

微積分1–3.3 Derivatives of Trigonometric Functions-Video 1

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Plan of the this Video

In this video, we will cover materials in 3.3 Derivatives of Trigonometric Functions. We learn how to differentiate $\sin(x)$, $\cos(x)$, $\tan(x)$, $\csc(x)$, $\sec(x)$, $\cot(x)$.

There are 6 trigonometric functions.

$$\sin(x), \cos(x), \tan(x) = \frac{\sin(x)}{\cos(x)},$$

$$\csc(x) = \frac{1}{\sin(x)}, \sec(x) = \frac{1}{\cos(x)}, \cot(x) = \frac{1}{\tan(x)} = \frac{\cos(x)}{\sin(x)}.$$

To find the derivatives of trig functions, we just need to find the derivative of $\sin(x)$, $\cos(x)$ and the quotient rule.

There are some important formulae:

$$(a) \sin(a + b) = \sin(a) \cos(b) + \cos(a) \sin(b)$$

$$(b) \cos(a + b) = \cos(a) \cos(b) - \sin(a) \sin(b)$$

$$(c) \sin^2(x) + \cos^2(x) = 1 \rightarrow \text{divide by } \cos^2(x) \Rightarrow \frac{\sin^2(x)}{\cos^2(x)} + 1 = \frac{1}{\cos^2(x)}$$

$$(d) 1 + \tan^2(x) = \sec^2(x)$$

$$(e) 1 + \cot^2(x) = \csc^2(x)$$

Recall that we have

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(h)}{h} = 1 \text{ and } \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos(h) - 1}{h} = 0.$$

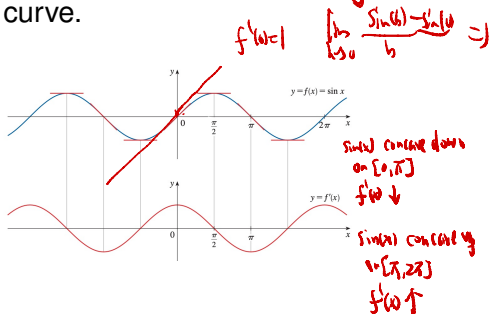
Notation: $\sin^2(x)$
 $= (\sin(x))^2$

$\downarrow$
 $\text{divide by } \sin^2(x) \Rightarrow 1 + \frac{\cos^2(x)}{\sin^2(x)} = \frac{1}{\sin^2(x)} \Rightarrow 1 + \cot^2(x) = \csc^2(x)$

$1 + \tan^2(x) = \sec^2(x)$

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If we sketch the graph of the function $f(x) = \sin x$ and use the interpretation of $f'(x)$ as the slope of the tangent to the sine curve in order to sketch the graph of $y = f'(x)$. ~~f'~~ may be the same as the cosine curve.



Let's try to confirm our guess that if $f(x) = \sin(x)$, then $f'(x) = \cos(x)$.

$$\begin{aligned}& \frac{d}{dx} \sin(x) \\&= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x+h) - \sin(x)}{h} \\&= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x)\cos(h) + \cos(x)\sin(h) - \sin(x)}{h} \\&= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x)(\cos(h) - 1)}{h} + \frac{\cos(x)\sin(h)}{h} \\&= \sin(x) \cdot 0 + \cos(x) \cdot 1 \\&= \cos(x).\end{aligned}$$

Next we show if $f(x) = \cos(x)$, then $f'(x) = -\sin(x)$.

$$\begin{aligned}& \frac{d}{dx} \cos(x) \\&= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos(x+h) - \cos(x)}{h} \\&= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos(x)\cos(h) - \sin(x)\sin(h) - \cos(x)}{h} \\&= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos(x)(\cos(h) - 1)}{h} - \frac{\sin(x)\sin(h)}{h} \\&= \cos(x) \cdot 0 - \sin(x) \cdot 1 \\&= -\sin(x).\end{aligned}$$

Now, we use quotient rule $\frac{d}{dx} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{f'(x)g(x) - f(x)g'(x)}{g^2(x)}$ to find the derivative of $\tan(x) = \frac{\sin(x)}{\cos(x)}$.

