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Quiz Q4 this coming Fri Oct 6 will have 4 problems, not 3
See Calendar entry for Fri Oct 6 for details

Quiz Q5 will be Wed Oct 11

Two important comments on Quiz Q3

- Everything you write should be part of a sentence (whether in prose or in mathematical symbols). So math expressions should be presented in equations with valid left sides.

eg: ~~$8\cos(x)$~~ $f'(x) = 8\cos(x)$

- Tangent line equation form $(y - f(a)) = f'(a)(x - a)$ is much more helpful than $y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$
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Section 2.6 Implicit Differentiation

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Equations - vs - functions

$5x - y = 7$ equation involving x and y . Describes y "implicitly"

$y = 5x - 7$ equation involving x and y , solved for y in terms of x .

Gives y as a function of x . Describes y "explicitly".

these two equations express the same relationship between x and y .

$x^3 + y^3 = 7$ equation involving x and y . Describes y "implicitly"

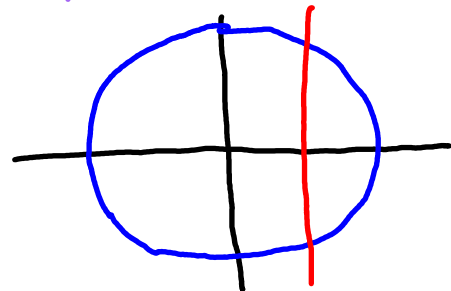
$y = (7 - x^3)^{1/3}$ equation involving x and y , solved for y in terms of x .

Gives y as a function of x . Describes y "explicitly"

These two equations express the same relationship between x and y .

$x^2 + y^2 = 7$ equation involving x and y
expresses a relationship between x and y
describes y "implicitly".

Cannot be solved for y as a function of x .



We know this because the graph fails the vertical line test. It is not the graph of a function.

Suppose we have equation involving x & y and
we want to find $\frac{dy}{dx}$

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If equation can be solved for y in terms of x ,
we should do that first

$y =$ some expression involving x
then take the ordinary derivative

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx} \text{ some expression involving } x$$

If the equation cannot be solved for y in terms of x

we can still find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ using a method called

Implicit Differentiation

The Method of Implicit Differentiation

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Used for finding $\frac{dy}{dx}$ when x, y are related by an equation that is not solved for y .

Start with: equation involving x and y

Step 1: Find $\frac{d}{dx}$ of both sides of that equation.

Keep in mind the difference between taking derivative of x and taking the derivative of y

$$\frac{d}{dx} x \overset{\leftarrow \text{power function with } n=1}{=} 1 \cdot x^{1-1} = 1 \cdot x^0 = 1 \cdot 1 = 1$$

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power rule with $n=1$

$$\frac{d}{dx} y = y'$$

that's as far as we can go

Result of Step 1 will be a new equation involving x, y, y'

Step 2 Solve that equation for y'

Result will be $y' = \text{some expression involving } x, y$

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

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Find y' using ordinary differentiation

Solution

Solve for y in terms of x

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

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

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

Find ordinary derivative

$$y' = \frac{d}{dx} (7 - x^3)^{1/3}$$

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

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

Chain Rule Details

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

$$\text{inner}'(x) = -3x^2$$

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

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

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

$n = \frac{1}{3}$
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[Example 2] Suppose $x^3 + y^3 = 7$

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Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ using Implicit Differentiation

Solution

Start with

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

equation involving x, y

Step 1

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

Power function
with $n=3$

$$\frac{d}{dx} x^3$$

Power rule

$$3x^2$$

$$3x^2$$

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

nested function $(y)^3$
use chain rule

$$+ 3(y)^2 \cdot y' = 0$$

$$+ 3y^2 y' = 0$$

Step 2 Solve for y'

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

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

new equation involving
 x, y, y'

Chain Rule Details

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

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

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

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

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

equation of the form
 $y' = \text{expression involving } x, y$

This result doesn't look like result of [Example 1]

Rewrite derivative result of [Example 2]

