

Differential Calculus

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Section 2.6 The derivatives of trigonometric functions

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Differentiation

$f(x)$	$f'(x)$
x^n	nx^{n-1}
$\ln x$	$\frac{1}{x}$
e^x	e^x
e^{ax}	ae^{ax}
a^x	$a^x \ln a$
$\cos x$	$-\sin x$
$\sin x$	$\cos x$
$\tan x$	$\sec^2 x$
$\cos^{-1} \frac{x}{a}$	$-\frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}}$
$\sin^{-1} \frac{x}{a}$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}}$
$\tan^{-1} \frac{x}{a}$	$\frac{a}{a^2 + x^2}$

} trig. functions

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\sin x) = \cos x \quad \frac{d}{dx}(\cos x) = -\sin x \quad \frac{d}{dx}(\tan x) = \sec^2 x$$

Example 1Differentiate each of the following with respect to x :

(i) $y = 3 \sin x + 2 \cos x$

(ii) $y = x^2 \sin x$

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$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 3(\cos x) + 2(-\sin x) = 3 \cos x - 2 \sin x$$

Product

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = u \frac{dv}{dx} + v \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$u = x^2 \quad \frac{du}{dx} = 2x$$

$$v = \sin x \quad \frac{dv}{dx} = \cos x$$

(ii) $y = x^2 \sin x$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = x^2(\cos x) + (\sin x)(2x)$$

$$= x^2 \cos x + 2x \sin x$$

Example 2

Find the derivative of each of the following:

(i) $\cos(7x - 3)$

(ii) $\tan^2 3x$

(iii) $\sin^3(x^2 + 2)$

$$f(x) \rightarrow f'(x)$$

$$\cos x \rightarrow -\sin x$$

Chain Rule

outside: $\cos u$ inside: $7x-3$

$$f(x) = \cos(7x-3)$$

$$f'(x) = [-\sin(7x-3)] \cdot (7)$$

$$= -7 \sin(7x-3)$$

$$f(x) \rightarrow f'(x)$$

$$\tan x \rightarrow \sec^2 x$$

outside: u^2 middle: $\tan v$ inside: $3x$

$$f'(x) = (\tan 3x)^2$$

$$f'(x) = 2(\tan 3x)' \cdot (\sec^2 3x) \cdot (3)$$

$$= 6 \tan 3x \cdot \sec^2 3x$$

$$f(x) \rightarrow f'(x)$$

$$\sin x \rightarrow \cos x$$

outside: u^3 middle: $\sin v$ inside: x^2+2

$$f(x) = \sin^3(x^2+2) = (\sin(x^2+2))^3$$

$$f'(x) = 3(\sin(x^2+2))^2 \cdot (\cos(x^2+2)) \cdot 2x$$

$$= 6x \sin^2(x^2+2) \cdot \cos(x^2+2)$$

Example 3

If $f(x) = \frac{1 + \sin x}{\cos x}$, show that $f'(x) = \frac{1 + \sin x}{\cos^2 x}$ and hence evaluate $f(\pi)$.

Quotient

$$u = 1 + \sin x$$

$$\frac{du}{dx} = \cos x$$

$$v = \cos x$$

$$\frac{dv}{dx} = -\sin x$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{v \frac{du}{dx} - u \frac{dv}{dx}}{v^2}$$

$$\cos^2 x + \sin^2 x = 1$$

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

$$= \frac{\cos^2 x + \sin x + \sin^2 x}{\cos^2 x}$$

$$= \frac{1 + \sin x}{\cos^2 x}$$

$$f'(\pi) = \frac{1 + \sin \pi}{\cos^2 \pi} = \frac{1 + 0}{(1)^2} = 1$$