

3. [9 points] Consider the curve \mathcal{C} defined by

$$\cos(ax - y) + x^2 + y^2 = b$$

where a and b are positive constants.

- a. [5 points] For the curve \mathcal{C} , find a formula for $\frac{dy}{dx}$ in terms of x and y . The constants a and b may appear in your answer. To earn credit for this problem, you must compute this by hand and show every step of your work clearly.

Solution:

Implicit differentiation:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} (\cos(ax - y) + x^2 + y^2) &= \frac{d}{dx} (b) \\ \left(a - \frac{dy}{dx}\right) (-\sin(ax - y)) + 2x + 2y \frac{dy}{dx} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} -a \sin(ax - y) + \frac{dy}{dx} (\sin(ax - y) + 2y) + 2x &= 0 \\ \frac{dy}{dx} (\sin(ax - y) + 2y) &= a \sin(ax - y) - 2x \\ \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{a \sin(ax - y) - 2x}{\sin(ax - y) + 2y} \end{aligned}$$

Answer: $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{a \sin(ax - y) - 2x}{\sin(ax - y) + 2y}$

- b. [1 point] Let $a = 1$ and $b = 9$. Exactly one of the following points (x, y) lies on the curve \mathcal{C} . Circle that one point.

(3, 0) (2, 2) (1, -1) (π, π) (0, -9)

- c. [3 points] With $a = 1$ and $b = 9$ as above, find an equation for the tangent line to the curve \mathcal{C} at the point you chose in part **b.**

Solution: To find the slope of the tangent line, we evaluate $\frac{dy}{dx}$ at the point $(2, 2)$ to find

$$\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{(x,y)=(2,2)} = \frac{\sin(2-2) - 2(2)}{\sin(2-2) + 2(2)} = -1.$$

Hence, the equation for the tangent line is $y = 2 - 1(x - 2) = -x + 4$.

Answer: $y = 2 - (x - 2)$ (or $-x + 4$)