

Implicit differentiation

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Practice problems

1. Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ for the relation $x^2 + 3y^2 = 11$.
2. Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ for the relation $x^2y + y^2x = 6$.
3. Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ for the relation $e^y + x = y$.

Solutions

1. Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ for the relation $x^2 + 3y^2 = 11$.

- Differentiate both sides with respect to x : $2x + 6y\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$.
- Subtract $2x$ from both sides: $6y\frac{dy}{dx} = -2x$.
- Divide by $6y$: $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-2x}{6y}$.
- Simplify the fraction: $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{x}{3y}$.

Answer: $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{x}{3y}$

2. Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ for the relation $x^2y + y^2x = 6$.

- Apply the product rule to x^2y : $(2xy + x^2\frac{dy}{dx})$.
- Apply the product rule to y^2x : $(2yx\frac{dy}{dx} + y^2)$.
- Combine: $2xy + x^2\frac{dy}{dx} + 2xy\frac{dy}{dx} + y^2 = 0$.
- Group $\frac{dy}{dx}$ terms: $\frac{dy}{dx}(x^2 + 2xy) = -2xy - y^2$.
- Isolate $\frac{dy}{dx}$: $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-2xy - y^2}{x^2 + 2xy}$.

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

3. Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ for the relation $e^y + x = y$.

- Differentiate both sides: $e^y\frac{dy}{dx} + 1 = \frac{dy}{dx}$.
- Move $\frac{dy}{dx}$ terms to one side: $e^y\frac{dy}{dx} - \frac{dy}{dx} = -1$.
- Factor out $\frac{dy}{dx}$: $\frac{dy}{dx}(e^y - 1) = -1$.
- Isolate $\frac{dy}{dx}$: $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-1}{e^y - 1}$.
- Alternatively, multiply top and bottom by -1 : $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{1 - e^y}$.

Answer: $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{1 - e^y}$