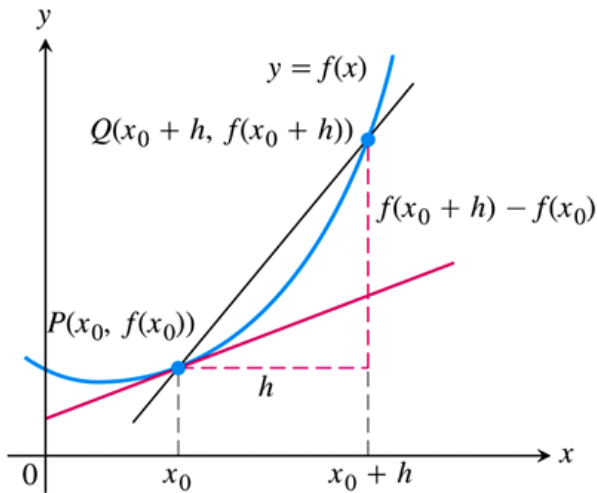


Chapter 3. Differentiation

3.1 Tangents and the Derivative at a Point

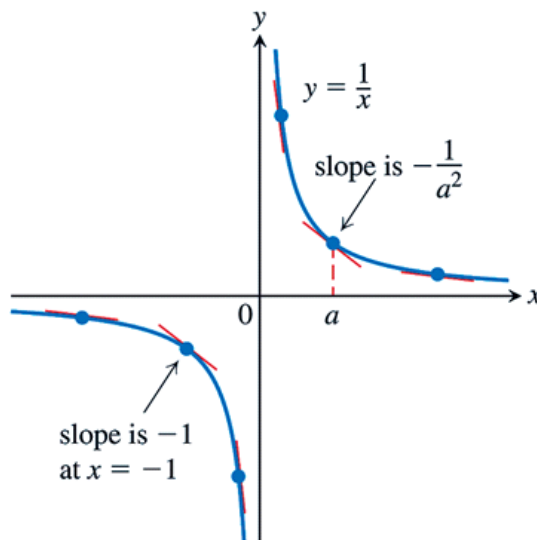


DEFINITIONS The slope of the curve $y = f(x)$ at the point $P(x_0, f(x_0))$ is the number

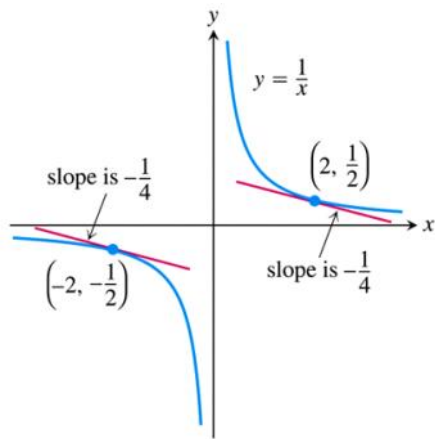
$$m = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0)}{h} \quad (\text{provided the limit exists}).$$

The tangent line to the curve at P is the line through P with this slope.

EXAMPLE 1



Find the slope of the curve $y = 1/x$ at any point $x = a \neq 0$. What is the slope at the point $x = -1$?



Definition 1

The **derivative of a function f at a point x_0** , denoted $f'(x_0)$, is

$$f'(x_0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0)}{h}$$

provided this limit exists.

