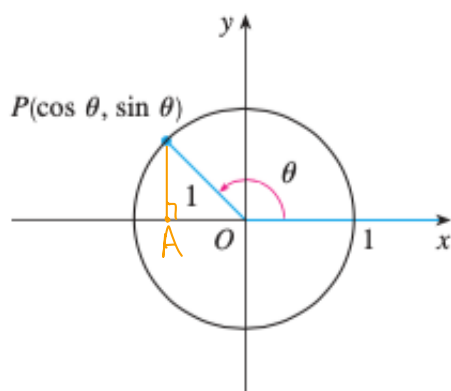


**Learning objectives:**

1. Derivatives of trigonometric functions.
2. Derivatives of combinations of trigonometric functions.

**Trigonometric Functions**

$\sin \theta$  is the length of perpendicular and  $\cos \theta$  is the length of base in the triangle formed  $OPA$  inside a unit circle.



$\sin \theta = PA$   
 $\cos \theta = OA$  (measured with sign)

$x$	0	$\pi/6$	$\pi/4$	$\pi/3$	$\pi/2$
$\sin x$	0	$1/2$	$1/\sqrt{2}$	$\sqrt{3}/2$	1
$\cos x$	1	$\sqrt{3}/2$	$1/\sqrt{2}$	$1/2$	0

$i = 0 \quad 1 \quad 2 \quad 3 \quad 4$

$$\sin x = \sqrt{\frac{i}{4}}$$

We have

$$\sin(\pi - x) = \sin x, \quad \sin(\pi + x) = -\sin x, \quad \sin(2\pi - x) = -\sin x, \quad \sin(-x) = -\sin x.$$

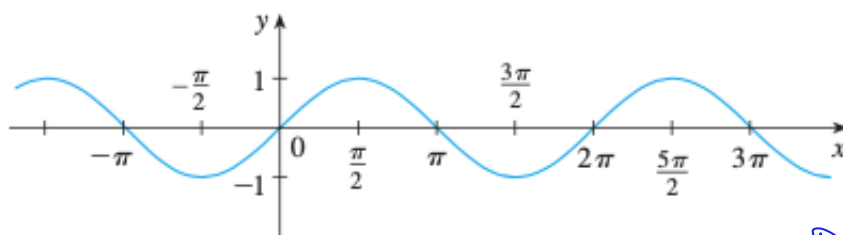
$$\cos(\pi - x) = -\cos x, \quad \cos(\pi + x) = -\cos x, \quad \cos(2\pi - x) = \cos x, \quad \cos(-x) = \cos x.$$

