

### 3.3 Derivatives of trigonometric functions

1. two limits on trigonometric function 兩個三角函數的極限

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

2. derivatives of trigonometric functions 六個三角函數的導函數

$$(\sin)' = \cos, \quad (\tan)' = \sec^2, \quad (\sec)' = \sec \tan,$$

$$(\cos)' = -\sin, \quad (\cot)' = -\csc^2, \quad (\csc)' = -\csc \cot.$$

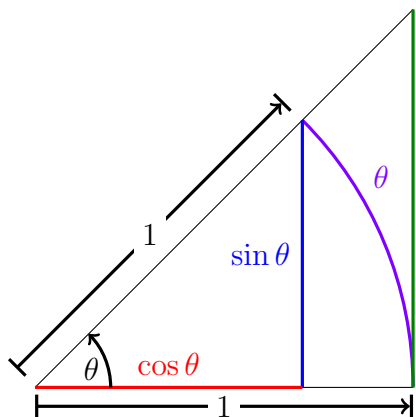
用定義 (極限) 來求三角函數的導函數,  $f'(x) = \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+\theta) - f(x)}{\theta}$ .

**Recall:** 合角公式:  $\begin{cases} \sin(x+\theta) = \sin x \cos \theta + \cos x \sin \theta, \\ \cos(x+\theta) = \cos x \cos \theta - \sin x \sin \theta. \end{cases}$

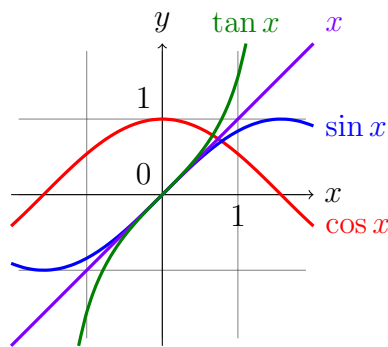
Identify:  $\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x = 1$ ,  $\tan^2 x + 1 = \sec^2 x$ ,  $\cot^2 x + 1 = \csc^2 x$ .

#### 0.1 two limits on trigonometric function

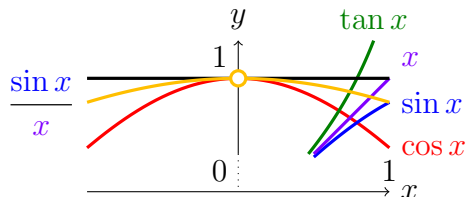
$$1. \quad \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin \theta}{\theta} = 1$$



$$\tan \theta = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta}$$

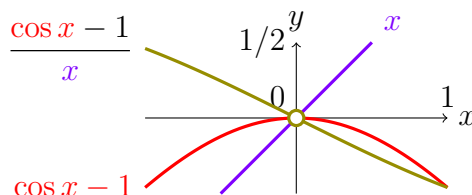


$$\begin{aligned} \sin \theta &< \theta < \tan \theta = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} \\ \cos \theta &< \frac{\sin \theta}{\theta} < 1 \end{aligned}$$



$\therefore \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \cos \theta = 1 = \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} 1$ . By the Squeeze Theorem,  $\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin \theta}{\theta} = 1$ . ■

$$2. \quad \boxed{\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos \theta - 1}{\theta} = 0}$$



$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos \theta - 1}{\theta} &= \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{\cos \theta - 1}{\theta} \frac{\cos \theta + 1}{\cos \theta + 1} \right) && (\cos \theta + 1 \rightarrow 2 \neq 0) \\ &= \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{-\sin^2 \theta}{\theta(\cos \theta + 1)} && (\sin^2 + \cos^2 = 1) \\ &= \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{\sin \theta}{\theta} \frac{-\sin \theta}{\cos \theta + 1} \right) && (\text{why? try!}) \\ &= \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin \theta}{\theta} \cdot \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{-\sin \theta}{\cos \theta + 1}, \\ \therefore \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{-\sin \theta}{\cos \theta + 1} &= \frac{-\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \sin \theta}{\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \cos \theta + 1} = \frac{0}{1 + 1} = 0, \\ \therefore \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos \theta - 1}{\theta} &= 1 \cdot 0 = 0. \end{aligned}$$

**Example 0.1**  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 7x}{4x} = ?$

Let  $\theta = 7x$ , then  $\theta \rightarrow 0 \iff x \rightarrow 0$ .

