

Assignment 9: Implicit Differentiation (2.8)

Name _____

Please provide a handwritten response.

1a. The implicit function $x^2y^2 - 2x = 4 - 4y$ from Example 8.2 can be entered into *Mathematica* by executing

$$\text{eqn} = \mathbf{x^2*y[x]^2 - 2x == 4 - 4y[x]}$$

Record the result below. (Be careful! The double equal sign `==` is used within the equation itself, whereas the single equal sign `=` is used to assign the label `eqn` to the entire equation. Also, whereas x is simply entered as `x` in the command above, y must be entered as `y[x]`, to make it clear to *Mathematica* that y is to be considered as a function of x in this equation.)

1b. We can “take the derivative of both sides with respect to x ” by executing the command `deriv = D[eqn, x]`; record the result below. (We will use the “differentiation operator” `D` to find more derivatives later.)

1c. We can solve this equation for the desired $y'(x)$ by executing

$$\text{yprime} = \text{Solve}[\text{deriv}, \mathbf{y'[x]}]$$

Record the result below; does it agree with Example 8.2 so far?

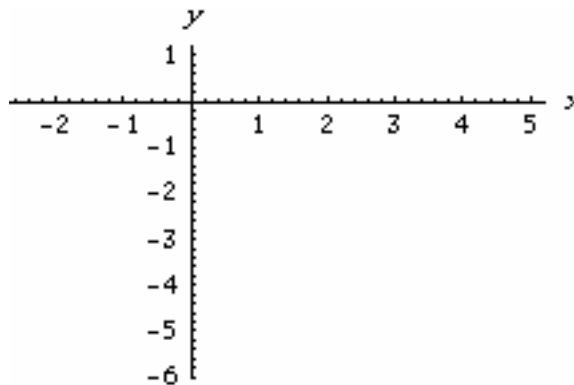
2. *Mathematica* can draw the graph of our equation, but first we must provide some extra capability by loading in a “package”. Execute the command

`Needs["Graphics`ImplicitPlot`"]`

to load in the `ImplicitPlot` package. (Be careful — the ``` character is not the single-quote, but rather is located to the left of the “1” on your keyboard; however, the “” character is the double-quote.) Now execute

$$\text{curve} = \text{ImplicitPlot}[\mathbf{x^2*y^2 - 2x == 4 - 4y}, \{\mathbf{x}, -5, 5\}]$$

and sketch the result on the axes. (Notice that here we must refer to y simply as `y`, not as `y[x]` as we did above; that’s just how *Mathematica* works.) Does your graph look like Figure 2.41 so far?



3a. In Example 8.2 a tangent line is drawn to the graph at the point $(2, -2)$; using *Mathematica*, however, we are free to use any value of x we wish, for example $x = 2.235$. Execute the command

`eqn/. x->2.235`

and record the result below. How was `eqn` changed by the replacement `/. x->2.235`?

Now execute the command

`Solve[eqn/. x->2.235, y[2.235]]`

and record the result below. How many points on this curve satisfy $x = 2.235$? Mark them with dots on the curve you drew in Question 2, and label their coordinates clearly.

3b. One of the y -values you found in part **a** is -1.76271 ; based on your graph in Question 2, would you expect y' to be positive or negative at the point $(2.235, -1.76271)$? About how large would you expect y' to be? Why?

3c. Execute the command

`yprime/.{x->2.235, y[x]->-1.76271}`

to replace x and $y[x]$ in `yprime` with the appropriate values, which will give the exact value of y' at the point $(2.235, -1.76271)$. Record the result below.

3d. Since we found that $y' = 0.873528$ in part **c**, an equation of the tangent line to our curve at the point $(2.235, -1.76271)$ is given by

$y = 0.873528(x - 2.235) - 1.76271$; execute

`t[x_] = 0.873528(x - 2.235) - 1.76271`

and then graph the tangent line by executing

`tanline = Plot[t[x], {x, -2.5, 5}]`

3e. Finally, we can use the `Show` command to draw the curve and the tangent line together. Execute

`Show[curve, tanline]`

and sketch the result on the axes at right.

