

Section 3: Implicit differentiation

Exercise level 2

1. Differentiate with respect to x :

(i) xy^2

(ii) $x \sin y$

(iii) $\frac{y}{1+x}$.

2. Given that $x^3 + y^3 - 3x - 6 = 0$, find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ in terms of x and y . Hence find the turning points of this curve.

3. Given that $y^2 = \frac{x^2}{1+2x}$, show that $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x(1+x)}{y(1+2x)^2}$.

Hence find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ in terms of x .

4. Given that $y = 2^x$, find $\ln y$ in the form kx , where k is a constant. By differentiating the resulting equation implicitly, deduce that $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2^x \ln 2$.