

Derivatives of Trigonometric Functions

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Some facts about trigonometric functions:

(a) $\sin(\alpha + \beta) = \sin(\alpha) \cos(\beta) + \cos(\alpha) \sin(\beta)$

(b) $\cos(\alpha + \beta) = \cos(\alpha) \cos(\beta) - \sin(\alpha) \sin(\beta)$

(c) $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\cos(h)-1}{h} \right) = 0$

(d) $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\sin(h)}{h} \right) = 1$

1. Goal: to find the derivative of $y = \sin(x)$.

$\frac{d}{dx} [\sin(x)] = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\boxed{}}{\boxed{}}$	(Definition of Derivative)
$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\boxed{}}{\boxed{}}$	(Trig Fact (a) above)
$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left(\sin(x) \cdot \frac{\boxed{}}{\boxed{}} + \cos(x) \cdot \frac{\boxed{}}{\boxed{}} \right)$	(Split in Two)
$= \sin(x) \cdot \underline{\hspace{2cm}} + \cos(x) \cdot \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$	(Trig Facts (c) & (d) Above)
$= \underline{\hspace{4cm}}$	

Conclusion: $\frac{d}{dx} [\sin(x)] = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

2. Goal: Using similar methods, show that:

$\frac{d}{dx} [\cos(x)] =$

$= -\sin(x)$

3. Goal: Find the derivative of $\tan(x)$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} [\tan(x)] &= \frac{d}{dx} \left[\frac{\sin(x)}{\cos(x)} \right] && \text{(Why? _____)} \\ &= \frac{\boxed{}}{\boxed{}} && \text{(The Quotient Rule)} \\ &= \frac{\boxed{}}{\boxed{}} && (\sin^2(x) + \cos^2(x) = 1) \\ &= \sec^2(x) && \text{(Why? _____)} \end{aligned}$$

Conclusion: $\frac{d}{dx} [\tan(x)] = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

4. Similarly, we can show:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} [\cot(x)] &= -\csc^2(x) \\ \frac{d}{dx} [\sec(x)] &= \sec(x) \tan(x) \\ \frac{d}{dx} [\csc(x)] &= -\csc(x) \cot(x) \end{aligned}$$

5. Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$

(a) $y = \frac{\cos(x)}{x^2 - 3x + 2}$

(b) $y = e^x \tan(x)$

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

(d) $y = \frac{3x^2 - 5x}{\cot(x)}$

(e) $y = \sec(x) \cdot \cos(x)$ [2 methods]

(f) $y = \frac{\tan(x)}{\cot(x)}$ [2 methods]

6. Homework: _____