2<sup>nd</sup> quadrant

3<sup>rd</sup> quadrant

4<sup>th</sup> quadrant

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even function

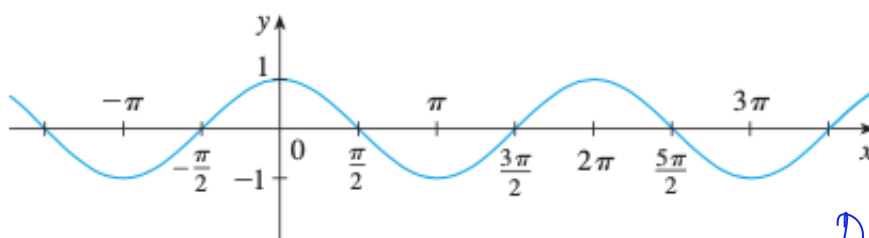


(a)  $f(x) = \sin x$

$$D(\sin x) = \mathbb{R}$$

Domain

$$\text{Range}(\sin x) = [-1, 1]$$



(b)  $g(x) = \cos x$

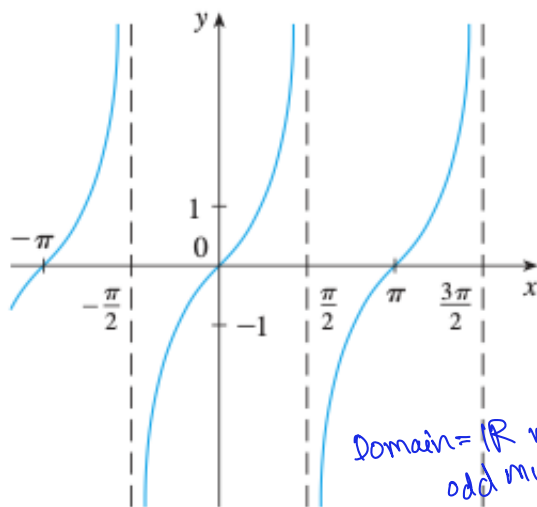
$$D(\cos x) = \mathbb{R}$$

Domain

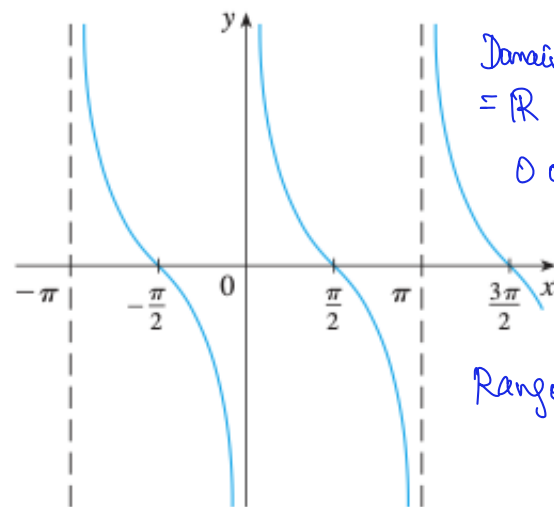
$$\text{Range}(\cos x) = [-1, 1]$$

The other trigonometric functions are defined as:

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

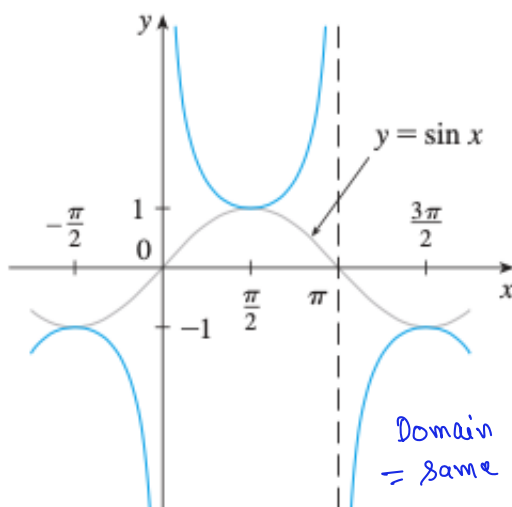
(a)  $y = \tan x$ 

Domain =  $\mathbb{R}$  minus  
odd multiples  
of  $\pm \pi/2$   
Range =  $\mathbb{R}$

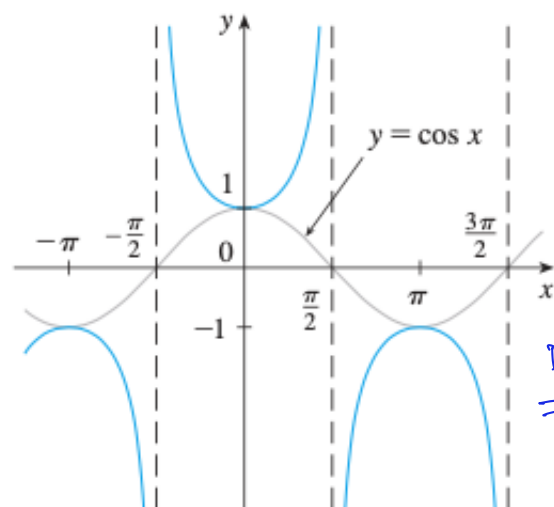
(b)  $y = \cot x$ 

Domain  
=  $\mathbb{R}$  minus  
0 or multiples  
of  $\pm \pi$

Range =  $\mathbb{R}$

(c)  $y = \csc x$ 

Domain  
= same as  $\cot x$

(d)  $y = \sec x$ 

Domain  
= same as  
 $\tan x$

Range of  $\sec x$  ( $\csc x$ ) =  $(-\infty, -1] \cup [1, \infty)$

### Trigonometric Identities

$$\left[ \sin^2 x + \cos^2 x = 1, \quad 1 + \tan^2 x = \sec^2 x, \quad 1 + \cot^2 x = \csc^2 x. \right] \rightarrow \text{Pythagoras theorem.}$$

