

C4 Implicit Functions

Patrons are reminded not to smoke in lessons. They are also reminded that the theory behind implicit functions is the chain rule. If you need to differentiate $f(y)$ with respect to x , then you *don't* obtain $f'(y)$. However with the chain rule we find

$$\frac{d}{dx}(f(y)) = \frac{d}{dy}(f(y)) \times \frac{dy}{dx} = f'(y) \frac{dy}{dx}$$

by sneaking in a couple of helpful 'dys'. So you differentiate the $f(y)$ as you would expect, but then multiply by a $\frac{dy}{dx}$ straight away.

1. Find (fully simplified) expressions for $\frac{dy}{dx}$ for the following implicitly defined functions:
 - (a) $x^2 + y^2 = r^2$.
 - (b) $x^3 + e^y = 1$.
 - (c) $\sin 2x + \cos 3y = xy$.
 - (d) $e^{\sin x} - 2x^2y^3 = 1$.
 - (e) $x^n + y^n = xy^2$.
2. Find the equations of the tangents or normals to the following at the required points of the following implicitly defined functions:
 - (a) Tangent at $(3, -4)$ on $x^2 + y^2 = 5$.
3. Find the stationary points of the following implicitly defined functions:
 - (a) $x^2 + 3xy + y^2 = 4$.
 - (b) $x^2 - 6xy - y^2 = 10$.