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

we can solve for $y = (7 - x^3)^{1/3}$

so $y^2 = ((7 - x^3)^{1/3})^2$

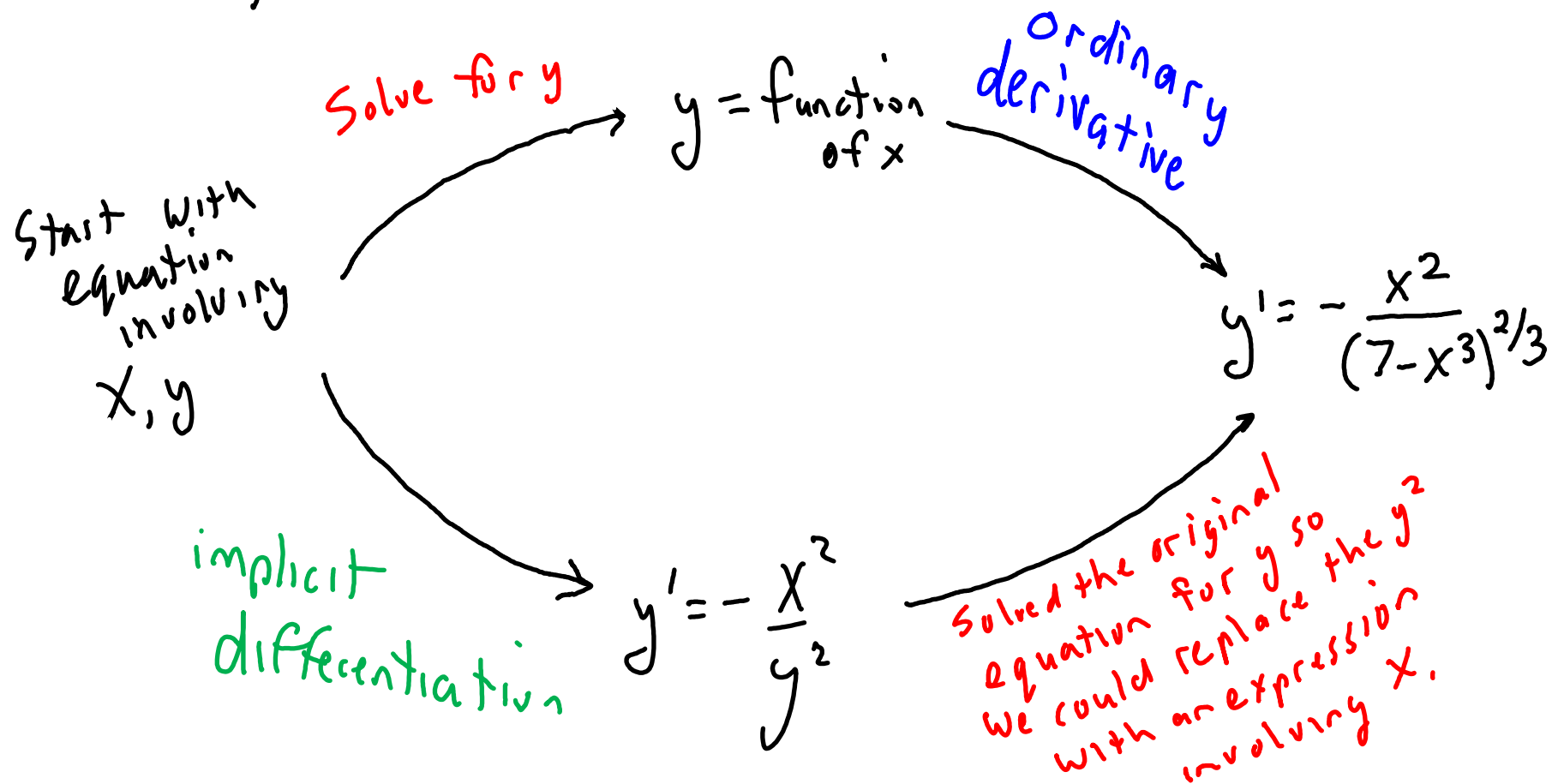
$$y^2 = (7 - x^3)^{2/3}$$

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

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

this result matches result of [Example 1]

Diagram of what we did in these examples



Any time the equation can be solved for y in terms of x , these two processes will give the same result.

But the top process (as in [Example 1]) is the clearest and most reliable.)

[Example 3] Suppose $x^2 + xy + y^2 = 9$ (9)

(note: this equation cannot be solved for y in terms of x .)

a) Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ using Implicit Differentiation

Solution

Start with

$$x^2 + xy + y^2 = 9$$

equation involving x, y

Step 1

power function

$$\frac{d}{dx}(x^2 + xy + y^2) = \frac{d}{dx}(9)$$

power rule

$$\frac{d}{dx} x^2 + \frac{d}{dx} (xy)$$

product rule

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

nested function $(y)^2$

Chain Rule

$$2x + \left(\frac{d}{dx} x\right)y + x\left(\frac{d}{dx} y\right) + 2(y) \cdot y' = 0$$

$$2x + 1 \cdot y + xy' + 2y y' = 0$$

$$2x + y + xy' + 2y y' = 0$$

equation involving x, y, y'

Chain Rule Details

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

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

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

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

Step 2 Solve for y'

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$$(2x + y) + xy' + 2yy' = 0$$

$$xy' + 2yy' = -2x - y$$

$$y'(x + 2y) = -2x - y$$

divide

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

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⑤ Find the equation for the line tangent to the ellipse

$$x^2 + xy + y^2 = 9$$

at the point $(-3, 3)$

Solution

We need to build the equation

$$(y - b) = m(x - a)$$

where (a, b) are the (x, y) coordinates of the point of tangency, and m is the slope of the tangent line.