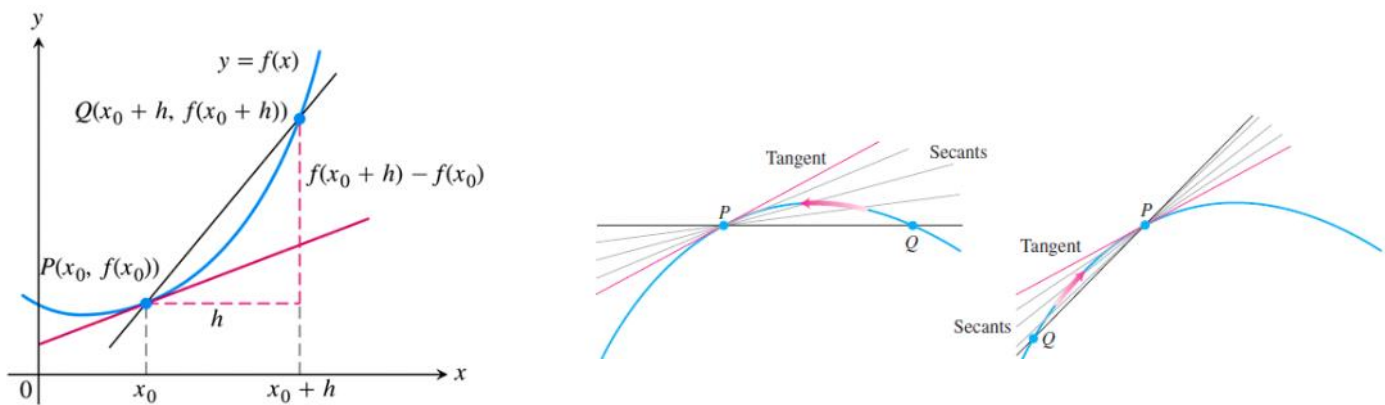


FIGURE 2.3 The tangent to the curve at P is the line through P whose slope is the limit of the secant slopes as $Q \rightarrow P$ from either side.

Summary

The following are all interpretations for the limit of the difference quotient

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0)}{h}$$

1. The slope of the graph of $y = f(x)$ at $x = x_0$
2. The slope of the tangent line to the curve $y = f(x)$ at $x = x_0$
3. The rate of change of $f(x)$ with respect to x at the $x = x_0$
4. The derivative $f'(x_0)$ at $x = x_0$

Example

In Exercises 11–18, find the slope of the function's graph at the given point. Then find an equation for the line tangent to the graph there.

11. $f(x) = x^2 + 1$, $(2, 5)$ 12. $f(x) = x - 2x^2$, $(1, -1)$

3.2

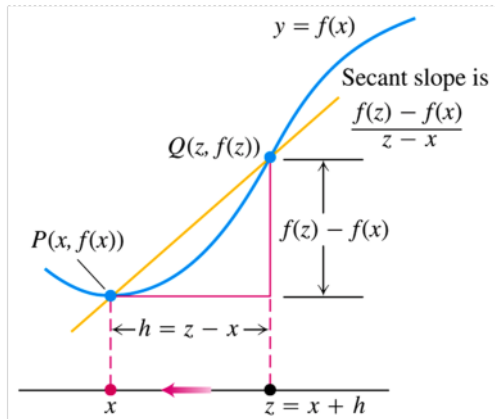
The Derivative as a Function

DEFINITION The derivative of the function $f(x)$ with respect to the variable x is the function f' whose value at x is

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h},$$

provided the limit exists.

Two forms for the difference quotient.



Derivative of f at x is

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

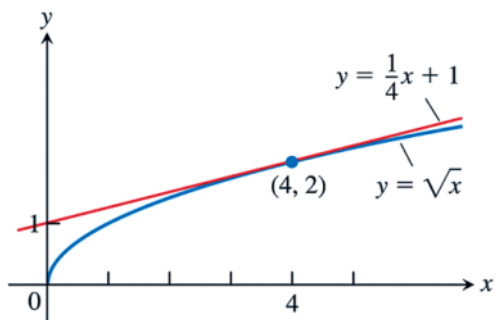
$$= \lim_{z \rightarrow x} \frac{f(z) - f(x)}{z - x}$$

Alternative Formula for the Derivative

$$f'(x) = \lim_{z \rightarrow x} \frac{f(z) - f(x)}{z - x}.$$

EXAMPLE 2

- (a) Find the derivative of $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$ for $x > 0$.
- (b) Find the tangent line to the curve $y = \sqrt{x}$ at $x = 4$.



