

10.07.2015    3.4 CHAIN RULE

With the rules seen so far we cannot differentiate

$$f(x) = \sqrt[3]{\sin x}. \quad (1)$$

Note that  $f(x) = g(h(x))$

$$g(x) = \sqrt[3]{x}, \quad h(x) = \sin(x).$$

CHAIN RULE:  $F(x) = f(\underbrace{g(x)}_{\text{inside}})$ .

Suppose  $g'(x)$  and  $f'(g(x))$  exists, then

$$F'(x) = f'(g(x)) \cdot g'(x).$$

The derivative of  $F$  at  $x$  is the product of the derivative of the outside function evaluated at the inside function,

and the derivative of the inside function.

$$(f \circ g)'(x) = f'(g(x)) \cdot g'(x).$$

OR  $y = f(u), \quad u = g(x)$

$$y = f \circ g(x).$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$$

Going back to (1).

$$g(x) = \sqrt[3]{x}, \quad h(x) = \sin(x)$$

$$(g \circ h)'(x) = g'(h(x)) \cdot h'(x)$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} (\sin(x))^{-2/3} \cdot (\cos x).$$

We know that  $\frac{d}{dx} e^x = e^x$ .

But what about  $\frac{d}{dx} a^x = ?$

Recall that if

$$y = a^x$$

then  $\log_a y = x$

then  $\frac{\ln y}{\ln a} = x$

*Change of basis*

So,  $\ln y = (\ln a)x$

So  ~~$e^{\ln y} = e^{(\ln a)x}$~~

OR  $y = e^{(\ln a)x}$

OR  $a^x = e^{(\ln a)x}$

$$\frac{d}{dx} a^x = \frac{d}{dx} e^{(\ln a)x}$$

$$f(x) = e^x \quad g(x) = (\ln a)x.$$

$$= f'(g(x)) g'(x)$$

$$= e^{(\ln a)x} \cdot (\ln a)$$

$$= a^x \ln a$$

$\frac{d}{dx} x^a = a x^{a-1}$

So,  $\boxed{\frac{d}{dx} a^x = a^x \ln a}$

Slope of the tangent to  $y = a^x$  at  $(0, 1)$  is  $a^0 \ln a = \ln(a)$ .

So, the only value of  $a$  for which this slope is 1, is  $a = e$ .

**WARNING**  $x^a \neq a^x$

Ex.  $F(x) = \sqrt[5]{\tan x}$ . What is  $F'(x)$ ?

$$f(x) = \sqrt[5]{x} = x^{1/5}$$

$$g(x) = \tan x.$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{5}x^{-4/5}$$

$$g'(x) = \sec^2 x.$$

By the chain rule,

$$F'(x) = f'(g(x)) \cdot g'(x)$$

$$= \frac{1}{5}(\tan x)^{-4/5} \sec^2 x.$$

In general,

$$\frac{d}{dx}(f(x))^n = n(f(x))^{n-1} \cdot f'(x).$$

Ex.  $h(x) = \sqrt{4 + e^{f(x)}}$

$f(1) = 1$ ,  $h'(1) = 1$ . What is  $f'(1)$ ?

Ans.  $h'(x) = \frac{1}{2}(4 + e^{f(x)})^{-1/2}$

$$= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{4 + e^{f(x)}}} \left( \frac{d}{dx} e^{f(x)} \right)$$
$$= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{4 + e^{f(x)}}} \left[ e^{f(x)} \cdot f'(x) \right]$$

So,  $h'(x) = \frac{e^{f(x)}}{2\sqrt{4 + e^{f(x)}}} \cdot f'(x).$

$$x=1 \quad h'(1) = \frac{e^{f(1)}}{2\sqrt{4 + e^{f(1)}}} f'(1)$$

$$1 = \frac{e}{2\sqrt{4 + e}} f'(1). \text{ So, } \boxed{f'(1) = \frac{2}{e} \sqrt{4 + e}}.$$

Ex. At what point of the curve

$y = \sqrt{1+2x}$  is the tangent line perpendicular to the line

$$6x + 2y = 1?$$

Ans Slope of the given line:

$$6x + 2y = 1$$

$$\text{OR } 2y = -6x + 1$$

$$\text{OR } y = \underline{-3}x + \frac{1}{2}$$

Slope of the given line = -3.

