

Implicit differentiation and Related Rates

Consider the **implicit differentiation** problem:

Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ at the point (3, 4): $x^2 + y^2 = 25$ Remember that $\frac{dy}{dx}$ is another name for y'

Of course, this is easy:

$$2x + 2y \frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{x}{y} = -\frac{3}{4}$$

Here is a script, **impldiff**, to perform this task:

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F1+  F2+  F3+  F4  F5
Tools Command View Execute Find...
C: NewProb
C: f(x)→y
C: x^2+y^2=25
C: d(ans(1),x)|d(f(x),x)=d
C: solve(ans(1),d)
C: ans(1)|f(x)=4
C: ans(1)|x=3
:|
MAIN      RAD AUTO  FUNC

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original. equation.
name derivative d.
y-coord of pt
x-coord of pt

If you enter this script by typing the commands at the command line and then saving the script, wherever **ans(1)** appears, it is replaced with the result of the previous command. Therefore, *if you type this at the home screen by hand, and save it as a script, then when you display the script for the first time in the text editor, you will have to change the lines 4, 6, and 7 back to what is shown at the left.* This will not be an issue if you have downloaded the script.

Using the script: This script finds $\frac{dy}{dx}$ and then substitutes x and y values to find the numerical value of $\frac{dy}{dx}$.

If you just want to find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ in general (not at a particular point as we have above), simply ignore the last two lines of output. Of course, values must still be present in the script. Normally there will be values for x and y ($=f(x)$) left over from a previous problem. Also remember that $f(x)$ is a synonym for y . So you should replace $f(x)$ in the calculator answer with y in your written answer.

What the commands in the script do:

- Line 1: **NewProb** clears out old variables so nothing interferes with this script.
- Line 2: **f(x)→y** is used because we assume y is a function of x whenever we do implicit differentiation.
- Line 3: the equation you are to work with
- Line 4: finds the derivative with respect to x , with **d(f(x),x)**, i.e. $\frac{dy}{dx}$, being named d.
- Line 5: solves the resulting equation for d, i.e: it finds $\frac{dy}{dx}$. y will appear as **f(x)** in the result.
- Lines 6 and 7: substitute values for y ($=f(x)$) and x and calculates the value of **d** ($\frac{dy}{dx}$). It is important to substitute for $f(x)$ first. If you substitute for x first, the resulting answer in the last line (**ans(1)**) would throw off that last calculation.

Now let's solve a **related rate** problem:

$$\text{Given: } 1 + x^2 = y^2, \text{ with } \frac{dx}{dt} = 500, \quad x = \sqrt{3}, \quad y = 2. \quad \text{Find } \frac{dy}{dt}.$$

$$\text{Differentiating with respect to } t: \quad 2x \frac{dx}{dt} = 2y \frac{dy}{dt}$$

$$\text{Substituting:} \quad 2\sqrt{3}(500) = 2(2) \frac{dy}{dt}$$

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dt} = 250\sqrt{3}$$

The following **relrate** script will do this all for us:

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F1- F2- F3- F4 F5
Tools Command View Execute Find...
C:=NewProb
C:=f(t)->x
C:=g(t)->y
C:=1+x^2=y^4
C:=d(ans(1),t)|d(f(t),t)=500
0 and d(g(t),t)=d and f(
t)=sqrt(3) and g(t)=2
C:=solve(ans(1),d)
:=|
MAIN RAD AUTO FUNC

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When you enter the commands in the command line, **ans(1)** is replaced with the result of the previous command in the new command. This result is stored in the script. Therefore, *if you type at the home screen by hand, and save it as a script*, then when you display the script for the first time in the text editor, you will have to change the lines 5 and 6 back to what is shown at the left

The **NewProb** command clears out old variables so they do not interfere with the ones we will use.

f(t)→x and **g(t)→y** are used because when we differentiate with respect to t , we assume that x and y are functions of t . Keep in mind that $x = \mathbf{f(t)}$ and $y = \mathbf{g(t)}$. Also, $\frac{dx}{dt} = \mathbf{d(f(t),t)}$ and $\frac{dy}{dt} = \mathbf{d(g(t),t)}$.

The fourth command enters the equation we will differentiate with respect to t . Enter your equation here. It must be in x and y , so adjust the variables you use in the problem.

