

Lecture X : § 3.4 Some trigonometric functions

So far, we have derivation rules for

- (1) addition $(f(x) + g(x))' = f'(x) + g'(x)$
- (2) scalar multiplication : $(c f(x))' = c f'(x)$ (c fixed real number)
- (3) product $(f(x) \cdot g(x))' = f'(x)g(x) + f(x)g'(x)$
- (4) quotient $(\frac{f(x)}{g(x)})' = \frac{f'(x)g(x) - f(x)g'(x)}{g^2(x)}$
- (5) composition \rightarrow Chain Rule $(g \circ f)'(x) = g'(f(x)) \cdot f'(x)$

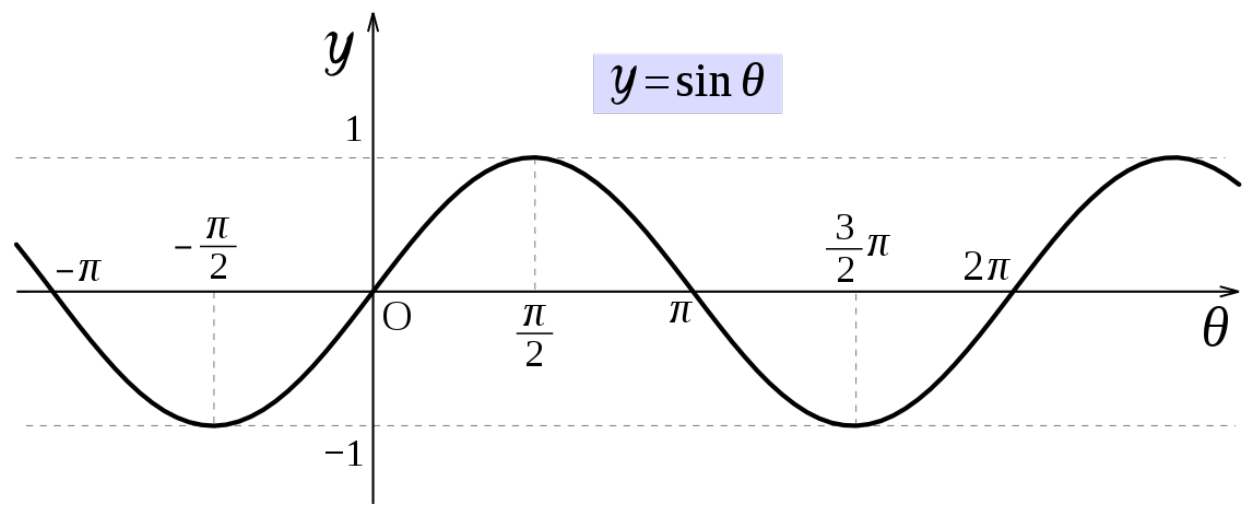
Combining these, we get explicit formulas for derivatives of polynomials, rational functions & powers.

Q: What about other functions? Can we have more building blocks than x^n ?

§1. Trigonometric functions:

2 Basic trig. functions : $\sin x$ & $\cos x$ ($\tan x = \frac{\sin x}{\cos x}$)

① sin x

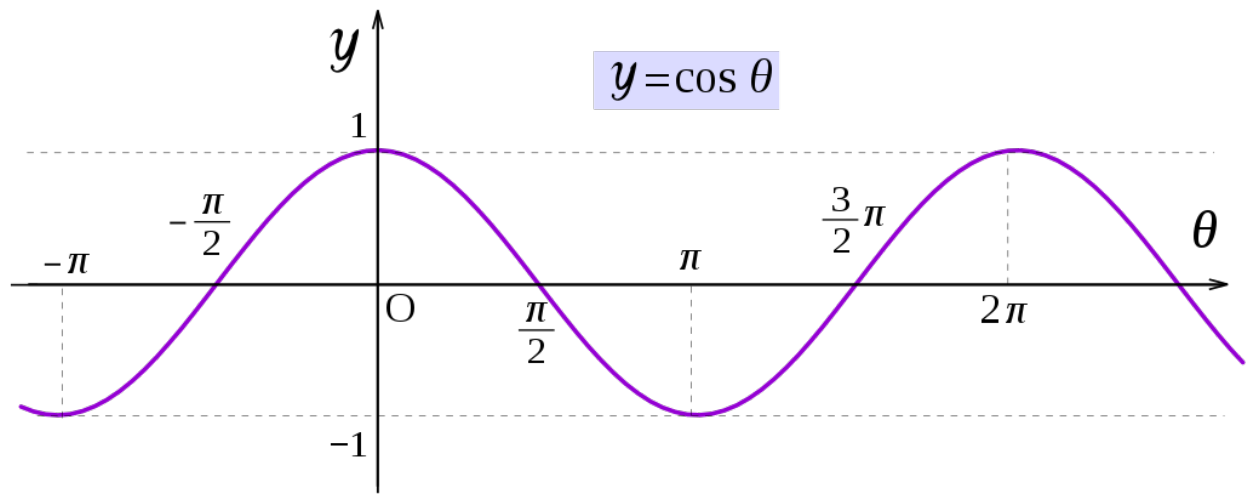


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- Properties:
- $\sin(x)$ is periodic, with period 2π . This means that $\sin(x + 2\pi) = \sin(x)$
 - $\sin x$ is ODD, meaning $\sin(-x) = -\sin x$.
 - $-1 \leq \sin x \leq 1$ for all x

