}$$

Find the slope of the tangent line at the given point. Show work.

14. $2 = 3x^4 + xy^4$ at $(-1, 1)$

$$0 = 12x^3 + (1) \cdot y^4 + x \cdot 4y^3 \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)$$

$$-4xy^3 \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right) = 12x^3 + y^4$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{12x^3 + y^4}{-4xy^3}$$

$$\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{(-1,1)} = \frac{12(-1)^3 + 1^4}{-4(-1)(1)^3} = \frac{-12+1}{4} \rightarrow \boxed{\frac{-11}{4}}$$

15. $x \ln y = 4 - 2x$ at $(2, 1)$

$$1 \cdot \ln y + x \cdot \frac{1}{y} \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right) = 0 - 2$$

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

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

$$\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{(2,1)} = \frac{1(-2 - \ln 1)}{2}$$

$$= \frac{-2}{2} \rightarrow \boxed{-1}$$

Find the equation of the tangent line at the given point.

16. $x^2 + y^2 + 19 = 2x + 12y$ at $(4, 3)$

$$2x + 2y \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right) + 0 = 2 + 12 \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)$$

$$2y \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right) - 12 \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right) = 2 - 2x$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} (2y - 12) = 2 - 2x$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2 - 2x}{2y - 12}$$

$$\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{(4,3)} = \frac{2 - 2(4)}{2(3) - 12} \rightarrow \frac{-6}{-6} = 1$$

point: $(4, 3)$

slope: $m = 1$

$$\boxed{y - 3 = 1(x - 4)}$$

point: $(\pi/4, \pi/2)$

slope: $m = 2$

17. $x \sin 2y = y \cos 2x$ at $(\pi/4, \pi/2)$

$$1 \cdot \sin 2y + x \cdot \cos(2y) \cdot 2 \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right) = 1 \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right) \cos 2x + y \cdot \sin 2x \cdot 2$$

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

$$\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{(\pi/4, \pi/2)} = \frac{-\sin(2 \cdot \pi/2) - 2(\pi/2) \sin(2 \cdot \pi/4)}{2(\pi/4) \cos(2 \cdot \pi/2) - \cos(2 \cdot \pi/4)} \rightarrow \frac{0 - \pi}{-\pi/2 - 0} \rightarrow \boxed{2}$$

$$\rightarrow \boxed{y - \frac{\pi}{2} = 2(x - \frac{\pi}{4})}$$

Find the equations of all horizontal and vertical tangent lines. Calculator allowed. Round to three decimals.

18. $x^2 + x + 2y^2 = 8$

$$2x + 1 + 4y \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right) = 0$$

$$4y \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right) = -2x - 1$$

$$\boxed{\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-2x - 1}{4y}}$$

set numerator = 0 to find horizontal tangent

set denominator = 0 for vertical tangents

$$-2x - 1 = 0 \quad -2x = 1$$

$$x = -1/2 \text{ when } x = -1/2$$

$$\left(\frac{-1}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{-1}{2}\right) + 2y^2 = 8$$

$$2y^2 = \frac{1}{4} + 8$$

$$y = \pm \sqrt{4.125}$$

$$4y = 0 \rightarrow y = 0$$

$$x^2 + x + 0 = 8$$

Horizontal: $y = \pm \sqrt{4.125}$

Vertical: $x = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{33}}{2}$ or $x = -3.372, 2.372$

$$x^2 + x - 8 = 0 \quad \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1^2 - 4(1)(-8)}}{2(1)} \rightarrow \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{33}}{2}$$

19. $x + y = y^2$

$$1 + 1 \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right) = 2y \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)$$

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

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

$$1 - 2y = 0 \quad 1 = 2y$$

$$y = 1/2$$

$$x + \frac{1}{2} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2$$

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

Horizontal: none

Vertical: $x = -1/4$

slope perpendicular to
to tangent line

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

20. Find the slope of the normal line to $y = x + \cos(xy)$ at $(0,1)$.

$$1 \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right) = 1 + -\sin(xy) \cdot \left[1 + x \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right) \right]$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} \Big|_{(0,1)} = \frac{1 - 1 \sin(0)}{1 + 0 \sin(0)} \rightarrow 1$$

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

$$m_1 = 1 \text{ so } m_2 = -\frac{1}{1} = -1$$

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

(A) 1

(B) -1

(C) 0

(D) 2

(E) Undefined

21. The graph of $f(x)$, shown below, consists of a semicircle and two line segments. $f'(1) =$

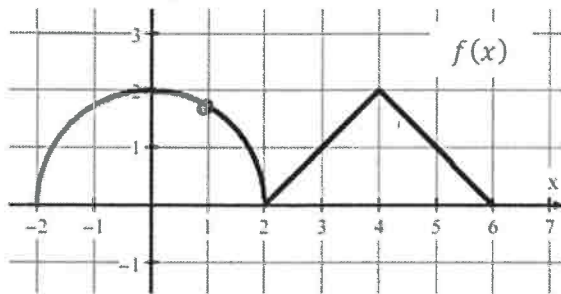
Circle equation: $x^2 + y^2 = r^2 \rightarrow (x-h)^2 + (y-k)^2 = r^2$

$$(x-0)^2 + (y-0)^2 = 2^2$$

$$x^2 + y^2 = 4$$

$$2x + 2y \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right) = 0$$

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



(A) -1

(B) $-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$

(C) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$

(D) 1

(E) $\sqrt{3}$

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

*point of graph at $x=1 \rightarrow (1)^2 + y^2 = 4 \rightarrow y^2 = 4-1=3$
 $y = \sqrt{3}$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} \Big|_{(1, \sqrt{3})} = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

point is $x^2(1) + (1)^2 = 5$

$$x^2 = 4 \rightarrow x = \pm\sqrt{4} \rightarrow x = 2, -2$$

22. Find the value(s) of $\frac{dy}{dx}$ of $x^2y + y^2 = 5$ at $y = 1$.

$$2x \cdot y + x^2 \cdot \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right) + 2y \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right) = 0 \quad \frac{dy}{dx} \Big|_{(2,1)} = \frac{-2(2)(1)}{2^2 + 2(1)} \rightarrow \frac{-4}{6} = \frac{-2}{3}$$

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

$$\frac{dy}{dx} \Big|_{(-2,1)} = \frac{-2(-2)(1)}{(-2)^2 + 2(1)} \rightarrow \frac{4}{6} = \frac{2}{3}$$

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

(A) $-\frac{2}{3}$ only

(B) $-\frac{2}{3}$ only

(C) $\frac{2}{3}$ only

(D) $\pm \frac{2}{3}$

(E) $\pm \frac{3}{2}$