

$$y = f(x) = x^2 + 3x + 2 \quad [\text{Say}]$$

$$y = x^2 + 3x + 2$$

$$x^2 + 3x + (2 - y) = 0$$

In the above equation the value of  $x$  will be real if and only if

$$3^2 - 4 \cdot 1 \cdot (2 - y) \geq 0$$

$$9 - 4(2 - y) \geq 0$$

$$9 - 8 + 4y \geq 0$$

$$1 + 4y \geq 0$$

$$4y \geq -1$$

$$y \geq -\frac{1}{4}$$

Therefore, the range of the given function is  $R_f = [-\frac{1}{4}, \infty)$ . (Ans)

# 09

## Differentiation

If  $y$  and  $x$  are two variables related to one another, then the rate of change of  $y$  in terms of  $x$  is denoted by

$$\frac{dy}{dx} \text{ and is calculated by the first principle rule } \frac{dy}{dx} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}.$$

**First Principle Rules:**  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$

**Problem 01:** Find the derivative of  $y = f(x)$  the followings by using First principle rule:

(a) $f(x) = x^n$	(b) $f(x) = e^x$	(c) $f(x) = a^x$	(d) $f(x) = \ln x$
(e) $f(x) = \cos x$	(f) $f(x) = \sin ax$	(g) $f(x) = \tan x$	(h) $f(x) = x$

(i) $f(x) = c$	(j) $f(x) = cg(x)$	(k) $f(x) = \sin^{-1} x$	(l) $f(x) = \tan^{-1} x$
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(a) Given function is,  $f(x) = x^n$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Now, } \frac{dy}{dx} &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+h)^n - x^n}{h} \\
 &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\left\{ x \left( 1 + \frac{h}{x} \right) \right\}^n - x^n}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^n \left( 1 + \frac{h}{x} \right)^n - x^n}{h} = x^n \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\left( 1 + \frac{h}{x} \right)^n - 1}{h} \\
 &= x^n \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\left( 1 + \frac{h}{x} \right)^{n-1} + 1 + n \left( \frac{h}{x} \right) + \frac{n(n-1)}{2!} \left( \frac{h}{x} \right)^2 + \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{3!} \left( \frac{h}{x} \right)^3 + \dots + \infty - 1}{h} \\
 &= x^n \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{n \left( \frac{h}{x} \right) + \frac{n(n-1)}{2!} \left( \frac{h}{x} \right)^2 + \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{3!} \left( \frac{h}{x} \right)^3 + \dots + \infty}{h} \\
 &= x^n \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h \left\{ n \left( \frac{1}{x} \right) + \frac{n(n-1)}{2!} \left( \frac{h}{x^2} \right) + \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{3!} \left( \frac{h^2}{x^3} \right) + \dots + \infty \right\}}{h} \\
 &= x^n \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h \left\{ n \left( \frac{1}{x} \right) + \frac{n(n-1)}{2!} \left( \frac{h}{x^2} \right) + \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{3!} \left( \frac{h^2}{x^3} \right) + \dots + \infty \right\}}{h} \\
 &= x^n \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left\{ n \left( \frac{1}{x} \right) + \frac{n(n-1)}{2!} \left( \frac{h}{x^2} \right) + \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{3!} \left( \frac{h^2}{x^3} \right) + \dots + \infty \right\} \\
 &= x^n \times n \left( \frac{1}{x} \right) = nx^{n-1} \quad \text{(As desired)}
 \end{aligned}$$

(b) Given function is,  $f(x) = e^x$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{dy}{dx} &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{x+h} - e^x}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x \cdot e^h - e^x}{h} \\
 &= e^x \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^h - 1}{h} = e^x \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 + h + \frac{h^2}{2!} + \frac{h^3}{3!} + \dots + \infty - 1}{h} = e^x \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h + \frac{h^2}{2!} + \frac{h^3}{3!} + \dots + \infty}{h} \\
 &= e^x \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} h \times \frac{1 + \frac{h}{2!} + \frac{h^2}{3!} + \dots + \infty}{h} = e^x \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left( 1 + \frac{h}{2!} + \frac{h^2}{3!} + \dots + \infty \right) = e^x \quad \text{(As desired)}
 \end{aligned}$$

(c) Given function is,  $f(x) = a^x$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{dy}{dx} &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{a^{x+h} - a^x}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{a^x \cdot a^h - a^x}{h} \\
 &= a^x \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{a^h - 1}{h} = a^x \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 + h \ln a + \frac{h^2}{2!} (\ln a)^2 + \frac{h^3}{3!} (\ln a)^3 + \dots + \infty - 1}{h} \\
 &= a^x \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h \ln a + \frac{h^2}{2!} (\ln a)^2 + \frac{h^3}{3!} (\ln a)^3 + \dots + \infty}{h} \\
 &= a^x \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left( \ln a + \frac{h}{2!} (\ln a)^2 + \frac{h^2}{3!} (\ln a)^3 + \dots + \infty \right) \\
 &= a^x \ln a \quad \text{(As desired)}
 \end{aligned}$$

