

§3-5 Implicit Differentiation

*Question：一個二元方程式是否隱藏函數的關係？

Example：

(i). $x + y = 1$ 能否寫成

$$x + f(x) = 1, \text{ where } y = f(x)?$$

(ii). $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ 能否寫成

$$x^2 + (f(x))^2 = 1, \text{ where } y = f(x)?$$

(iii). $x^3 + y^3 = 6xy$ 能否寫成

$$x^3 + (f(x))^3 = 6x(f(x)), \text{ where } y = f(x)?$$

(iv). 給一個二元方程式 $g(x, y) = 0$ ，能否將此方程式寫成

$$g(x, f(x)) = 0?$$

*註記：

很明顯(i)的答案是肯定的，(ii)、(iii)、(iv)的答案是較複雜的。數學系大二高微課程中的隱函數定理(Implicit Function Theorem)會給出較完整的答案。粗略的講，除了少數的點之外，其他點的局部附近，上述問題的答案都是肯定的。

在初微的課程中，我們都假設：

The given equation determines y (respectively, x) implicitly as a differentiable function of x (respectively, y) so that the method of implicit differentiation can be applied.

Example 1 :

Let $x^2 + y^2 = 25$, find $\frac{dy}{dx}$, $\frac{dx}{dy}$ and the equation of the tangent at $(3, 4)$.

Solution :

$$\begin{array}{l} 2x + 2y\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right) = 0 \\ \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{x}{y}. \end{array} \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} 2x\left(\frac{dx}{dy}\right) + 2y = 0 \\ \Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dy} = -\frac{y}{x}. \end{array} \right.$$

$$m = \left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{(3,4)} = -\frac{3}{4} \Rightarrow (y - 4) = -\frac{3}{4}(x - 3).$$

Example 2 : Let $x^3 + y^3 = 6xy$, find $\frac{dy}{dx} = ?$

Solution :

$$\begin{array}{l} 3x^2 + 3y^2\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right) = 6y + 6x\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right) \\ \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2y - x^2}{y^2 - 2x}. \end{array}$$

Example 3 : Let $\sin(x + y) = y^2 \cos x$, find $\frac{dy}{dx} = ?$

Solution :

$$\begin{array}{l} \cos(x + y) \times \left(1 + \frac{dy}{dx}\right) = 2y\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right) \cos x - y^2 \sin x \\ \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\cos(x + y) + y^2 \sin x}{2y \cos x - \cos(x + y)}. \end{array}$$

Example 4 : Let $f(f^{-1}(x)) = x$.

(i). Find $(f^{-1})'(x) = ?$

(ii). If $f(4) = 5$, $f'(4) = \frac{2}{3}$, find $(f^{-1})'(5) = ?$

Solution :

(i). $(f(f^{-1}(x)) = x) \Rightarrow f'(f^{-1}(x)) \times (f^{-1}(x))' = 1$

$$\Rightarrow (f^{-1})'(x) = \frac{1}{f'(f^{-1}(x))}.$$

(ii). $(f^{-1})'(5) = \frac{3}{2}$.

Example 5 : The **Bessel function** of order 0, $y = J(x)$, satisfies the differential equation $xy'' + y' + xy = 0$ for all values of x and its value at 0 is $J(0) = 1$.

(i). Find $J'(0) = ?$

(ii). Use implicit differentiation to find $J''(0) = ?$

Solution :

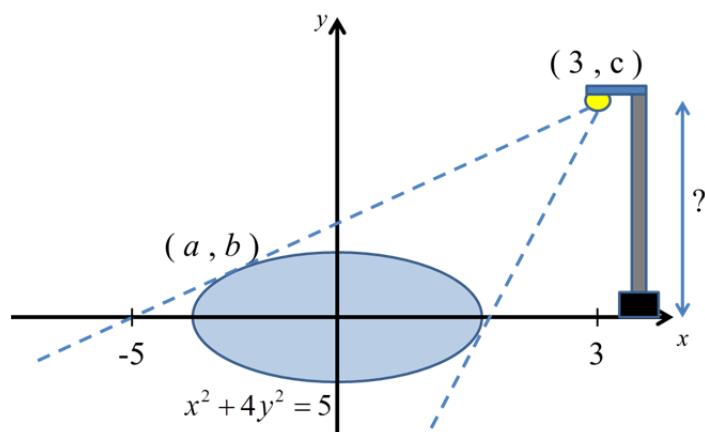
(i). 將 $x = 0$ 代入微分方程，得 $J'(0) = y'(0) = 0$.

(ii). 將微分方程兩邊對 x 微分得

$$y'' + xy'''' + y'' + y + xy' = 0$$

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

Example 6 : The figure shows a lamp located three units to the right of the y -axis and a shadow created by the elliptical region $x^2 + 4y^2 \leq 5$. If the point $(-5, 0)$ is on the edge of the shadow, how far above the x -axis is the lamp located?



Solution :

Let (a, b) be a point on the ellipse.

