

CALCULUS

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① Derivative of the Sine Function

- The derivative of the sine function is the cosine function.

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

Proof : Apply the Sum-to-Product Formula

$$\sin x - \sin y = 2 \sin \frac{x - y}{2} \cos \frac{x + y}{2}$$

Example 1

Find derivatives of the sine function involving differences, products, and quotients.

(a) $y = x^2 - \sin x$

(b) $y = x^2 \sin x$

(c) $y = \frac{\sin x}{x}$

3.5 Derivatives of Trigonometric Functions

② Derivative of the Cosine Function

- The derivative of the cosine function is the negative sine function.

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

Proof : Apply the Sum-to-Product Formula

$$\cos x - \cos y = -2\sin \frac{x+y}{2} \sin \frac{x-y}{2}$$

Example 2 Find derivatives of the cosine function in combinations with other functions.

(a) $y = 5x + \cos x$

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

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

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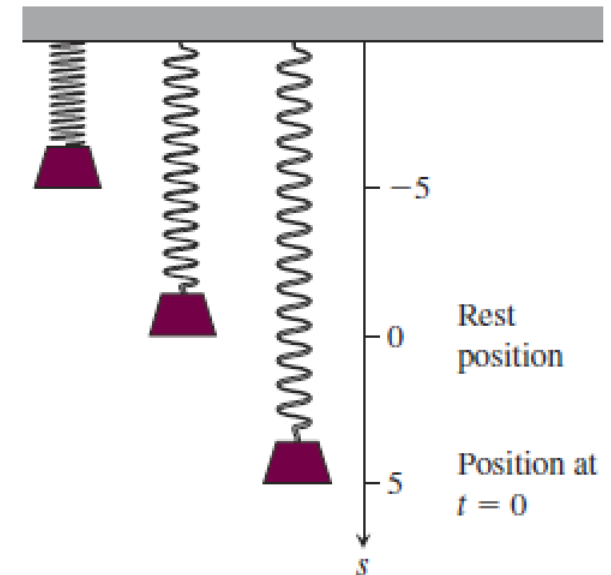
③ Simple Harmonic Motion

- Simple harmonic motion models the motion of an object or weight bobbing freely up and down on the end of a spring, with no resistance. The motion is periodic and repeats indefinitely, so we represent it using trigonometric functions.
- The next example models the motion with no opposing forces (such as friction).

Example 3

A weight hanging from a spring is stretched down 5 units beyond its rest position and released at time $t = 0$ to bob up and down. Its position at any later time t is $s = 5\cos t$.

What are its velocity and acceleration at time t ?



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④ Derivatives of the Other Basic Trigonometric Functions

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\tan x) = \frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{\sin x}{\cos x}\right) = \sec^2 x$$

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

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\sec x) = \frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{1}{\cos x}\right) = \sec x \tan x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\csc x) = \frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{1}{\sin x}\right) = -\csc x \cot x$$

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Example 4 Find dy/dx if

(a) $y = x \sec x + 2\sqrt{x}$

(b) $y = \frac{\sin x}{1 + \cos x}$

Example 5 Find y'' if

(a) $y = \tan x$

(b) $y = \cot x$

Example 6 Find y' and y'' for the following functions:

(a) $y = \sin \theta \cos \theta$

(b) $y = x^2 \sin x$

3.5 Derivatives of Trigonometric Functions

- The differentiability of the trigonometric functions throughout their domains implies their continuity at every point in their domains (Theorem 1, Section 3.2).
- So we can calculate limits of algebraic combinations and compositions of trigonometric functions by direct substitution.

Example 7 Calculate the following limits by direct substitution:

$$(a) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{2 + \sec x}}{\cos(\pi - \tan x)} \qquad (b) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sec \left[\cos x + \pi \tan \left(\frac{\pi}{4 \sec x} \right) - 1 \right]$$

Example 8 Find the following trigonometric limits.

$$(a) \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \cos \left(\frac{\pi \theta}{\sin \theta} \right) \qquad (b) \lim_{\theta \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{6}} \frac{\sin \theta - \frac{1}{2}}{\theta - \frac{\pi}{6}}$$