

CHAPTER 3

DERIVATIVES

Differentiation Rules

$$\frac{d}{dx}(c) = 0$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(cu) = c \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(cx^n) = cnx^{n-1}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(u + v) = \frac{du}{dx} + \frac{dv}{dx}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(u - v) = \frac{du}{dx} - \frac{dv}{dx}$$

Example

Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$

$$y = x^4 + 12x \quad , \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = 4x^3 + 12$$

$$y = \frac{7x^2}{3} - 5 \quad , \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{14}{3}x$$

$$y = x^3 + 3x^2 - 5x + 1$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 3x^2 + 6x - 5$$

Second and Higher Order Derivatives

$$\bar{y} = \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$\bar{\bar{y}} = \frac{d\bar{y}}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right) = \frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$$

$$\bar{y}^{(n)} = \frac{d}{dx} y^{(n-1)}$$

Example

Find the four derivatives of $y = x^3 - 3x^2 + 2$

$$y = x^3 - 3x^2 + 2$$

$$\bar{y} = 3x^2 - 6x$$

$$\bar{\bar{y}} = 6x - 6$$

$$\bar{\bar{\bar{y}}} = 6$$

$$\bar{\bar{\bar{\bar{y}}}} = 0$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} = u \frac{dv}{dx} + v \frac{du}{dx}$$

Example

Find the derivative of $y = (x^2 + 1)(x^3 + 3)$

$$u = x^2 + 1, \quad v = x^3 + 3$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} = u \frac{dv}{dx} + v \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= (x^2 + 1)(3x^2) + (x^3 + 3)(2x) \\ &= 3x^4 + 3x^2 + 2x^4 + 6x \\ &= 5x^4 + 3x^2 + 6x \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{u}{v}\right) = \frac{v \frac{du}{dx} - u \frac{dv}{dx}}{v^2}$$

Example

Find the derivative of $y = \frac{x^2-1}{x^2+1}$

$$\frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{u}{v}\right) = \frac{v \frac{du}{dx} - u \frac{dv}{dx}}{v^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{(x^2+1)(2x) - (x^2-1)(2x)}{(x^2+1)^2} \\ &= \frac{2x^3+2x-2x^3+2x}{(x^2+1)^2} = \frac{4x}{(x^2+1)^2} \end{aligned}$$

Example

Find the derivative of

a) $y = \frac{1}{x}$

$$y = x^{-1} \quad , \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = -1x^{-1-1} = -x^{-2} = \frac{-1}{x^2}$$

b) $y = x + \frac{2}{x}$

$$y = x + 2x^{-1} \quad , \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = 1 - 2x^{-2} = 1 - \frac{2}{x^2}$$

c) $y = \frac{4}{x^3}$

$$y = 4x^{-3} \quad , \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = -12x^{-4} = \frac{-12}{x^4}$$

Example

Find an equation for the tangent to the curve $y = \sqrt{x}$,
at $x = 4$

$$y = \sqrt{x} = x^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\bar{y} = \frac{1}{2}x^{\frac{1}{2}-1} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}$$

$$\text{at } x = 4, y = \sqrt{x} = \sqrt{4} = 2$$

The tangent is the line through the point (4,2)

$$\text{Slope} = m = \bar{y} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{4}} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$$

$$y - 2 = \frac{1}{4}(x - 4)$$

$$y = \frac{1}{4}x - 1 + 2 \quad , \quad y = \frac{1}{4}x + 1$$

Example

Find an equation for the tangent to the curve $y = x + \frac{2}{x}$,
at the point (1, 3)

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 1 + 2\left(\frac{-1}{x^2}\right) = 1 - \frac{2}{x^2}$$

The slope at $x = 1$

$$m = \frac{dy}{dx} = 1 - \frac{2}{(1)^2} = 1 - 2 = -1$$

$$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1) \quad , \quad y - 3 = -1(x - 1)$$

$$y = -x + 1 + 3 \quad , \quad y = -x + 4$$

Example

Find the derivative of the functions

$$a) \quad y = (x^2 + 1) \left(x + 5 + \frac{1}{x} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{y} &= (x^2 + 1)(1 - x^{-1}) + \left(x + 5 + \frac{1}{x} \right) (2x) \\ &= x^2 - 1 + 1 - x^{-2} + 2x^2 + 10x + 2 \\ &= 3x^2 + 10x + 2 - \frac{1}{x^2}\end{aligned}$$

$$b) \quad r = 2 \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{\theta}} + \sqrt{\theta} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{r} &= 2 \left[\frac{\sqrt{\theta}(0) - 1 \left(\frac{1}{2} \theta^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right)}{\theta} + \frac{1}{2} \theta^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right] + \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{\theta}} + \sqrt{\theta} \right) (0) \\ &= 2 \left[\frac{-\frac{1}{2\theta^{\frac{3}{2}}}}{\theta} + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\theta}} \right] = 2 \left[\frac{-1}{2\theta^{\frac{3}{2}}} + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\theta}} \right] \\ &= \frac{-1}{\theta^{\frac{3}{2}}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{\theta}}\end{aligned}$$

