

## Homework #8: Implicit differentiation

Note: Your work can only be assessed if it is legible.

1. Find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  using implicit differentiation. Solve for  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  in terms of  $x$  and  $y$  in each case.

(a)  $2x^3 + x^2y - xy^3 = 2$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} \rightarrow 6x^2 + 2xy + x^2y' - y^3 - 3xy^2 \cdot y' &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow (x^2 - 3xy^2)y' &= y^3 - 2xy - 6x^2 \\ \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{y^3 - 2xy - 6x^2}{x^2 - 3xy^2} \end{aligned}$$

(b)  $\cos(xy) = 1 + \sin y$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} \rightarrow -\sin(xy) \cdot (y + xy') &= \cos(y) \cdot y' \\ \Rightarrow -\sin(xy) \cdot y - x \sin(xy) \cdot y' &= \cos(y) \cdot y' = 0 \\ \Rightarrow y'(-x \sin(xy) - \cos y) &= \sin(xy) \cdot y \\ \Rightarrow y' &= \frac{\sin(xy) \cdot y}{-x \sin(xy) - \cos y} \end{aligned}$$

(c)  $e^y \sin x = x + xy$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} \rightarrow y'e^y \sin x + e^y \cos x &= 1 + y + xy' \\ \Rightarrow y'(e^y \sin x - x) &= 1 + y - e^y \cos x \\ \Rightarrow y' &= \frac{1 + y - e^y \cos x}{e^y \sin x - x} \end{aligned}$$

2. Use implicit differentiation to find an equation of the tangent line to the curve

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

at the point  $(0, 1/2)$ .

Note: The graph of this equation is known as a cardioid (see below). This is not a graph of a function but we can still geometrically analyze it using implicit differentiation.

$\frac{dy}{dx}$ :  $2x + 2y y' = 2(2x^2 + 2y^2 - x) \cdot (4x + 4y y' - 1)$

So, point:  $(0, 1/2)$ , slope: 1  
 $\Rightarrow$  tangent line is  
 $y = x + 1/2$

So  $2x + 2y y' = 16x^3 + 16xy^2 - 8x^2 - 4x^2 - 4y^2 + 2x + y'(16x^2y^2 + 16y^3 - 8xy)$   
 $\Rightarrow y'(2y - 16x^2y - 16y^3 + 8xy) = 16x^3 + 16xy^2 - 12x^2 - 4y^2$   
 at  $(x, y) = (0, 1/2) \Rightarrow y'(2(1/2) - 0 - 2 + 0) = 0 + 0 - 0 - 4(1/2)^2$   
 $\Rightarrow -y' = -1 \Rightarrow y' = 1$ . ← slope of tangent at  $(0, 1/2)$

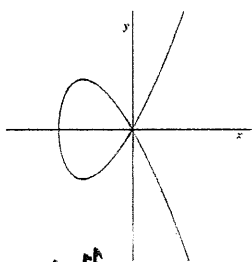
3. The curve with equation

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

is called the Tschirnhausen cubic (see below). At what points does this curve have horizontal tangents?

Horizontal tangent:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$



Here  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  is found by imp. diff.

$$y^2 = x^3 + 3x^2 \Rightarrow 2y y' = 3x^2 + 6x$$

$$\Rightarrow y' = \frac{3x^2 + 6x}{2y}$$

So  $y' = 0$  if  $3x^2 + 6x = 0 \Rightarrow x^2 + 2x = 0 \Rightarrow x(x+2) = 0$   
 and  $2y \neq 0$ .  
 So  $x = 0$  or  $x = -2$ .

if  $x = 0$ ,  $y^2 = 0^3 + 3(0)^2 = 0$   
 and  $y'$  is undefined.  
 if  $x = -2$ ,  $y^2 = (-2)^3 + 3(-2)^2 = -8 + 12 = 4$   
 So  $y'$  is defined and equals 0 if  $x = -2$  and  $y^2 = 4$ .  
 The points are  $(-2, -2)$  and  $(-2, 2)$ .

In class we used implicit differentiation to find derivatives of a couple of the inverse functions in this table.

$f(x)$	$f'(x)$	$f(x)$	$f'(x)$
$\arcsin x$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$	$\ln x$	$\frac{1}{x}$
$\arccos x$	$\frac{-1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$	$\log_a x$	$\frac{1}{(\ln a)x}$
$\arctan x$	$\frac{1}{1+x^2}$		

Here you will use implicit differentiation to find the rest.

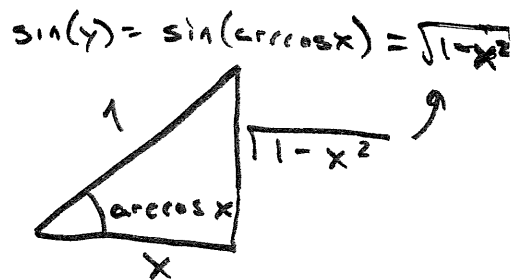
4. Inverse trig. functions. Simplify your answers.