Notations

There are many ways to denote the derivative of a function $y = f(x)$, where the independent variable is x and the dependent variable is y . Some common alternative notations for the derivative are

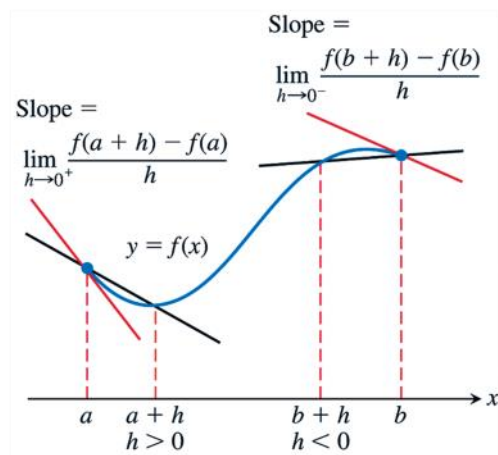
$$f'(x) = y' = \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{df}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx}f(x) = D(f)(x) = D_x f(x).$$

To indicate the value of a derivative at a specified number $x = a$, we use the notation

$$f'(a) = \left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{x=a} = \left. \frac{df}{dx} \right|_{x=a} = \left. \frac{d}{dx} f(x) \right|_{x=a}.$$

Figure 3.7

Derivatives at endpoints of a closed interval are one-sided limits.



Differentiable on an Interval; One-Sided Derivatives

A function $y = f(x)$ is **differentiable on an open interval** (finite or infinite) if it has a derivative at each point of the interval. It is **differentiable on a closed interval** $[a, b]$ if it is differentiable on the interior (a, b) and if the limits

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h} \quad \text{Right-hand derivative at } a$$

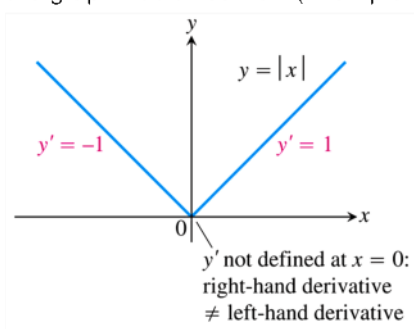
$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{f(b+h) - f(b)}{h} \quad \text{Left-hand derivative at } b$$

exist at the endpoints (Figure 3.7).

EXAMPLE 4 Show that the function $y = |x|$ is differentiable on $(-\infty, 0)$ and $(0, \infty)$ but has no derivative at $x = 0$.

Figure 3.8

The function $y = |x|$ is not differentiable at the origin where the graph has a “corner” (Example 4).



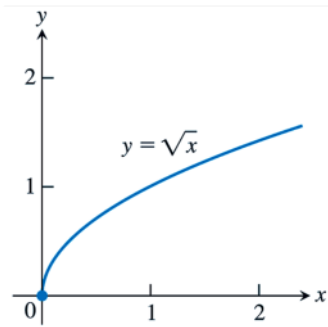
(Figure 3.8). There is no derivative at the origin because the one-sided derivatives differ there:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Right-hand derivative of } |x| \text{ at zero} &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{|0+h| - |0|}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{|h|}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{h}{h} \quad |h| = h \text{ when } h > 0 \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} 1 = 1 \end{aligned}$$

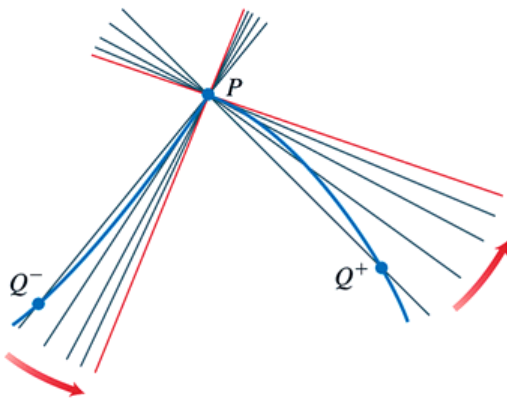
$$\begin{aligned} \text{Left-hand derivative of } |x| \text{ at zero} &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{|0+h| - |0|}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{|h|}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{-h}{h} \quad |h| = -h \text{ when } h < 0 \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} -1 = -1. \end{aligned}$$

Figure 3.9

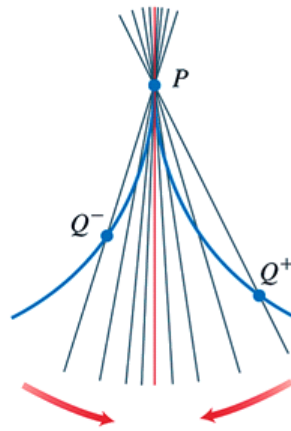
The square root function is not differentiable at $x = 0$, where the graph of the function has a vertical tangent line.