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

$$= \frac{[(x^2 - 1)(x^2 + x + 1)](0) - 1[(x^2 - 1)(2x + 1) + (x^2 + x + 1)(2x)]}{[(x^2 - 1)(x^2 + x + 1)]^2}$$

$$= \frac{-[2x^3 + x^2 - 2x - 1 + 2x^3 + 2x^2 + 2x]}{(x^2 - 1)^2(x^2 + x + 1)^2}$$

$$= \frac{-4x^3 - 3x^2 + 1}{(x^2 - 1)^2(x^2 + x + 1)^2}$$

Velocity and other Rate of Change

The average velocity $V_{av} = \frac{\text{displacement}}{\text{travel time}} = \frac{ds}{dt}$

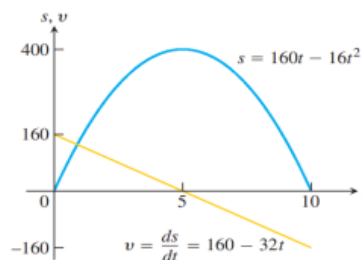
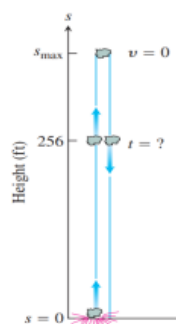
Acceleration

$$a = \frac{dv}{dt} = \frac{d^2s}{dt^2}$$

Example

A dynamic blast blows a heavy rock straight up with a velocity of 160 ft/sec. It reaches a height of $S=160t-16t^2$, ft after t sec.

- How high does the rock go?
- How fast is the rock traveling when it is 256 ft above the ground on the way up?



$$\text{a) } V = \frac{ds}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt}(160t - 16t^2)$$

$$= 160 - 32t$$

$$V = 0 \text{ when } 160 - 32t = 0, \quad t = 5 \text{ sec}$$

The rock height at $t = 5 \text{ sec}$, is

$$S_{\max} = S(5) = 160(5) - 16(5)^2 = 800 - 400 = 400 \text{ ft}$$

To find the rock velocity at 256 ft on the way up and again on the way down

$$S(t) = 160t - 16t^2$$

$$256 = 160t - 16t^2$$

$$16t^2 - 160t + 256 = 0, \quad t^2 - 10t + 16 = 0$$

$$(t - 2)(t - 8) = 0$$

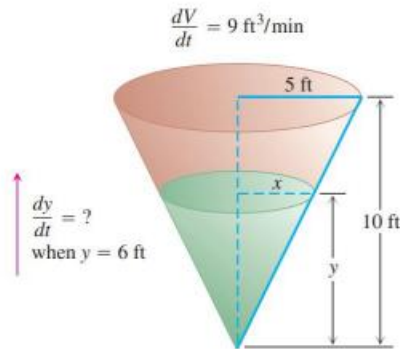
$$t = 2 \text{ and } t = 8$$

$$V(2) = 160 - 32(2) = 160 - 64 = 96 \text{ ft}$$

$$V(8) = 160 - 32(8) = 160 - 256 = -96 \text{ ft}$$

Example

Water runs into a conical tank at the rate of $9 \text{ ft}^3/\text{min}$. The tank stands point down and has height of 10 ft and a base radius of 5 ft . How fast is the water level rising when the water is 6 ft deep.



The variables in the problem are:

V =volume of water in the tank (ft^3) at time t (min.)

x =radius of the surface of water (ft) at time t

y =depth of the water in the tank (ft) at time t

Assume the V , x and y are differentiable function of t

We find $\frac{dy}{dt}$ when $y = 6 \text{ ft}$ and $\frac{dV}{dt} = 9 \text{ ft}^3/\text{min}$.

$$V = \frac{1}{3}\pi x^2 y$$

$$\frac{x}{y} = \frac{5}{10} \quad , \quad \frac{x}{y} = \frac{1}{2} \quad , \quad x = \frac{y}{2}$$

$$V = \frac{1}{3}\pi \left(\frac{y}{2}\right)^2 y = \frac{\pi}{12}y^3$$

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{\pi}{12}(3)y^2 \frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{\pi}{4}y^2 \frac{dy}{dt}$$

$$y = 6 \text{ ft} \text{ and } \frac{dV}{dt} = 9 \text{ ft}^3/\text{min}.$$

$$9 = \frac{\pi}{4}(6)^2 \frac{dy}{dt} \quad , \quad \frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{1}{\pi} = 0.32 \text{ ft/min}.$$