(d) Given function is,  $f(x) = \ln x$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\ln(x+h) - \ln x}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\ln\left(\frac{x+h}{x}\right)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\ln\left(1 + \frac{h}{x}\right)}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\ln\left(1 + \frac{h}{x}\right)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{h}{x} - \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{h}{x}\right)^2 + \frac{1}{3}\left(\frac{h}{x}\right)^3 - \dots}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{h}{x^2} + \frac{1}{3} \frac{h^2}{x^3} - \dots\right) = \frac{1}{x} \quad \text{(As desired)} \end{aligned}$$

(e) Given function is,  $f(x) = \cos x$  .

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos(x+h) - \cos x}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-2 \sin\left(\frac{2x+h}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{h}{2}\right)}{h} = -\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \sin\left(\frac{2x+h}{2}\right) \times \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin\left(\frac{h}{2}\right)}{\left(\frac{h}{2}\right)} \\ &= -\sin\left(\frac{2x+0}{2}\right) \times 1 = -\sin x \quad \text{(As desired)} \end{aligned}$$

(f) Given function is,  $f(x) = \sin ax$  .

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin a(x+h) - \sin ax}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(ax+ah) - \sin ax}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{2 \cos\left(\frac{2ax+ah}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{ah}{2}\right)}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{2 \cos\left(\frac{2ax+ah}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{ah}{2}\right)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{2 \cos\left(\frac{2ax+ah}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{ah}{2}\right)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{a \cos\left(\frac{2ax+ah}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{ah}{2}\right)}{\left(\frac{ah}{2}\right)} \\ &= a \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \cos\left(\frac{2ax+ah}{2}\right) \times \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin\left(\frac{ah}{2}\right)}{\left(\frac{ah}{2}\right)} = a \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \cos\left(\frac{2ax+ah}{2}\right) = a \cos ax \quad \text{(As desired)} \end{aligned}$$

(g) Given function is,  $f(x) = \tan x$  .

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan(x+h) - \tan x}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{\sin(x+h)}{\cos(x+h)} - \frac{\sin x}{\cos x}}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{\sin(x+h)\cos x - \sin x \cos(x+h)}{\cos(x+h)\cos x}}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x+h)\cos x - \sin x \cos(x+h)}{h \cos(x+h)\cos x} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x+h-x)}{h \cos(x+h)\cos x} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(h)}{h \cos(x+h)\cos x} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(h)}{h} \times \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\cos(x+h)\cos x} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\cos(x+h)\cos x} = \frac{1}{\cos(x)\cos x} = \frac{1}{\cos^2 x} = \sec^2 x \quad \text{(As desired)} \end{aligned}$$

(h) Given function is,  $f(x) = x$  .

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{x+h-x}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} 1 = 1 \quad \text{(As desired)}$$

(i) Given function is,  $f(x) = c$  .

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{c-c}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{0}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} 0 = 0 \quad \text{(As desired)}$$

(j) Given function is,  $f(x) = c g(x)$  .

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{c g(x+h) - c g(x)}{h} = c \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{g(x+h) - g(x)}{h} = c \frac{dg}{dx} \quad \text{(As desired)}$$

(k) Given function is,  $f(x) = \sin^{-1} x$  .

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin^{-1}(x+h) - \sin^{-1}(x)}{h} \dots (i)$$

Say  $\sin^{-1}(x) = y \Rightarrow x = \sin y$  and  $\sin^{-1}(x+h) = y+k \Rightarrow x+h = \sin(y+k)$  .

From equation(i), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{y+k-y}{h} = \lim_{k \rightarrow 0} \frac{k}{\sin(y+k) - \sin(y)} \quad [x+h = \sin(y+k) \Rightarrow h=0 \Rightarrow k=0] \\ &= \lim_{k \rightarrow 0} \frac{k}{\sin(y+k) - \sin(y)} = \lim_{k \rightarrow 0} \frac{k}{2 \cos\left(\frac{2y+k}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{k}{2}\right)} = \lim_{k \rightarrow 0} \frac{\left(\frac{k}{2}\right)}{\cos\left(\frac{2y+k}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{k}{2}\right)} \\ &= \lim_{k \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\cos\left(\frac{2y+k}{2}\right)} \times \lim_{k \rightarrow 0} \frac{\left(\frac{k}{2}\right)}{\sin\left(\frac{k}{2}\right)} = \frac{1}{\cos(y)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\cos^2 y}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\sin^2 y}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \end{aligned} \quad \text{(As desired)}$$

(i) Given function is,  $f(x) = \tan^{-1} x$ .

