

# Derivative of Trig Functions

## 1) DERIVATIVE OF THE SINE FUNCTION

We will show that $\frac{d}{dx} \sin(x) = \cos(x)$	(1) We have $f(x) = \sin(x)$
(2) Apply the limit definition: $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$	$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x+h) - \sin(x)}{h}$
(3) Use the fundamental formulas of angle addition in trigonometry: $\sin(x+h) = \sin(x)\cos(h) + \sin(h)\cos(x)$	$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x)\cos(h) + \sin(h)\cos(x) - \sin(x)}{h}$
(4) Group $ \sin(x)\cos(h) $ and $[-\sin(x)]$ together then factor out $ \sin(x) $	$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x)[\cos(h) - 1] + \cos(x)\sin(h)}{h}$
(5) Since both terms share the same common denominator $h$ , we can now split the numerator into two terms.	$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left( \sin(x) \left( \frac{\cos(h) - 1}{h} \right) + \cos(x) \left( \frac{\sin(h)}{h} \right) \right)$
(6) Distribute $\left( \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \right)$	$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \sin(x) \times \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{\cos(h) - 1}{h} \right) + \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \cos(x) \times \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{\sin(h)}{h} \right)$
(7) Since $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{\cos(h) - 1}{h} \right) = 0$ and $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{\sin(h)}{h} \right) = 1$ In addition, $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \sin(x) = \sin(x)$ and $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \cos(x) = \cos(x)$	$\begin{aligned} &\sin(x) \times 0 + \cos(x) \times 1 \\ &0 + \cos(x) \\ &\cos(x) \end{aligned}$
(8) Therefore, $\frac{d}{dx} \sin(x) = \cos(x)$	

## 2) DERIVATIVE OF THE COSINE FUNCTION

We will show that $\frac{d}{dx} \cos(x) = -\sin(x)$	(1) We have $f(x) = \cos(x)$
(2) Apply the limit definition: $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$	$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos(x+h) - \cos(x)}{h}$
(3) Use the fundamental formulas of angle addition in trigonometry:	$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos(x)\cos(h) - \sin(x)\sin(h) - \cos(x)}{h}$



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$\cos(x+h) - \cos(x)\cos(h) - \sin(x)\sin(h)$	
(4) Group $ \cos(x)\cos(h) $ and $[-\cos(x)]$ together then factor out $ \cos(x) $	$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos(x) \cos(h) - 1  - \sin(x)\sin(h)}{h}$
(5) Since both terms share the same common denominator $h$ , we can now split the numerator into two terms.	$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left( \cos(x) \left( \frac{\cos(h) - 1}{h} \right) - \sin(x) \left( \frac{\sin(h)}{h} \right) \right)$
(6) Distribute $\left(\lim\right)$	$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \cos(x) \times \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{\cos(h) - 1}{h} \right) - \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \sin(x) \times \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{\sin(h)}{h} \right)$
(7) Since $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{\cos(h) - 1}{h} \right) = 0$ and $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{\sin(h)}{h} \right) = 1$ In addition, $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \sin(x) = \sin(x)$ and $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \cos(x) = \cos(x)$	$\begin{aligned} &\cos(x) \times 0 - \sin(x) \times 1 \\ &= 0 - \sin(x) \\ &= -\sin(x) \end{aligned}$
Therefore, $\frac{d}{dx} \cos(x) = -\sin(x)$	

