

## Derivative of the exponential function

$$\begin{aligned}(e^x)' &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{x+h} - e^x}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x e^h - e^x}{h} = e^x \frac{e^h - 1}{h} \\ &= e^x \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^h - 1}{h} \\ &= e^x \cdot 1 \quad (\text{proof difficult, for Analysis I...})\end{aligned}$$

So in short:  $(e^x)' = e^x$

E.g.:  $(e^{5x})' = 5 e^{5x}$

## Derivative of the inverse function

$f: (a,b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  differentiable, invertible on its range, with inverse function  $g = f^{-1}$

$$g(f(x)) = x \quad (\text{definition of inverse})$$

Take derivative:

$$g'(f(x)) f'(x) = 1$$

Let's solve for  $g'(x)$ :

$$g'(f(x)) = \frac{1}{f'(x)} \quad \text{with } y = f(x):$$

$$g'(y) = \frac{1}{f'(x)} = \frac{1}{f'(g(y))}$$

Examples: ①  $f(x) = x^a, \quad a > 0$

$$g(y) = y^{\frac{1}{a}} = x$$

$$f'(x) = a x^{a-1}$$

$$g'(y) = \frac{1}{f'(x)} = \frac{1}{a x^{a-1}} = \frac{1}{a (y^{\frac{1}{a}})^{a-1}} = \frac{1}{a} y^{-(1-\frac{1}{a})} = \frac{1}{a} y^{\frac{1}{a}-1}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad f(x) = e^x \quad f'(x) = e^x$$

$$g(y) = \ln y = x$$

$$(\ln y)' = \frac{1}{e^x} = \frac{1}{e^{\ln y}} = \frac{1}{y}$$

change notation:

$$\boxed{(\ln x)' = \frac{1}{x}}$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad f(x) = \tan x = \frac{\sin x}{\cos x} \quad f'(x) = \frac{\cos x \cos x - \sin x (-\sin x)}{(\cos x)^2} = \frac{1}{\cos^2 x}$$

$$g(y) = \arctan y = x$$

$$(\arctan y)' = \frac{1}{f'(x)} = \cos^2 x$$

$$\text{also: } y = \frac{\sin x}{\cos x} \Rightarrow y^2 = \frac{\sin^2 x}{\cos^2 x} = \frac{1 - \cos^2 x}{\cos^2 x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos^2 x \cdot y^2 = 1 - \cos^2 x$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos^2 x (1 + y^2) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos^2 x = \frac{1}{1 + y^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{(\arctan y)' = \frac{1}{1 + y^2}}$$

### Implicit differentiation

Often have an equation that is difficult to write in terms of a function.

Eg:

$$x^2 + y^2 = 1 \quad (*) \quad (\text{eqn. of unit circle})$$

goal:  $y'(x) = \frac{dy}{dx}$

*y is "dependent variable"*

*x is "independent variable"*

Naively:  $y = \pm \sqrt{1-x^2}$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \pm \frac{1}{2} (1-x^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} (-2x) = \pm \frac{-x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} = -\frac{x}{y}$$

"inner derivative"

Same via "implicit differentiation": Suppose  $y=y(x)$  and differentiate (\*) w.r.t.  $x$ :

$$2x + 2y \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

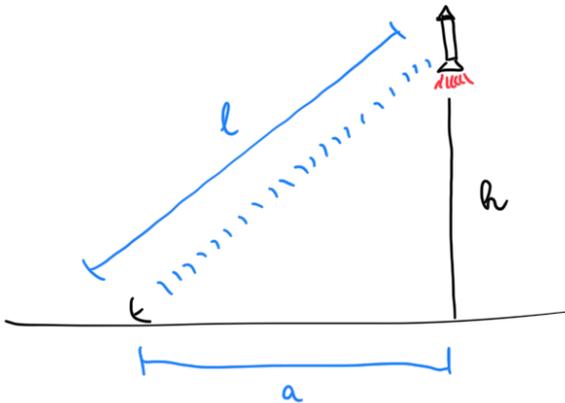
$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{x}{y}$$

