

Section 3.2: Implicit Differentiation; Derivatives of the Inverse Trigonometric Functions

Finding a Derivative Using Implicit Differentiation:

- ▶ Take the derivative of both sides of an equation with respect to the independent variable.
usually x
- ▶ Use all necessary rules for differentiating powers, products, quotients, trig functions, exponentials, compositions, etc.
- ▶ Remember the chain rule for each term involving the dependent variable (e.g. mult. by $\frac{dy}{dx}$ as required).
- ▶ Use necessary algebra to isolate the desired derivative $\frac{dy}{dx}$.

Example

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

$$\sin(x + y) = y^2$$

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

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

derivative

$$\underbrace{\cos(x+y)}_{\text{blue wavy}} + \underbrace{\cos(x+y) \cdot \frac{dy}{dx}}_{\text{red wavy}} = 2y \frac{dy}{dx}$$

distribute

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

sort $\frac{dy}{dx}$ +/-

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

factor out $\frac{dy}{dx}$

$$\cos(x+y) - 2y$$

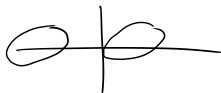
$$\cos(x+y) - 2y$$

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

Example

Find the equation of the line tangent to the graph of the relation $\sin(x+y) = y^2$ at the point $(\pi, 0)$.

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



point: $(\pi, 0)$

slope $\rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx}$ at $(\pi, 0)$

$$\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{(\pi, 0)} = \frac{-\cos(\pi+0)}{\cos(\pi+0) - 2(0)} = \frac{-(-1)}{-1-0} = -1 \rightarrow \text{slope}$$

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

$$y - 0 = -1(x - \pi)$$

$$y = -x + \pi$$

Question

Determine $\frac{dy}{dx}$ if $x^2y^3 = 2x - y^2$.

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

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

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

$$\frac{d}{dx}(x^2 \cdot y^3) = \frac{d}{dx}(2x - y^2)$$

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

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

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

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

The Power Rule: Rational Exponents

$$\frac{d}{dx}(x^{-3}) = -3x^{-4}$$

Let $y = x^{p/q}$ where p and q are integers. This can be written implicitly as $y^q = x^p$.

$$(y^q = (x^{p/q})^q)$$

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

$$\frac{d}{dx}(y^q) = \frac{d}{dx}(x^p)$$

$$\frac{qy^{q-1} \frac{dy}{dx}}{qy^{q-1}} = \frac{px^{p-1}}{qy^{q-1}}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{p}{q} \cdot \frac{x^{p-1}}{y^{q-1}}$$

$$\frac{x^a}{x^b} = x^{a-b}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{p}{q} \cdot \frac{x^{p-1}}{(x^{p/q})^{q-1}}$$

$$= \frac{p}{q} \cdot \frac{x^{p-1}}{x^{\frac{p(q-1)}{q}}}$$

$(p/q) \cdot (q-1)$

$$\downarrow$$
$$(p-1) - \left(\frac{p(q-1)}{q}\right)$$

x

$$\frac{q(p-1)}{q} - \frac{p(q-1)}{q}$$

$$x^{\frac{qp-b}{q} - \frac{pq-p}{q}} = x^{\frac{-q+p}{q}} = x^{-\frac{q}{q} + \frac{p}{q}}$$
$$= x^{\frac{p}{q} - 1}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{p}{q} x^{\frac{p}{q} - 1}$$

$$y = x^{\frac{p}{q}}$$

The Power Rule: Rational Exponents

 $\frac{1}{4}$ 

Theorem: If r is any rational number, then when x^r is defined, the function $y = x^r$ is differentiable and

$$\frac{d}{dx}x^r = rx^{r-1}$$

for all x such that x^{r-1} is defined.

