

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

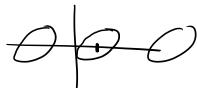
### Finding a Derivative Using Implicit Differentiation:

- ▶ Take the derivative of both sides of an equation with respect to the independent variable.  
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- ▶ 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

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

distribute

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

sort (+/-)

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

factor

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

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$$y = x^2 + 3x$$

$$y' = 2x + 3$$

## 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  $\rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx}$ , evaluate at  $x = \pi$ ,  $y = 0$

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

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

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

$$y = -x + \pi$$

## Question

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

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

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

(c)  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2 - 2xy^2}{3x^2y + 2}$  neither

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$y^q = x^p.$$

$$(x^a)^b = x^{ab}$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$= x^{\frac{-q + p}{q}}$$

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



# The Power Rule: Rational Exponents

**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

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

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

## Question

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

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

$$g'(t) = \frac{1}{5} t^{-\frac{4}{5}}$$

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

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

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

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

# Inverse Functions

Suppose  $y = f(x)$  and  $x = g(y)$  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

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

$$(x_0, f(x_0))$$

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  $g'(3)$ .

$y$  value

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

$x$  value that goes with  $y=3$

For what  $x$  is  $f(x)=3$ ?

$$x^7 + x + 1 = 3$$

$$x=1 \quad f(1)=3$$

$(1, 3)$  point on graph of  $f$

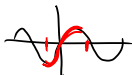
$$g'(3) = \frac{1}{f'(1)}$$

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

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

$$f'(1) = 7(1)^4 + 1 = 8$$

# Inverse Trigonometric Functions



Recall the definitions of the inverse trigonometric functions.

$$\overset{\text{angle}}{\nearrow} y = \sin^{-1} x \iff x = \sin y, \quad -1 \leq x \leq 1, \quad -\frac{\pi}{2} \leq y \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$\nwarrow$  ratio

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

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

## 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.

$$\boxed{y = \sin^{-1} x} \iff \sin y = x$$

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

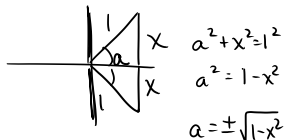
$$\cos y \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = 1$$

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

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

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

$$\sin^{-1} x = \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{x}{1} \right)$$



must be positive

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

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

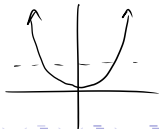
$$\cos(\sin^{-1} x) = \frac{\sqrt{1-x^2}}{1} = \sqrt{1-x^2}$$

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

Rephrased: What is the domain of  $y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$ ?

$$1-x^2 > 0$$

$$x^2 < 1$$



$$-1 < \chi < 1$$

## Examples

Evaluate each derivative

$$(a) \frac{d}{dx} \sin^{-1}(e^x)$$

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

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

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

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

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

## Examples

Evaluate each derivative

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## 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  $y = \tan^{-1}(e^x)$ .

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

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

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

(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

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a)} \quad \frac{d}{dx} \sec^{-1}(x^2) &= \frac{1}{(x^2)\sqrt{(x^2)^2-1}} \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(x^2) = \frac{2x}{x^2\sqrt{x^4-1}} \\ &= \frac{2}{x\sqrt{x^4-1}} \end{aligned}$$

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

## 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

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

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

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

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

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

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