Slope of the required tangent  
=  $\frac{-1}{-3} = \frac{1}{3}$ .

$$y' = \frac{1}{2}(1+2x)^{-1/2} \cdot 2$$

$$y' = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+2x}}$$

Solve for x

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{1+2x}} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\text{OR } 3 = \sqrt{1+2x}$$

$$\text{OR } 9 = 1 + 2x$$

$$\boxed{x = 4}$$

$$\text{And } f(4) = \sqrt{1+2 \cdot 4} = \sqrt{9} = 3$$

So, the point is  $\boxed{(4, 3)}$

**WARNING**

composition  $(f \circ g)'(x) = f'(g(x))g'(x)$

product  $(fg)'(x) = f'(x)g(x) + f(x)g'(x)$ .

$$v = \frac{1}{2}(1+x) \quad \cdot \quad \neq$$

$$\text{product } (fg)(x) = f(x)g(x) + h(x)g(x).$$

Ex. Compute  $\frac{d}{dx} 5^{\sin x}$ .

(a)

Solution  $F(x) = 5^{\sin x}$

$$f(x) = 5^x; \quad f'(x) = 5^x \cdot \ln 5$$

$$g(x) = \sin x; \quad g'(x) = \cos x.$$

By the chain rule

$$\frac{d}{dx} 5^{\sin x} = F'(x) = 5^{\sin x} \ln 5 \cdot \cos x$$

Compute  
(b)  $\frac{d^2}{dx^2} 5^{\sin x}$ .

$$F''(x) = \ln 5 \left( \frac{d}{dx} 5^{\sin x} \right) \cos x + 5^{\sin x} (-\sin x)$$

$$= \ln 5 \left( 5^{\sin x} \ln 5 \cos x \cdot \cos x - \sin x 5^{\sin x} \right)$$

$$= (\ln 5) 5^{\sin x} \underline{(\ln 5 \cos^2 x - \sin x)}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{d}{dx} a^x = a^x \ln a \quad (a=5)}$$

### 3.5 Implicit Differentiation

Suppose  $y$  is a function of  $x$

$$\sqrt{y+1} = x^2 - 2.$$

Find  $y'$ .

Isolate  $y$

$$y+1 = (x^2-2)^2$$

OR

$$y = (x^2-2)^2 - 1.$$

$$y' = 2(x^2-2)'(2x)$$

— But we can't always isolate  $y$

For. eg.  $y^3 + x^3 = xy$  — (i)

Hard to isolate  $y$  and we say that  $y$  is implicitly defined as a function

of  $x$ .

Think of  $y$  as  $y(x)$

$$y(x)^3 + x^3 = x \cdot y(x)$$

Differentiate w.r.t.  $x$ ,

$$3 \overset{\text{chain}}{(y(x))^2} \cdot y'(x) + 3x^2 = [1 \cdot y(x) + x y'(x)] \overset{\text{product}}$$

$$3y(x)^2 y'(x) + 3x^2 = y(x) + x y'(x)$$

$$3y(x)^2 y'(x) - x y'(x) = y(x) - 3x^2$$

$$y'(x) [3y(x)^2 - x] = y(x) - 3x^2$$

$$\text{OR } y'(x) = \frac{y(x) - 3x^2}{3y(x)^2 - x}$$

DROP (x)

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

hard to isolate  $y$  and we say that  
 $y$  is implicitly defined as a function

$$y' = \frac{1}{3y^2 - x}$$



Find the slope of the tangent to the curve

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

at the point  $(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$ .

Answer

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

So, we want to compute  $y'$  at

$$x = \frac{1}{2}, y = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{Slope: } \frac{\frac{1}{2} - 3(\frac{1}{2})^2}{3(\frac{1}{2})^2 - \frac{1}{2}} = \underline{\underline{-1}}$$

Ex: Find  $y''$  if

$$\cos(x+y) = y$$

Answer: Differentiate w.r.t.  $x$

$$-\sin(x+y)(1+y') = y'$$

$$-\sin(x+y) - \sin(x+y)y' = y'$$

$$\begin{aligned} -\sin(x+y) &= y' + y' \sin(x+y) \\ &= y'(1 + \sin(x+y)) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So, } y' = \frac{-\sin(x+y)}{1 + \sin(x+y)}$$

