

ICM: Implicit Differentiation

Explicit: You can solve for y on one side of an equation

Implicit: you can't solve for y , so there are two variables to differentiate.

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

After \rightarrow $x^2 + y^2 = 1$

① Take the derivative w/ respect to x on both sides.

$$2x + 2y \underline{\quad} = 0$$

\downarrow leave space because it's not an x term

② Multiply any y derivative by $\frac{dy}{dx}$.

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

③ Use algebra to get any terms with $\frac{dy}{dx}$ on one side.

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

④ If necessary, factor out $\frac{dy}{dx}$. Then solve for $\frac{dy}{dx}$.

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

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

Ex. $x^2 - 2y^3 + 4y = 2$

$$2x - 6y^2 \frac{dy}{dx} + 4 \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

$$-2x \qquad \qquad \qquad -2x$$

$$-6y^2 \frac{dy}{dx} + 4 \frac{dy}{dx} = -2x$$

Factor out $\frac{dy}{dx}$.

$$\frac{dy}{dx} (-6y^2 + 4) = -2x$$

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

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Divide to solve for $\frac{dy}{dx}$.

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

Implicit Differentiation

We have been able to differentiate functions that are solved for y explicitly up to this point. Now we want to consider functions of the type $x^2 - 2y^3 + 4y = 2$. You can see that it would be quite challenging to solve for y as a function of x explicitly.

Implicit Differentiation

- Realize differentiation is taking place with respect to x .
- When you differentiate terms involving x alone, you can differentiate as usual.
- When you differentiate terms involving y , you must apply the Chain Rule (because you are assuming that y is defined implicitly as a differentiable function of x).

GUIDELINES FOR IMPLICIT DIFFERENTIATION

- Differentiate both sides with respect to x .
- Collect $\frac{dy}{dx}$ terms on one side = to all the other terms.
- Factor out $\frac{dy}{dx}$.
- Solve for $\frac{dy}{dx}$.

EX #1: Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ for $x^2 - y^2 = 16$ at $(-5, 3)$

EX #2: Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ for $xy + y = 8$ at $(3, 2)$

$$x(1) \frac{dy}{dx} + y(1) + 1 \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

$$-y \quad -y$$

$$x \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{dy}{dx} = -y$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} \frac{(x+1)}{(x+1)} = \frac{-y}{(x+1)}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-y}{(x+1)} \quad @ (3, 2)$$

$$\frac{-2}{3+1} = \frac{-2}{4} = \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$F1: 3x$$

$$F2: y$$

EX #3: Find the instantaneous rate of change at $(1, 1)$ for $x + 3xy - 2y^2 = 2$

EX #4: Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ given that $y^3 + 5y^2 - 5y - x^2 = -4$

$$1 + 3x \frac{dy}{dx} + 3y - 4y \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

$$-1 \quad -3y \quad -1-3y$$

$$3x \frac{dy}{dx} - 4y \frac{dy}{dx} = -1-3y$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} \frac{(3x - 4y)}{(3x - 4y)} = \frac{-1-3y}{(3x-4y)}$$

$$@ (1, 1) \quad \frac{-1-3(1)}{3(1)-4(1)} = \frac{-4}{-1} = \boxed{4}$$

EX #5: Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ for $x + \sqrt{xy} = 6$ at $(3, 3)$

EX #6: Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ for $(x-y)^2 + y = 6$ at $(0, 2)$