

LESSON 3

DERIVATIVES OF TRIG FUNCTIONS

Objective: To find and use the derivatives of $\sin(x)$, $\cos(x)$, $\tan(x)$, $\cot(x)$, $\sec(x)$, and $\csc(x)$

Recall that $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} = 1$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos x}{x} = 0$

Derivatives of Trig Functions

$$\frac{d}{dx} \sin x = \cos x$$

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

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

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

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

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

Examples

1. Find the equation of the line tangent to the graph of

$$y = \sin x \text{ at } x = \frac{2\pi}{3}$$

2. If $f(x) = \tan x - x$, then $f'(x) =$

3. Show $\frac{d}{dx}(\sin x \cos x) = \cos 2x$

Problems

1. Derive and learn the derivatives of all six trig functions.

2. Find $f'\left(\frac{7\pi}{6}\right)$, given $f(\theta) = 2\theta^2 \cos \theta$

3. If $f(x) = \tan x$, then $f'\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) =$

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

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