

Exercise 20

Find dy/dx by implicit differentiation.

$$\tan(x - y) = \frac{y}{1 + x^2}$$

Solution

Differentiate both sides with respect to x .

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dx}[\tan(x - y)] &= \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{y}{1 + x^2} \right) \\ [\sec^2(x - y)] \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(x - y) &= \frac{\left[\frac{d}{dx}(y) \right] (1 + x^2) - \left[\frac{d}{dx}(1 + x^2) \right] y}{(1 + x^2)^2} \\ [\sec^2(x - y)] \cdot (1 - y') &= \frac{(y')(1 + x^2) - (2x)y}{(1 + x^2)^2} \\ (1 - y') \sec^2(x - y) &= \frac{(1 + x^2)y' - 2xy}{(1 + x^2)^2}\end{aligned}$$

Solve for y' .

$$\begin{aligned}\sec^2(x - y) - y' \sec^2(x - y) &= \frac{y'}{1 + x^2} - \frac{2xy}{(1 + x^2)^2} \\ \sec^2(x - y) + \frac{2xy}{(1 + x^2)^2} &= \left[\frac{1}{1 + x^2} + \sec^2(x - y) \right] y' \\ y' &= \frac{\sec^2(x - y) + \frac{2xy}{(1 + x^2)^2}}{\frac{1}{1 + x^2} + \sec^2(x - y)} \\ y' &= \frac{(1 + x^2)^2 \sec^2(x - y) + 2xy}{1 + x^2 + (1 + x^2)^2 \sec^2(x - y)}\end{aligned}$$