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Learning Goal 3.5

Using the last derivative rules (for now).

More Questions – Solutions**Derivatives of Inverse Trigonometric Functions**

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\sin^{-1} x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\cos^{-1} x) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\tan^{-1} x) = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\csc^{-1} x) = -\frac{1}{x\sqrt{x^2-1}}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\sec^{-1} x) = \frac{1}{x\sqrt{x^2-1}}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\cot^{-1} x) = -\frac{1}{1+x^2}$$

Example Differentiate.

a. $f(x) = \log_2(\sin^{-1}(x^2 - 3x))$

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \frac{1}{\ln 2 (\sin^{-1}(x^2 - 3x))} \\ &\quad \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - (x^2 - 3x)^2}} \times (2x - 3) \\ &= \frac{2x - 3}{\ln 2 (\sin^{-1}(x^2 - 3x))\sqrt{1 - (x^2 - 3x)^2}} \end{aligned}$$

c. $f(x) = \csc^{-1}(5x^2 + 1)$

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= -\frac{1}{(5x^2 + 1)\sqrt{(5x^2 + 1)^2 - 1}} \times 10x \\ &= -\frac{10x}{(5x^2 + 1)\sqrt{(5x^2 + 1)^2 - 1}} \end{aligned}$$

b. $\cos^{-1}(xy) = x^2$

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - (xy)^2}} \times \left(y + x \frac{dy}{dx}\right) &= 2x \\ y + x \frac{dy}{dx} &= -2x\sqrt{1 - (xy)^2} \\ x \frac{dy}{dx} &= -2x\sqrt{1 - (xy)^2} - y \\ \frac{dy}{dx} &= -2\sqrt{1 - (xy)^2} - \frac{y}{x} \end{aligned}$$

d. $g(x) = \sqrt{e^{\cos^{-1} x}}$

$$\begin{aligned} g'(x) &= \frac{1}{2} (e^{\cos^{-1} x})^{-1/2} \times e^{\cos^{-1} x} \times -\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (e^{\cos^{-1} x})^{1/2} \times -\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \\ &= -\frac{\sqrt{e^{\cos^{-1} x}}}{2\sqrt{1-x^2}} \end{aligned}$$

$$e. \quad \tan^{-1}(x - y) = xy$$

$$\frac{1}{1 + (x - y)^2} \times \left(1 - \frac{dy}{dx}\right) = y + x \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$\frac{1}{1 + (x - y)^2} - \frac{1}{1 + (x - y)^2} \frac{dy}{dx} = y + x \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$\frac{1}{1 + (x - y)^2} - y = x \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{1}{1 + (x - y)^2} \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$\frac{1}{1 + (x - y)^2} - y = \left(x + \frac{1}{1 + (x - y)^2}\right) \frac{dy}{dx}$$

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$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\frac{1}{1 + (x - y)^2} - y}{x + \frac{1}{1 + (x - y)^2}}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\frac{1 - y(1 + (x - y)^2)}{1 + (x - y)^2}}{\frac{x(1 + (x - y)^2) + 1}{1 + (x - y)^2}}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1 - y(1 + (x - y)^2)}{x(1 + (x - y)^2) + 1}$$

$$f. \quad h(x) = \cos^{-1}(\log_2 x)$$

$$h'(x) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - (\log_2 x)^2}} \times \frac{1}{x \ln 2}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{x \ln 2 \sqrt{1 - (\log_2 x)^2}}$$