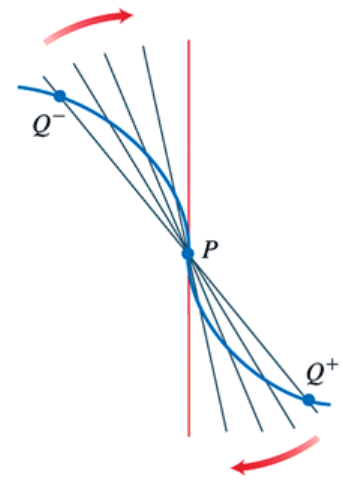
When Does a Function *Not* Have a Derivative at a Point?



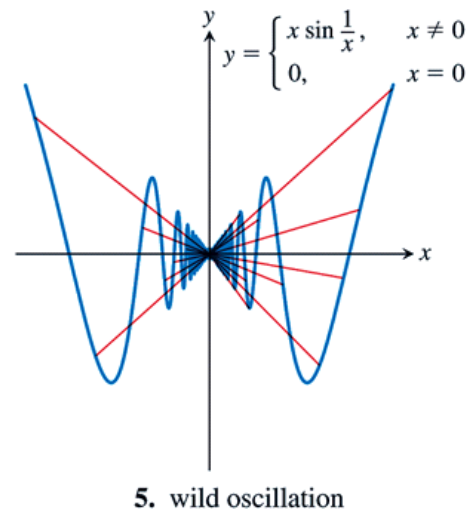
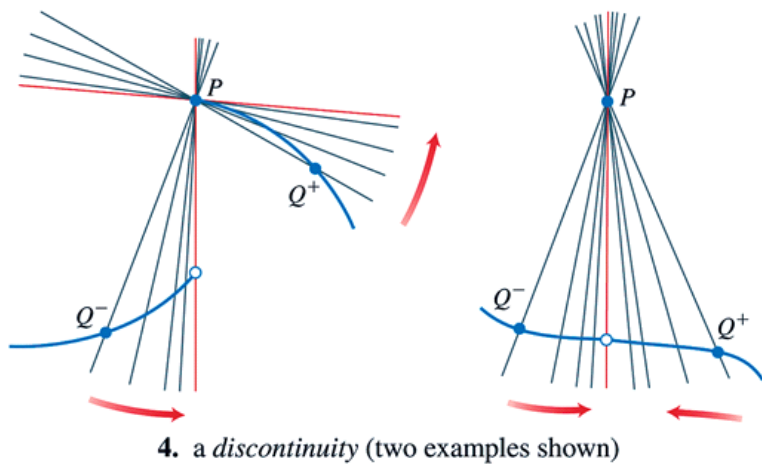
1. a *corner*, where the one-sided derivatives differ



2. a *cusp*, where the slope of PQ approaches ∞ from one side and $-\infty$ from the other



3. a *vertical tangent line*, where the slope of PQ approaches ∞ from both sides or approaches $-\infty$ from both sides (here, $-\infty$)



Differentiable Functions Are Continuous

A function is continuous at every point where it has a derivative.

THEOREM 1—Differentiability Implies Continuity If f has a derivative at $x = c$, then f is continuous at $x = c$.

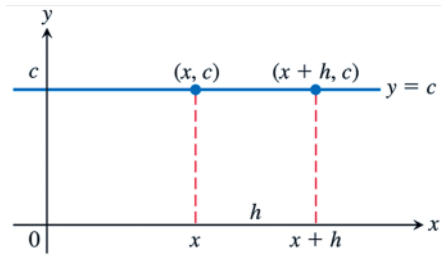
3.3 | Differentiation Rules

Derivative of a Constant Function

If f has the constant value $f(x) = c$, then

$$\frac{df}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx}(c) = 0.$$

The rule $\left(\frac{d}{dx}\right)(c) = 0$ is another way to say that the values of constant functions never change and that the slope of a horizontal line is zero at every point.