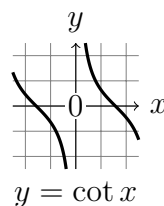
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 7x}{4x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{7 \sin 7x}{4 \cdot 7x} \right) = \frac{7}{4} \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin \theta}{\theta} = \frac{7}{4} \cdot 1 = \frac{7}{4}.$$

**Example 0.2**  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x \cot x = ?$

$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^\pm} \cot x = \pm\infty$  does not exist, 不能用極限律乘法。

$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \cos x = 1$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} = 1 \neq 0$ , 可以用極限律除法。

$$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x \cot x = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x \cos x}{\sin x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos x}{\frac{\sin x}{x}} = \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \cos x}{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x}} = \frac{1}{1} = 1.$$



**Skill:** 化成已知的極限:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x - 1}{x} &= 1; \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} e^x = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} e^{1/x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} e^{-x} = 0; \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} \frac{1}{x^r} = 0, \quad r \in \mathbb{Q}^+; \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} &= 1; \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos x - 1}{x} = 0; \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x \sin \frac{1}{x} = 0; \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sin \frac{1}{x} \text{ does not exist.} \end{aligned}$$

## 0.2 Derivatives of trigonometric functions

$(\sin x)' = \cos x, \quad (\tan x)' = \sec^2 x, \quad (\sec x)' = \sec x \tan x,$ $(\cos x)' = -\sin x, \quad (\cot x)' = -\csc^2 x, \quad (\csc x)' = -\csc x \cot x.$
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1.  $\frac{d}{dx} \sin x = \cos x. \dots\dots\dots \boxed{(\sin x)' = \cos x}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{d}{dx} \sin x &= \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x + \theta) - \sin x}{\theta} \\
 &= \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x \cos \theta + \cos x \sin \theta - \sin x}{\theta} \\
 &= \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \left( \sin x \frac{\cos \theta - 1}{\theta} + \cos x \frac{\sin \theta}{\theta} \right) \\
 &= \sin x \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos \theta - 1}{\theta} + \cos x \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin \theta}{\theta} \\
 &= \sin x \cdot 0 + \cos x \cdot 1 \\
 &= \cos x. \qquad \qquad \qquad (\text{sine 導數到了})
 \end{aligned}$$

2.  $\frac{d}{dx} \cos x = -\sin x. \dots\dots\dots \boxed{(\cos x)' = -\sin x}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{d}{dx} \cos x &= \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos(x + \theta) - \cos x}{\theta} \\
 &= \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos x \cos \theta - \sin x \sin \theta - \cos x}{\theta} \\
 &= \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \left( \cos x \frac{\cos \theta - 1}{\theta} - \sin x \frac{\sin \theta}{\theta} \right) \\
 &= \cos x \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos \theta - 1}{\theta} - \sin x \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin \theta}{\theta} \\
 &= \cos x \cdot 0 - \sin x \cdot 1 \\
 &= -\sin x.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$3. \frac{d}{dx} \tan x = \sec^2 x. \dots\dots\dots \boxed{(\tan x)' = \sec^2 x}$$

Apply Quotient Rule on  $\tan x = \frac{\sin x}{\cos x}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} \tan x &= \frac{d}{dx} \frac{\sin x}{\cos x} = \frac{(\sin x)' \cos x - \sin x (\cos x)'}{\cos^2 x} \\ &= \frac{\cos^2 x + \sin^2 x}{\cos^2 x} = \frac{1}{\cos^2 x} = \sec^2 x. \end{aligned}$$

$$\blacklozenge 4. \frac{d}{dx} \cot x = -\csc^2 x. \dots\dots\dots \boxed{(\cot x)' = -\csc^2 x}$$

Apply Quotient Rule on  $\cot x = \frac{\cos x}{\sin x}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} \cot x &= \frac{d}{dx} \frac{\cos x}{\sin x} = \frac{(\cos x)' \sin x - \cos x (\sin x)'}{\sin^2 x} \\ &= \frac{-\sin^2 x - \cos^2 x}{\sin^2 x} = \frac{-1}{\sin^2 x} = -\csc^2 x. \end{aligned}$$

$$5. \frac{d}{dx} \sec x = \sec x \tan x. \dots\dots\dots \boxed{(\sec x)' = \sec x \tan x}$$