Examples

Evaluate

$$(a) \quad \frac{d}{dx} \sqrt[4]{x} = \frac{d}{dx} \left(x^{\frac{1}{4}} \right) = \frac{1}{4} x^{\frac{1}{4} - 1} = \frac{1}{4} x^{-\frac{3}{4}} = \frac{1}{4\sqrt[4]{x^3}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}(b) \quad \frac{d}{dv} \csc(\sqrt{v}) &= \frac{d}{dv} \left(\csc(v^{\frac{1}{2}}) \right) \\ &= -\csc(v^{\frac{1}{2}}) \cot(v^{\frac{1}{2}}) \cdot \frac{d}{dv} \left(v^{\frac{1}{2}} \right) \\ &= -\csc(v^{\frac{1}{2}}) \cot(v^{\frac{1}{2}}) \cdot \frac{1}{2} v^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= -\frac{\csc(\sqrt{v}) \cot(\sqrt{v})}{2\sqrt{v}}\end{aligned}$$

Question

Find $g'(t)$ where $g(t) = \sqrt[5]{t}$.

$$g(t) = t^{\frac{1}{5}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} g'(t) &= \frac{1}{5} t^{-\frac{4}{5}} \\ &= \frac{1}{5t^{4/5}} \\ &= \frac{1}{5\sqrt[5]{t^4}} \end{aligned}$$

(a) $g'(t) = 5t^4$ left

(b) $g'(t) = -5t^{-6}$ right

(c) $g'(t) = \frac{1}{5t^{4/5}}$ both

(d) $g'(t) = \frac{1}{5}t^{4/5}$ neither

Inverse Functions

Suppose $y = f(\underline{x})$ and $x = g(\underline{y})$ are inverse functions—i.e. $(g \circ f)(x) = g(f(x)) = x$ for all x in the domain of f .

Theorem: Let f be differentiable on an open interval containing the number x_0 . If $f'(x_0) \neq 0$, then g is differentiable at $y_0 = f(x_0)$. Moreover

$$\frac{d}{dy}g(y_0) = g'(\underline{y_0}) = \frac{1}{f'(\underline{x_0})}.$$

$(x_0, f(x_0))$

Note that this refers to a pair (x_0, y_0) on the graph of f —i.e. (y_0, x_0) on the graph of g . The slope of the curve of f at this point is the reciprocal of the slope of the curve of g at the associated point.

Example

The function $f(x) = x^7 + x + 1$ has an inverse function g . Determine $g'(3)$.

Have a point on the graph of f : $(x, 3)$

$$f(x) = 3 = x^7 + x + 1$$

$$x = 1$$

$$(1, 3)$$

$$g'(3) = \frac{1}{f'(1)}$$

$$f'(x) = 7x^6 + 1$$

$$f'(1) = 7(1)^6 + 1 = 8$$

$$g'(3) = \frac{1}{8}$$

Inverse Trigonometric Functions



Recall the definitions of the inverse trigonometric functions.

$$y = \arcsin x$$

$$y = \sin^{-1} x \iff x = \sin y, \quad -1 \leq x \leq 1, \quad \underline{\underline{-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq y \leq \frac{\pi}{2}}}$$

NOT $\frac{1}{\sin x}$

$$y = \cos^{-1} x \iff x = \cos y, \quad -1 \leq x \leq 1, \quad 0 \leq y \leq \pi$$

$$y = \tan^{-1} x \iff x = \tan y, \quad -\infty < x < \infty, \quad -\frac{\pi}{2} < y < \frac{\pi}{2}$$

Inverse Trigonometric Functions

There are different conventions used for the ranges of the remaining functions. Sullivan and Miranda use

$$y = \cot^{-1} x \iff x = \cot y, \quad -\infty < x < \infty, \quad 0 < y < \pi$$

$$y = \csc^{-1} x \iff x = \csc y, \quad |x| \geq 1, \quad y \in \left(-\pi, -\frac{\pi}{2}\right] \cup \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$$

$$y = \sec^{-1} x \iff x = \sec y, \quad |x| \geq 1, \quad y \in \left[0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \cup \left[\pi, \frac{3\pi}{2}\right)$$

Derivative of the Inverse Sine

Use implicit differentiation to find $\frac{d}{dx} \sin^{-1} x$, and determine the interval over which $y = \sin^{-1} x$ is differentiable.

$$\boxed{y = \sin^{-1} x} \quad \text{find } \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$\sin y = x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\sin y) = \frac{d}{dx}(x)$$

