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Learning Goal 3.2

Applying derivatives to trigonometric and exponential functions.

More Questions – Solutions

1. Use the quotient rule to find the derivatives.

a. $y = \sec x$

$$y = \frac{1}{\cos x}$$

b. $y = \csc x$

$$y = \frac{1}{\sin x}$$

c. $y = \cot x$

$$y = \frac{\cos x}{\sin x}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{(\cos x)(0) - (1)(-\sin x)}{\cos^2 x} \\ &= \frac{\sin x}{\cos^2 x} \\ &= \tan x \sec x \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{(\sin x)(0) - (1)(\cos x)}{\sin^2 x} \\ &= \frac{\cos x}{\sin^2 x} \\ &= \cot x \csc x \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} y' &= \frac{(\sin x)(-\sin x) - (\cos x)(\cos x)}{\sin^2 x} \\ &= \frac{\cos^2 x - \sin^2 x}{\sin^2 x} \\ &= \cot^2 x - 1 \end{aligned}$$

NOTE Now that we know what these are we can use them as a rule. We don't need to derive them each time. On the other hand, be confident that you can if your memory fails you!

2. Find the following derivatives.

a. $g(x) = 3 \sec x - 10 \cot x$

$$g'(x) = 3 \tan x \sec x - 10(\cot^2 x - 1)$$

b. $y = 5 \sin x \cos x + 4 \csc x$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= 5(\cos^2 x - \sin^2 x) \\ &\quad + 4 \cot x \csc x \end{aligned}$$

c. $c(w) = \frac{3}{w^4} - w^2 \tan w$

$$\begin{aligned} c'(w) &= -12w^{-5} - (w^2 \sec^2 w + 2w \tan w) \\ &= -\frac{12}{w^5} - w(w \sec^2 w + 2 \tan w) \end{aligned}$$

d. $h(x) = (x + \sin(x^2))^{10}$

$$\begin{aligned} h'(x) &= 10(x + \sin(x^2))^9 \\ &\quad \times (1 + 2x \cos(x^2)) \end{aligned}$$

e. $k(x) = \sin(\cos^2 x)$

$$\begin{aligned} k'(x) &= \cos(\cos^2 x) \times 2 \cos x \\ &\quad \times -\sin x \\ &= -2 \sin x \cos x \cos(\cos^2 x) \end{aligned}$$

f. $h(s) = \sin \sqrt{s^2 - 1}$

$$\begin{aligned} h'(s) &= \cos \sqrt{s^2 - 1} \times \frac{1}{2\sqrt{s^2 - 1}} \times 2s \\ h'(s) &= \frac{s \times \cos \sqrt{s^2 - 1}}{\sqrt{s^2 - 1}} \end{aligned}$$

3. Find an equation of the tangent line to the graph of the function $f(x) = \tan 2x$ at the point $(\pi/8, 1)$.

$$\begin{aligned}f'(x) &= 2 \sec^2 2x \\f'\left(\frac{\pi}{8}\right) &= 2 \sec^2 2\left(\frac{\pi}{8}\right) \\&= 2 \sec^2\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) \\&= 2(\sqrt{2})^2 \\&= 4\end{aligned}$$

$$y - 1 = 4\left(x - \frac{\pi}{8}\right)$$

4. Find the points on the curve $y = x + 2 \cos x$ that have a horizontal tangent line.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy}{dx} &= 1 - 2 \sin x \\0 &= 1 - 2 \sin x \\-1 &= -2 \sin x \\ \frac{1}{2} &= \sin x \\x &= \frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{5\pi}{6}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}x &= \frac{\pi}{6} + 2\pi n, n \in \mathbb{Z} \\x &= \frac{5\pi}{6} + 2\pi n, n \in \mathbb{Z}\end{aligned}$$