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## SAMPLE LESSON: MATHEMATICS

Class: Lower sixth

Title of Module: Plane Geometry

Title of Lesson: Differentiation of implicit functions

Title of Chapter: Derivatives
Duration of Lesson: 90mins

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Subject: Mathematics

Module 3: Plane Geometry

Topic: Derivatives
Lesson: Differentiation of implicit functions Duration: 90 minutes
Lesson Objectives: By the end of the lesson learners should be able to:

- Find the derivatives of functions (in two dimensions) expressed implicitly.
- Use different rules of differentiation to differentiate a combination of implicit functions.


## Prerequisite knowledge:

- Knowledge on differentiation of algebraic functions with good understanding of chain rule, product rule and quotient rule.
- Higher derivatives of algebraic functions.

References: - Pure and Applied Maths II by A Dawson and R Parson, 1988

- Pure Maths by Anucam, 2010, Core Course.
- A/L Maths made easy by Ewane, 2017
- National Syllabus, scheme of work
- Core Course, Bostock and Chandler
- An Intergrated Core Approach, Piankeh Albert


## Scholars Program

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| Introduction ( 15 Minutes) | Verification of prerequisite knowledge <br> 1. Differentiate each of the following with respect to $x$ : <br> (a) $3 x^{2}-x+5$ <br> (b) $\frac{x^{2}+2}{2 x-3}$ <br> (c) $2 x^{2} \sqrt{x-3}$ <br> 2. Find $\frac{d^{2} y}{d x^{2}}$ given that <br> Problem situation $y=2+3 x^{2}-x^{3}$ <br> After the lessons on differentiation of algebraic functions, the chain rule, the product rule Afeminui was so frustrated because she could not do the following: Given that $x+3 x y-y^{3}=5$, show that $\left(x-y^{2}\right) \frac{d^{2} y}{d x^{2}}-2 y\left(\frac{d y}{d x}\right)^{2}+2\left(\frac{d y}{d x}\right)=0$ <br> How can you help Afeminui out of her frustration? | 1. Differentiating with respect to $x$ : <br> (a) $\frac{d}{d x}\left(3 x^{2}-x+5\right)=6 x-1$ <br> (b) $\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{d x}\left(\frac{x^{2}+2}{2 x-3}\right) & =\frac{(2 x-3)(2 x)-\left(x^{2}+2\right)(2)}{(2 x-3)^{2}} \\ & =\frac{2 x^{2}-6 x-4}{(2 x-3)^{2}} \end{aligned}$ <br> (c) $\frac{d}{d x}\left(2 x^{2} \sqrt{x-3}\right)$ $\begin{aligned} & =2 x^{2}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)(x-3)^{-\frac{1}{2}}+4 x \sqrt{x-3} \\ & =\frac{x^{2}}{\sqrt{x-3}}+4 x \sqrt{x-3} \end{aligned}$ <br> 2. $y$ $\begin{aligned} y=2+3 x^{2}-x^{3} & \Rightarrow \frac{d y}{d x}=6 x-3 x^{2} \\ & \Rightarrow \frac{d^{2} y}{d x^{2}}=6-6 x \end{aligned}$ <br> A different technique is required to differentiate functions of this form. |
| Lesson Development ( 25 minutes) | Definition: Explicit and implicit functions <br> Activity: Differentiating $x=\boldsymbol{y}^{\mathbf{2}}$ <br> Instructions: <br> 1. Differentiate with respect to $y$ and use the relation $\frac{d y}{d x}=1 / \frac{d x}{d y}$ to find $\frac{d y}{d x}$ in terms of $y$. <br> 2. Rearrange $x=y^{2}$ to give $y=x^{\frac{1}{2}}$ and differentiate | Definition: <br> A function can be explicit or implicit. <br> - An explicit function is one in which one variable can be expressed solely in terms of the other variable e.g (i) $y=x^{2}+2 x$ <br> (ii) $y=\sqrt{x+1}$ etc <br> - An implicit function is one in which one variable is not expressed solely in terms of another variable e.g <br> (i) $y=x y+2 y$ <br> (ii) $x^{2}+y^{2}+2 x y=0$ etc. <br> 1. $x=y^{2} \Rightarrow \frac{d x}{d y}=2 y$ and $\frac{d y}{d x}=1 / \frac{d x}{d y}=\frac{1}{2 y}$ <br> 2. Rearranging, $x=y^{2} \Rightarrow y=x^{\frac{1}{2}}$ and $\frac{d y}{d x}=\frac{1}{2} x^{-\frac{1}{2}}=\frac{1}{2 x^{\frac{1}{2}}}=\frac{1}{2 y} \mathrm{as}$ |

