

Derivatives of Sine and Cosine Functions

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$$\frac{d}{dx} (\sin x) = \cos x \quad \frac{d}{dx} (\cos x) = -\sin x$$

Applying the chain rule:

$$y = \sin(g(x))$$

$$y = \cos(g(x))$$

$$y' = \cos(g(x)) \cdot g'(x)$$

$$y' = -\sin(g(x)) \cdot g'(x)$$

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Ex.1 Determine y' and simplify.

$$(a) y = \frac{5 \sin(4x)}{2}$$

$$y = \frac{5}{2} \sin(4x)$$

$$y' = \frac{5}{2} \cos(4x) \cdot (4)^2$$

$$= 10 \cos(4x)$$

$$(b) y = \frac{1}{\cos 6x}$$

$$y = (\cos 6x)^{-1}$$

$$y' = -1(\cos 6x)^{-2}(-\sin 6x)(6)$$

$$= \frac{6 \sin 6x}{(\cos 6x)^2}$$

$$= \frac{6 \sin 6x}{\cos^2 6x} \quad \checkmark$$

$$(c) y = \cos(1 + x^3)$$

$$(d) y = \frac{\sin \theta}{1 + \cos \theta}$$

$$(e) y = \sin 2x \cos 2x$$

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Ex.1 Determine y' and simplify.

$$(c) y = \cos(1 + x^3)$$

$$y' = -\sin(1 + x^3) \cdot (3x^2)$$

$$= -3x^2 \sin(1 + x^3)$$

$$(d) y = \frac{\sin \theta}{1 + \cos \theta}$$

$$y' = \frac{\cos \theta (1 + \cos \theta) - \sin \theta (-\sin \theta)}{(1 + \cos \theta)^2}$$

$$= \frac{\cos \theta + (\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta)}{(1 + \cos \theta)^2} = 1 \quad \text{Pythag identity}$$

$$= \frac{(\cos \theta + 1)}{(1 + \cos \theta)^2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{1 + \cos \theta}$$

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e) $y = \sin(2x)\cos(2x)$

$$\begin{aligned} y &= \frac{1}{2} \sin 4x \\ y' &= (\cos 2x)(2)\cos 2x + \sin 2x (-\sin 2x \cdot 2) \\ y' &= 2 \cos^2 2x - 2 \sin^2 2x \\ y' &= 2(\cos^2 2x - \sin^2 2x) \\ \alpha &= 2[2 \cos^2 2x - 1] \\ \alpha &= 2[1 - 2 \sin^2 2x] \end{aligned}$$

$\cos 2\theta = \cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 2[\cos(2(2x))] \\ y' &= 2 \cos 4x \end{aligned}$$

Pythag.

$$\begin{aligned} y &= \frac{1}{2} \sin 4x \\ y' &= \frac{1}{2} (\cos 4x \cdot 4) \\ &= 2 \cos 4x \end{aligned}$$

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Ex.2 Find the slope of the tangent line to the curve given:

$$y = (\sin x - \cos x)^2 \text{ at } x = \frac{5\pi}{4}$$

$$y' = 2(\sin x - \cos x)'(\cos x + \sin x)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sin \frac{5\pi}{4} &= -\sin \frac{\pi}{4} \\ &= -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ \cos \frac{5\pi}{4} &= -\cos \frac{\pi}{4} \\ &= -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{at } x = \frac{5\pi}{4}, y' = 2\left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} - \left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)\right)\left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + \left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)\right)$$

$$y' = 2\left(0\right)\left(-\frac{2\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)$$

$$y' = 0$$

\therefore the slope of the tangent line at $x = \frac{5\pi}{4}$
is zero.

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Assigned Work:

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