

Lecture 19.

Today's topics:-

- Implicit differentiation
- Derivatives of inverse functions

Announcements:

Ex 13-16 due
Friday 4pm.

Recall:

Implicit differentiation allows us to differentiate equations that don't have the form $y = f(x)$.

→ Eg. $y^2 e^y = \sin(x)$

Circle Example

$$x^2 + y^2 = 25$$

Find the slope at
point $(3,4)$.

Diff. both sides with respect to x .

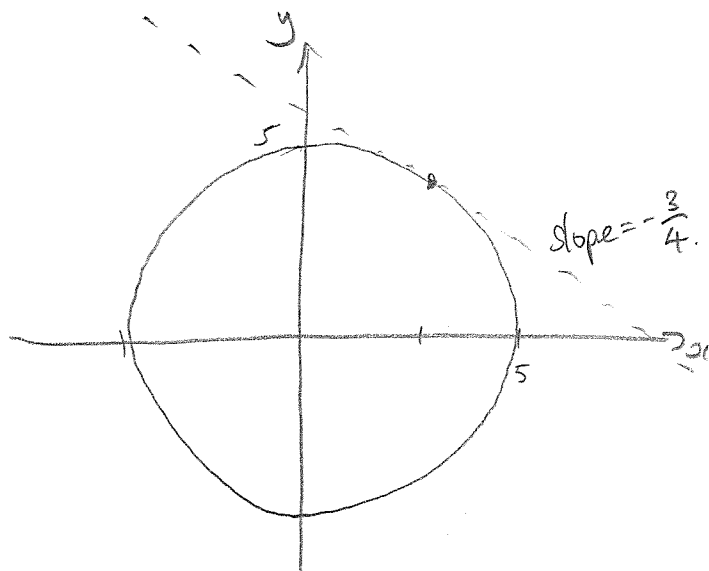
$$\frac{d}{dx}(x^2 + y^2) = \frac{d}{dx}(25)$$

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

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

$$\text{At } (3,4), \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{3}{4}$$

$$\text{At } (\pm 5, 0), \frac{dy}{dx} \text{ undefined}$$



Example 2: See Lec 18.

Derivative of the natural log function

We've seen $\frac{d}{dx} \ln(x) = \frac{1}{x}$.

We can now prove this using implicit differentiation!

Set $y = \ln(x)$. Goal: find y' .

Trick: $e^y = x$ (rearrange)

$$\Rightarrow e^y \frac{dy}{dx} = 1 \quad (\text{differentiate implicitly})$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{e^y} = \frac{1}{x} \quad (\text{sub } x \text{ back in})$$

And so: $\frac{d}{dx} (\ln x) = \frac{1}{x}$.

Other inverse functions.

- We found the derivative of $\ln(x)$ thanks to knowing the derivative of its inverse (e^x).
- Can we do this for other inverse functions? (yup).

Example 1

recall $x \in [-1, 1]$
 $y \in [-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}]$

Differentiate $f(x) = \arcsin(x)$.

hmm... we know
 $(\sin \theta)' = \cos \theta$.

Set $y = \arcsin(x)$

$$\Rightarrow \sin y = x$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos y \, y' = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow y' = \frac{1}{\cos y} \quad \leftarrow \text{should leave answer in terms of } x \text{ since given } f(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow y' = \frac{1}{\cos(\arcsin(x))} \quad \leftarrow \text{simplify using our trig training!}$$

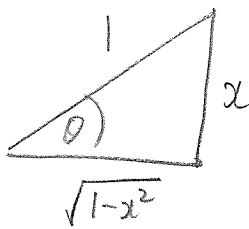
$$\cos(\arcsin(x)) ?$$

Set $\theta = \arcsin(x) \Rightarrow x = \sin \theta$

and $\theta \in [-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}]$ (range of arcsin)

note could also have used $\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta = 1$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \theta = \sqrt{1-x^2}$$

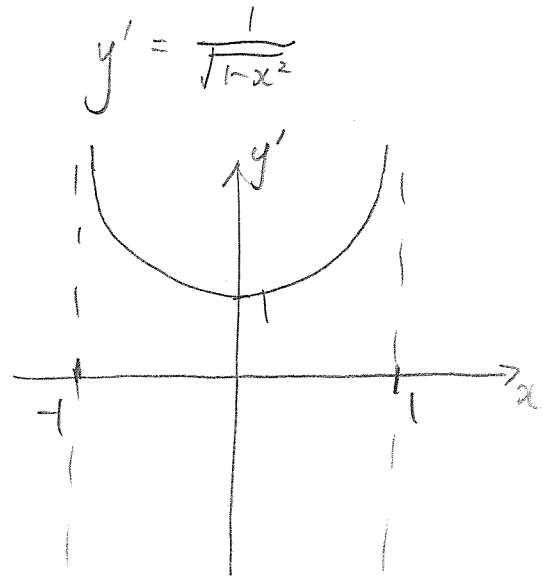
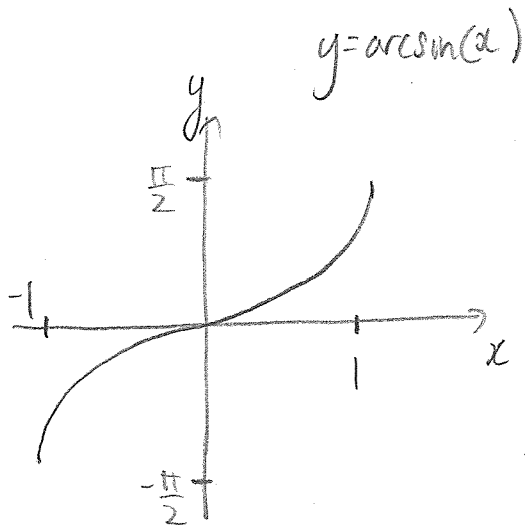


$$\Rightarrow \cos(\arcsin(x)) = \sqrt{1-x^2}$$

Putting it all together:

$$y' = \frac{d}{dx} (\arcsin(x)) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

Graphically:



Example 2.

Let's do it again!

$$f(x) = \arctan(x).$$

Set $y = \arctan(x)$

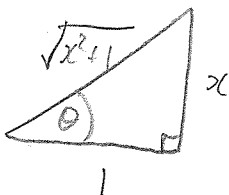
$$\Rightarrow \tan y = x$$

$$\Rightarrow \sec^2 y \frac{dy}{dx} = 1 \quad (\text{implicit diff})$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{\sec^2 y} = \frac{1}{\sec^2(\arctan(x))}$$

$\sec^2(\arctan(x)) \stackrel{?}{=}$

Let $\theta = \arctan(x)$, then $x = \tan \theta$ and $\theta \in (-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2})$



$$\cos \theta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+x^2}} \Rightarrow \sec \theta = \sqrt{1+x^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sec^2 \theta = 1+x^2$$

Altogether:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx} (\arctan(x)) = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$$