將 $x^2 + 4y^2 = 5$ 對 x 微分，

$$\Rightarrow 2x + 8yy' = 0 \Rightarrow y' = -\frac{x}{4y} = -\frac{a}{4b} \text{ (在橢圓上過點 } (a, b) \text{ 的斜率)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} a^2 + 4b^2 = 5 \\ \frac{b}{a+5} = -\frac{a}{4b} \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} a^2 + 4b^2 = 5 \\ a^2 + 4b^2 = -5a \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} a = -1 \\ b = 1 \end{cases}.$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{4} = \frac{c}{8} \Rightarrow c = 2.$$

*反三角函數的微分：

i. $(\sin^{-1} x)' = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$

ii. $(\cos^{-1} x)' = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$

iii. $(\tan^{-1} x)' = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$

iv. $(\cot^{-1} x)' = \frac{-1}{1+x^2}$

$$\text{v. } (\sec^{-1} x)' = \frac{1}{x\sqrt{x^2-1}} \quad \text{vi. } (\csc^{-1} x)' = \frac{-1}{x\sqrt{x^2-1}}$$

($\csc^{-1} x, \sec^{-1} x \in \text{third quadrant when } x < 0$)

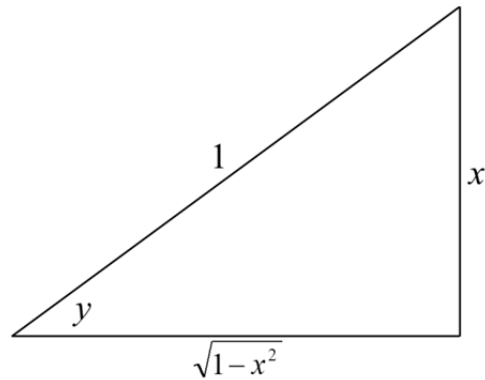
Proof of (i) :

$$y = \sin^{-1} x$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \sin y$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = (\cos y) \times \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{\cos y} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}.$$



Proof of (ii) :

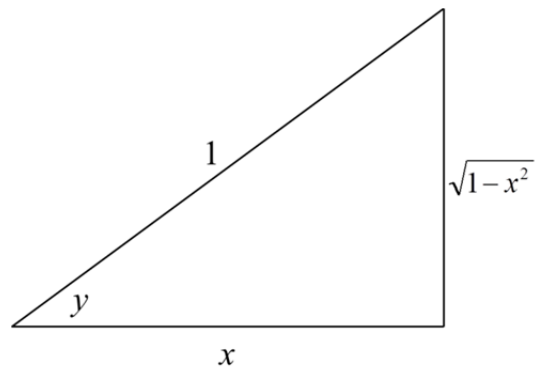
* (Method 1) :

$$y = \cos^{-1} x$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \cos y$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = (-\sin y) \times \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{-\sin y} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$



* (Method 2) :

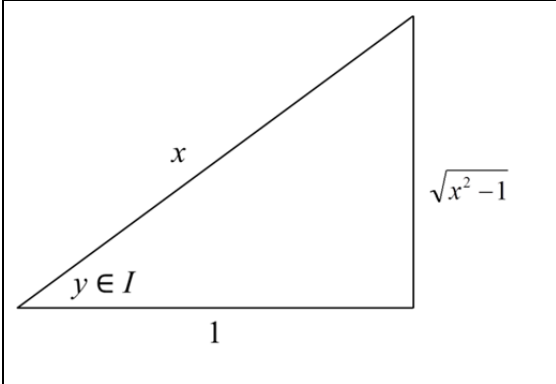
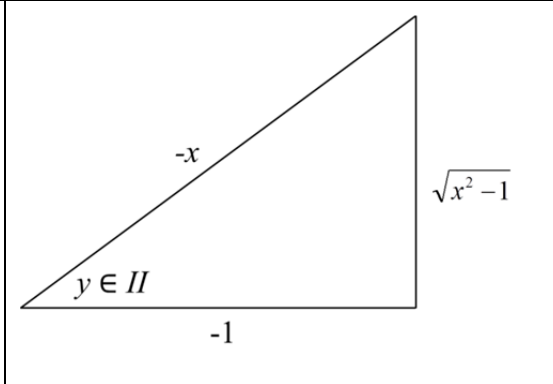
$$\sin^{-1} x + \cos^{-1} x = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow (\sin^{-1} x)' + (\cos^{-1} x)' = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (\cos^{-1} x)' = -(\sin^{-1} x)' = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}.$$

Proof of (v) :

$$\begin{aligned}
 y &= \sec^{-1} x \\
 \Rightarrow x &= \sec y \\
 \Rightarrow 1 &= \sec y \times \tan y \times \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right) \\
 \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{1}{\sec y \times \tan y} = \frac{1}{x\sqrt{x^2-1}}
 \end{aligned}$$

	
(i) $x > 0, 0 \leq y < \frac{\pi}{2}$.	(ii) $x < 0, \pi \leq y < \frac{3\pi}{2}$.

Note that if $\sec^{-1} x \in$ second quadrant when $x < 0$,

$$\text{then } \frac{dy}{dx} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{x\sqrt{x^2-1}} & x > 0 \\ \frac{1}{-x\sqrt{x^2-1}} & x < 0. \end{cases}$$

That is why in this book, $\sec^{-1} x$ is chosen to be in the third quadrant whenever

$x < 0$.