

Implicit Differentiation

● Used when taking the derivative of more than one variable.

- Whenever you take a derivative of something other than x , you must chain-rule along its "qualifier".
- Standard power, chain, product, and quotient rules apply.
- Applications include Related Rates.

Implicit Differentiation Process

- 1) Differentiate both sides of equation with respect to x .
- 2) Collect $\frac{dy}{dx}$ or $\frac{dA}{dt}$ etc on one side of equation
- 3) Factor out the "qualifier" if necessary $\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)$
- 4) Solve for "qualifier"

What is implicit differentiation used for?

- Find the slope of a tangent line to:

a) Circles

b) tangent lines to a lens

c) Measurement calculations by the Hubble telescope

d) Light rays entering Earth's atmosphere, etc.

Find the Derivatives:

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

2) $2x + y = 9$

3) $x \frac{dy}{y} = 6x + 3$

4) $y^2 - 2y = 3x$

5) $x^2 + y^2 = 100$

6) $x^3 + y^3 = 18xy$

7) $y^2 = \frac{x-1}{x+1}$

8) $x^2 y + x y^2 = 6$

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