

WORKSHEET #15

1. Sometimes it is difficult/impossible to solve explicitly for y as a function of x . At other times solving for y can lead to a piecewise function which takes extra steps to differentiate. In either case, it may be easier to use implicit differentiation, especially if you don't need to know an explicit equation for y .

2. * Suppose $x^2 + y^3 = 5xy - 5$ and $P(2, 1)$ is a point on that curve. Indeed

$$2^2 + 1^3 \stackrel{?}{=} 5(2)(1) - 5$$
$$\Rightarrow 5 \stackrel{?}{=} 5 \quad \underline{\underline{\text{Yes}}}$$

Take the derivative of both sides wrt x

$$\frac{d}{dx} (x^2 + y^3) = \frac{d}{dx} (5xy - 5)$$

$$2x + \underbrace{3 \cdot y^2 \cdot \frac{dy}{dx}}_{\text{chain rule}} = \underbrace{5(1)y + 5x \cdot \frac{dy}{dx}}_{\text{product rule}}$$

$$3y^2 \frac{dy}{dx} - 5x \frac{dy}{dx} = 5y - 2x$$

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{(5y - 2x)}{(3y^2 - 5x)}$$

$$\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{(2,1)} = \frac{5(1) - 2(2)}{3(1)^2 - 5(2)} = \frac{1}{-7} = \left(-\frac{1}{7} \right)$$

Hence the equation of the tg line is

$$\underline{(y-1) = -\frac{1}{7}(x-2)}$$

$$7y - 7 = -x + 2$$

$$\text{OR } \boxed{7y + x - 9 = 0}$$

$$\textcircled{*} \quad \sqrt{2x + \frac{32}{y^4}} = 6$$

Notice that $P(2,1)$ satisfies the equation as $\sqrt{2(2) + \frac{32}{(1)^4}} = 6 \quad \checkmark$

Before we take the derivative we can rewrite the equation as

$$\frac{2xy^4 + 32}{y^4} = 6^2$$

$$\text{OR} \quad 2xy^4 + 32 - 36y^4 = 0$$

Now it is easier to take the derivative

$$\frac{d}{dx} [2xy^4 + 32 - 36y^4] = 0$$

$$2y^4 + 2x(4y^3 \frac{dy}{dx}) - 36 \cdot 4y^3 \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

$$4xy^3 \frac{dy}{dx} - 144y^3 \frac{dy}{dx} = -y^4$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} (4x - 144) \cdot y^3 = -y^4 \quad \therefore \boxed{\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-y}{4x - 144}}$$

Hence $\frac{dy}{dx} \Big|_{(2,1)} = \frac{-1}{4(2) - 72} = \frac{1}{64}$

and the equation of the tg line is

$$\boxed{y-1 = \frac{1}{64}(x-2)} \quad \text{OR}$$

$$64y - 64 = x - 2$$

$$\boxed{64y - x - 62 = 0}$$

Notice $\frac{d}{dx} \left[\sqrt{2x + 32y^{-4}} \right] = \frac{d}{dx} (6)$

gives $\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2x + 32y^{-4}}} \cdot \left(2 + 32(-4)y^{-5} \frac{dy}{dx} \right) = 0$

after simplifying the equation

$$1 - 64y^{-5} \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \quad \text{so} \quad \boxed{\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y^5}{64}}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} \Big|_{(2,1)} = \frac{1^5}{64} = \frac{1}{64}$$

These are two equivalent expressions for $\frac{dy}{dx}$

3.

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = 0.06 \text{ m}^3/\text{sec}$$

$$\frac{dr}{dt} = ? \quad \text{when } r = 0.1$$

We assume the lump can be represented by a sphere so

$$V = \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3$$

Take the derivative wrt time of the equation

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{4}{3} \pi \underbrace{\frac{d}{dt} (r^3)}_{\text{chain rule}}$$

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{4}{3} \pi \left(3r^2 \frac{dr}{dt} \right)$$

$$\text{So } \frac{dr}{dt} = \frac{1}{4\pi r^2} \cdot \frac{dV}{dt}$$

$$\text{With our data } \frac{dr}{dt} = \frac{1}{4\pi (0.1)^2} \cdot 0.06 \text{ m}^3/\text{sec} = 0.4775 \text{ m}/\text{sec}$$

4.

$$\frac{1}{T} = \frac{1}{R} + \frac{1}{S}$$

$T = 20$ ohms constant; $\frac{dT}{dt} = 0$

$$\frac{dS}{dt} = -2 \text{ ohms per minute}$$

$$\frac{dR}{dt} = ? \text{ when } S = 30 \text{ ohms}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{1}{T} \right) = \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{1}{R} + \frac{1}{S} \right)$$

$= 0$
as T is constant
at 20 ohms

Thus

$$0 = \frac{d}{dt} (R^{-1}) + \frac{d}{dt} (S^{-1})$$

$$0 = \frac{d}{dR} (R^{-1}) \cdot \frac{dR}{dt} + \frac{d}{dS} (S^{-1}) \cdot \frac{dS}{dt}$$

$$0 = -\frac{1}{R^2} \frac{dR}{dt} - \frac{1}{S^2} \frac{dS}{dt} \quad \text{Thus}$$

$$\frac{dR}{dt} = -\frac{R^2}{S^2} \cdot \frac{dS}{dt}$$

$$\frac{dR}{dt} = +8 \text{ ohm/min}$$

with our data

$$\frac{dS}{dt} = -2 \quad S = 30$$

and

$$\frac{1}{20} = \frac{1}{R} + \frac{1}{30}$$

$$R = 60$$