

Tangent and Normal Lines with Implicit Differentiation ... Set 2

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

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Answers

-To solve, differentiate both sides of the equation with respect to x , treating y as a differentiable function of x .

$$y^2 = x$$

$$2y \frac{dy}{dx} = 1 \qquad \frac{d}{dx}(y^2) = \frac{d}{dy}(y^2) \cdot \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2y}$$

-This is helpful in this case.

$$y^2 = x$$

$$y = \sqrt{x}$$

-This graph has 2 slopes for $x = 4$ one at $(4,2)$ and $(4,-2)$.

-Here our derivative is in terms of y so we can use y_1 and y_2 to find BOTH derivatives.

$$\frac{1}{2y_1} = \frac{1}{4} \qquad \frac{1}{2y_2} = -\frac{1}{4}$$

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Example-Finding Slope of a Circle

Find the slope of the circle $x^2 + y^2 = 25$ at $(3, -4)$

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-To graph this we would need to solve for y :

$$y_1 = \sqrt{25 - x^2} \quad y_2 = -\sqrt{25 - x^2}$$

-Since $(3, -4)$ is on y_2 we could calculate explicitly

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy_2}{dx} &= -(25 - x^2)^{-1/2} = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{25 - x^2}}(2x) \\ &= \frac{-2x}{\sqrt{25 - x^2}} \Big|_{x=3} = \frac{-6}{2\sqrt{25 - 9}} = \frac{3}{4} \end{aligned}$$

-This can be done even easier using implicit differentiation and will work for the entire circle.

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

$$2x + 2y \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right) = 0$$

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

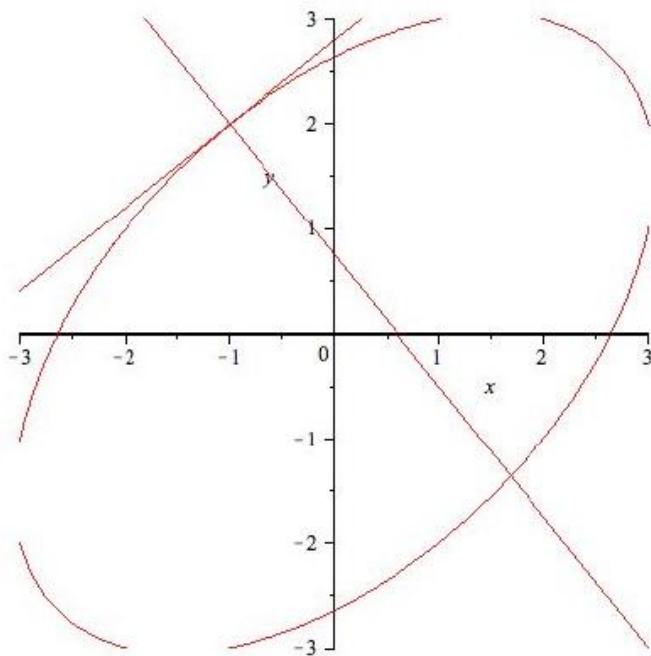
At $(3, -4)$

$$= \frac{-3}{-4} = \frac{3}{4}$$

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-Find the tangent and normal to the ellipse $x^2 - xy + y^2 = 7$ at $(-1, 2)$.



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$$\frac{d}{dx}(x^2) - \frac{d}{dx}(xy) + \frac{d}{dx}(y^2) = \frac{d}{dx}(7)$$

$$2x - \left(x \frac{dy}{dx} + y(1) \right) + 2y \frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \quad \text{'Treat } xy \text{ as a product}$$

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

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

Evaluate at $x = -1, y = 2$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2 - 2(-1)}{2(2) - (-1)} = \frac{4}{5}$$

Tangent at $x = -1, y = 2$

$$y - 2 = \frac{4}{5}(x + 1)$$

$$y - 2 = \frac{4}{5}x + \frac{4}{5}$$

$$y = \frac{4}{5}x + \frac{14}{5}$$

Normal at $x = -1, y = 2$

$$y - 2 = -\frac{5}{4}(x + 1)$$

$$y - 2 = -\frac{5}{4}x - \frac{5}{4}$$

$$y = -\frac{5}{4}x + \frac{3}{4}$$

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-Show the slope is defined everywhere on $2y = x^2 + \sin y$

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

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

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

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

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Example-Second Derivative Implicitly

Find $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ if $2x^3 - 3y^2 = 0$.

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$$\text{Note: } y' = \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$6x^2 - 6yy' = 0$$

$$x^2 - yy' = 0$$

$$y' = \frac{x^2}{y}$$

To find y'' .

$$y'' = \frac{2xy - x^2y'}{y^2} = \frac{2x}{y} - \frac{x^2y'}{y^2}$$

Don't forget we already solved $y' = \frac{x^2}{y}$

$$y'' = \frac{2x}{y} - \frac{x^2}{y^2} \left(\frac{x^2}{y} \right)$$

$$= \frac{2x}{y} - \frac{x^4}{y^3}$$