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Note Title

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Implicit Differentiation

Used when "y" is NOT a function of "x"

Approach

differentiate w/ respect to "x"
using the Chain Rule for "y".

ⓐ find y' (or $\frac{dy}{dx}$) for $x^5 + y^2 = 9$

$$5x^4 + 2y \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$
$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{5x^4}{2y}$$

ⓑ find y' for $x^2 y^3 + y^2 \cos 2x = x$

$$x^2 \cdot 3y^2 y' + y^3 \cdot 2x + y^2 \cdot (-\sin 2x \cdot 2) + \cos 2x \cdot 2y y' = 1$$

$$3x^2 y^2 y' + 2xy^3 - 2y^2 \sin 2x + 2yy' \cos 2x = 1$$

$$3x^2 y^2 y' + 2yy' \cos 2x = 1 - 2xy^3 + 2y^2 \sin 2x$$

$$y'(3x^2 y^2 + 2y \cos 2x) = 1 - 2xy^3 + 2y^2 \sin 2x$$

$$y' = \frac{1 - 2xy^3 + 2y^2 \sin 2x}{3x^2 y^2 + 2y \cos 2x}$$

Derivatives of Inverse Trig Functions

Reminder,

$$y = \cos^{-1} x \text{ means } x = \cos y$$

$$\text{(ex) } \cos 0 = 1 \text{ so } \cos^{-1} 1 = 0$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \sin^{-1} x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \tan^{-1} x = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \cos^{-1} x = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$