$$\left[ \sin(x + y) = \sin x \cos y + \cos x \sin y, \quad \cos(x + y) = \cos x \cos y - \sin x \sin y. \right] \rightarrow \text{derivative}$$

$$\left[ \sin x \cos x = \frac{1}{2} \sin 2x, \quad \sin^2 x = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos 2x), \quad \cos^2 x = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \cos 2x). \right] \rightarrow \text{integrals.}$$

**Two important limits**

$$\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin \theta}{\theta} = 1, \quad \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos \theta - 1}{\theta} = 0.$$

**Example 1.** Evaluate the following limits:

1.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 7x}{4x}.$

2.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 10x}{\sin 5x}.$

①  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 7x}{4x} = \frac{1}{4} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 7x}{x} = \frac{1}{4} \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin y}{\frac{y}{7}}$

As  $x \rightarrow 0$ ,  $y = 7x \rightarrow 0$

$\hookrightarrow \frac{y}{7} = x$

$= \frac{1}{4} \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} 7 \frac{\sin y}{y}$

$= \frac{7}{4} \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin y}{y} = \frac{7}{4}$

②  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 10x}{\sin 5x}$

$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{10x \frac{\sin 10x}{10x}}{5x \frac{\sin 5x}{5x}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{10x}{5x} \cdot \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 10x}{10x}}{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 5x}{5x}} = 2 \cdot \frac{\lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin y}{y}}{\lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin z}{z}}$

**Example 2.** Evaluate  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x \cot x$ .

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x \cot x$   
 $\xrightarrow{\text{LDS}} 0 \times (\pm \infty)$   
 Indeterminate.

Put  $y = 10x$  in numerator  
 Put  $z = 5x$  in denominator  
 As  $x \rightarrow 0$ ,  $y \rightarrow 0$  and  $z \rightarrow 0$

$= 2$

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

**Derivatives of trigonometric functions**

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

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

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\sec x) = \sec x \tan x, \quad \frac{d}{dx}(\csc x) = -\csc x \cot x.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{1} \quad \frac{d}{dx}(\sin x) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x+h) - \sin x}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x \cos h + \cos x \sin h - \sin x}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x (\cos h - 1) + \cos x \sin h}{h} \\ &= \sin x \underbrace{\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos h - 1}{h}}_0 + \cos x \underbrace{\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin h}{h}}_1 = \cos x \end{aligned}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \frac{d}{dx}(\cos x) \rightarrow \text{similarly use } \cos(x+h) = \cos x \cos h - \sin x \sin h$$

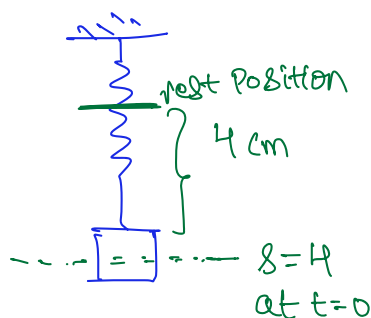
$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{3} \quad \frac{d}{dx}(\tan x) &= \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{\sin x}{\cos x} \right) = \frac{\cos x [\sin x]' - \sin x [\cos x]'}{\cos^2 x} \\ &= \frac{\cos x (\cos x) - \sin x (-\sin x)}{\cos^2 x} \\ &= \frac{\cos^2 x + \sin^2 x}{\cos^2 x} = \frac{1}{\cos^2 x} = \left( \frac{1}{\cos x} \right)^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\textcircled{4}, \textcircled{5}, \textcircled{6} \rightarrow \text{similarly using quotient rule.} \quad = \sec^2 x$$