Clearly, $a = -3$ and $b = 3$, because we are given that the point of tangency is $(-3, 3)$

The slope m will be the value of y' when

$$x = -3 \quad \text{and} \quad y = 3.$$

That is

$$y' = \frac{-2x - y}{x + 2y} = \frac{-2(-3) - 3}{(-3) + 2(3)} = \frac{6 - 3}{-3 + 6} = \frac{3}{3} = 1$$

Assembling the tangent line equation, we get

$$y - (3) = (1)(x - (-3))$$

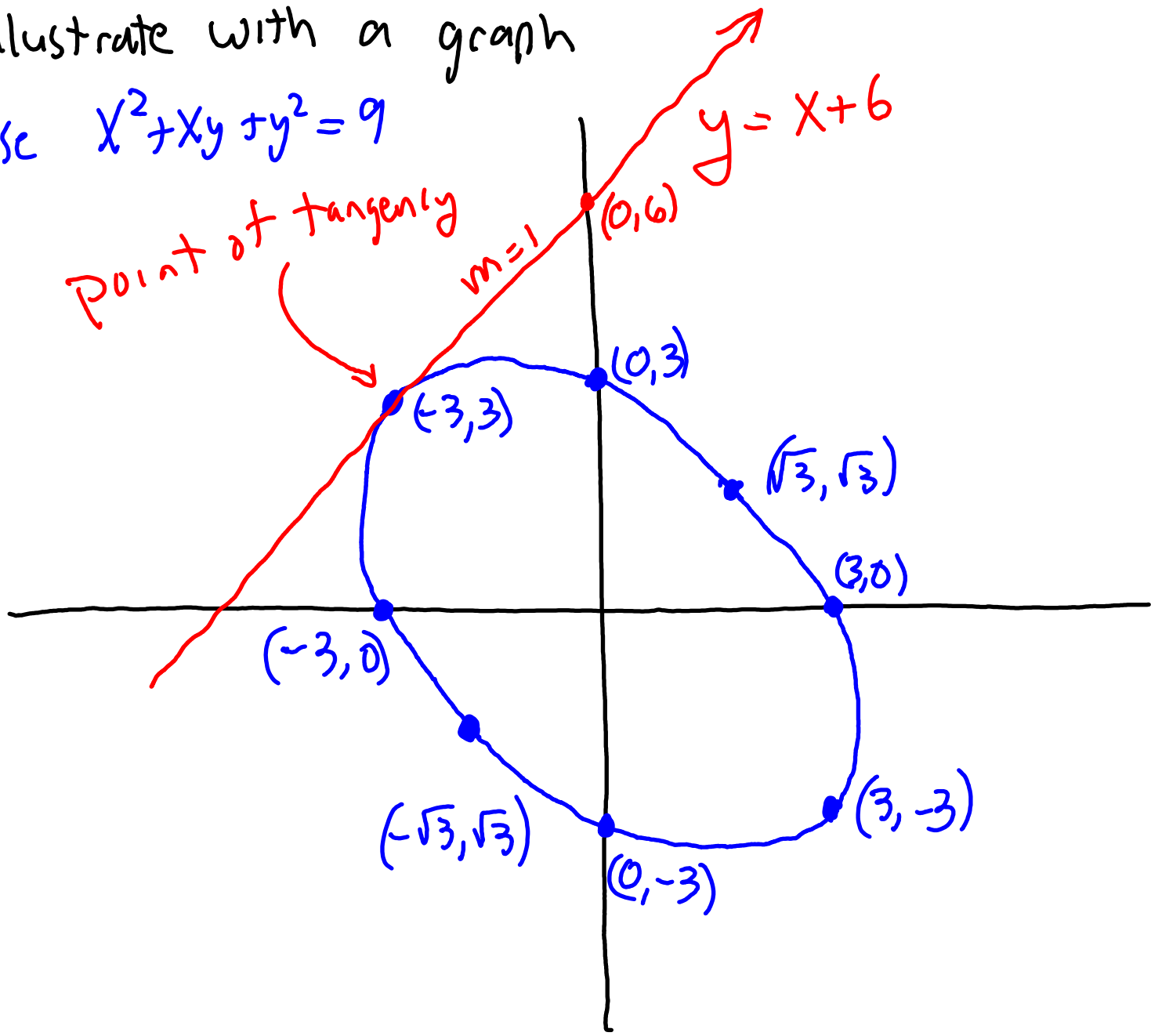
$$y - 3 = x + 3$$

We put this into slope intercept form
by solving for y

$$y = x + 6$$

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ellipse $x^2 + xy + y^2 = 9$



End of Lecture