

Ex1: Find the slope of the tangent line to the curve

$$y = 2 \sin(\pi x - y) \text{ at } (1, 0)$$

Solution: Using implicit differentiation, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= 2 \cdot \frac{d}{dx} (\pi x - y) \cdot \cos(\pi x - y) \\ &= 2 \left(\pi - \frac{dy}{dx} \right) \cos(\pi x - y) \end{aligned}$$

Solving for $\frac{dy}{dx}$ implies that:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} (1 + 2 \cos(\pi x - y)) = 2\pi \cos(\pi x - y)$$

$$\text{i.e. } \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2\pi \cos(\pi x - y)}{1 + 2 \cos(\pi x - y)} \quad \text{Therefore the slope}$$

$$\text{of the tangent line at } (1, 0) \text{ is: } \left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{\substack{x=1 \\ y=0}} = \frac{-2\pi}{-1} = 2\pi$$

Ex2 Find the normal line to the curve $x^2 + xy - y^2 = 1$ at $(2, 3)$.

Solution: By implicit differentiation, we have:

$$\frac{d}{dx} (x^2 + xy - y^2) = \frac{d}{dx} 1 \quad \text{So:}$$

$$2x + y + xy' - 2y'y = 0 \quad \text{Thus } y' = \frac{2x + y}{2y + x}$$

$$\text{The slope of the tangent line at } (2, 3) \text{ is: } \left. \frac{2x + y}{2y + x} \right|_{\substack{x=2 \\ y=3}} = \frac{7}{8}$$

The normal line is perpendicular to the tangent line \therefore

at $(2, 3)$. Thus the slope of the normal line is $-\frac{8}{7}$.

Therefore an equation of the normal line is:

$$y = -\frac{8}{7}(x-2) + 3 = -\frac{8}{7}x + \frac{37}{7}.$$

Ex 3: Let $y = \cos(xe^{x^2})$. Find $y''(0)$.

Solution: By the Chain rule, we have: $y' = -\frac{d}{dx}(xe^{x^2})\sin(xe^{x^2})$.

$$\text{Now } \frac{d}{dx}(xe^{x^2}) = e^{x^2} + 2x^2e^{x^2}.$$

Thus $y' = -(e^{x^2} + 2x^2e^{x^2})\sin(xe^{x^2})$. So:

$$y'' = -(2xe^{x^2} + 4xe^{x^2} + 4x^3e^{x^2})\sin(xe^{x^2}) \\ - (e^{x^2} + 2x^2e^{x^2})^2 \cos(xe^{x^2}).$$

Therefore:

$$y''(0) = -1$$