

1. **(6 points)** Answer the following questions about the ellipse defined by the equation $2x^2 + 3y^2 - 4xy + 6y = -3$.

(a) **(4 points)** On this curve, find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ in terms of x and y .

We implicitly differentiate the equation, using the chain and product rules as appropriate, then gather terms:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx}(2x^2 + 3y^2 - 4xy + 6y) &= \frac{d}{dx}(-3) \\ 4x + 3\frac{d}{dx}y^2 - 4\frac{d}{dx}(xy) + 6\frac{dy}{dx} &= 0 \\ 4x + 3\frac{dy}{dx}\frac{d}{dx}y^2 - 4\left(\frac{d}{dx}x\right)y + x\left(\frac{d}{dx}y\right) + 6\frac{dy}{dx} &= 0 \\ 4x + 6\frac{dy}{dx}y - 4y - 4x\frac{dy}{dx} + 6\frac{dy}{dx} &= 0 \\ 6\frac{dy}{dx}y - 4x\frac{dy}{dx} + 6\frac{dy}{dx} &= 4y - 4x \\ (6y - 4x + 6)\frac{dy}{dx} &= 4y - 4x \\ \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{4y - 4x}{6y - 4x + 6} \end{aligned}$$

(b) **(2 points)** Find the equation of the tangent line to this curve at $(-2, -1)$.

When $x = -2$ and $y = -1$, we know from the above formula for $\frac{dy}{dx}$ that

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{4(-1) - 4(-2)}{6(-1) - 4(-2) + 6} = \frac{4}{8} = \frac{1}{2}$$

so the tangent line to the curve at $(-2, -1)$ has slope $\frac{1}{2}$, and thus has equation, in point-slope form, of

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

or, in slope-intercept form, $y = \frac{1}{2}x$.

2. **(14 points)** Answer the questions below:

(a) **(4 points)** If $w = \sec(\sqrt{x})$, find $\frac{dw}{dx}$.

This is a chain-rule application, since a simple function (the secant) is being applied to a complex expression (\sqrt{x}). We give the complex expression a name, defining $u = \sqrt{x}$, and then invoke the chain rule:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dw}{dx} &= \frac{d}{dx} \sec u \\ &= \frac{du}{dx} \frac{d}{du} \sec u \\ &= \left(\frac{d}{dx} x^{1/2}\right) \left(\frac{d}{du} \sec u\right) \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{2} x^{-1/2}\right) (\sec u \tan u) \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{2} x^{-1/2}\right) (\sec \sqrt{u} \tan \sqrt{u}) = \frac{\sec \sqrt{u} \tan \sqrt{u}}{2\sqrt{u}} \end{aligned}$$

The very last equality is a purely cosmetic simplification and is not necessary.

(b) **(5 points)** Find $\frac{d}{dt} \cot \frac{t^2}{t-2}$.

We can see that this is a chain rule problem, since a manageable function, the cotangent, is being applied to a complicated expression, which is $\frac{t^2}{t-2}$. We further anticipate using the quotient rule to differentiate this expression. letting $u = \frac{t^2}{t-2}$, we invoke the chain and quotient rules in turn:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \cot \frac{t^2}{t-2} &= \frac{d}{dt} \cot u \\ &= \frac{du}{dt} \frac{d}{du} \cot u \\ &= \left(\frac{d}{dt} \frac{t^2}{t-2} \right) \left(\frac{d}{du} \cot u \right) \\ &= \left(\frac{(t-2) \frac{d}{dt}(t^2) - t^2 \frac{d}{dt}(t-2)}{(t-2)^2} \right) (-\csc^2 u) \\ &= \left(\frac{(t-2)(2t) - t^2(1)}{(t-2)^2} \right) \left(-\csc^2 \frac{t^2}{t-2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

(c) **(5 points)** If $g(x) = e^{x \arctan x}$, find $g'(x)$.

We can see that this is a chain rule problem, since a manageable function, the exponential, is being applied to a complicated expression, which is $x \arctan x$. We further anticipate using the product rule to differentiate this expression. letting $u = x \arctan x$, we invoke the chain and product rules in turn:

$$\begin{aligned} g'(x) &= \frac{d}{dx} e^u \\ &= \frac{du}{dx} \frac{d}{du} e^u \\ &= \left(\frac{d}{dx} (x \arctan x) \right) \left(\frac{d}{du} e^u \right) \\ &= \left[\left(\frac{d}{dx} x \right) \arctan x + x \left(\frac{d}{dx} \arctan x \right) \right] (e^u) \\ &= \left[\arctan x + x \cdot \frac{1}{1+x^2} \right] (e^{x \arctan x}) \end{aligned}$$