### 3) DERIVATIVE OF THE TANGENT FUNCTION

We will show that $\frac{d}{dx} \tan(x) = \sec^2(x)$	(1) We have $f(x) = \tan(x)$
(2) Use the trig identity for Tangent	$\tan(x) = \frac{\sin(x)}{\cos(x)}$
(3) Apply the Quotient rule	$\frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \right) = \frac{g(x) \times \frac{d}{dx} f(x) - f(x) \times \frac{d}{dx} g(x)}{(g(x))^2}$
(4) From (1) and (2), we know that the derivative of $\sin(x) = \cos(x)$ and $\cos(x) = -\sin(x)$	$\frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{\sin(x)}{\cos(x)} \right) = \frac{\cos(x) \times \cos(x) - \sin(x) \times (-\sin(x))}{(\cos(x))^2}$
(5) Simplify	$\frac{\cos^2(x) + \sin^2(x)}{\cos^2(x)}$
(6) Use the trig identity under Pythagorean Identities $\sin^2(x) + \cos^2(x) = 1$	$= \frac{1}{\cos^2(x)} = \frac{1}{\cos(x)} \times \frac{1}{\cos(x)}$
(7) Use the trig identity $\sec(x) = \frac{1}{\cos(x)}$	$= \sec(x) \times \sec(x) = \sec^2(x)$
Therefore, $\frac{d}{dx} \tan(x) = \sec^2(x)$	



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### 4) DERIVATIVE OF THE COSECANT FUNCTION

We will show that $\frac{d}{dx} \csc(x) = \csc(x)\cot(x)$	(1) We have $f(x) = \csc(x)$
(2) Use the trig identity for Tangent	$\csc(x) = \frac{1}{\sin(x)}$
(3) Apply the Chain rule: $\frac{d}{dx} f(g(x)) \times \frac{d}{dx} g(x)$	$\frac{d}{dx} ((\sin(x))^{-1}) = -1((\sin(x))^{-2})(\cos(x))$
(4) Simplify	$-\frac{1}{((\sin(x))^2)} \times \frac{\cos(x)}{1} = -\frac{\cos(x)}{\sin^2(x)}$
(5) Use the trig identity $\csc(x) = \frac{1}{\sin(x)}$ and $\cot(x) = \frac{\cos(x)}{\sin(x)}$	$= -\frac{\cos(x)}{\sin(x)} \times \frac{1}{\sin(x)} = -\cot(x) \csc(x)$
Therefore, $\frac{d}{dx} \csc(x) = \csc(x)\cot(x)$	

### 5) DERIVATIVE OF THE SECANT FUNCTION

We will show that $\frac{d}{dx} \sec(x) = \sec(x)\tan(x)$	(1) We have $f(x) = \sec(x)$
(2) Use the trig identity for Tangent	$\sec(x) = \frac{1}{\cos(x)}$
(3) Apply the Chain rule	$\frac{d}{dx} ((\cos(x))^{-1}) = -1((\cos(x))^{-2})(-\sin(x))$
(4) Simplify	$= -\frac{1}{((\cos(x))^2)} \times -\frac{\sin(x)}{1} = \frac{\sin(x)}{\cos^2(x)}$
(5) Use the trig identity $\tan(x) = \frac{\sin(x)}{\cos(x)}$ and $\sec(x) = \frac{1}{\cos(x)}$	$= \frac{\sin(x)}{\cos(x)} \times \frac{1}{\cos(x)} = \tan(x)\sec(x)$
Therefore, $\frac{d}{dx} \sec(x) = \sec(x)\tan(x)$	



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### 6) DERIVATIVE OF THE COTANGENT FUNCTION

We will show that $\frac{d}{dx} \cot(x) = -\csc^2(x)$	(1) We have $f(x) = \cot(x)$
(2) Use the trig identity for Tangent	$\cot(x) = \frac{\cos(x)}{\sin(x)}$
(3) Apply the Quotient rule	$\frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{\cos(x)}{\sin(x)} \right) = \frac{\sin(x) \times (-\sin(x)) - \cos(x) \times \cos(x)}{(\sin(x))^2}$
(4) Simplify	$\frac{-\sin^2(x) - \cos^2(x)}{\sin^2(x)} = \frac{-1}{\sin^2(x)} \times  \sin^2(x) + \cos^2(x) $
(5) Use the trig identity under Pythagorean Identities $\sin^2(x) + \cos^2(x) = 1$	$= -\frac{1}{\sin^2(x)} = -\frac{1}{\sin(x)} \times \frac{1}{\sin(x)}$
(6) Use the trig identity $\csc(x) = \frac{1}{\sin(x)}$	$= -\csc(x) \times \csc(x) = -\csc^2(x)$
Therefore, $\frac{d}{dx} \cot(x) = -\csc^2(x)$	

