Questions from Homework

Implicit Differentiation

So far we have described functions by expressing one variable *explicitly* in terms of another variable: for example,

$$y = x^2$$

$$y = \partial x$$

- Sometimes an equation only <u>implicitly</u> defines y as a function (or functions) of x.
- Examples

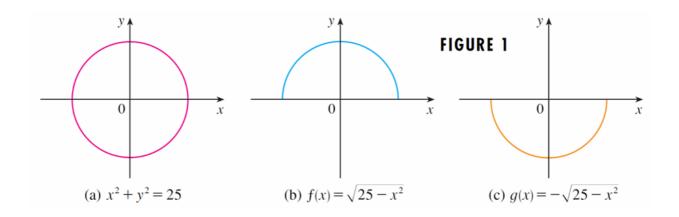
$$x^2 + y^2 = 25$$

$$x^3 + y^3 = 6xy$$



• The first equation could easily be rearranged for y = ...

$$y = \pm \sqrt{25 - x^2}$$
 Actually gives two functions



Implicit Differentiation

- There is a way called implicit differentiation to find dy/dx without solving for y:
- \bigcirc First <u>differentiate</u> both sides of the equation with respect to x;
- Then solve the resulting equation for y'.
 - We will always <u>assume</u> that the given equation does indeed define y as a differentiable function of x.

Example

- For the circle $x^2 + y^2 = 25$, find

 - b) an equation of the tangent at the point (3, 4).

Solution:

 $X_{1}=3$ $y_{1}=4$

Start by differentiating both sides of the equation:

$$3(x)(1) + 3(y)dy = 0$$

$$3x + 3y dy = 0$$

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b) Find the equation of the tangent @ (3,4) (i) Find m:

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

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$$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$$
 $y - 4 = -\frac{3}{4}(x - 3)$
 $y - 4 = -\frac{3}{4}x + \frac{9}{4}$
 $y = -\frac{3}{4}x + \frac{9}{4} + 4$
 $3x + 4y - 35 = 0$

Same Example Revisited

- Since it is easy to solve this equation for y, we
 - do so, and then
 - find the equation of the tangent line by earlier methods, and then
 - compare the result with our preceding answer:

Solution

- Solving the equation gives $y = \pm \sqrt{25 x^2}$ as before.
- The point (3, 4) lies on the <u>upper</u> semicircle $y = \sqrt{25 x^2}$ and so we consider the function $f(x) = \sqrt{25 x^2}$

Differentiate *f*:

(1)
$$y = (35 - x^3)^{1/6}$$

 $y' = \frac{1}{2}(35 - x^3)^{-1/3}(-3x) = \frac{-x}{\sqrt{35 - x^3}}$

(ii)
$$y' = \frac{x}{\sqrt{55-x^3}} = \frac{\sqrt{35-(3)}}{\sqrt{55-(3)}} = \frac{x}{\sqrt{3}} \longrightarrow m$$

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$$y-y_1 = m(x-x_1)$$

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

$$y-4=-\frac{3}{4}x+\frac{9}{4}$$

$$9 = -3x + 35$$

Solution (cont'd)

So
$$f'(3) = -\frac{3}{\sqrt{25-3^2}} = -\frac{3}{4}$$

leading to the same equation

$$3x + 4y = 25$$

for the tangent that we obtained earlier.

Note that although this problem <u>could</u> be done both ways, implicit differentiation was easier!

Sometimes Implicit Differentiation is not only the easiest way, it's the *only* way

Example:
Given
$$x^3 + y^3 = 6xy$$

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

$$2x^5 + x^4y + y^5 = 36$$

Find <u>dy</u> dx

Homework

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