

MATH 2301 Section 110 (Barsamian) Day 22 (Wed Feb 22) (1)

Today: Section 2.6 Implicit Differentiation

Friday: Section 2.7 Related Rates

Quiz Q4 Over sections 2.4, 2.5, 2.6

Section 2.6 Implicit D.ferentiation

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Equations, Functions, Describing something explicitly, or implicitly

Consider this equation involving x, y

$$x^3 + y^3 = 7$$

expresses a relationship between x and y .

Describes y ~~is~~ as a function implicitly

(you have to do some arranging, but it can
~~be done~~ be solved for y in terms of x .)

Solve that equation for y

$$x^3 + y^3 = 7$$

$$y^3 = 7 - x^3$$

$$(y^3)^{1/3} = (7 - x^3)^{1/3}$$

$$y = (7 - x^3)^{1/3}$$

equation involving x, y

expresses a relationship between x and y

Solved for y in terms of x

Describes y as a function of x.

Describes y explicitly. That is $y =$ some stuff not involving y.

Now consider this equation involving x and y

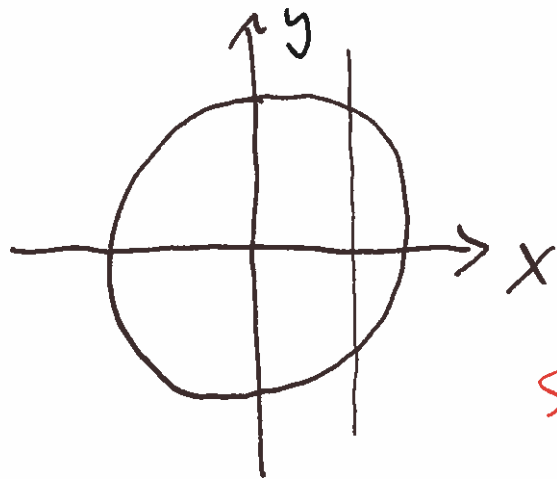
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$$x^2 + y^2 = 1$$

expresses a relationship between x and y .

Cannot be solved for y as a function of x .

The graph of the equation $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ is a circle



fails the vertical line test
for some values of x , there
is more than one value of y .
So this is not the graph of
a function.

So the equation $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ does not describe y explicitly, and it also
does not describe y implicitly.

Conclusion

Some equations involving x, y describe y implicitly, but some do not.

Big Fact

All equations involving x, y do describe $\frac{dy}{dx}$ implicitly.

That is

given equation involving

x, y



process
called
Implicit differentiation

equation describing $\frac{dy}{dx}$ explicitly

$\frac{dy}{dx} = \text{Blah}$

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Stuff on right does not have  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  in it.

# Method of Implicit Differentiation

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Used for finding an explicit description of  $\frac{dy}{dx}$

when an equation is given involving  $x, y$ .

Step 1 In the equation, replace all  $y$  with  $y(x)$ , indicating that  $y$  is (sort of) a function of  $x$ .

Result is a new equation involving  $x$  and  $y(x)$

Step 2 Take  $\frac{d}{dx}$  of both sides of this equation.

This ~~will~~ may require the chain rule

The inner function will be  $y(x)$

So the inner'(x) will be  $\frac{dy(x)}{dx}$

Result will be a new equation involving  $x, y(x), \frac{dy(x)}{dx}$

Step 3 Replace all the  $y(x)$  with  $y$ . Result will be a new equation involving  $x, y, \frac{dy}{dx}$

Step 4 Solve that equation for  $\frac{dy}{dx}$

Result will be an equation of the form  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \text{stuff involving } x, y$   
This equation describes  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  explicitly

Example 1 Suppose  $x^3 + y^3 = 7$

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(a) ~~Part~~ Solve for  $y$  explicitly and use ordinary differentiation to find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$