Derivatives of Trigonometric Functions

$$\frac{d}{dx} \sin x = \cos x \quad , \quad \frac{d}{dx} \cos x = -\sin x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \tan x = \sec^2 x \quad , \quad \frac{d}{dx} \sec x = \sec x \tan x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \cot x = -\csc^2 x \quad , \quad \frac{d}{dx} \csc x = -\csc x \cot x$$

Example

Find the derivative of

$$y = x^2 \sin x$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = x^2 \cos x + 2x \sin x$$

$$y = \sin x \cos x$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy}{dx} &= \sin x (-\sin x) + \cos x (\cos x) \\ &= \cos^2 x - \sin^2 x\end{aligned}$$

Example

Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ if $y = \tan x$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dx} \tan x &= \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{\sin x}{\cos x} \right) \\ &= \frac{\cos x (\cos x) - \sin x (-\sin x)}{\cos^2 x} \\ &= \frac{\cos^2 x + \sin^2 x}{\cos^2 x} = \frac{1}{\cos^2 x} = \sec^2 x\end{aligned}$$

Example

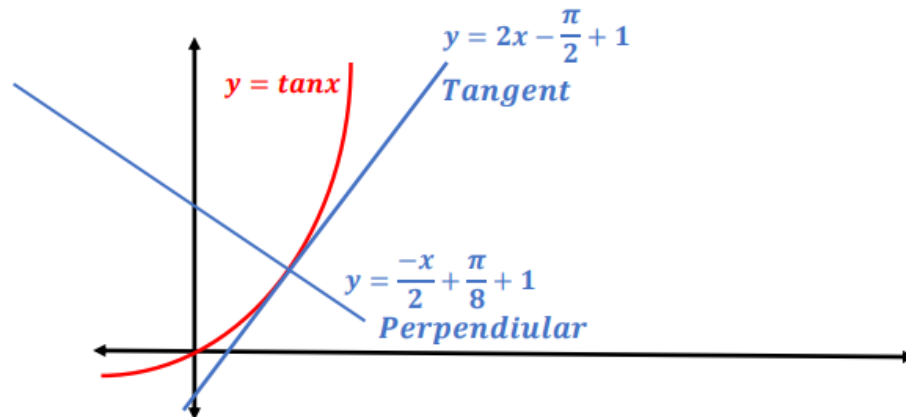
Find $\bar{\bar{y}}$ if $y = \sec x$

$$\bar{y} = \sec x \tan x$$

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{\bar{y}} &= \sec x (\sec^2 x) + \tan x (\sec x \tan x) \\ &= \sec^3 x + \sec x \tan^2 x\end{aligned}$$

Example

Find the lines that are tangent and perpendicular to the curve $y = \tan x$, at the point $\left(\frac{\pi}{4}, 1\right)$



The slope of the curve at $\left(\frac{\pi}{4}, 1\right)$, is the value

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \sec^2 x \quad \text{at } x = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$m = \frac{dy}{dx} = \sec^2\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = (\sqrt{2})^2 = 2$$

The tangent is the line

$$y - 1 = 2\left(x - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) \quad , \quad y = 2x - \frac{\pi}{2} + 1$$

The perpendicular line, $m = \frac{-1}{2}$

$$y - 1 = \frac{-1}{2}\left(x - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) \quad , \quad y = \frac{-x}{2} + \frac{\pi}{8} + 1$$

Example

Find $\frac{ds}{dt}$ for $S = \frac{1+\csc t}{1-\csc t}$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{ds}{dt} &= \frac{(1 - \csc t)(-\csc t \cot t) - (1 + \csc t)(\csc t \cot t)}{(1 - \csc t)^2} \\&= \frac{-\csc t \cot t + \csc^2 t \cot t - \csc t \cot t - \csc^2 t \cot t}{(1 - \csc t)^2} \\&= \frac{-2 \csc t \cot t}{(1 - \csc t)^2}\end{aligned}$$