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$$\text{So, } y' = \frac{-\sin(x+y)}{1 + \sin(x+y)} \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

Differentiate (i) w.r.t.  $x$

$$-\cos(x+y)(1+y') = y''(1 + \sin(x+y))$$

$$+ y'(\cos(x+y)(1+y')) = \frac{-\cos(x+y)}{1 + \sin(x+y)} \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & -\cos(x+y)(1+y') - y' \cos(x+y)(1+y') \\ & = y''(1 + \sin(x+y)) \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{-\cos(x+y)(1+y')(1+y')}{1 + \sin(x+y)} = y''$$

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

$$= \frac{-\cos(x+y)}{1 + \sin(x+y)} \left(1 + \frac{-\sin(x+y)}{1 + \sin(x+y)}\right)^2$$

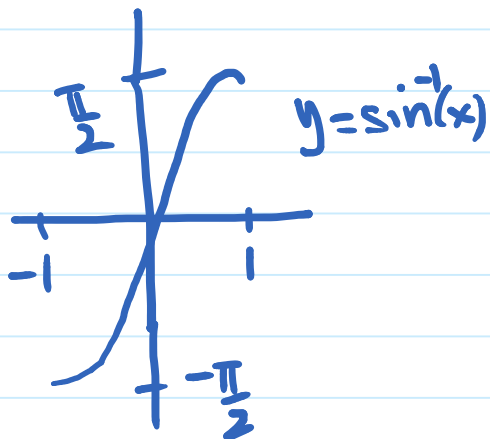
$$= \frac{-\cos(x+y)}{1 + \sin(x+y)} \left(\frac{1}{1 + \sin(x+y)}\right)^2$$

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

# APPLICATION: DERIVATIVES OF INVERSE TRIGONOMETRIC FUNCTIONS.

①  $\sin^{-1}(x)$  or  $\arcsin(x)$

Recap  $y = \sin^{-1}(x)$  MEANS  
 $\sin(y) = x \quad -\frac{\pi}{2} \leq y \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$



Dom:  $[-1, 1]$   
Ran:  $[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}]$

$\frac{d}{dx} \sin^{-1}(x)$ ?

Set  $y = \sin^{-1}(x)$   
 $\sin(y) = x \quad y \in [-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}]$

Diff. w.r.t.  $x$ ,

$$\cos(y) \cdot y' = 1$$

$$\text{So, } y' = \frac{1}{\cos(y)} \quad \text{--- } \phi$$

Recall  $\sin^2(y) + \cos^2(y) = 1$

$$\text{So } x^2 + \cos^2 y = 1$$

$$\text{OR } \cos^2 y = 1 - x^2$$

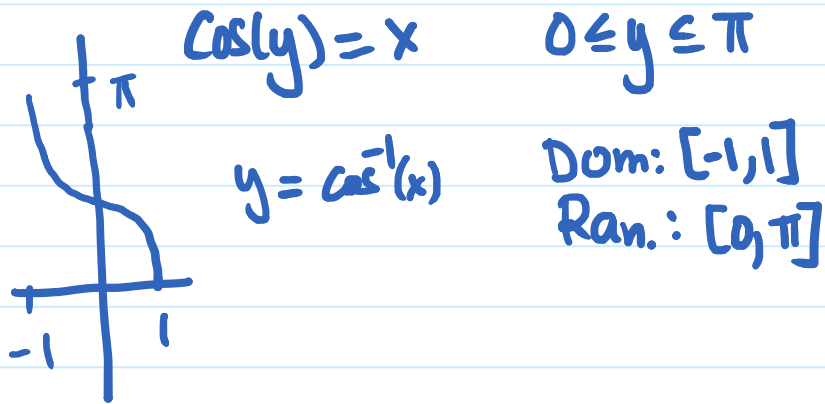
Since  $-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq y \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$ ,  $\cos y > 0$

$$\text{So } \cos y = \sqrt{1 - x^2}$$

$$\text{So, in } \phi \quad \boxed{\frac{d}{dx} \sin^{-1}(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}}$$

(B)  $\cos^{-1}(x)$  or  $\arccos(x)$ .