- Useful values:
- $\sin(0) = \sin(\pi) = 0$
 - $\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 1$, $\sin\left(\frac{3\pi}{2}\right) = -1$
 - $\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$, $\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$, $\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) = \frac{1}{2}$

② $\cos x$



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- Properties:
- $\cos(x)$ is periodic, with period 2π . This means that $\cos(x + 2\pi) = \cos(x)$
 - $\cos x$ is EVEN, meaning $\cos(-x) = \cos x$.
 - $-1 \leq \cos x \leq 1$ for all x

- Useful values:
- $\cos(0) = 1$, $\cos(\pi) = -1$
 - $\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \cos\left(\frac{3\pi}{2}\right) = 0$
 - $\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$, $\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) = \frac{1}{2}$, $\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$

Graphs suggest a shift. Indeed, we have

$$\cos x = \sin\left(x + \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

These 2 functions vary nice and smoothly, so they should be differentiable. We'll find the formulas via limits, computing the increments. For this, we'll need additive formulas for $\sin x$ & $\cos x$.

(1) $\sin(a + b) = \sin a \cos b + \cos a \sin b$ (mixed)

(2) $\cos(a \pm b) = \cos a \cos b \mp \sin a \sin b$ (unmixed)

Fundamental Equation $\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x = 1$

Next, we compute the derivatives of $\sin x$ & $\cos x$ via increments:

Theorem (1) $\frac{d}{dx} \sin x = \cos x$ (2) $\frac{d}{dx} \cos x = -\sin x$

Q Why? A Use the method of increments:

(1) $\frac{d}{dx} \sin x = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x + \Delta x) - \sin x}{\Delta x}$

Additive formula (1) \rightarrow $= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x \cos(\Delta x) + \cos x \sin(\Delta x) - \sin x}{\Delta x}$

rearrange \rightarrow $= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \sin x \left(\frac{\cos(\Delta x) - 1}{\Delta x} \right) + \cos x \left(\frac{\sin(\Delta x)}{\Delta x} \right)$

NEEDS MORE WORK ($\frac{0}{0}$ indeterminacy) $\downarrow \Delta x \rightarrow 0$

Claim: $\lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos(\Delta x) - 1}{\Delta x} = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos(\Delta x) - 1}{\Delta x} \cdot \frac{\cos(\Delta x) + 1}{\cos(\Delta x) + 1}$

$= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos^2(\Delta x) - 1}{\Delta x (\cos \Delta x + 1)} = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin^2 \Delta x}{\Delta x (\cos \Delta x + 1)}$

$= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin \Delta x}{\Delta x} \cdot \frac{\sin \Delta x}{\cos \Delta x + 1} = 1 \cdot \frac{0}{2} = 0$

Conclusion: $\frac{d}{dx} \sin x = \sin x \cdot 0 + \cos x \cdot 1 = \cos x$. ✓

(2) $\frac{d}{dx} \cos x = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos(x + \Delta x) - \cos x}{\Delta x}$

Additive formula (2) \rightarrow $= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos x \cos(\Delta x) - \sin x \sin(\Delta x) - \cos x}{\Delta x}$

rearrange \rightarrow $= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \cos x \left(\frac{\cos \Delta x - 1}{\Delta x} \right) - \sin x \left(\frac{\sin(\Delta x)}{\Delta x} \right)$

$= \cos x \cdot 0 - \sin x \cdot 1 = -\sin x$ ✓

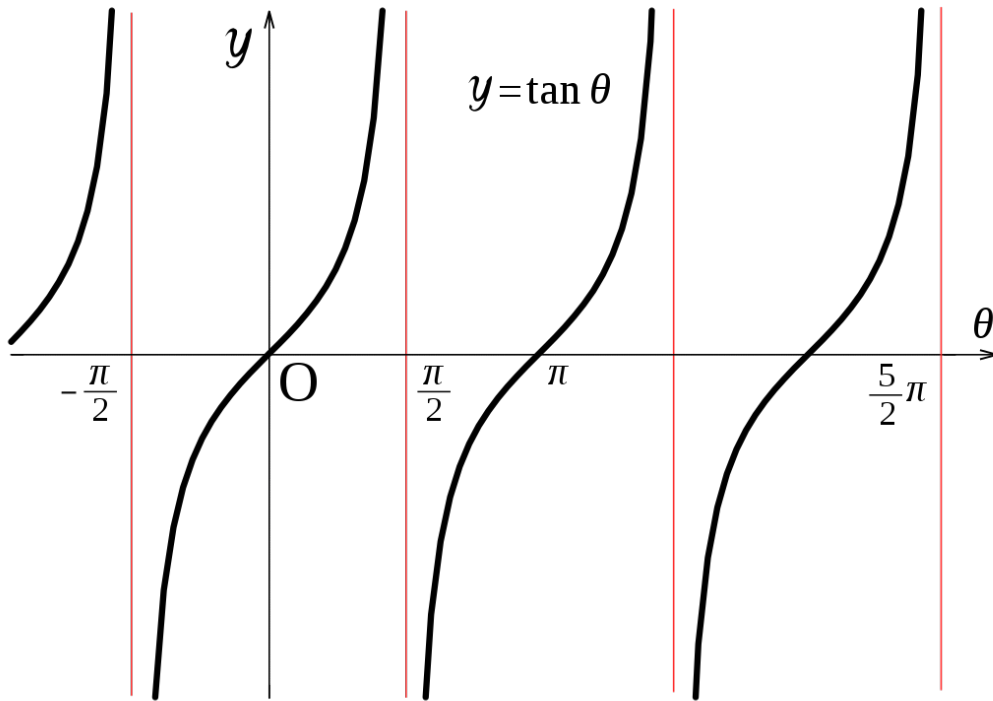
§2. Other trigonometric functions:

