

Calculus Section 2.5 Implicit Differentiation

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- Distinguish between functions written in implicit form and explicit form.
- Use implicit differentiation to find the derivative of a function.

An **implicit** function is a function written where y is not isolated. Some implicit functions can be re-written in explicit form ($xy = 1$ becomes $y = \frac{1}{x}$) while others cannot ($2y^2 + 3xy = 3$).

Functions that cannot be written explicitly, must apply **implicit differentiation** to find the derivative.

When differentiating with respect to x , any term with only x variables will be differentiated normally. Any term with a y (or another variable) must be differentiated using the chain rule because it is assumed that y is defined implicitly as a differentiable function of x .

$$1) \frac{d}{dx}[x^3] = 3x^2$$

$$2) \frac{d}{dx}[y^3] = 3y^2 \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$3) \frac{d}{dt}[V] = (1) \frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{dV}{dt}$$

$$3) \frac{d}{dx}[x + 3y] = 1 + 3 \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$4) \frac{d}{dx}[xy^2] = x(2y \frac{dy}{dx}) + y^2(1) = 2xy \frac{dy}{dx} + y^2$$

Steps to Implicit Differentiation

1. Differentiate both sides of the equation with respect to x .
2. Collect all terms involving dy/dx on the left side of the equation and move all other terms to the right side.
3. Factor dy/dx out of the left side of the equation.
4. Solve for dy/dx .

Find the equation for the slope of each line.

1) $y^3 + y^2 - 5y - x^2 = -4$

$$3y^2 \frac{dy}{dx} + 2y \frac{dy}{dx} - 5 \frac{dy}{dx} - 2x = 0$$

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

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

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

2) $x^3 y^3 - y = x$

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

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

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

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

Determine the slope of the graph: $3(x^2 + y^2)^2 = 100xy$ at the point (3,1).

$$6(x^2 + y^2) \cdot [2x + 2y \frac{dy}{dx}] = 100x \frac{dy}{dx} + y(100)$$

$$12x(x^2 + y^2) + 12y(x^2 + y^2) \frac{dy}{dx} = 100x \frac{dy}{dx} + 100y$$

$$12y(x^2 + y^2) \frac{dy}{dx} - 100x \frac{dy}{dx} = 100y - 12x(x^2 + y^2)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} (12y(x^2 + y^2) - 100x) = 100y - 12x(x^2 + y^2)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{100y - 12x(x^2 + y^2)}{12y(x^2 + y^2) - 100x}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{100(1) - 12(3)(3^2 + 1^2)}{12(1)(3^2 + 1^2) - 100(3)}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{100 - 36(10)}{12(10) - 300}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{100 - 360}{120 - 300} = \frac{-260}{-180}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{13}{9}$$

Find the 2nd derivative of the function $4xy = 10$.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{2y}{x^2}$$