

3.3 Derivatives of Trigonometric Functions (page 190)

Goal: Find the derivative of six trigonometric functions.

Example 1 (page 192–193). Calculate the derivative of $f(\theta) = \sin \theta$ and $g(\theta) = \cos \theta$.

Solution. We compute

$$\begin{aligned} f'(\theta) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(\theta + h) - f(\theta)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(\theta + h) - \sin \theta}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{2 \cos\left(\theta + \frac{h}{2}\right) \sin \frac{h}{2}}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \cos\left(\theta + \frac{h}{2}\right) \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin \frac{h}{2}}{\frac{h}{2}} = \cos \theta \\ g'(\theta) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{g(\theta + h) - g(\theta)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos(\theta + h) - \cos \theta}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-2 \sin\left(\theta + \frac{h}{2}\right) \sin \frac{h}{2}}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} -\sin\left(\theta + \frac{h}{2}\right) \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin \frac{h}{2}}{\frac{h}{2}} = -\sin \theta. \end{aligned}$$

Example 2 (page 193). Calculate the derivative of $\tan \theta$, $\cot \theta$, $\sec \theta$, and $\csc \theta$.

Solution. Using the quotient rule, we get

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

$$\square \tan \theta \cot \theta = 1 \Rightarrow \sec^2 \theta \cot \theta + \tan \theta (\cot \theta)' = 0 \Rightarrow (\cot \theta)' = -\frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta} = -\csc^2 \theta.$$

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Example 3. Calculate the derivative of $\sin^2 \theta$ and $\cos^2 \theta$.

Solution. We compute

$$(\sin^2 \theta)' = (\sin \theta \sin \theta)' = \cos \theta \sin \theta + \sin \theta \cos \theta = 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta.$$

$$(\cos^2 \theta)' = (\cos \theta \cos \theta)' = -\sin \theta \cos \theta - \cos \theta \sin \theta = -2 \sin \theta \cos \theta.$$

$$\square \sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta = 1 \Rightarrow (\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta)' = 0.$$

Example 4. Compute $\frac{d^n}{d\theta^n} \sin \theta$ and $\frac{d^n}{d\theta^n} \cos \theta$.

Solution. Direct computation gives

$$\begin{aligned} f(\theta) &= \sin \theta = f^{(4)}(\theta) = f^{(4k)}(\theta) & g(\theta) &= \cos \theta = g^{(4)}(\theta) = g^{(4k)}(\theta) \\ f'(\theta) &= \cos \theta = f^{(5)}(\theta) = f^{(4k+1)}(\theta) & g'(\theta) &= -\sin \theta = g^{(5)}(\theta) = g^{(4k+1)}(\theta) \\ f''(\theta) &= -\sin \theta = f^{(6)}(\theta) = f^{(4k+2)}(\theta) & g''(\theta) &= -\cos \theta = g^{(6)}(\theta) = g^{(4k+2)}(\theta) \\ f'''(\theta) &= -\cos \theta = f^{(7)}(\theta) = f^{(4k+3)}(\theta) & g'''(\theta) &= \sin \theta = g^{(7)}(\theta) = g^{(4k+3)}(\theta). \end{aligned}$$

Remark that we have another type of formula:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{d\theta} \sin \theta &= \sin \left(\theta + \frac{\pi}{2} \right) \Rightarrow \frac{d^n}{d\theta^n} \sin \theta = \sin \left(\theta + \frac{n\pi}{2} \right) \\ \frac{d}{d\theta} \cos \theta &= \cos \left(\theta + \frac{\pi}{2} \right) \Rightarrow \frac{d^n}{d\theta^n} \cos \theta = \cos \left(\theta + \frac{n\pi}{2} \right). \end{aligned}$$

以下求導法則務必熟記

- $(c)' = 0$. Derivative of a constant function
- $(x^n)' = nx^{n-1}$. The power rule
- $(cf(x))' = cf'(x)$. The constant multiple rule
- $(f(x) + g(x))' = f'(x) + g'(x)$. The sum rule
- $(f(x) - g(x))' = f'(x) - g'(x)$. The difference rule
- $(f(x)g(x))' = f'(x)g(x) + f(x)g'(x)$ The product rule
- $\left(\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \right)' = \frac{g(x)f'(x) - f(x)g'(x)}{(g(x))^2}$. The quotient rule
- ★ $(f(g(x)))' = f'(g(x)) \cdot g'(x)$. The chain rule

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$(\sin \theta)' = \cos \theta$	$(\tan \theta)' = \sec^2 \theta$	$(\sec \theta)' = \sec \theta \tan \theta$
$(\cos \theta)' = -\sin \theta$	$(\cot \theta)' = -\csc^2 \theta$	$(\csc \theta)' = -\csc \theta \cot \theta$

e 的定義與 e^x 的導函數

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^h - 1}{h} = 1, \quad \frac{d}{dx}(e^x) = e^x.$$