

## Math 121 3.6-1st Implicit Differentiation

3.6-2nd Related Rates is an application of implicit diff.

### Objective

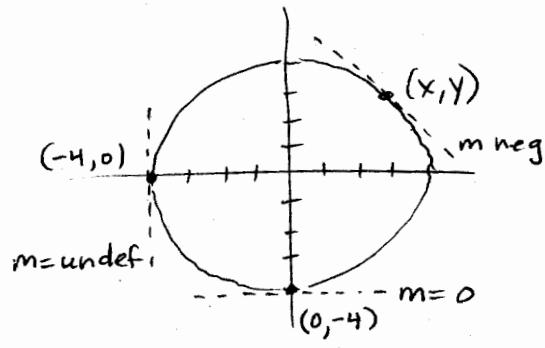
- 1) Recognize when implicit differentiation can/should/must be done
- 2) Find a derivative using the implicit differentiation process.

Implicit Differentiation is used when we want a derivative of an equation having  $x$  and  $y$ , rather than a function  $f(x)$ .

- sometimes it is possible to isolate  $y$  and find the derivative using explicit methods from chapter 2.
- sometimes it is not possible to isolate  $y$ , and we must differentiate implicitly.

① Consider  $x^2 + y^2 = 16$ .

Circle centered at  $(0,0)$  with radius  $\sqrt{16} = 4$



- If we do implicit differentiation, the derivative  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  will be a function of both  $x$  and  $y$ , so that we can subst  $x$  and  $y$  to find the slope of the tangent line at that point.

- If we change the value of  $x$ , the value of  $y$  must change, too.  
So there is a rate of change of  $y$  with respect to  $x$  =  $\frac{dy}{dx}$ .

\*KEY POINT\* Because  $y$  changes with  $x$ , any time we take a derivative of  $y$ , we will use the chain rule and multiply that derivative by  $\frac{dy}{dx}$ .

$$\text{e.x. } \frac{d}{dx}(y^2) = 2y \cdot \frac{dy}{dx}$$

## Steps for finding a derivative implicitly:

- 1) Differentiate all terms of both sides of the equation, using the rules from chapter 2, and multiplying any derivative of  $y$  by  $\frac{dy}{dx}$ .
- 2) Use algebra to isolate  $\frac{dy}{dx}$ .
  - collect all terms containing  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  on one side of the  $=$ .
  - collect remaining terms on the other side of the  $=$ .
  - factor out  $\frac{dy}{dx}$ , if necessary.
  - divide both sides to isolate  $\frac{dy}{dx}$ .

① a) Find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  for  $x^2 + y^2 = 16$ .

b) Find  $\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{(-4,0)}$

c) Find  $\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{(0,-4)}$

d) Find  $\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{(2,2\sqrt{3})}$

a) Differentiate with respect to  $x$ :

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

↑      ↑      ↑      constant  
power   power   chain  
rule   rule   rule on  
on   on   derivative  
 $x^2$     $y^2$    of  $y$

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

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

divide both sides by  $2y$  to isolate  $\frac{dy}{dx}$

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

simplify

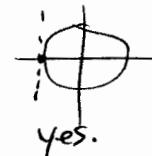
$$b) \left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{(-4,0)} = \left. \frac{-x}{y} \right|_{(-4,0)}$$

$$= \frac{-(-4)}{0}$$

$$= \frac{4}{0}$$

undefined

vertical tangent.

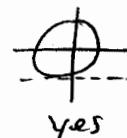


yes.

$$c) \left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{(0,-4)} = \left. \frac{-x}{y} \right|_{(0,-4)}$$

$$= \frac{-0}{-4}$$

$$= \frac{0}{4} = [0] \text{ horizontal tangent}$$



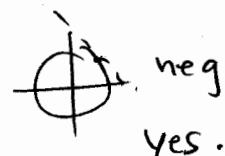
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$$d) \left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{(2,2\sqrt{3})} = \left. \frac{-x}{y} \right|_{(2,2\sqrt{3})}$$

$$= \frac{-2}{2\sqrt{3}}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$= \boxed{-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}}$$



neg  
yes.