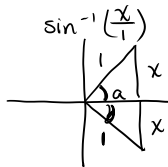
$$\frac{\cos y \cdot \frac{dy}{dx}}{\cos y} = \frac{1}{\cos y}$$

simplify

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

$$= \boxed{\frac{1}{\cos(\sin^{-1} x)}}$$

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



$$a^2 + x^2 = 1^2$$

$$a^2 = 1 - x^2$$

$$a = \pm \sqrt{1-x^2}$$

$$(a > 0)$$

$$a = \sqrt{1-x^2}$$

$$\cos(\sin^{-1}(x)) = \frac{\sqrt{1-x^2}}{1} = \sqrt{1-x^2}$$

Where is $\sin^{-1} x$ differentiable?

$$\frac{d}{dx} \sin^{-1} x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

Domain of $\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$: can't have $\sqrt{1-x^2} = 0$
 $1-x^2 = 0$
 $x = \pm 1$

Need $1-x^2 > 0$

$$1 > x^2$$

$$\boxed{-1 < x < 1}$$

Examples

Evaluate each derivative

$$(a) \quad \frac{d}{dx} \sin^{-1}(e^x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-(e^x)^2}} \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(e^x)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-(e^x)^2}} \cdot \frac{e^x}{1}$$

$$= \frac{e^x}{\sqrt{1-e^{2x}}}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\sin^{-1} x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

Examples

Evaluate each derivative

$$(b) \frac{d}{dx} (\sin^{-1} x)^3$$

outside: $()^3$
inside: $\sin^{-1} x$

$$= 3(\sin^{-1} x)^2 \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(\sin^{-1} x)$$

$$= 3(\sin^{-1} x)^2 \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

$$= \frac{3(\sin^{-1} x)^2}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

Derivative of the Inverse Tangent

Theorem: If $f(x) = \tan^{-1} x$, then f is differentiable for all real x and

$$f'(x) = \frac{d}{dx} \tan^{-1} x = \frac{1}{1 + x^2}.$$

The argument uses implicit differentiation just like we used for the inverse sine function. **It is left as an EXERCISE.**

Question: $\frac{d}{du} \tan^{-1} u = \frac{1}{1+u^2}$

Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ where $y = \tan^{-1}(e^x)$.

(a) $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{e^x}{1 + e^{2x}}$ left

(b) $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{e^x}{1 + x^2}$ right

(c) $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{1 + e^{2x}}$ both

(d) $\frac{dy}{dx} = \sec^{-2}(e^x)$ neither

Derivative of the Inverse Secant

Theorem: If $f(x) = \sec^{-1} x$, then f is differentiable for all $|x| > 1$ and

$$f'(x) = \frac{d}{dx} \sec^{-1} x = \frac{1}{x\sqrt{x^2 - 1}}.$$

Examples

Evaluate

$$\frac{d}{du} \sec^{-1} u = \frac{1}{u\sqrt{u^2-1}}$$

$$\frac{d}{du} \tan^{-1} u = \frac{1}{1+u^2}$$

$$(a) \quad \frac{d}{dx} \sec^{-1}(x^2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{(x^2)\sqrt{(x^2)^2-1}} \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(x^2) = \frac{2x}{x^2\sqrt{x^4-1}} = \frac{2}{x\sqrt{x^4-1}}$$

$$(b) \quad \frac{d}{dx} \tan^{-1}(\sec x)$$

$$= \frac{1}{1+(\sec x)^2} \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(\sec x) = \frac{\sec x \tan x}{1+\sec^2 x}$$

The Remaining Inverse Functions

Due to the trigonometric cofunction identities, it can be shown that

$$\cos^{-1} x = \frac{\pi}{2} - \sin^{-1} x$$

$$\cot^{-1} x = \frac{\pi}{2} - \tan^{-1} x$$

and

$$\csc^{-1} x = \frac{\pi}{2} - \sec^{-1} x$$

Derivatives of Inverse Trig Functions

$$\frac{d}{dx} \sin^{-1} x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}},$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \cos^{-1} x = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \tan^{-1} x = \frac{1}{1+x^2},$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \cot^{-1} x = -\frac{1}{1+x^2}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \sec^{-1} x = \frac{1}{x\sqrt{x^2-1}},$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \csc^{-1} x = -\frac{1}{x\sqrt{x^2-1}}$$