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{d}{dx} \tan(x) \\ &= \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{\sin(x)}{\cos(x)} \right) \\ &= \frac{(\sin(x))' \cos(x) - \sin(x)(\cos(x))'}{\cos^2(x)} \\ &= \frac{\cos(x) \cos(x) - \sin(x)(-\sin(x))}{\cos^2(x)} \\ &= \frac{\cos^2(x) + \sin^2(x)}{\cos^2(x)} \\ &= \frac{1}{\cos^2(x)} = \sec^2(x). \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{d}{dx} \csc(x) &= \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{1}{\sin(x)} \right) \\
 &= \frac{(1)' \sin(x) - 1(\sin(x))'}{\sin^2(x)} = \frac{-\cos(x)}{\sin^2(x)} \\
 &= -\frac{1}{\sin(x)} \frac{\cos(x)}{\sin(x)} = -\csc(x) \cot(x)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{d}{dx} \sec(x) &= \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{1}{\cos(x)} \right) \\
 &= \frac{(1)' \cos(x) - 1(\cos(x))'}{\cos^2(x)} = \frac{\sin(x)}{\cos^2(x)} \\
 &= \frac{1}{\cos(x)} \frac{\sin(x)}{\cos(x)} = \sec(x) \tan(x)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{d}{dx} \cot(x) \\
&= \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{\cos(x)}{\sin(x)} \right) \\
&= \frac{(\cos(x))' \sin(x) - \cos(x)(\sin(x))'}{\sin^2(x)} \\
&= \frac{-\sin(x) \sin(x) - \cos(x) \cos(x)}{\sin^2(x)} \\
&= \frac{-\sin^2(x) - \cos^2(x)}{\sin^2(x)} \\
&= -\frac{1}{\sin^2(x)} = -\csc^2(x).
\end{aligned}$$

Derivatives of trig functions

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

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

$$\frac{d}{dx} \tan(x) = \sec^2(x),$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \csc(x) = -\csc(x) \cot(x)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \sec(x) = \sec(x) \tan(x)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \cot(x) = -\csc^2(x).$$

Example. Differentiate the following functions.

(a) $\frac{1+\tan(x)}{1-\tan(x)}$ (b) $\sin(x) \cos(x)$ (c) $\frac{\csc(x)}{1+\cot(x)}$.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{d}{dx} \frac{1+\tan(x)}{1-\tan(x)} \\ = & \frac{(1+\tan(x))'(1-\tan(x)) - (1+\tan(x))(1-\tan(x))'}{(1-\tan(x))^2} \\ = & \frac{\sec^2(x)(1-\tan(x)) - (1+\tan(x))(-\sec^2(x))}{(1-\tan(x))^2} \\ = & \frac{\sec^2(x) - \sec^2(x)\tan(x) + \sec^2(x) + \sec^2(x)\tan(x)}{(1-\tan(x))^2} \\ = & \frac{2\sec^2(x)}{(1-\tan(x))^2}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{d}{dx} \sin(x) \cos(x) \\
 = & (\sin(x))' \cos(x) + \sin(x)(\cos(x))' \\
 = & \cos(x) \cos(x) + \sin(x)(-\sin(x)) \\
 = & \cos^2(x) - \sin^2(x).
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{d}{dx} \frac{\csc(x)}{1 + \cot(x)} = \frac{(\csc(x))'(1 + \cot(x)) - \csc(x)(1 + \cot(x))'}{(1 + \cot(x))^2} \\
 = & \frac{-\csc(x) \cot(x)(1 + \cot(x)) - \csc(x)(-\csc^2(x))}{(1 + \cot(x))^2} \\
 = & \frac{-\csc(x) \cot(x) - \csc(x) \cot^2(x) + \csc^3(x)}{(1 + \cot(x))^2} \\
 = & \frac{-\csc(x) \cot(x) - \csc(x)(\csc^2(x) - 1) + \csc^3(x)}{(1 + \cot(x))^2} \\
 = & \frac{\csc(x)(1 - \cot(x))}{(1 + \cot(x))^2}.
 \end{aligned}$$

$1 + \cot^2(x) = \csc^2(x)$
 $\cot^2(x) = \csc^2(x) - 1$
 $= -\csc(x) \cot(x) + \csc(x)$

Example: Let $f(x) = e^x \cos(x)$. Show that $f''(x) - 2f'(x) + 2f(x) = 0$. $\leftarrow$ (differentiated equation)
Solution: We first compute

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= (e^x \cos(x))' = (e^x)' \cos(x) + e^x (\cos(x))' \\ &= e^x \cos(x) - e^x \sin(x). \end{aligned}$$

Next, we compute

$$\begin{aligned} f''(x) &= (e^x \cos(x) - e^x \sin(x))' = (e^x \cos(x))' - (e^x \sin(x))'; \\ &= e^x \cos(x) - e^x \sin(x) - e^x \sin(x) - e^x \cos(x) \\ &= -2e^x \sin(x). \end{aligned}$$

$(e^x \sin(x))' = (e^x)' \sin(x) + e^x (\sin(x))'$
 $= e^x \sin(x) + e^x \cos(x)$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} &f''(x) - 2f'(x) + 2f(x) \\ &= -2e^x \sin(x) - 2(e^x \cos(x) - e^x \sin(x)) + 2e^x \cos(x) \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$