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|  | with respect to $x$ expressing $\frac{d y}{d x}$ in terms of $y$. <br> 3. Differentiate both sides of $x=y^{2}$ with respect to $x$ to have $\begin{equation*} 1=\frac{d}{d x}\left(y^{2}\right) . \tag{1} \end{equation*}$ <br> Let $u=y^{2}$ <br> (a) Find $\frac{d u}{d y}$ <br> (b) Using $\frac{d u}{d x}=\frac{d u}{d y} \cdot \frac{d y}{d x}$ find an expression for $\frac{d u}{d x}$ <br> (c) Using the result in (b) find $\frac{d}{d x}\left(y^{2}\right)$ in terms of $y$ and $\frac{d y}{d x}$. <br> (d) Substitute in (1) and and rearrange to obtain $\frac{d y}{d x}$ in terms of $y$ <br> 4. What do you observe? | before. <br> 3. $x=y^{2} \Rightarrow \frac{d x}{d x}=\frac{d}{d x}\left(y^{2}\right) \Rightarrow 1=\frac{d}{d x}\left(y^{2}\right)$ <br> Let $u=y^{2}$ <br> (a) $u=y^{2} \Rightarrow \frac{d u}{d y}=2 y$ <br> (b) $\frac{d u}{d x}=\left(\frac{d u}{d y}\right)\left(\frac{d y}{d x}\right)=2 y \frac{d y}{d x}$ <br> (c) Hence $\frac{d}{d x}\left(y^{2}\right)=2 y \frac{d y}{d x}$ <br> (d) Substituting in (1) gives $1=\frac{d}{d x}\left(y^{2}\right) \Rightarrow 1=2 y \frac{d y}{d x} \Leftrightarrow \frac{d y}{d x}=\frac{1}{2 y}$ as before <br> 4. Observations: <br> - The results in the three steps are the same $-x=y^{2} \Rightarrow 1=\frac{d}{d x}\left(y^{2}\right) \Rightarrow 1=2 y \frac{d y}{d x}$ <br> This is implicit differentiation. <br> Rule: $\frac{d}{d x}\left(y^{2}\right)=2 y \frac{d y}{d x} .$ <br> To differentiate $y^{2}$, we differentiate it with respect to $y$ and multiply by $\frac{d y}{d x}$. |
| Application Exercise (30 minutes) | Exercise <br> 1. Differentiate $2 x y-x^{2}+y^{2}=5$ with respect to $x$. <br> 2. Find the gradient of the curve $y-\frac{y}{x}+3 x=5$, $x \in \mathbb{R}-\{0,1\}$ at the point $(2,-2)$. <br> 3. Given that $x^{2}+3 x y+y^{2}=7$ show that $(3 x+2 y) \frac{d^{2} y}{d x^{2}}+2\left(\frac{d y}{d x}\right)^{2}+6\left(\frac{d y}{d x}\right)+2=0$ | Exercise <br> 1. Differentiate $2 x y-x^{2}+y^{2}=5$ with respect to $x$. <br> 2. Find the gradient of the curve $y-\frac{y}{x}+3 x=5$, $x \in \mathbb{R}-\{0,1\}$ at the point $(2,-2)$. <br> 3. Given that $x^{2}+3 x y+y^{2}=7$ show that $(3 x+2 y) \frac{d^{2} y}{d x^{2}}+2\left(\frac{d y}{d x}\right)^{2}+6\left(\frac{d y}{d x}\right)+2=0$ <br> Solution <br> 1. $2 x y-x^{2}-y^{2}=5$ |