③ $\tan x = \frac{\sin x}{\cos x}$

This is defined whenever $\cos x \neq 0$, that is

$x \neq \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}, \frac{5\pi}{2}, \dots$
 $-\frac{\pi}{2}, -\frac{3\pi}{2}, -\frac{5\pi}{2}, \dots$

so $x \neq \frac{(2k+1)\pi}{2}$
for k integer



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$\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}^-} \frac{\sin x}{\cos x} = +\infty$ ($\frac{1}{0^+}$ -type) $\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}^+} \frac{\sin x}{\cos x} = -\infty$ ($\frac{1}{0^-}$ -type)

- Properties:
- $\tan x$ is periodic, with period π , that is $\tan(x+\pi) = \tan x$
 - $\tan x$ is odd, so $\tan(-x) = -\tan x$
 - Image (or Range) of \tan is all \mathbb{R}

To compute $\frac{d}{dx} \tan x$, we use the Quotient Rule

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

↪ The domain of $\frac{d}{dx} \tan x$ and $\tan x$ is the same!

$$(4) \cotan(x) = \frac{1}{\tan x} = \frac{\cos x}{\sin x}$$

Defined when $\sin x \neq 0$, that is

$$x \neq 0, \pi, 2\pi, \dots \\ -\pi, -2\pi, \dots$$

$$x \neq k\pi \\ \text{for } k \text{ integer}$$

Next, we compute its derivative with the power + chain rule:

$$\frac{d}{dx} \cotan(x) = \frac{-1}{\tan^2 x} \cdot \frac{d}{dx} \tan x = \frac{-1}{\frac{\sin^2 x}{\cos^2 x}} \cdot \frac{1}{\cos^2 x} = \frac{-1}{\sin^2 x}$$

It has the same domain as $\cotan x$

$$(5) \sec(x) = \frac{1}{\cos x} \quad \text{Domain} = \text{Domain of } \tan x$$

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

$$(6) \csc(x) = \frac{1}{\sin x} \quad \text{Domain} = \text{Domain of } \cotan x$$

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

⚠ We don't need to memorize these formulas, we can just use the Quotient Rule to get them from the basic building blocks = $\sin x$ & $\cos x$.

§ 3 Examples:

$$(1) h(x) = \sin(x^3) \quad \text{so } h' = ?$$

$$\text{Use Chain Rule: } g(y) = \sin y \quad \text{so } g' = \cos y \quad h = g \circ f.$$

$$f(x) = x^3 \quad \text{so } f' = 3x^2$$

$$\text{So } h' = g'(f(x)) \cdot f'(x) = \cos(x^3) \cdot 3x^2.$$

$$(2) \quad h(x) = \sin^3 x \quad h = g \circ f \quad \text{with} \quad g(y) = y^3 \quad \Rightarrow g' = 3y^2$$

$$f(x) = \sin x \quad \Rightarrow f' = \cos x$$

$$\text{So } h' = g'(f(x)) \cdot f' = 3(\sin^2 x) \cdot \cos x.$$

$$(3) \quad f(x) = \sin^2 x \cos^3 x \quad \Rightarrow f' = ?$$

Use Product + Chain Rule.

$$\begin{aligned} f' &= (\sin^2 x)' \cos^3 x + \sin^2 x \cdot (\cos^3 x)' \\ &= 2 \sin x \cdot \cos x \cdot \cos^3 x + \sin^2 x \cdot 3 \cos^2 x (-\sin x) \\ &= 2 \sin x \cos^4 x - 3 \sin^3 x \cos^2 x \\ &= \sin x \cos^2 x (2 \cos^2 x - 3 \sin^2 x) \\ &= \sin x \cos^2 x (2(1 - \sin^2 x) - 3 \sin^2 x) \\ &= \sin x \cos^2 x (2 - 5 \sin^2 x) \end{aligned}$$

$$(4) \quad f(x) = \cos((4x+1)^2) \quad \Rightarrow f' = ?$$

Again, we use the Chain Rule:

$$\begin{aligned} f' &= -\sin((4x+1)^2) \cdot 2(4x+1) \cdot 4 \\ &= -\sin((4x+1)^2) \cdot 8(4x+1). \end{aligned}$$