Solution

$$x^3 + y^3 = 7$$

$$y^3 = 7 - x^3$$

$$y = (7 - x^3)^{1/3}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx} \left( (7 - x^3)^{1/3} \right)$$

$$= \frac{d}{dx} \text{outer}(\text{inner}(x))$$

chain rule

$$= \text{outer}'(\text{inner}(x)) \cdot \text{inner}'(x)$$

$$= \frac{1}{3(7 - x^3)^{2/3}} (-3x^2)$$

$$= -\frac{x^2}{(7 - x^3)^{2/3}}$$

Chain rule details

$$\text{inner}(x) = 7 - x^3$$

$$\text{inner}'(x) = -3x^2 \quad \leftarrow n=1/3$$

$$\text{outer}(\ ) = (\ )^{1/3} \quad \text{empty version}$$

$$\text{outer}'(\ ) = \frac{1}{3} (\ )^{1/3 - 1} = \frac{1}{3} (\ )^{-2/3}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{(\ )^{2/3}} = \frac{1}{3(\ )^{2/3}}$$

(b) Start over Find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  using implicit differentiation (8)

$$x^3 + y^3 = 7$$

Step 1 Replace  $y$  with  $y(x)$

Result  $x^3 + (y(x))^3 = 7$

equation involving  $x, y(x)$

Step 2 Find  $\frac{d}{dx}$  of both sides

$$\frac{d}{dx} (x^3 + (y(x))^3) = \frac{d}{dx} 7$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} x^3 + \frac{d}{dx} (y(x))^3 = 0$$

$$3x^2 + \underbrace{3(y(x))^2}_{\text{chain rule}} \cdot \frac{dy(x)}{dx} = 0$$

equation involving  $x, y(x), \frac{dy(x)}{dx}$

Chain rule Details

$$\text{inner}(x) = y(x)$$

$$\text{inner}'(x) = \frac{dy(x)}{dx}$$

$$\text{outer}( ) = ( )^3$$

$$\text{outer}'( ) = 3( )^2$$



Step 3 Replace all  $y(x)$  with just  $y$

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

equation involving  $x, y, \frac{dy}{dx}$

Step 4 Solve for  $\frac{dy}{dx}$

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

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

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

equation ~~involving~~ describing

~~the~~  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  = stuff involving  
 $x, y$

Compare results

$$(a) \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = - \frac{X^2}{(7-X^3)^{2/3}}$$

$$(b) \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = - \frac{X^2}{y^2}$$

Why don't these match?!

Remember from part (a) that we could solve original equation for  $y$

$$y = (7-X^3)^{1/3}$$

Substitute that expression into the result of (b)

$$\text{result of (b)} \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = - \frac{X^2}{y^2} = \frac{-X^2}{\left((7-X^3)^{1/3}\right)^2} = - \frac{X^2}{(7-X^3)^{2/3}} = \text{result of (a)}$$

Moral If original equation can be solved for  $y$  in terms of  $x$ , that is the best route to finding  $\frac{dy}{dx}$

Example 2.6#7

Suppose  $y \cos(x) = x^2 + y^2$

Find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$

Solution Cant solve for y in terms of X  
So must use implicit differentiation

Step 1 replace y with y(x)

$$y(x) \cdot \cos(x) = x^2 + (y(x))^2$$

Step 2 Find  $\frac{d}{dx}$  of both sides

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

$$\underbrace{\left( \frac{d}{dx} (y(x)) \cdot \cos(x) + y(x) \frac{d}{dx} (\cos(x)) \right)}_{\text{product rule}} = 2x + \underbrace{2 \cdot y(x) \cdot \frac{d}{dx} (y(x))}_{\text{chain rule}}$$

Chain Details  
inner(x) = y(x)  
inner'(x) =  $\frac{d}{dx} (y(x))$   
outer(c) = ( )<sup>2</sup>  
outer'(c) = 2(c)'

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

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

Step 3 replace  $y(x)$  with just  $y$

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

Step 4 Solve for  $\frac{dy}{dx}$

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

Factor out  $dy/dx$

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

Divide both sides by  $\cos(x) - 2y$

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

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