

Implicit differentiation, related rates, inverse functions

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Outline

Implicit differentiation

Chain rule review

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Recall chain rule

$$z = g(y(x))$$

$$\frac{dz}{dx} = \frac{dg}{dy} \cdot \frac{dy}{dx}$$

Example

$$y(x) = (ax^2 + bx + c)^{35}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 35(ax^2 + bx + c)^{34} \cdot (2ax + b)$$

Implicit differentiation

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Explicit functions

Have only dealt with **explicit** functions so far which define y explicitly as a function of x

Examples

$$y(x) = x^2 + 7$$

$$y(x) = 3 \sin(10x) + 9 \cos(144x) + x^2 + x + 1$$

Implicit functions

Dependent variable not defined explicitly in terms of independent variable

Examples of y defined implicitly as fn of x

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

$$\tan(xy) = 2$$

Idea

Differentiate using the chain rule

$$\frac{d}{dx}f(y(x)) = f'(y) \cdot \frac{dy}{dx}$$

Then solve for the derivative

Example

Find the eqn of the tangent line of the curve defined by

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

At the point $(1/\sqrt{2}, 1/\sqrt{2})$

Example contd

Think of y as a fn of x

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

$$x^2 + [y(x)]^2 = 1$$

Differentiate using the chain rule

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

Solve for the derivative

$$y'(x) = -\frac{x}{y}$$

Example contd

At the point of interest

$$y'(x = 1/\sqrt{2}) = - \left. \frac{x}{y} \right|_{(1/\sqrt{2}, 1/\sqrt{2})} = - \frac{1/\sqrt{2}}{1/\sqrt{2}} = -1$$

Recall eqn of tangent line at (x_0, y_0)

$$L(x) = y(x_0) + y'(x_0)(x - x_0)$$

Example contd

Eqn of tangent line

In our case, $x_0 = 1/\sqrt{2}$ and $y_0 = 1/\sqrt{2}$ and the derivative was $y'(x_0 = 1/\sqrt{2}) = -1$.

$$L(x) = y(x_0 = 1/\sqrt{2}) + y'(x_0 = 1/\sqrt{2})(x - x_0 = 1/\sqrt{2})$$

$$L(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - \left(x - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$$

Example

Linearize y at $(1,1)$ given

$$xy^2 = 1$$

y implicitly defined fn of x

$$x[y(x)]^2 = 1$$

Apply product rule

$$x \cdot \frac{d}{dx}[y(x)]^2 + \frac{d}{dx}x \cdot y^2 = 0$$

Apply chain rule

$$x \cdot 2y \cdot y' + 1 \cdot y^2 = 0$$

Eqn of tangent line

$$L(x) = y(x_0) + y'(x_0)(x - x_0)$$

$$L(x) = 1 - \frac{1}{2}(x - 1)$$

Example

Find dy/dx given

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

Example contd

Take the deriv of both sides

$$\frac{d}{dx}(y^2 + y + 1) = \frac{d}{dx}(x^2 + x + 1)$$

$$\frac{d}{dy}(y^2 + y + 1) \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx}(x^2 + x + 1)$$

$$(2y + 1 + 0) \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = 2x + 1 + 0$$

Example contd

Simplify

$$(2y + 1) \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = 2x + 1$$

Solve for the derivative

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2x + 1}{(2y + 1)}$$