Find derivatives using implicit differentiation.

②  $x = y^3$

$$1 = 3y^2 \cdot \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{1}{3y^2} = \frac{dy}{dx}}$$

③  $\underbrace{x^3 y^5}_{} + x = y$

product rule!

$$x^3 \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(y^5) + \frac{d}{dx}(x^3) \cdot y^5 + 1 = 1 \cdot \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$x^3 \cdot 5y^4 \frac{dy}{dx} + 3x^2 y^5 + 1 = \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$5x^3 y^4 \frac{dy}{dx} - \frac{dy}{dx} = -3x^2 y^5 - 1$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} (5x^3 y^4 - 1) = -3x^2 y^5 - 1$$

$$\boxed{\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-3x^2 y^5 - 1}{5x^3 y^4 - 1}}$$

④ Find derivative implicitly .

$$y^4 + x^4 - 2x^2 y^2 = 9.$$

b) Evaluate it at  $x=2, y=1$ .

$$4y^3 \frac{dy}{dx} + 4x^3 - 2 \left[ x^2 \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(y^2) + 2x \cdot y^2 \right] = 0$$

$$4y^3 \frac{dy}{dx} + 4x^3 - 2 \left( x^2 \cdot 2y \frac{dy}{dx} + 2x y^2 \right) = 0$$

$$4y^3 \frac{dy}{dx} + 4x^3 - 4x^2 y \frac{dy}{dx} - 4x y^2 = 0$$

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

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

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

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

$$= \boxed{\frac{x}{y}}$$

factor  
and cancel

b)  $\left. \frac{x}{y} \right|_{(2,1)}$

$$= \frac{2}{1}$$

$$= \boxed{2}$$

④ c) slope of tangent line at  $(2,1) = \left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{(2,1)} = 2$  (from part b)

$$m=2$$

point  $(2,1)$  given

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

$$y - 1 = 2(x - 1)$$

$$y - 1 = 2x - 2$$

$$\boxed{y = 2x - 1}$$

⑤ A demand function  $x(p)$  tells how many of a product ( $x$ ) will be required if offered for sale at price  $p$ .

a) For the demand equation  $x = \sqrt{1900 - p^3}$ , find  $\frac{dp}{dx}$ .

b) Evaluate  $\frac{dp}{dx} \Big|_{p=10}$  and interpret result.

$$x = \sqrt{1900 - p^3}$$

$$x^2 = 1900 - p^3$$

$$2x = 0 - 3p^2 \frac{dp}{dx}$$

$$\boxed{-\frac{2x}{3p^2} = \frac{dp}{dx}}$$

We can avoid the chain rule if we differentiate implicitly.

square both sides

differentiate.

isolate  $\frac{dp}{dx}$

b) Notice: They provided only  $p=10$ . We need  $x$ -value!  
Substitute  $p=10$  into the original equation.

$$x = \sqrt{1900 - p^3}$$

$$x = \sqrt{1900 - 10^3}$$

$$x = \sqrt{900}$$

$$x = 30.$$

Evaluate  $\frac{-2x}{3p^2}$  |  
 $(x=30, p=10)$

$$= \frac{-2(30)}{3(10)^2}$$

$$= \frac{-60}{300}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{5}$$

$$= -0.2$$

When  $p=10$  (The price is \$10), demand is 30 (items sold).  
= Interpretation of original equation.

When price is \$10,  $\frac{dp}{dx} = -0.2$ .

units of  $\frac{dp}{dx} = \frac{\text{units of price } p}{\text{units of } x} = \text{$ per item sold.}$

So  $-\$0.2/\text{item}$  means ...

When the price is \$10, decreasing the price \$0.20  
results in one more item sold.