Power Rule (General Version)

If n is any real number, then

$$\frac{d}{dx}x^n = nx^{n-1},$$

for all x where the powers x^n and x^{n-1} are defined.

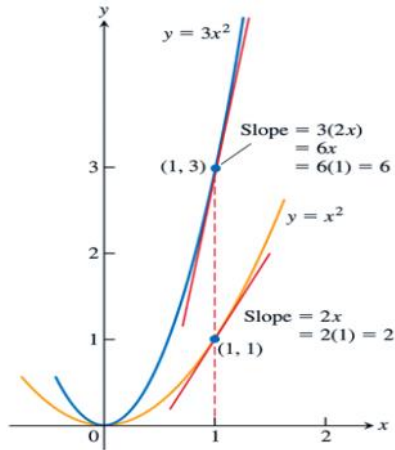
EXAMPLE 1 Differentiate the following powers of x .

- (a) x^3 (b) $x^{2/3}$ (c) $x^{\sqrt{2}}$ (d) $\frac{1}{x^4}$ (e) $x^{-4/3}$ (f) $\sqrt{x^{2+\pi}}$

Derivative Constant Multiple Rule

If u is a differentiable function of x , and c is a constant, then

$$\frac{d}{dx}(cu) = c \frac{du}{dx}.$$



The graphs of $y = x^2$ and $y = 3x^2$.

(b) Negative of a function

The derivative of the negative of a differentiable function u is the negative of the function's derivative. The Constant Multiple Rule with $c = -1$ gives

$$\frac{d}{dx}(-u) = \frac{d}{dx}(-1 \cdot u) = -1 \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(u) = -\frac{du}{dx}. \quad \blacksquare$$

Derivative Sum Rule

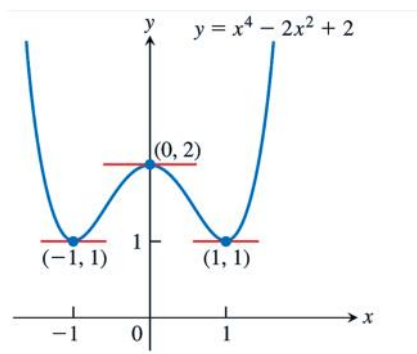
If u and v are differentiable functions of x , then their sum $u + v$ is differentiable at every point where u and v are both differentiable. At such points,

$$\frac{d}{dx}(u + v) = \frac{du}{dx} + \frac{dv}{dx}.$$

EXAMPLE 3 Find the derivative of the polynomial $y = x^3 + \frac{4}{3}x^2 - 5x + 1$.

EXAMPLE 4 Does the curve $y = x^4 - 2x^2 + 2$ have any horizontal tangents? If so, where?

The curve in Example 4 and its horizontal tangents.



Derivative of the Natural Exponential Function

$$\frac{d}{dx}(e^x) = e^x$$

EXAMPLE 5 Find an equation for a line that is tangent to the graph of $y = e^x$ and goes through the origin.

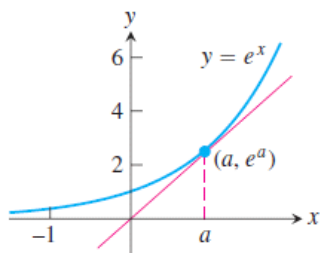


FIGURE 3.13 The line through the origin is tangent to the graph of $y = e^x$ when $a = 1$ (Example 5).

Derivative Product Rule

If u and v are differentiable at x , then so is their product uv , and

$$\frac{d}{dx}(uv) = u \frac{dv}{dx} + v \frac{du}{dx}.$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [f(x)g(x)] = f(x)g'(x) + g(x)f'(x).$$

EXAMPLE 6 Find the derivative of (a) $y = \frac{1}{x}(x^2 + e^x)$,

Derivative Quotient Rule

If u and v are differentiable at x and if $v(x) \neq 0$, then the quotient u/v is differentiable at x , and

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{u}{v} \right) = \frac{v \frac{du}{dx} - u \frac{dv}{dx}}{v^2}.$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left[\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \right] = \frac{g(x)f'(x) - f(x)g'(x)}{g^2(x)}.$$

EXAMPLE 8 Find the derivative of (a) $y = \frac{t^2 - 1}{t^3 + 1}$, (b) $y = e^{-x}$.