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan^{-1}(x+h) - \tan^{-1}(x)}{h} \dots (i)$$

Say  $\tan^{-1}(x) = y \Rightarrow x = \tan y$  and  $\tan^{-1}(x+h) = y+k \Rightarrow x+h = \tan(y+k)$ .

From equation(i), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{y+k-y}{h} = \lim_{k \rightarrow 0} \frac{k}{\tan(y+k) - \tan(y)} \quad [x+h = \sin(y+k) \Rightarrow h=0 \Rightarrow k=0] \\ &= \lim_{k \rightarrow 0} \frac{k}{\frac{\sin(y+k)}{\cos(y+k)} - \frac{\sin(y)}{\cos(y)}} = \lim_{k \rightarrow 0} \frac{k}{\frac{\sin(y+k)\cos(y) - \sin(y)\cos(y+k)}{\cos(y+k)\cos(y)}} = \lim_{k \rightarrow 0} \frac{k \cos(y+k)\cos(y)}{\sin(y+k)\cos(y) - \sin(y)\cos(y+k)} \\ &= \lim_{k \rightarrow 0} \frac{k \cos(y+k)\cos(y)}{\sin(y+k-y)} = \lim_{k \rightarrow 0} \frac{k \cos(y+k)\cos(y)}{\sin(k)} = \lim_{k \rightarrow 0} \frac{k}{\sin k} \times \lim_{k \rightarrow 0} \cos(y+k)\cos(y) \\ &= \cos(y)\cos(y) = \cos^2 y = \frac{1}{\sec^2 y} = \frac{1}{1+\tan^2 y} = \frac{1}{1+x^2} \end{aligned} \quad \text{(As desired)}$$

Problem 02: Find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  for  $f(x) = \sin(x^2)$  using first principle rule.

Solution: Given function is  $f(x) = \sin(x^2)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x+h)^2 - \sin(x)^2}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x^2 + 2xh + h^2) - \sin(x^2)}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x^2 + 2xh + h^2) - \sin(x^2)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{2 \cos\left(\frac{x^2 + 2xh + h^2 + x^2}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{x^2 + 2xh + h^2 - x^2}{2}\right)}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{2 \cos\left(\frac{2x^2 + 2xh + h^2}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{2xh + h^2}{2}\right)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos\left(\frac{2x^2 + 2xh + h^2}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{2xh + h^2}{2}\right)}{\frac{h(2x+h)}{2}} \times (2x+h) \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \cos\left(\frac{2x^2 + 2xh + h^2}{2}\right) \times \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin\left(\frac{2xh + h^2}{2}\right)}{\frac{h(2x+h)}{2}} \times \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (2x+h) = \cos(x^2) \times 1 \times 2x = 2x \cos(x^2) \end{aligned} \quad \text{(As desired)}$$

**Note:**  $\frac{d}{dx}(\sin x^2) = \cos x^2 \times \frac{d}{dx}(x^2) = \cos x^2 \times 2x = 2x \cos x^2$

Problem 03: Find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  for  $y = \sqrt{x}$  using first principle rule.

Solution: Given function is  $f(x) = \sin(x^2)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{x+h} - \sqrt{x}}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(\sqrt{x+h} - \sqrt{x})(\sqrt{x+h} + \sqrt{x})}{h(\sqrt{x+h} + \sqrt{x})} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{x+h-x}{h(\sqrt{x+h} + \sqrt{x})} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h}{h(\sqrt{x+h} + \sqrt{x})} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x+h} + \sqrt{x}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{x}} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} \end{aligned} \quad \text{(As desired)}$$

Problem 04: Find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  for the following functions:

(a) $y = e^x + 2\sin x - \frac{1}{2}\log x$	(b) $y = x^2 \tan^{-1} x$	(c) $y = a^x x^3 \sin^{-1} x$	(d) $y = \frac{e^x}{1+x}$
(e) $y = e^{\tan^{-1} x}$	(f) $x^y + y^x = 1$	(g) $x = a \cos \theta + b \sin \theta, y = b \sin \theta$	

(a) Given function is  $y = e^x + 2\sin x - \frac{1}{2}\log x$

Taking derivative with respect to x on both sides we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{d}{dx} \left( e^x + 2\sin x - \frac{1}{2}\log x \right) \\ &= \frac{d}{dx} (e^x) + 2 \frac{d}{dx} (\sin x) - \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dx} (\log x) = e^x + 2\cos x - \frac{1}{2x} \end{aligned} \quad \text{(As desired)}$$

(b) Given function is  $y = x^2 \tan^{-1} x$

Taking derivative with respect to x on both sides we get

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx} (x^2 \tan^{-1} x) = x^2 \frac{d}{dx} (\tan^{-1} x) + \tan^{-1} x \frac{d}{dx} (x^2) = x^2 \times \frac{1}{1+x^2} + \tan^{-1} x (2x) = 2x \tan^{-1} x + \frac{x^2}{1+x^2} \quad \text{(As desired)}$$

(c) Given function is  $y = a^x x^3 \sin^{-1} x$ .