Recap  $y = \cos^{-1}(x)$  MEANS



$$\frac{d}{dx} \cos^{-1}(x)$$

Set  $y = \cos^{-1}(x)$

$$\cos(y) = x \quad y \in [0, \pi].$$

Diff. both sides w.r.t.  $x$

$$-\sin(y)y' = 1$$

$$\text{So, } y' = -\frac{1}{\sin(y)}$$

$$\text{But, } \sin^2 y + \cos^2 y = 1$$

$$\sin^2 y + x^2 = 1$$

$$\text{So } \sin^2 y = 1 - x^2$$

$$y \in [0, \pi] \quad \text{so } \sin(y) > 0$$

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II<sup>nd</sup> Quadrant.

$$\sin(y) = \sqrt{1-x^2}$$

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

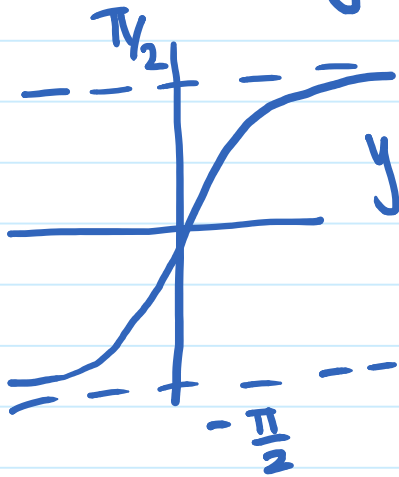
$$\tan x = \frac{\sin x}{\cos x}$$

~~$$\tan^{-1} x = \frac{\sin^{-1} x}{\cos^{-1} x}$$~~

①  $y = \tan^{-1}(x)$  or  $y = \arctan(x)$ .

Recap.  $y = \tan^{-1}(x)$  MEANS

$$\tan(y) = x \quad -\frac{\pi}{2} < y < \frac{\pi}{2}$$



$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \tan^{-1}(x) = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \tan^{-1}(x) = -\frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \tan^{-1}(x). \quad \text{Set } y = \tan^{-1}(x)$$

$$\text{OR } \tan(y) = x \quad -\frac{\pi}{2} < y < \frac{\pi}{2}.$$

Diff. both sides w.r.t.  $x$

$$\sec^2(y) \cdot y' = 1$$

$$y' = \frac{1}{\sec^2(y)}$$

$$\tan^2 y + 1 = \sec^2(y)$$

$$\text{So, } x^2 + 1 = \sec^2(y)$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Example Find  $y'$  if

$$\sin^{-1}(\cos(y)) + x = \tan(y)$$

Solution: Diff. both sides w.r.t  $x$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-(\cos(y))^2}} \cdot [-\sin(y) \cdot y'] + 1 = \sec^2(y) \cdot y'$$

$$1 = + \frac{\sin(y)}{\sqrt{1-\cos^2 y}} y' + \sec^2(y) y'$$

$$1 = y' \left( \frac{\sin(y)}{\sqrt{1-\cos^2 y}} + \sqrt{1-\cos^2 y} \sec^2(y) \right)$$

$$y' = \frac{\sqrt{1-\cos^2 y}}{\sin(y) + \sqrt{1-\cos^2 y} \sec^2 y}$$

$$\sin(y) + \sqrt{1 - \cos^2 y} \sec y$$



Ex. The line  
 $ax + by = 1$

is tangent to the ellipse  
 $x^2 - xy + y^2 = 3$  at  $(-1, 1)$ .

What are  $a$  and  $b$ ?

Solution  $x^2 - xy + y^2 = 3$

Differentiate w.r.t.  $x$ .

$$2x - (1 \cdot y + xy') + 2y \cdot y' = 0$$

$$2x - y + (-x + 2y)y' = 0$$

$$\text{So, } (-x + 2y)y' = y - 2x$$

$$\text{So, } y' = \frac{y - 2x}{-x + 2y}$$

So,  $y'$  at  $(-1, 1)$

$$\frac{1 - 2(-1)}{-(-1) + 2(1)} = \frac{1 + 2}{3} = 1$$

Eqn. of the tangent

$$(y - 1) = 1(x - (-1))$$

$$y - 1 = x + 1$$

$$\text{OR } x - y = -2$$

$$\text{OR } -\frac{1}{2}x + \frac{1}{2}y = 1$$

$$\boxed{a = -\frac{1}{2}, b = \frac{1}{2}}$$