Example

Find the derivative of $r = \left(\frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta - 1}\right)^2$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dr}{d\theta} &= 2 \left(\frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta - 1} \right) \left[\frac{(\cos \theta - 1)(\cos \theta) - \sin \theta (-\sin \theta)}{(\cos \theta - 1)^2} \right] \\&= 2 \left(\frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta - 1} \right) \left[\frac{\cos^2 \theta - \cos \theta + \sin^2 \theta}{(\cos \theta - 1)^2} \right] \\&= 2 \left(\frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta - 1} \right) \left[\frac{1 - \cos \theta}{(\cos \theta - 1)^2} \right] \\&= 2 \left(\frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta - 1} \right) \left(\frac{-(\cos \theta - 1)}{(\cos \theta - 1)^2} \right) = \frac{-2 \sin \theta}{(\cos \theta - 1)^2}\end{aligned}$$

Example

Find the derivative of $p = \frac{\sin q + \cos q}{\cos q}$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dp}{dq} &= \frac{\cos q (\cos q - \sin q) - (\sin q + \cos q)(-\sin q)}{\cos^2 q} \\&= \frac{\cos^2 q - \cos q \sin q + \sin^2 q + \cos q \sin q}{\cos^2 q} \\&= \frac{1}{\cos^2 q} = \sec^2 q\end{aligned}$$

Example

Find the derivative of $r = \sin \theta (\theta + \sqrt{\theta + 1})$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dr}{d\theta} &= \cos(\theta + \sqrt{\theta + 1}) \left(1 + \frac{1}{2}(\theta + 1)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right) \\&= \cos(\theta + \sqrt{\theta + 1}) \left(1 + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\theta + 1}} \right) \\&= \frac{2\sqrt{\theta + 1} + 1}{2\sqrt{\theta + 1}} \cos(\theta + \sqrt{\theta + 1})\end{aligned}$$

Example

Find the derivative of $y = 20(3x - 4)^{\frac{1}{4}}(3x - 4)^{\frac{-1}{5}}$

$$y = 20(3x - 4)^{\frac{1}{4}}(3x - 4)^{\frac{-1}{5}} = 20(3x - 4)^{\frac{1}{20}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy}{dx} &= 20 \left(\frac{1}{20} \right) (3x - 4)^{\frac{-19}{20}} (3) \\ &= \frac{3}{(3x - 4)^{\frac{19}{20}}}\end{aligned}$$

Example

Find the derivative of $y = x^{-2} \sin^2(x^3)$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy}{dx} &= x^{-2} (2 \sin(x^3)) (\cos(x^3)) (3x^2) + \sin^2(x^3) (-2x^{-3}) \\ &= 6 \sin(x^3) \cos(x^3) - 2x^{-3} \sin^2(x^3)\end{aligned}$$

Example

Find the derivative of $y = 4x\sqrt{x + \sqrt{x}}$

$$y = 4x\sqrt{x + \sqrt{x}} = 4x(x + x^{\frac{1}{2}})^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 4x \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) (x + x^{\frac{1}{2}})^{\frac{-1}{2}} \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} x^{\frac{-1}{2}} \right) + (x + x^{\frac{1}{2}})^{\frac{1}{2}} (4)$$

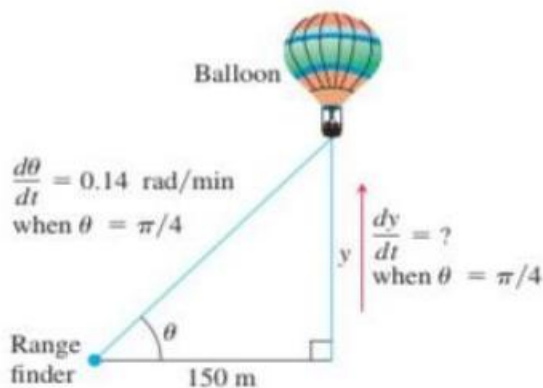
$$= (x + x^{\frac{1}{2}})^{\frac{-1}{2}} \left[2x \left(1 + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} \right) + 4 \left(x + x^{\frac{1}{2}} \right) \right]$$

$$= (x + \sqrt{x})^{\frac{-1}{2}} [2x + \sqrt{x} + 4x + 4\sqrt{x}]$$

$$= \frac{6x + 5\sqrt{x}}{(x + \sqrt{x})^{\frac{1}{2}}} = \frac{6x + 5\sqrt{x}}{\sqrt{x + \sqrt{x}}}$$

Example

A hot air balloon rising straight up from level field is tracked by a range finder 150 m from the lift off point. At the moment the range finder's elevation angle $\frac{\pi}{4}$, the angle is increasing at the rate of 0.14 rad/min . how fast is the balloon rising at that moment.