Example: First, if  $x(t)$  is distance traveled as a function of time, then

$$\bar{v} = \frac{x(t_2) - x(t_1)}{t_2 - t_1} = \frac{\text{distance traveled between } t_1 \text{ and } t_2}{\text{travel time}}$$

$$v(t) = \lim_{t_2 \rightarrow t} \frac{x(t_2) - x(t)}{t_2 - t} = \frac{dx}{dt} \quad \text{instantaneous velocity}$$

Here:



Radar can track  $l(t)$   
and therefore approximate  $l'(t) = \frac{dl}{dt}$

Q: what is the vertical velocity  $\frac{dh}{dt}$ ?

$$l^2 = a^2 + h^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 2l \frac{dl}{dt} = 0 + 2h \frac{dh}{dt}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dh}{dt} = \frac{l}{h} \frac{dl}{dt} = \frac{l}{\sqrt{l^2 - a^2}} \frac{dl}{dt}$$

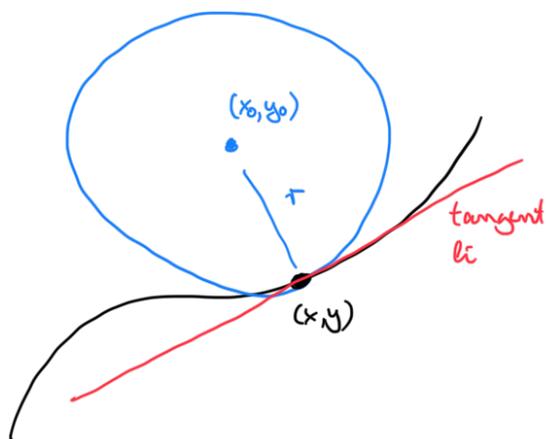
measurable quantities

E.g.  $a = 3 \text{ km}$   
 $l = 5 \text{ km}$        $\frac{dl}{dt} = 1000 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dh}{dt} = \frac{5 \text{ km}}{\sqrt{25 \text{ km}^2 - 9 \text{ km}^2}} \cdot 1000 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} = 1250 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$

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Application to curvature of the graph of a function:



osculating circle:

- touches graph of  $f$  at point  $(x, y)$
- it has the same first and second derivative at that point.

"osculating circle provides a second order local approximation to the graph of  $f$ , while the tangent line is only a first-order approximation".

Q: what is the radius  $r$  of the osculating circle?

①  $(x-x_0)^2 + (y-y_0)^2 = r^2$       (general circle equation)

Differentiate in  $x$ :

②  $2(x-x_0) + 2(y-y_0) \frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \Rightarrow x-x_0 + (y-y_0) \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$

One more derivative:

③  $1 + \frac{dy}{dx} \frac{dy}{dx} + (y-y_0) \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 0$

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

Osculating circle conditions:

$$y = f(x)$$

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

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = f''(x)$$

circle graph      function  $f$

From ③:  $(y - y_0) f'(x) = -1 - f'(x)^2 \Rightarrow y - y_0 = -\frac{1 + f'(x)^2}{f''(x)}$

From ②:  $x - x_0 = -(y - y_0) f'(x) = f'(x) \frac{1 + f'(x)^2}{f''(x)}$

From ①:  $r^2 = (x - x_0)^2 + (y - y_0)^2 = f'(x)^2 \left( \frac{1 + f'(x)^2}{f''(x)} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{1 + f'(x)^2}{f''(x)} \right)^2$

$$= \frac{(1 + f'(x)^2)^3}{f''(x)^2}$$

Now define curvature  $R = \frac{1}{r} = \frac{f''(x)}{(1 + f'(x)^2)^{3/2}}$

$f''(x) > 0$  say "f is concave up", i.e. <sup>"convex"</sup> osculating circle lies above graph of f

$f''(x) < 0$  say "f is concave down" or "concave", osculating circle lies below the graph.