Taking derivative with respect to x on both sides we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{d}{dx} (a^x x^3 \sin^{-1} x) = a^x x^3 \frac{d}{dx} (\sin^{-1} x) + a^x \sin^{-1} x \frac{d}{dx} (x^3) + x^3 \sin^{-1} x \frac{d}{dx} (a^x) \\ &= a^x x^3 \times \left( -\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \right) + 3x^2 a^x \sin^{-1} x + a^x x^3 \sin^{-1} x \ln a = 3x^2 a^x \sin^{-1} x + a^x x^3 \sin^{-1} x \ln a - \frac{a^x x^3}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \end{aligned} \quad \text{(As desired)}$$

(d) Given function is  $y = \frac{e^x}{1+x}$ .

Taking derivative with respect to x on both sides we get

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{e^x}{1+x} \right) = \frac{(1+x) \times \frac{d}{dx} (e^x) - e^x \times \frac{d}{dx} (1+x)}{(1+x)^2} = \frac{(1+x) \times e^x - e^x \times (0+1)}{(1+x)^2} = \frac{(1+x)e^x - e^x}{(1+x)^2} = \frac{xe^x}{(1+x)^2} \quad \text{(As desired)}$$

(e) Given function is  $y = e^{\tan^{-1} x}$ .

Taking derivative with respect to x on both sides we get

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx} (e^{\tan^{-1} x}) = e^{\tan^{-1} x} \times \frac{d}{dx} (\tan^{-1} x) = e^{\tan^{-1} x} \times \frac{1}{1+x^2} = \frac{e^{\tan^{-1} x}}{1+x^2} \quad \text{(As desired)}$$

(f) Given equation is  $x^y + y^x = 1$ .

Taking derivative with respect to x on both sides we get

$$\frac{d}{dx}(x^y + y^x) = \frac{d}{dx}(1)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(x^y + y^x) = 0$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(x^y) + \frac{d}{dx}(y^x) = 0$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(e^{\ln x^y}) + \frac{d}{dx}(e^{\ln y^x}) = 0$$

$$e^{\ln x^y} \frac{d}{dx}(\ln x^y) + e^{\ln y^x} \frac{d}{dx}(\ln y^x) = 0$$

$$x^y \frac{d}{dx}(y \ln x) + y^x \frac{d}{dx}(x \ln y) = 0$$

$$x^y \left( y \cdot \frac{1}{x} + \ln x \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} \right) + y^x \left( x \cdot \frac{1}{y} \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} + \ln y \cdot 1 \right) = 0$$

$$x^y \left( \frac{y}{x} + \ln x \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} \right) + y^x \left( \frac{x}{y} \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} + \ln y \right) = 0$$

$$x^{y-1} y + x^y \ln x \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} + y^{x-1} x \frac{dy}{dx} + y^x \ln y = 0$$

$$x^y \ln x \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} + y^{x-1} x \frac{dy}{dx} = -(x^{y-1} y + y^x \ln y)$$

$$\left( x^y \ln x + y^{x-1} x \right) \frac{dy}{dx} = -(x^{y-1} y + y^x \ln y)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{(x^{y-1} y + y^x \ln y)}{(x^y \ln x + y^{x-1} x)}$$

**(As desired)**

(g) Given parametric equations are,

$$x = a \cos \theta + b \sin \theta$$

Taking derivative with respect to  $\theta$  on both sides we get

$$\frac{dx}{d\theta} = \frac{d}{d\theta}(a \cos \theta) + \frac{d}{d\theta}(b \sin \theta) = a \frac{d}{d\theta}(\cos \theta) + b \frac{d}{d\theta}(\sin \theta) = a(-\sin \theta) + b(\cos \theta) = b \cos \theta - a \sin \theta$$

And

$$y = b \sin \theta$$

Taking derivative with respect to  $\theta$  on both sides we get

$$\frac{dy}{d\theta} = \frac{d}{d\theta}(b \sin \theta) = b \frac{d}{d\theta}(\sin \theta) = b \cos \theta$$

$$\text{By chain rule: } \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{d\theta} \cdot \frac{d\theta}{dx} = b \cos \theta \cdot \frac{1}{b \cos \theta - a \sin \theta} = \frac{b \cos \theta}{b \cos \theta - a \sin \theta}$$

**(As desired)**