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|  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \Rightarrow \frac{d}{d x}(2 x y)-\frac{d}{d x}\left(x^{2}\right)+\frac{d}{d x}\left(y^{2}\right)=0 \\ & \Rightarrow 2 x \frac{d y}{d x}+y(2)-2 x+2 y \frac{d y}{d x}=0 \\ & \Rightarrow 2(x+y) \frac{d y}{d x}=2(x-y) \\ & \Rightarrow \frac{d y}{d x}=\frac{x-y}{x+y} \end{aligned}$ <br> Note that $\frac{d}{d x}(2 x y)$ is differentiated as a product. <br> 2. $y-\frac{y}{x}+3 x=8$ $\begin{aligned} & \Rightarrow \frac{d y}{d x}-\left[y\left(-x^{-2}\right)+\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \frac{d y}{d x}\right]+\frac{d y}{d x}+3=0 \\ & \Rightarrow\left(\frac{1}{x}-1\right) \frac{d y}{d x}=3+\frac{y}{x^{2}} \\ & \Rightarrow \frac{d y}{d x}=\left(\frac{3 x^{2}+y}{x^{2}}\right)\left(\frac{x}{1-x}\right)=\frac{y+3 x^{2}}{x(1-x)} \end{aligned}$ <br> At the point $(2,-2), \frac{d y}{d x}=\frac{-2+3(2)^{2}}{2(1-2)}=-5$ $\begin{aligned} & \text { 3. } x^{2}+3 x y+y^{2}=7 \\ & \Rightarrow 2 x+3 x \frac{d y}{d x}+3 y+2 y \frac{d y}{d x}=0 \\ & \Rightarrow 2+3 x \frac{d^{2} y}{d x^{2}}+3 \frac{d y}{d x}+3 \frac{d y}{d x}+2 y \frac{d^{2} y}{d x^{2}}+ \\ & 2\left(\frac{d y}{d x}\right)\left(\frac{d y}{d x}\right)=0 \\ & \Rightarrow(3 x+2 y) \frac{d^{2} y}{d x^{2}}+2\left(\frac{d y}{d x}\right)^{2}+6 \frac{d y}{d x}+2=0 \text { hence. } \end{aligned}$ <br> Note that $\frac{d}{d x}\left[3 x \frac{d y}{d x}\right]$ is differentiated as a product. |
| Summary (5minutes) | Summary of learning points <br> - Some implicit functions can be rearranged to give explicit functions of one variable . <br> - Product rule is very essential in differentiating | - Where possible rearrange an implicit function to give an explicit function of one variable e.g $x y-$ $2 x=3 \Rightarrow y=\frac{3+2 x}{x}$ giving $y$ explicitly in terms of $x$. |


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|  | implicitly. | $-\frac{d}{d x}[\mathrm{f}(y)]=\mathrm{f}^{\prime}(x) \frac{d y}{d x}$ <br> - To find $\frac{d}{d x}\left[\left(x^{n}\right)\left(y^{m}\right)\right]$ differentiate as product of $x^{n}$ and $y^{m}$ <br> i.e $\frac{d}{d x}\left[\left(x^{n}\right)\left(y^{m}\right)\right]=\left(x^{n}\right) \frac{d}{d x}\left(y^{m}\right)+\left(y^{m}\right) \frac{d}{d x}\left(x^{n}\right)$ <br> - Similarly $\frac{d}{d x}\left[\mathrm{f}^{\prime}(x) \frac{d y}{d x}\right]=\mathrm{f}^{\prime}(x) \frac{d^{2} y}{d x^{2}}+\mathrm{f}^{/ /}(x) \frac{d y}{d x}$. |
| Review of problem situation <br> (10minutes) | Can you now help Afeminui out of her frustration? Given that $x+3 x y-y^{3}=5$, show that $\left(x-y^{2}\right) \frac{d^{2} y}{d x^{2}}-2 y\left(\frac{d y}{d x}\right)^{2}+2\left(\frac{d y}{d x}\right)=0$ | Solution of Afeminui's problem <br> $x+3 x y-y^{3}=5$ <br> $\Rightarrow 1+3 x \frac{d y}{d x}+3 y-3 y^{2} \frac{d y}{d x}=0$ $\Rightarrow 0+3 x \frac{d^{2} y}{d x^{2}}+3 \frac{d y}{d x}+3 \frac{d y}{d x}-3 y^{2} \frac{d^{2} y}{d x^{2}}-$ <br> $6 y \frac{d y}{d x}\left(\frac{d y}{d x}\right)=0$ $\begin{aligned} & \Rightarrow 3\left(x-y^{2}\right) \frac{d^{2} y}{d x^{2}}+6 y\left(\frac{d y}{d x}\right)^{2}+6\left(\frac{d y}{d x}\right)=0 \\ & \Rightarrow\left(x-y^{2}\right) \frac{d^{2} y}{d x^{2}}-2 y\left(\frac{d y}{d x}\right)^{2}+2\left(\frac{d y}{d x}\right)=0 \text { hence. } \end{aligned}$ |
| Conclusion (5minutes) | Assignment <br> Copy the assignment in your books and do them at home. <br> Our next class is on differentiation of trigonometric functions | Assignment <br> 1. Differentiate the following (a) implicitly with respect to $x$ (b) by expressing $y$ explicitly in terms of $x$ and (c) by expressing $x$ explicitly in terms of $y$. Show that your results for (a), (b) and (c) are equivalent. <br> (i) $x y=5$ <br> (ii) $y^{2}=8 x$ <br> 2. Find the gradient of the curve $2 x^{2}-5 y^{2}-3 x y=$ 0 at the point $(-1,1)$. <br> 3. Given that $x^{2}+y^{2}-3 x-4 y-5=0$ show that $(y-2) \frac{d^{2} y}{d x^{2}}+\left(\frac{d y}{d x}\right)^{2}+1=0$ |

