

# Implicit Differentiation.

• When we do not know ~~the~~ explicit formula of the function. but we know the equation that the function obeys

• when we have a complicated explicit formula ~~for~~ of the function. and the function obeys a simple equation:

example 1: Differentiate the following expression:

$$e^{f(x)} = x.$$

$$\frac{d(e^{f(x)})}{dx} = \frac{dx}{dx}.$$

Using the chain rule, we have.

$$\frac{d(e^{f(x)})}{dx} = e^{f(x)} \cdot f'(x) \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{dx}{dx} = 1.$$

$$\Rightarrow \cancel{f(x)} e^{f(x)} \cdot f'(x) = 1.$$

Now, we can solve for  $f'(x)$ .

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = e^{-f(x)}$$

example 2 : Find the derivative of  $\sin(y) + y^3 = 6 - x^3$

$$\frac{d}{dx} (\sin(y) + y^3) = \frac{d}{dx} (6 - x^3)$$

$$\cos y \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} + 3y^2 \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = -3x^2$$

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

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{3x^2}{3y^2 + \cos y}.$$

derivative of  $y(x)$   
W.R.T.  $x$ .

But we can also compute the derivative of  $x(y)$ . (W.R.T  $y$ ).

$$\frac{d}{dy} (\sin(y) + y^3) = \frac{d}{dy} (6 - x^3).$$

$$\cos y + 3y^2 = -3x^2 \cdot \frac{dx}{dy}.$$

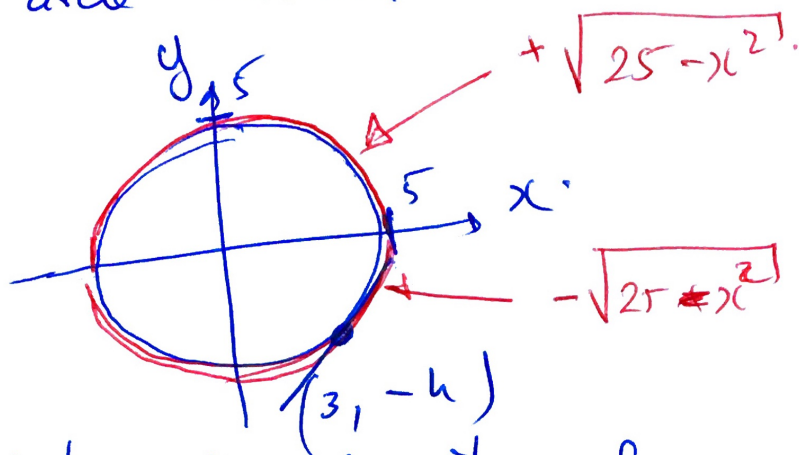
$$\frac{dx}{dy} = \frac{-3x^2}{3y^2 + \cos y} \Rightarrow$$

derivative of  $x(y)$   
W.R.T  $y$ .

~~example 3: Differentiate  $x^2 + y^3 = 25$~~   
 $y = \sqrt{\quad}$

## Slope of a tangent line

example 3: Find the slope of the line tangent to the graph of  $x^2 + y^2 = 25$  at the point  $(3, -4)$ . It is a circle centered at  $(0, 0)$ .



• What is the derivative of  $y$ ?

$$x^2 + y^2 = 25 \Rightarrow y = \pm \sqrt{25 - x^2}$$

, since  $(3, -4)$  lies on the bottom.

$$y = -\sqrt{25 - x^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow y' = \frac{-x}{\sqrt{25 - x^2}} \Rightarrow m = y'|_{x=3} = \frac{3}{4}$$

Unfortunately, we can not do that for every equation: so, we use the implicit differentiation.

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

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

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

$$2x + 2yy' = 0$$

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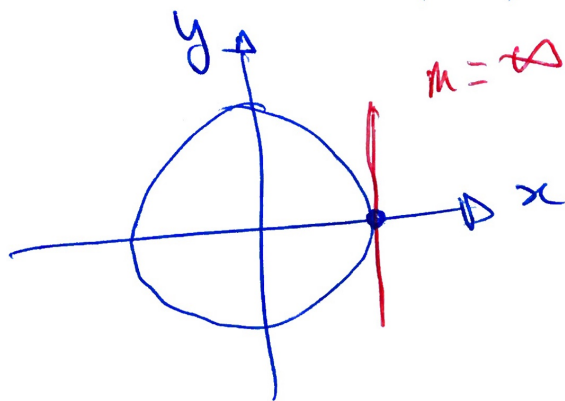
$$2yy' = -2x$$

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

Plugging  $(3, 4)$  in the equation, we have:

$$m = y' = \frac{-(3)}{(4)} = \frac{3}{4}$$

\* At the point  $(5, 0)$ , the slope is  $\infty$   
 so the derivative ( $y'$ ) does not exist.



example 4: Find the tangent lines at  $x = 1$  on  
 the graph of  $x^2 - y^2 - xy = 1$ .

$$x_0 = 1 \Rightarrow \cancel{y_0} \cdot 1 - y_0^2 - y_0 = 1$$

$$y_0^2 + y_0 = 0$$

$$y_0(1 + y_0) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x_0 = 1, y_0 = 0$$

$$\text{or } x_0 = 1, y_0 = -1$$