**Example 3.** Differentiate  $f(x) = \frac{\sec x}{1 + \tan x}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 f'(x) &= \frac{(1 + \tan x) [\sec x]' - \sec x [1 + \tan x]'}{(1 + \tan x)^2} && \text{(Quotient Rule)} \\
 &= \frac{(1 + \tan x) \sec x \tan x - \sec x (0 + \sec^2 x)}{(1 + \tan x)^2} \\
 &= \frac{\sec x \tan x + \sec x \tan^2 x - \sec^3 x}{(1 + \tan x)^2} && \text{can be simplified.} \\
 &= \frac{\sec x \tan x + \sec x (\tan^2 x - \sec^2 x)}{(1 + \tan x)^2} = \frac{\sec x \tan x - \sec x}{(1 + \tan x)^2} = \frac{\sec x (\tan x - 1)}{(1 + \tan x)^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

**Example 4.** An object at the end of a vertical spring is stretched 4 cm beyond its rest position and released at time  $t = 0$ . Fixing the downward direction to be positive, its position at time  $t$  is given by  $s(t) = 4 \cos t$ . Find the velocity and acceleration at time  $t$ . Find the time instants at which the velocity and acceleration have greatest and smallest magnitudes.



$$s(t) = 4 \cos t$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 v(t) &= s'(t) = \frac{d}{dt} (4 \cos t) = 4(-\sin t) \\
 &= -4 \sin t
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 a(t) &= v'(t) = \frac{d}{dt} (-4 \sin t) = -4(\cos t) \\
 &= -4 \cos t
 \end{aligned}$$

Observe  $a(t) = -s(t)$

$\downarrow$

$s''(t) = -s(t)$

Acceleration

magnitude is smallest when  $\cos t = 0 \rightarrow (2n+1)\pi/2$   
and largest when  $\cos t = \pm 1 \rightarrow n\pi$

Velocity

magnitude is smallest when  $\sin t = 0$   
and largest when  $\sin t = \pm 1$

$$\begin{aligned}
 t &= n\pi \\
 \uparrow \\
 t &= (2n+1)\pi/2
 \end{aligned}$$

**Example 5.** Find the 97-th derivative of  $f(x) = \cos x$ .

$$f'(x) = -\sin x$$

$$f''(x) = -\cos x$$

$$f'''(x) = -(-\sin x) = \sin x$$

$$f^{(4)}(x) = \cos x \rightarrow f^{(8)}(x) = \cos x$$

$$f^{(4k)}(x) = \cos x$$

96 is a multiple of 4

$$\Rightarrow f^{(96)}(x) = \cos x$$

$$\Rightarrow f^{(97)}(x) = -\sin x$$

**Example 6.** Find the derivative of  $r(\theta) = \theta \cos \theta$ .

$$r'(\theta) = \frac{d}{d\theta} (\theta \cos \theta)$$

$$= \left[ \frac{d}{d\theta} (\theta) \right] \cos \theta + \left[ \frac{d}{d\theta} (\cos \theta) \right] \theta$$

$$= [1] \cos \theta + [-\sin \theta] \theta$$

$$= \cos \theta - \theta \sin \theta$$

**Example 7.** Find the second derivative of  $\csc x$ .

$$f'(x) = -\csc x \cot x$$

$$f''(x) = \frac{d}{dx} [-\csc x \cot x]$$

$$= -\frac{d}{dx} [\csc x \cot x]$$

$$= -\frac{d}{dx} [\csc x] \cdot \cot x - \csc x \cdot \frac{d}{dx} [\cot x]$$

$$= -(-\csc x \cot x) \cot x - \csc x (-\csc^2 x)$$

$$= \csc x \cot^2 x + \csc^3 x$$

$$= \csc x (\cot^2 x + \csc^2 x)$$