Second- and Higher-Order Derivatives

If $y = f(x)$ is a differentiable function, then its derivative $f'(x)$ is also a function. If f' is also differentiable, then we can differentiate f' to get a new function of x denoted by f'' . So $f'' = (f')'$. The function f'' is called the **second derivative** of f because it is the derivative of the first derivative. It is written in several ways:

$$f''(x) = \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right) = \frac{dy'}{dx} = y'' = D^2(f)(x) = D_x^2 f(x).$$

$$y''' = dy''/dx = d^3y/dx^3,$$

$$y^{(n)} = \frac{d}{dx}y^{(n-1)} = \frac{d^n y}{dx^n} = D^n y$$

EXAMPLE 10 The first four derivatives of $y = x^3 - 3x^2 + 2$ are

First derivative: $y' = 3x^2 - 6x$

Second derivative: $y'' = 6x - 6$

Third derivative: $y''' = 6$

Fourth derivative: $y^{(4)} = 0.$

37. $y = \sqrt[3]{x^2} - x^e$

23. $f(s) = \frac{\sqrt{s} - 1}{\sqrt{s} + 1}$

34. $y = x^{-3/5} + \pi^{3/2}$

48. $u = \frac{(x^2 + x)(x^2 - x + 1)}{x^4}$

3.5 Derivatives of Trigonometric Functions

The derivative of the sine function is the cosine function:

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

$$\sin(x + h) = \sin x \cos h + \cos x \sin h.$$

If $f(x) = \sin x$, then

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x+h) - \sin x}{h} && \text{Derivative definition} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(\sin x \cos h + \cos x \sin h) - \sin x}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x (\cos h - 1) + \cos x \sin h}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left(\sin x \cdot \frac{\cos h - 1}{h} \right) + \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left(\cos x \cdot \frac{\sin h}{h} \right) \\ &= \sin x \cdot \underbrace{\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos h - 1}{h}}_{\text{limit 0}} + \cos x \cdot \underbrace{\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin h}{h}}_{\text{limit 1}} = \sin x \cdot 0 + \cos x \cdot 1 = \cos x. \end{aligned}$$

Example 5a and
Theorem 7, Section 2.4

EXAMPLE 1 We find derivatives of the sine function involving differences, products, and quotients.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a) } y = x^2 - \sin x: \quad \frac{dy}{dx} &= 2x - \frac{d}{dx}(\sin x) && \text{Difference Rule} \\ &= 2x - \cos x \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(b) } y = e^x \sin x: \quad \frac{dy}{dx} &= e^x \frac{d}{dx}(\sin x) + \frac{d}{dx}(e^x) \sin x && \text{Product Rule} \\ &= e^x \cos x + e^x \sin x \\ &= e^x (\cos x + \sin x) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(c) } y = \frac{\sin x}{x}: \quad \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{x \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(\sin x) - \sin x \cdot 1}{x^2} && \text{Quotient Rule} \\ &= \frac{x \cos x - \sin x}{x^2} \quad \blacksquare \end{aligned}$$

The derivative of the cosine function is the negative of the sine function:

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

EXAMPLE 2 We find derivatives of the cosine function in combinations with other functions.

(a) $y = 5e^x + \cos x:$

(b) $y = \sin x \cos x:$

(c) $y = \frac{\cos x}{1 - \sin x}:$

Reminder

$$\tan x = \frac{\sin x}{\cos x}, \quad \cot x = \frac{\cos x}{\sin x}, \quad \sec x = \frac{1}{\cos x}, \quad \text{and} \quad \csc x = \frac{1}{\sin x}$$

The derivatives of the other trigonometric functions:

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

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

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

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

Examples

7. $f(x) = \sin x \tan x$

8. $g(x) = \csc x \cot x$

9. $y = (\sec x + \tan x)(\sec x - \tan x)$

10. $y = (\sin x + \cos x) \sec x$

17. $f(x) = x^3 \sin x \cos x$

22. $s = \frac{\sin t}{1 - \cos t}$