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Abstract

1 Derivative of $\tan(x)$

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

for $f(x) = \tan(x)$ then $f(x+h) = \tan(x+h)$

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan(x+h) - \tan(x)}{h} \\ \because \tan(x+h) &= \frac{\tan(x) + \tan(h)}{1 - \tan(x)\tan(h)} \\ f'(x) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{\tan(x) + \tan(h)}{1 - \tan(x)\tan(h)} - \tan(x)}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan(x) + \tan(h)}{h(1 - \tan(x)\tan(h))} - \frac{\tan(x)}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h[\tan(x) + \tan(h)] - \tan(x)h(1 - \tan(x)\tan(h))}{h^2(1 - \tan(x)\tan(h))} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(\tan(x) + \tan(h)) - \tan(x)[1 - \tan(x)\tan(h)]}{h[1 - \tan(x)\tan(h)]} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(\tan(x) + \tan(h)) - [\tan(x) - \tan^2(x)\tan(h)]}{h[-\tan(x)\tan(h)]} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan(h) + \tan^2(x)\tan(h)}{h[1 - \tan(x)\tan(h)]} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan(h)[1 + \tan^2(x)]}{h[1 - \tan(x)\tan(h)]} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 + \tan^2(x)}{1 - \tan(x)\tan(h)} \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan(h)}{h} \\ \because \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan(h)}{h} &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

By evaluate the $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}f'(x) &= \frac{1 + \tan^2(x)}{1 - \tan(x)\tan(0)} (1) \\ \because \tan(0) &= 0 \\ f'(x) &= \frac{1 + \tan^2(x)}{1 - 0} \\ &= 1 + \tan^2(x) \\ \because \sec^2(x) &= 1 + \tan^2(x) \\ \therefore f'(x) &= \sec^2(x)\end{aligned}$$

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