

Math 16A
Section 2.7

Implicit Differentiation

Example : 1.) $Dx^5 = 5x^4$

2.) $D(1+3x^2)^5 = 5(1+3x^2)^4 \cdot 6x$

3.) $D(\sin x)^5 = 5(\sin x)^4 \cdot \cos x$

4.) $D(f(x))^5 = 5(f(x))^4 \cdot f'(x)$

assume that y is a function of x :

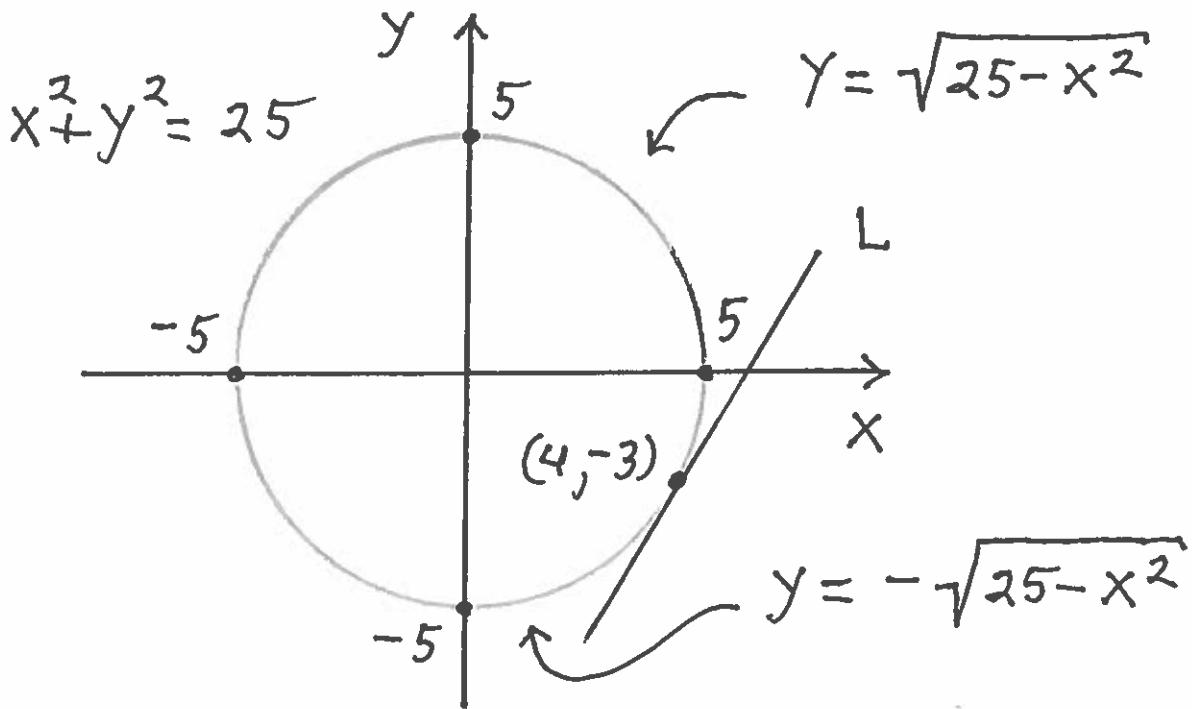
5.) $D(y^5) = 5y^4 \cdot y'$, where $y' = \frac{dy}{dx}$

This is IMPLICIT DIFFERENTIATION

NOTE : Implicit differentiation is the CHAIN RULE applied to the implicit function y .

Example : Find the SLOPE of the line tangent to the graph of the circle $x^2 + y^2 = 25$ at the point $(4, -3)$ using

- a.) Ordinary Differentiation
 b.) Implicit Differentiation



$$a.) y = -(25-x^2)^{1/2} \xrightarrow{\text{D}}$$

$$y' = -\frac{1}{2}(25-x^2)^{-1/2} \cdot (-2x) = \frac{x}{\sqrt{25-x^2}} ;$$

SLOPE of tangent line L at point (4, -3) is

$$m = y' = \frac{(4)}{\sqrt{25-(4)^2}} = \frac{4}{\sqrt{9}} = \boxed{\frac{4}{3}} .$$

$$b.) x^2 + y^2 = 25 \xrightarrow{\text{D}}$$

$$D(x^2) + D(y^2) = D(25) \rightarrow$$

$$2x + \underbrace{2y \cdot y'} = 0 \rightarrow$$

implicit differentiation

$$2yy' = -2x \rightarrow y' = -\frac{x}{2y} \rightarrow y' = -\frac{x}{y},$$

so SLOPE of tangent line L at point $x=4, y=-3$ is

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

Example: Use implicit differentiation to find $y' = \frac{dy}{dx}$ for each equation.