θ = the angle in radians the range finder with the ground.

y = the height in meters of the balloon above the ground.

$$\frac{d\theta}{dt} = 0.14 \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{min}} \quad \text{when} \quad \theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{y}{150} \quad , \quad y = 150 \tan \theta$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dt} &= 150(\sec^2 \theta) \frac{d\theta}{dt} \\ &= 150(\sqrt{2})^2 (0.14) = 42 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{min}} \end{aligned}$$

The balloon is rising at the rate of 42 m/min.

The Chain Rule

$$y = f[g(x)]$$

Let $u = g(x)$, then $y = f(u)$, and

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$$

Example

Express $\frac{dy}{dx}$ in terms of x if $y = u^3$ and $u = x^2 - 1$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$\frac{dy}{du} = 3u^2, \quad \frac{du}{dx} = 2x$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy}{dx} &= (3u^2)(2x) \\ &= 3(x^2 - 1)^2(2x) = 6x(x^2 - 1)^2\end{aligned}$$

Example

Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ of $y = \cos x^2$, Use Chain Rule

$$\text{Let } u = x^2, \quad y = \cos u$$

$$\frac{du}{dx} = 2x, \quad \frac{dy}{du} = -\sin u$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{dy}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx} \\ &= (-\sin u)(2x) = -2x \sin x^2\end{aligned}$$

Example

Use Chain Rule to find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ of $y = (2x - 5)^{10}$

$$\text{Let } u = 2x - 5 \quad , \quad y = u^{10}$$

$$\frac{du}{dx} = 2 \quad , \quad \frac{dy}{du} = 10u^9$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{dy}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx} \\ &= (10u^9)(2) = 20(2x - 5)^9 \end{aligned}$$

Example

Use Chain Rule to find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ of $y = \tan(x^2 + \sin x)$

$$\text{Let } u = x^2 + \sin x \quad , \quad y = \tan u$$

$$\frac{du}{dx} = 2x + \cos x \quad , \quad \frac{dy}{du} = \sec^2 u$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{dy}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx} \\ &= (2x + \cos x)(\sec^2 u) \\ &= (2x + \cos x)\sec^2(x^2 + \sin x) \end{aligned}$$

Example

Use Chain Rule to find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ of $y = e^{x^3}$

$$\text{Let } u = x^3 \quad , \quad y = e^u$$

$$\frac{du}{dx} = 3x^2 \quad , \quad \frac{dy}{du} = e^u$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{dy}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx} \\ &= (e^u)(3x^2) = 3x^2 e^{x^3} \end{aligned}$$

Example

Use Chain Rule to find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ of $y = e^{1+x^2}$

$$\text{Let } u = 1 + x^2 \quad , \quad y = e^u$$

$$\frac{du}{dx} = 2x \quad , \quad \frac{dy}{du} = e^u$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{dy}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx} \\ &= (e^u)(2x) = 2xe^{1+x^2} \end{aligned}$$

Example

Use Chain Rule to find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ of $y = \ln(x + \sin x)$

$$\text{Let } u = x + \sin x, \quad y = \ln u$$

$$\frac{du}{dx} = 1 + \cos x, \quad \frac{dy}{du} = \frac{1}{u}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{u} \right) (1 + \cos x) = \frac{1 + \cos x}{x + \sin x}$$

Implicit Differentiation and Fractional Powers

Example

Find the slope of circle $x^2 + y^2 = 25$, at the point $(3, -4)$

$$x^2 + y^2 = 25$$

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

$$2y \frac{dy}{dx} = -2x$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-2x}{2y} = \frac{-x}{y} = \frac{-3}{-4} = \frac{3}{4}$$

Example

Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ if $y^2 = x^2 + \sin xy$

$$y^2 = x^2 + \sin xy$$

$$2y \frac{dy}{dx} = 2x + \cos xy \left(y + x \frac{dy}{dx} \right)$$

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

$$2y \frac{dy}{dx} - x \cos xy \frac{dy}{dx} = 2x + y \cos xy$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} (2y - x \cos xy) = 2x + y \cos xy$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2x + y \cos xy}{2y - x \cos xy}$$

Example

Find $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ if $2x^3 - 3y^2 = 8$

$$2x^3 - 3y^2 = 8$$

$$6x^2 - 6y\bar{y} = 0 \quad , \quad 6x^2 = 6y\bar{y} \quad , \quad \bar{y} = \frac{x^2}{y}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{\bar{y}} &= \frac{(y)(2x) - x^2\bar{y}}{y^2} = \frac{2x}{y} - \frac{x^2}{y^2}\bar{y} \\ &= \frac{2x}{y} - \frac{x^2}{y^2}\left(\frac{x^2}{y}\right) = \frac{2x}{y} - \frac{x^4}{y^3}\end{aligned}$$