(a) Use implicit differentiation to find the derivative of  $y = \arccos x$ .

$$y = \arccos x \Rightarrow \cos y = x \quad y = \arccos x \text{ so}$$

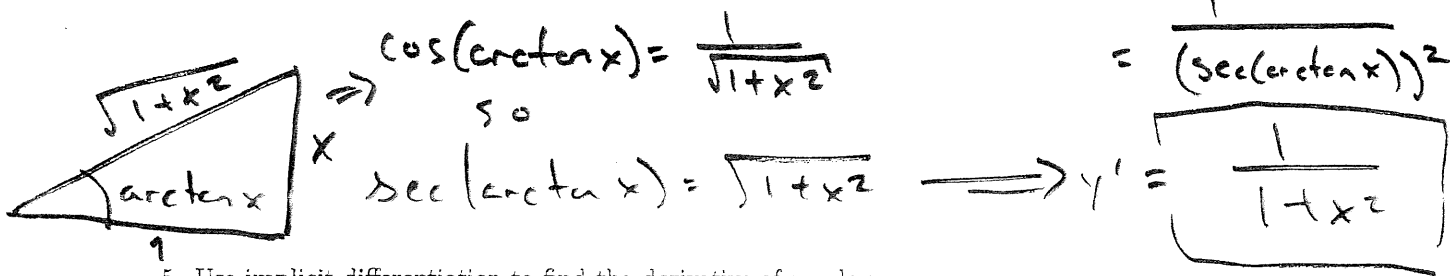
$$\Rightarrow \cancel{(-\sin y)} \cdot y' = 1 \quad \text{thus}$$

$$\Rightarrow y' = \frac{-1}{\sin y} = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \quad y' = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$



(b) Use implicit differentiation to find the derivative of  $y = \arctan x$ .

Here  $\tan y = x$ . So  $y' \cdot \sec^2 y = 1 \Rightarrow y' = \frac{1}{\sec^2(\arctan x)}$ .



5. Use implicit differentiation to find the derivative of  $y = \log_a x$ .

Here  $a^y = x$  so  $\ln a \cdot a^y \cdot y' = 1$

$$\Rightarrow y' = \frac{1}{\ln a \cdot a^y} \quad \text{since } y = \log_a x, \quad a^y = a^{\log_a x} = x$$

$$\Rightarrow y' = \frac{1}{x \cdot \ln a}$$

6. In class, we used logarithmic differentiation to show that for any real number  $n$ ,  $(x^n)' = nx^{n-1}$ . Use that same technique to find the derivative of the following functions.

(a)  $y = \sqrt{x}^x$

$$y = (\sqrt{x})^x \Rightarrow \ln y = x \ln(\sqrt{x}) \Rightarrow \ln y = \frac{x}{2} \ln x$$

$$\xrightarrow{\frac{d}{dx}} \frac{y'}{y} = \frac{1}{2} \ln x + \frac{x}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{x} \quad \text{so} \quad \frac{y'}{(\sqrt{x})^x} = \frac{1}{2} (\ln x + 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow y' = \frac{(\sqrt{x})^x}{2} (\ln(x) + 1)$$

(b)  $y = x^{\cos x}$

$$\ln y = \cos x \ln x \Rightarrow \frac{y'}{y} = -\sin x \ln x + \frac{\cos x}{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow y' = y \left( -\sin x \ln x + \frac{\cos x}{x} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow y' = x^{\cos x} \left( \frac{\cos x}{x} - \sin x \ln x \right)$$

7. Differentiate the following functions. You may use any rule or identity.

(a)  $y = \ln x^2$

Chain-rule:  $y' = \frac{1}{x^2} \cdot 2x = \frac{2}{x}$

Log-rule:  $y = 2 \ln x$  so  $y' = 2 \frac{1}{x}$

(b)  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^3}$

$f(x) = x^{-3}$  so  $f'(x) = -3x^{-4}$

(c)  $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{x}}$

$f(x) = x^{-1/3}$  so  $f'(x) = -\frac{1}{3} x^{-1/3-1}$

$= -\frac{1}{3} x^{-4/3}$

$= \frac{-1}{3 \sqrt[3]{x^4}}$

(d)  $y = \log_2(\arctan x)$

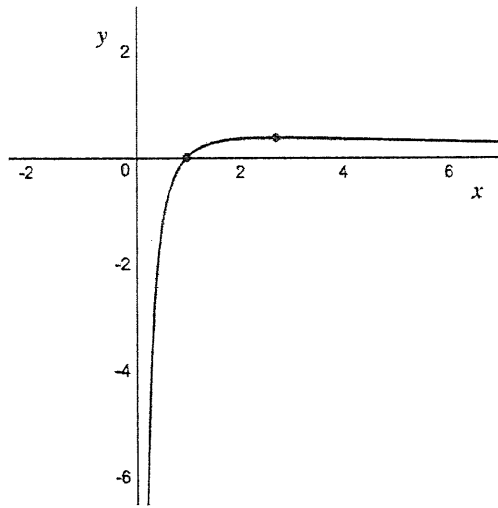
$y' = \frac{1}{\ln 2 (\arctan x)} \cdot \frac{1}{1+x^2}$

(e)  $f(x) = x \ln x - x$

$f'(x) = \ln x + x \left(\frac{1}{x}\right) - 1$

$= \ln x + 1 - 1 = \ln x$

8. Here is a graph of the function  $y = \frac{\ln x}{x}$ .



Find equations of the tangent lines to this graph at:

(a)  $x = 1$

Point:  $x = 1 \Rightarrow y = \frac{\ln 1}{1} = 0$  so  $(1, 0)$

Slope:  $y' = \left(\frac{\ln x}{x}\right)' = (\ln x \cdot x^{-1})' = \frac{1}{x} \cdot x^{-1} + \ln x \cdot (-x^{-2})$

so  $y'(1) = \frac{1 - \ln 1}{1^2} = 1 = \frac{1}{x^2} + \frac{-\ln x}{x^2} = \frac{1 - \ln x}{x^2}$

(b) and  $x = e$ .

$\Rightarrow$  tangent line:  $y = (x - 1)$

Point:  $x = e \Rightarrow y(e) = \frac{\ln e}{e} = \frac{1}{e}$ .

Slope:  $x = e \Rightarrow y'(e) = \frac{1 - \ln(e)}{e^2} = \frac{1 - 1}{e^2} = 0$

so tangent line is

$$(y - \frac{1}{e}) = 0(x - e)$$

$\Rightarrow y = \frac{1}{e}$