

W6 – Implicit Differentiation and Derivatives of Log Functions

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SOLUTIONS

1) For each problem, use implicit differentiation to find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ in terms of x and y .

a) $2x^3 = 2y^2 + 5$

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

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

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

b) $5y^2 = 2x^3 - 5y$

$$10y \frac{dy}{dx} = 6x^2 - 5 \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$10y \frac{dy}{dx} + 5 \frac{dy}{dx} = 6x^2$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} (10y + 5) = 6x^2$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{6x^2}{10y + 5}$$

c) $5x^3 = -3xy + 2$

$$15x^2 = -3y + \frac{dy}{dx} (-3x)$$

$$\frac{15x^2 + 3y}{-3x} = \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$\frac{3(5x^2 + y)}{-3x} = \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-5x^2 - y}{x}$$

d) $2x^3 = (3xy + 1)^2$

$$6x^2 = 2(3xy + 1) \left[3y + \frac{dy}{dx} (3x) \right]$$

$$6x^2 = (6xy + 2) \left[3y + \frac{dy}{dx} (3x) \right]$$

$$6x^2 = 18xy^2 + 18x^2y \frac{dy}{dx} + 6y + 6x \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$6x^2 - 18xy^2 - 6y = \frac{dy}{dx} (18x^2y + 6x)$$

$$\frac{6(x^2 - 3xy^2 - y)}{6(3x^2y + x)} = \frac{dy}{dx}$$

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

e) $x^3 - 3x^2y + 4xy^2 = 12$

$$3x^2 - 6xy + \frac{dy}{dx} (-3x^2) + 4y^2 + 2y \frac{dy}{dx} (4x) = 0$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} (8xy - 3x^2) = -3x^2 + 6xy - 4y^2$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-3x^2 + 6xy - 4y^2}{8xy - 3x^2}$$

f) $4 \sin(2y) \cos x = 2$

$$4 \cos(2y) \left(2 \frac{dy}{dx} \right) \cos x + (-\sin x) [4 \sin(2y)] = 0$$

$$8 \cos(2y) \cos x \frac{dy}{dx} = 4 \sin x \sin(2y)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{4 \sin x \sin(2y)}{8 \cos x \cos(2y)}$$

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

$$g) y^2 = \frac{x^2-4}{x^2+4}$$

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

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

$$2y \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{16x}{(x^2+4)^2}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{16x}{2y(x^2+4)^2}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{8x}{y(x^2+4)^2}$$

2) Find the equation of the tangent line to $(x+y)^3 = x^3 + y^3$ at the point $(-1,1)$.

Slope :

$$3(x+y)^2 \left(1 + \frac{dy}{dx}\right) = 3x^2 + 3y^2 \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$3(x^2 + 2xy + y^2) \left(1 + \frac{dy}{dx}\right) = 3x^2 + 3y^2 \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$(3x^2 + 6xy + 3y^2) \left(1 + \frac{dy}{dx}\right) = 3x^2 + 3y^2 \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$3x^2 + 6xy + 3y^2 + 3x^2 \frac{dy}{dx} + 6xy \frac{dy}{dx} + 3y^2 \frac{dy}{dx} = 3x^2 + 3y^2 \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$3x^2 \frac{dy}{dx} + 6xy \frac{dy}{dx} = -6xy - 3y^2$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} (3x^2 + 6xy) = -3y(2x + y)$$

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

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

$$\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{\substack{x=-1 \\ y=1}} = \frac{-1[2(-1)+1]}{-1[-1+2(1)]}$$

$$\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{\substack{x=-1 \\ y=1}} = \frac{1}{-1} = -1$$

$$y = mx + b$$

$$1 = -1(-1) + b$$

$$b = 0$$

$$y = -1x$$

3) Differentiate each of the following with respect to x .

$$y = \frac{\ln x}{2x+3}$$

$$\text{b) } f(x) = e^{x^7}$$

$$\text{c) } f(x) = \ln\left(\frac{x^2+1}{x^3-x}\right)$$

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

$$f'(x) = e^{x^7} (7x^6)$$

$$f'(x) = 7x^6 (e)^{x^7}$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{x^2+1}{x^3-x}\right)} \cdot \frac{2x(x^3-x) - (3x^2-1)(x^2+1)}{(x^3-x)^2}$$

$$y' = \frac{2x+3 - 2x \ln x}{x(2x+3)^2}$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{x^3-x}{x^2+1} \cdot \frac{2x^4 - 2x^2 - 3x^4 - 3x^2 + x^2 + 1}{(x^3-x)^2}$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{x^2+1} \cdot \frac{-x^4 - 4x^2 + 1}{(x^3-x)^2}$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{-x^4 - 4x^2 + 1}{(x^2+1)(x^3-x)}$$

$$\text{d) } y = \log_2(4x^2)$$

$$y' = \frac{1}{4x^2 \ln(2)} \cdot 8x$$

$$y' = \frac{2}{x \ln(2)}$$

Answers:

$$\text{1) a) } \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{3x^2}{2y} \quad \text{b) } \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{6x^2}{10y+5} \quad \text{c) } \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-y-5x^2}{x} \quad \text{d) } \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-3y^2x-y+x^2}{3x^2y+x} \quad \text{e) } \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{6xy-3x^2-4y^2}{8xy-3x^2} \quad \text{f) } \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\sin(2y) \sin x}{2 \cos(2y) \cos x}$$

$$\text{g) } \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{8x}{y(x^2+4)^2}$$

$$\text{2) } y = -x$$

$$\text{3) a) } y' = \frac{2x+3-2x \ln x}{x(2x+3)^2} \quad \text{b) } f'(x) = 7x^6 e^{x^7} \quad \text{c) } f'(x) = \frac{2x}{x^2+1} - \frac{3x^2-1}{x^3-x} \quad \text{d) } y' = \frac{2}{x \ln 2}$$