

(*Video 1: Implicit differentiation *)

f[x]^4 (*f is an unspecified function of x*)

Out[15]= $f[x]^4$

D[f[x]^4, x] (*we can differentiate f^4 without knowing what f is:*)

Out[16]= $4 f[x]^3 f'[x]$

In[38]= **f[x_] := 2 x + 3**

In[39]= **Expand[4 f[x]^3 f'[x]]**

Out[39]= $216 + 432 x + 288 x^2 + 64 x^3$

In[40]= **Expand[D[f[x]^4, x]]**

Out[40]= $216 + 432 x + 288 x^2 + 64 x^3$

In[41]= **Clear[f]**

(*the same logic applies to more complicated examples: *)

D[f[x]^4 + 2 x f[x] + Cos[2 f[x]] + x^3, x]

Out[42]= $3 x^2 + 2 f[x] + 2 x f'[x] + 4 f[x]^3 f'[x] - 2 \sin[2 f[x]] f'[x]$

In[43]= **D[3 x^2 + 7 y[x]^2, x] (* y is a function of x!*)**

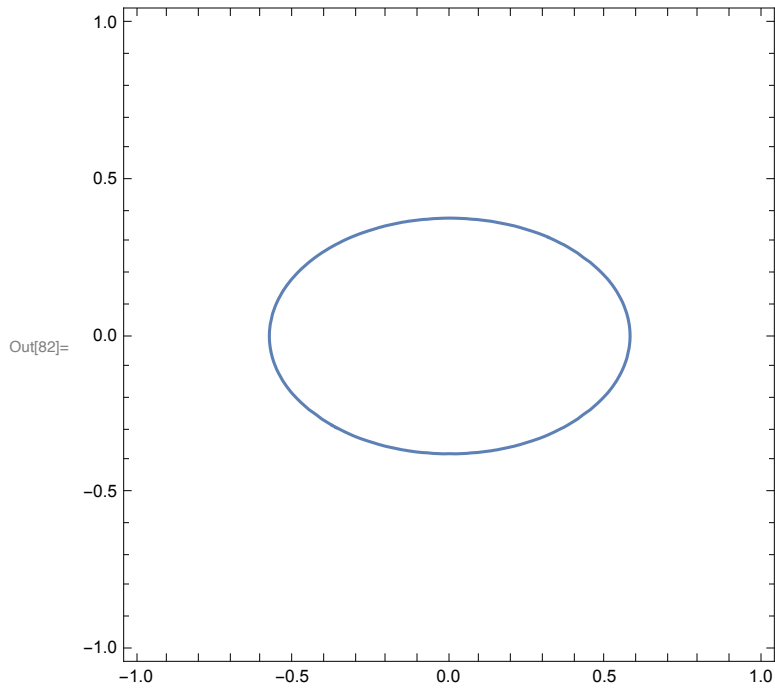
Out[43]= $6 x + 14 y[x] y'[x]$

D[a[x] x b[x] + a[x]^2 + E^b[x], x] (*a and b are functions of x*)

Out[37]= $2 a[x] a'[x] + b[x] a'[x] + e^{b[x]} b'[x] + a[x] b'[x]$

(*Video 2: Application of implicit differentiation*)

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In[82]:= ellipse = ContourPlot[3 x^2 + 7 y^2 == 1, {x, -1, 1}, {y, -1, 1}]
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(*Find the tangent line to the ellipse above at the point $\left\{x \rightarrow \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}, y \rightarrow \frac{1}{4}\right\}$ *)

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In[71]:= 3 x^2 + 7 y^2 /. {x ->  $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}$ , y ->  $\frac{1}{4}$ }
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Out[71]= 1

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In[74]:= D[3 x^2 + 7 y[x]^2, x] == 0
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Out[74]= 6 x + 14 y[x] y'[x] == 0
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In[73]:= Solve[6 x + 14 y[x] y'[x] == 0, y'[x]]
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Out[73]= {{y'[x] ->  $-\frac{3 x}{7 y[x]}$ }}
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In[76]:= (*Slope of the tangent line at the given point:*)
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$$m = -\frac{3x}{7y} /. \left\{x \rightarrow \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}, y \rightarrow \frac{1}{4}\right\}$$

