

Q 1. Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ for $x^2 = \frac{x-y}{x+y}$ by implicit method of differentiation. Obtain an explicit function for y and find $\frac{dy}{dx}$. Are the values obtained for $\frac{dy}{dx}$ by two methods the same?

Solution

Method I

Differentiating both sides of $x^2 = \frac{x-y}{x+y}$ wrt x , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 2x(1) &= \frac{(x+y)\left(1-\frac{dy}{dx}\right)-(x-y)\left(1+\frac{dy}{dx}\right)}{(x+y)^2} \\
 \Rightarrow 2x(x+y)^2 &= (x+y) - (x+y)\frac{dy}{dx} - (x-y) - (x-y)\frac{dy}{dx} \\
 \Rightarrow 2x(x+y)^2 &= (x+y-x+y) - \frac{dy}{dx}(x+y+x-y) \\
 \Rightarrow 2x(x+y)^2 &= (2y) - \frac{dy}{dx}(2x) \\
 \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{2y-2x(x+y)^2}{2x} = \frac{y-x(x+y)^2}{x} = \frac{y-x^3-2x^2y-xy^2}{x} \quad (1)
 \end{aligned}$$

Answer

Method II

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Given } x^2 &= \frac{x-y}{x+y} \\
 \Rightarrow (x+y)x^2 &= x-y \\
 \Rightarrow x^3 + x^2y &= x-y \\
 \Rightarrow y(x^2+1) &= x-x^3 \\
 \Rightarrow y &= \frac{x-x^3}{x^2+1} \quad (2)
 \end{aligned}$$

Differentiating wrt x

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{(x^2+1)(1-3x^2)-(x-x^3)(2x)}{(x^2+1)^2} \\
 \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{x^2-3x^4+1-3x^2-2x^2+2x^4}{(x^2+1)^2} \\
 \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{-x^4-4x^2+1}{(x^2+1)^2} \quad (3)
 \end{aligned}$$

Answer

Values for $\frac{dy}{dx}$ by implicit and explicit differentiation:

Answers (1) and (3) are same and can be easily verified if value of y from (2) is substituted in (1).