The fifth line of the script does all the stuff: We analyze it piece-by-piece.

d(ans(1),t)| d(f(t),t)=500 and d(g(t),t)=d and f(t)=sqrt(3) and g(t)=2

ans(1) refers to the answer to the previous calculation (the equation you entered).

d(ans(1),t) differentiates both members of the equation in the fourth line with respect to **t**.

The “|” is the “with” operator, which makes the temporary substitutions specified.

The **d(f(t),t)=500** substitutes $\frac{dx}{dt} = 500$. This was given in the original problem.

The **d(g(t),t)=d** stores $\frac{dy}{dt}$ in **d**. This is the quantity the problem requires us to solve for.

f(t)=sqrt(3) and g(t)=2 are the last pieces of given information. **f(t)** is the x value, and **g(t)** is the y . These must be changed, along with the equation in line 4, when you use the script to solve a new problem.

The sixth line solves for **d** in the equation the line 5 generates. This is the missing value, in this case **d** = $\frac{dy}{dt}$.

CAUTION: You must make the appropriate entries in the “long line,” depending on what information is given, and what you have to solve for. **d** is always used as the missing value which is to be determined.

Lab 9 HOMEWORK

When you write the changed lines for both problems 1 and 2, write them the way they appear in the script, not in ordinary mathematical notation.

For example: $\frac{(x^2 + y^2)^3}{(x - y)}$ would be written **$((x^2+y^2)^3)/(x-y)$**

1. Use **impdif** to find the slope of the tangent to the given curve at the specified point P. Show the changes in lines 3, 6, and 7 of your script for each problem.

a. $3(x^2 + y^2) = 100xy; P = (3,1)$ line 3 _____

Line 6 _____ Line 7 _____ Slope _____

b. $x^2(x^2 + y^2)^2 = y^2; P = (\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2})$ line 3 _____

Line 6 _____ Line 7 _____ Slope _____

c. $2(x^2 + y^2)^2 = 25(x^2 - y^2); P = (3,1)$ (lemniscate)
line 3 _____

Line 6 _____ Line 7 _____ Slope _____

2. Use **impdif** to find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ for each of the following curves. Show change in line 3 of your script for each.

a. $\sqrt{x^2 y^2 + 1} = 2xy$ Line 3 _____ $\frac{dy}{dx}$ _____

b. $\sin(x^2 + y) = y^2(3x + 1)$ Line 3 _____ $\frac{dy}{dx}$ _____

c. $\frac{y}{x - y} = x^2 + 1$ Line 3 _____ $\frac{dy}{dx}$ _____

d. $\sin x + \cos y = \sin x \cos y$ Line 3 _____
(may give message that solution may be incorrect.)
 $\frac{dy}{dx}$ _____

e. Why do lines 6 and 7 of **script2** NOT matter in this question?

3. Use **relrate** to solve the following related rate problems. Show the changes in lines 4 and 5 of your script for each problem.

a. $y = x^3 + 2x$ and $\frac{dx}{dt} = 5$. Find $\frac{dy}{dt}$ when $x = 2$.

line 4 **C:** _____

line 5 **C:** $d(\text{ans}(1),t)|d(f(t),t)=$ _____ **and** $d(g(t),t)=$ _____ **and** $f(t)=$ _____ **and** $g(t)=$ _____

answer _____

b. $y = \sqrt{x^3 + 1}$ and $\frac{dy}{dt} = 4$ at the point $(2,3)$. Find $\frac{dx}{dt}$ at $(2,3)$.

line 4 **C:** _____

line 5 **C:** $d(\text{ans}(1),t)|d(f(t),t)=$ _____ **and** $d(g(t),t)=$ _____ **and** $f(t)=$ _____ **and** $g(t)=$ _____

answer _____

c. $y = 20 \tan x$ and $\frac{dy}{dt} = 2$, find $\frac{dx}{dt}$ when $y = 15$ and $x = 10$.

line 4 **C:** _____

line 5 **C:** $d(\text{ans}(1),t)|d(f(t),t)=$ _____ **and** $d(g(t),t)=$ _____ **and** $f(t)=$ _____ **and** $g(t)=$ _____

answer _____

d. If $x^2 + xy - y^2 = 11$ and $\frac{dy}{dt} = 5$, find $\frac{dx}{dt}$ when $x = 4$ and $y = 10$.

line 4 **C:** _____

line 5 **C:** $d(\text{ans}(1),t)|d(f(t),t)=$ _____ **and** $d(g(t),t)=$ _____ **and** $f(t)=$ _____ **and** $g(t)=$ _____

answer _____