Apply Quotient Rule on  $\sec x = \frac{1}{\cos x}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} \sec x &= \frac{d}{dx} \frac{1}{\cos x} = \frac{(1)' \cos x - 1(\cos x)'}{\cos^2 x} \\ &= \frac{\sin x}{\cos^2 x} = \frac{1}{\cos x} \frac{\sin x}{\cos x} = \sec x \tan x. \end{aligned}$$

$$\blacklozenge 6. \frac{d}{dx} \csc x = -\csc x \cot x. \dots\dots\dots \boxed{(\csc x)' = -\csc x \cot x.}$$

Apply Quotient Rule on  $\csc x = \frac{1}{\sin x}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} \csc x &= \frac{d}{dx} \frac{1}{\sin x} = \frac{(1)' \sin x - 1(\sin x)'}{\sin^2 x} \\ &= \frac{-\cos x}{\sin^2 x} = \frac{-1}{\sin x} \frac{\cos x}{\sin x} = -\csc x \cot x. \end{aligned}$$

**Example 0.3**  $(x^2 \sin x)' = ?$

$$(x^2 \sin x)' = (x^2)' \sin x + x^2 (\sin x)' = 2x \sin x + x^2 \cos x. \quad \blacksquare$$

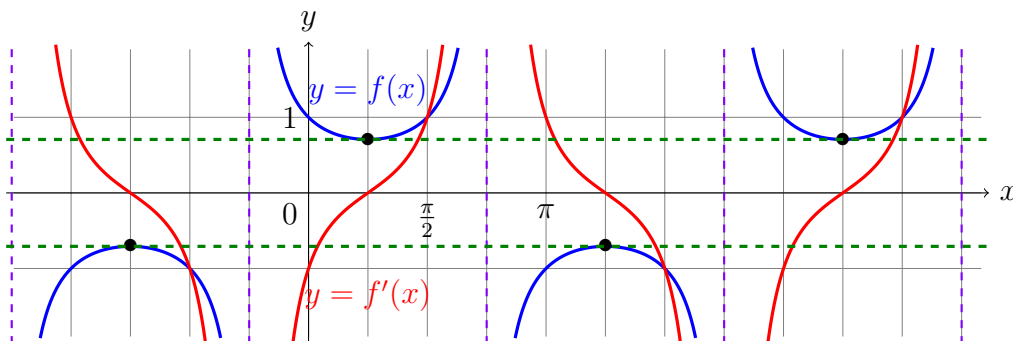
**Example 0.4**  $y = \frac{\sec x}{1 + \tan x}$  水平切線處  $x = ?$

Let  $f(x) = \frac{\sec x}{1 + \tan x}$ , solve  $f'(x) = 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \left( \frac{\sec x}{1 + \tan x} \right)' = \frac{(\sec x)'(1 + \tan x) - \sec x(1 + \tan x)'}{(1 + \tan x)^2} \\ &= \frac{\sec x \tan x(1 + \tan x) - \sec^3 x}{(1 + \tan x)^2} = \frac{\sec x(\tan x + \tan^2 x - \sec^2 x)}{(1 + \tan x)^2} \\ &= \frac{\sec x(\tan x - 1)}{(1 + \tan x)^2}. \end{aligned} \quad (\star: \text{微分後不要乘開, 養成因式分解的好習慣。})$$

$$f'(x) = 0 \iff \tan x = 1 (\because |\sec x| \geq 1) \iff x = (n + \frac{1}{4})\pi, n \in \mathbb{Z}. \quad \blacksquare$$

**Note:**  $(a, f(a))$  有水平切線  $\iff$  切線斜率為零  $\iff f'(a) = 0$ .



**Remark:** 出現頻率: (由上而下, 由高而低。)

$(\sin x)'$	$=$	$\cos x$
$(\cos x)'$	$=$	$-\sin x$
$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x}$	$=$	$1$
$(\tan x)'$	$=$	$\sec^2 x$
$(\sec x)'$	$=$	$\sec x \tan x$
$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos x - 1}{x}$	$=$	$0$
$(\cot x)'$	$=$	$-\csc^2 x$
$(\csc x)'$	$=$	$-\csc x \cot x$

公式記憶法:

$$\begin{aligned} (\sin x)' &= \cos x, & (\cos x)' &= -\sin x, \\ (\tan x)' &= \sec^2 x, & (\cot x)' &= -\csc^2 x, \\ (\sec x)' &= \sec x \tan x, & (\csc x)' &= -\csc x \cot x. \end{aligned}$$

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