

Quiz 3

P1 (#30, p. 215)

Use implicit differentiation to find an equation of the tangent line to $x^{2/3} + y^{2/3} = 4$ at $(-3\sqrt{3}, 1)$.

Solution.

$$\frac{d}{dx}(x^{2/3} + y^{2/3}) = \frac{d}{dx} 4 \Rightarrow \frac{2}{3}x^{-1/3} + \frac{2}{3}y^{-1/3}y' = 0 \text{ where } y' = \frac{dy}{dx}.$$

$$\text{Hence, we have } y^{-1/3}y' = -x^{-1/3}$$

$$\text{or } y' = -\frac{x^{-1/3}}{y^{-1/3}} = -\frac{\sqrt[3]{y}}{\sqrt[3]{x}} \quad \text{if } x \neq 0$$

When $x = -3\sqrt{3}$ and $y = 1$, then

$$y' = -\frac{\sqrt[3]{1}}{(-3\sqrt{3})^{1/3}} = -\frac{1}{(-3^{3/2})^{1/3}} = -\frac{1}{-3^{1/2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}},$$

which is the slope of the tangent line to the curve at $(-3\sqrt{3}, 1)$. And so its equation is:

$$y - 1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(x + 3\sqrt{3})$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}x + 3 + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{y = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}x + 4}$$

If $x^2 + xy + y^3 = 1$, find the value of y'' at the point where $x=1$.

Solution. First let's find the y -coordinate of the point when $x=1$:
 $1^2 + (1)y + y^3 = 1 \Rightarrow y + y^3 = 0 \Rightarrow y(1+y^2) = 0 \Rightarrow y=0$.

So the point is $(1,0)$.

Now let's find y' . Differentiating implicitly, we get
 $\frac{d}{dx}[x^2 + xy + y^3] = \frac{d}{dx}1 \Rightarrow 2x + xy' + y + 3y^2y' = 0$.

Solving for y' , we get

$$y'(x + 3y^2) = -2x - y \Rightarrow y' = -\frac{2x+y}{x+3y^2}$$

At the point $(1,0)$,

$$y' = -\frac{2(1)+0}{1+3(0)^2} = \underline{\underline{-2}}$$

In order to find y'' , let's differentiate the enclosed expression. By the quotient rule,

$$y'' = -\frac{d}{dx}\left[\frac{2x+y}{x+3y^2}\right] = -\frac{(x+3y^2)\frac{d}{dx}(2x+y) - (2x+y)\frac{d}{dx}(x+3y^2)}{(x+3y^2)^2}$$

$$= -\frac{(x+3y^2)(2+y') - (2x+y)(1+6yy')}{(x+3y^2)^2}$$

Letting $x=1, y=0, y'=-2$, we have

$$y'' = -\frac{(1)(0) - (2)(1)}{1} = 2$$

Thus, $y'' = 2$ when $x=1$.

P3 (#53, p216)

Differentiate $F(x) = x \sec^{-1}(x^3)$.

Soln. $F'(x) = \frac{d}{dx} x \sec^{-1}(x^3) = x \frac{d}{dx} \sec^{-1}(x^3) + \sec^{-1}(x^3) \frac{d}{dx} x$

$$= x \frac{1}{x^3 \sqrt{(x^3)^2 - 1}} \cdot \frac{d}{dx} x^3 + \sec^{-1}(x^3) \cdot 1$$
$$= \frac{3x^3}{x^3 \sqrt{x^6 - 1}} + \sec^{-1}(x^3)$$

$$\therefore F'(x) = \frac{3}{\sqrt{x^6 - 1}} + \sec^{-1}(x^3)$$

P4 (#58 p216)

Differentiate $y = \cos^{-1}(\sin^{-1}t)$.

Soln. $y' = \frac{d}{dt} \cos^{-1}(\sin^{-1}t) = - \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - (\sin^{-1}t)^2}} \cdot \frac{d}{dt} \sin^{-1}t$

$$= - \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - (\sin^{-1}t)^2}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - t^2}}$$

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