$$1.) \quad x^2 + y^3 = 2x \xrightarrow{D}$$

$$2x + 3y^2 \cdot y' = 2 \rightarrow 3y^2 y' = 2 - 2x \rightarrow$$

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

$$2.) \quad x^3 y^2 + 3y = 4 - x \xrightarrow{D}$$

$$(x^3 \cdot 2yy' + 3x^2 \cdot y^2) + 3y' = -1 \rightarrow$$

$$2x^3 y y' + 3y' = -1 - 3x^2 y^2 \rightarrow$$

$$y' (2x^3 y + 3) = -1 - 3x^2 y^2 \rightarrow$$

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

$$3.) \sin x + \cos y = 5x - 2y \xrightarrow{D}$$

$$\cos x + -\sin y \cdot y' = 5 - 2y' \rightarrow$$

$$2y' - y' \sin y = 5 - \cos x \rightarrow$$

$$y'(2 - \sin y) = 5 - \cos x \rightarrow$$

$$y' = \frac{5 - \cos x}{2 - \sin y}$$

$$4.) (x-y)^4 = 4x^3 - 2y^4 \xrightarrow{D}$$

$$4(x-y)^3[1-y'] = 12x^2 - 8y^3 \cdot y' \rightarrow$$

$$4(x-y)^3 - 4(x-y)^3y' = 12x^2 - 8y^3y' \rightarrow$$

$$8y^3y' - 4(x-y)^3y' = 12x^2 - 4(x-y)^3 \rightarrow$$

$$y'[8y^3 - 4(x-y)^3] = 12x^2 - 4(x-y)^3 \rightarrow$$

$$y' = \frac{12x^2 - 4(x-y)^3}{8y^3 - 4(x-y)^3}$$

$$5.) \tan(xy) = \sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y} \xrightarrow{D}$$

$$\sec^2(xy) \cdot [xy' + (1)y] = \frac{1}{2}x^{-\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{1}{2}y^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot y' \rightarrow$$

$$xy' \sec^2(xy) + y \sec^2(xy) = \frac{1}{2}x^{-\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{1}{2}y^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot y' \rightarrow$$

$$xy' \sec^2(xy) - \frac{1}{2} y^{-\frac{1}{2}} y' = \frac{1}{2} x^{-\frac{1}{2}} - y \sec^2(xy) \rightarrow$$

$$y' [x \sec^2(xy) - \frac{1}{2} y^{-\frac{1}{2}}] = \frac{1}{2} x^{-\frac{1}{2}} - y \sec^2(xy) \rightarrow$$

$$y' = \frac{\frac{1}{2} x^{-\frac{1}{2}} - y \sec^2(xy)}{x \sec^2(xy) - \frac{1}{2} y^{-\frac{1}{2}}}$$

Example: Find the SLOPE and CONCAVITY of the graph of each equation at the indicated point. Then sketch the graph near the indicated point.

1.) $xy + y^2 = 2$ @ point $(1, -2)$:

$$\begin{aligned} & \xrightarrow{D} xy' + (1)y + 2yy' = 0 \rightarrow \\ & (x+2y)y' = -y \rightarrow \boxed{y' = \frac{-y}{x+2y}}, \end{aligned}$$

so SLOPE at $x=1, y=-2$ is

$$m = y' = \frac{-(-2)}{(1)+2(-2)} = -\frac{2}{3} \text{ and}$$

graph is (\downarrow) ; \xrightarrow{D}

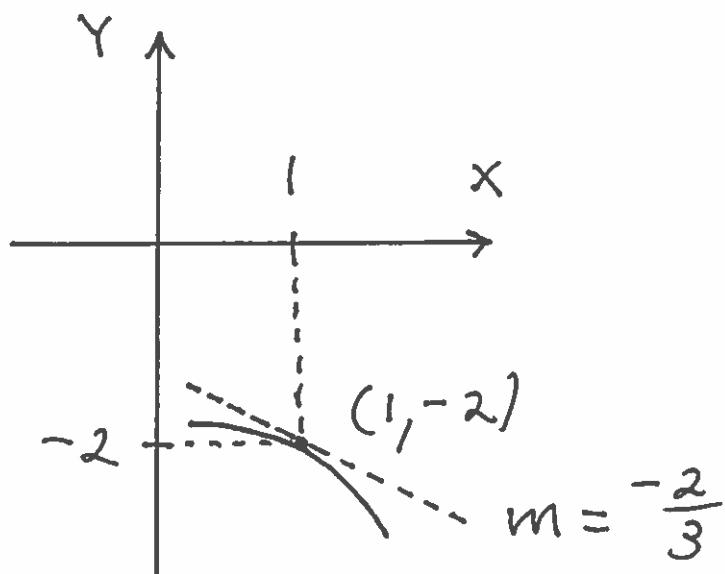
$$y'' = \frac{(x+2y)(-y') - (-y)(1+2y')}{(x+2y)^2} ; \text{ now}$$

let $x=1$, $y=-2$, and $y' = -\frac{2}{3} \rightarrow$

$$y'' = \frac{(1-4)\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) - (2)\left(1-\frac{4}{3}\right)}{(1-4)^2}$$

$$= \frac{(-3)\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) - (2)\left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)}{9} = \left(-\frac{6}{3} + \frac{2}{3}\right)\left(\frac{1}{9}\right) \rightarrow$$

$$y'' = -\frac{4}{27}, \text{ so graph is } (\cap)$$



2.) $xy^3 + y = 1 \quad @ x=0 :$

$$\Rightarrow (x \cdot 3y^2y' + (1)y^3) + y' = 0 \rightarrow$$

$$(3xy^2 + 1)y' = -y^3 \rightarrow \boxed{y' = \frac{-y^3}{3xy^2 + 1}},$$

so SLOPE at $x=0, y=1$ is

$$m = y' = \frac{-(1)^3}{3(0)(1)^2 + 1} = -1 \text{ and}$$

graph is (↓) ; $\xrightarrow{\mathcal{D}}$

$$y'' = \frac{(3xy^2 + 1)(-3y^2 y') - (-y^3)(3x \cdot 2yy' + 3 \cdot y^2)}{(3xy^2 + 1)^2};$$

now let $x=0, y=1$, and $y' = -1 \rightarrow$

$$y'' = \frac{(1)(3) - (-1)(3)}{(1)^2} = 6, \text{ so graph}$$

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