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Out[76]=  $-\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{7}$ 
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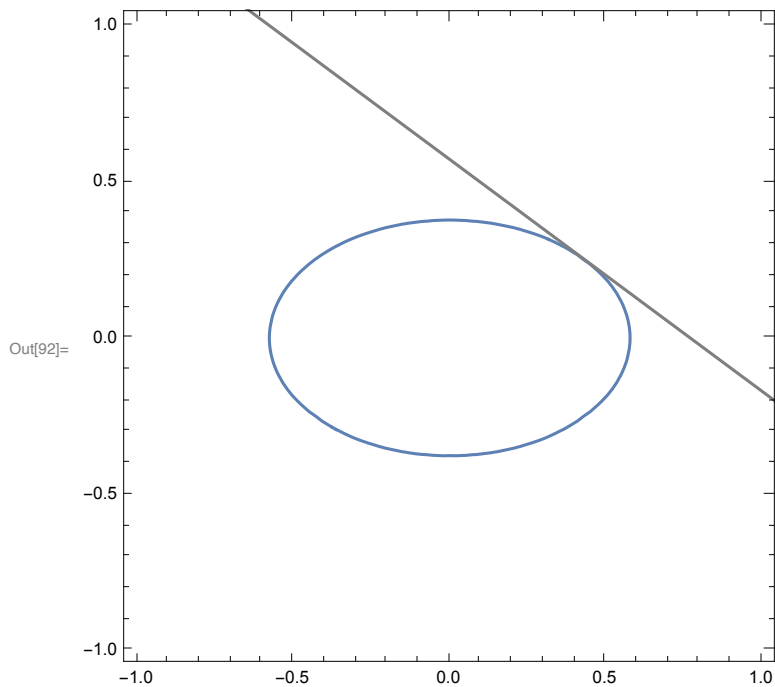
In[78]:= (*Tangent line to graph of y[x] at (x0,y0) is given by:*)

Collect[y0 + m (x - x0) /. {x0 -> $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}$, y0 -> $\frac{1}{4}$ }, x]

Out[78]= $\frac{4}{7} - \frac{3\sqrt{3}x}{7}$

In[91]:= line = Plot[$\frac{4}{7} - \frac{3\sqrt{3}x}{7}$, {x, -3, 3}, PlotStyle -> Gray];

Show[ellipse, line]

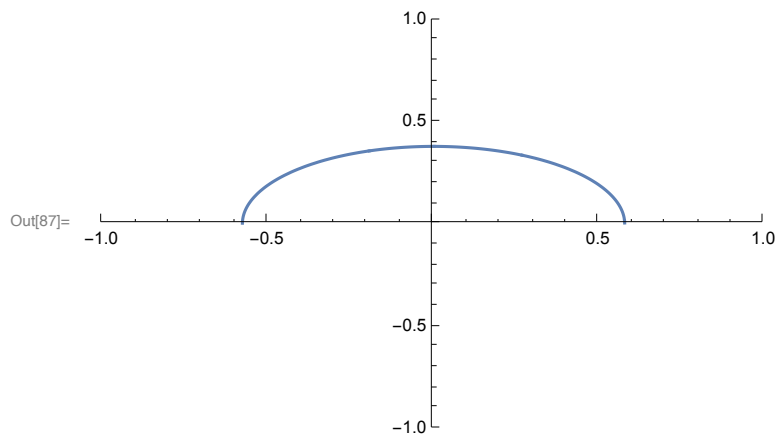


(*Can also do it explicitly:*)

Solve[3 x^2 + 7 y^2 == 1, y]

Out[84]= $\left\{ \left\{ y \rightarrow -\frac{\sqrt{1-3x^2}}{\sqrt{7}} \right\}, \left\{ y \rightarrow \frac{\sqrt{1-3x^2}}{\sqrt{7}} \right\} \right\}$

In[87]:= `Plot` $\left[\frac{\sqrt{1-3x^2}}{\sqrt{7}}, \{x, -1, 1\}, \text{PlotRange} \rightarrow \{\{-1, 1\}, \{-1, 1\}\} \right]$



In[93]:= `D` $\left[\frac{\sqrt{1-3x^2}}{\sqrt{7}}, x \right]$

Out[93]= $-\frac{3x}{\sqrt{7}\sqrt{1-3x^2}}$

(*So we find, once again, the slope of the tangent line to be:*)

$$-\frac{3x}{\sqrt{7}\sqrt{1-3x^2}} /. x \rightarrow \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}$$

Out[89]= $-\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{7}$

m (*agrees with earlier computation!*)

Out[90]= $-\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{7}$