

# **Derivative of Trigo Functions**

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

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

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\tan x) = \sec^2 x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \sin(ax + b) = a \cos(ax + b)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \cos(ax + b) = -a \sin(ax + b)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \tan(ax + b) = a \sec^2(ax + b)$$

Example: Find

$$(i) \frac{d}{dx} \sin 4x = \quad (ii) \frac{d}{dx} \cos 6x =$$

Example:

Find the gradient function of the curve

$$y = \tan 3x.$$

Example:

Find the gradient of the curve  $y = \cos(3x + 1)$   
when  $x = \pi$ .

Example:

$$\text{Show that } y = \sin(x - 4) \Rightarrow \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 + y^2 = 1$$

Example:

If  $y = \tan(7x - 2)$ , show that  $\frac{dy}{dx} - 7y^2 = 7$ .

$$\frac{d}{dx} [\sin f(x)] = \cos f(x) \times \frac{d}{dx} f(x)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [\cos f(x)] = -\sin f(x) \times \frac{d}{dx} f(x)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [\tan f(x)] = \sec^2 f(x) \times \frac{d}{dx} f(x)$$



Example:

Find  $\frac{d}{dx} \sin(x^2 + 1)$ .

Example:

Show that the tangent of the curve

$y = \cos(x^3 + x^2 + 1)$  at the origin is parallel to the  $x$  – axis.

Example:

Show that the curve  $y = \tan(4x^2 + 4)$  has only one turning point for all values of  $x$ .

In general,

$$\frac{d}{dx} [\sin^n f(x)] = n \sin^{n-1} f(x) \times \frac{d}{dx} \sin f(x)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [\cos^n f(x)] = n \cos^{n-1} f(x) \times \frac{d}{dx} \cos f(x)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [\tan^n f(x)] = n \tan^{n-1} f(x) \times \frac{d}{dx} \tan f(x)$$

# Examples :

Find  $\frac{d}{dx} \sin^2 4x$ .

Example :

Given that  $f(x) = \cos^5(x+1)$ . Find the values of  $x$  such that  $f'(x) = 0$  for  $0 \leq x \leq \pi$ .

Example :

Find the  $x$  – coordinates of the turning points of the curve

$y = \tan^4(x^2 + x)$  in the domain  $-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$ . Determine the

nature of each turning point.

Example :

Find the equation of the tangent to the curve

$$y = \sec^3 x \text{ when } x = \frac{\pi}{4}.$$



Example:

Find the equation of the normal to the curve

$$y = \operatorname{cosec}^4 3x \text{ when } x = \frac{\pi}{4}.$$

Example:

Show that

$$\frac{d}{dx} [\cot^5(x^3 + 1)] = -15x^2 \cot^6(x^3 + 1) \sec^2(x^3 + 1)$$

# **Homework**

Please attempt all the questions in the following slides.

Questions are to be discussed on the next day of the instruction.

Example:

Find the equation of the tangent and normal where

$x = \frac{1}{3}\pi$  on the curve  $y = \cos 3x$ .

Example:

Find the equation of the tangent and normal where

$x = \frac{1}{2}\pi$  on the curve  $y = 3\sin^2 2x$ .

Example :

The gross national product (GNP) of a country, \$  $P$  billion, at  $t$  years after the year 2000 is given by  $P = 1 + 0.02t + 0.05 \sin 0.6t$ . At what rate is the GNP changing in the year (a) 2000      (b) 2005?

Example:

$P$ ,  $Q$  and  $R$  are the points on the graph of  $y = \cos x$  for which  $x = 0$ ,  $x = \frac{1}{4}\pi$  and  $x = \frac{1}{2}\pi$  respectively.

- (a) Find the point  $S$  where the normal at  $Q$  meets the  $y$  – axis.
- (b) Compare the distances  $SP$ ,  $SQ$  and  $SR$ . Hence, use a sketch to show how the curve  $y = \cos x$ , over  $-\frac{1}{2}\pi < x < \frac{1}{2}\pi$ , is related to the circle with centre  $S$  and radius  $SQ$ .

Example :

Given that  $f(x) = \sin x + \sin 2x$ .

(a) Find, in terms of  $\pi$ , the  $x$  – intercepts of the curve

$$y = f(x) \text{ for } 0 \leq x \leq 2\pi.$$

(b) Show that  $f(\pi - \theta) = \sin \theta - \sin 2\theta$ , and that

$$f(\pi - \theta) + f(\pi + \theta) = 0, \forall \theta.$$

(d) Show that the greatest value of  $f$ , for  $0 \leq x \leq 2\pi$ ,

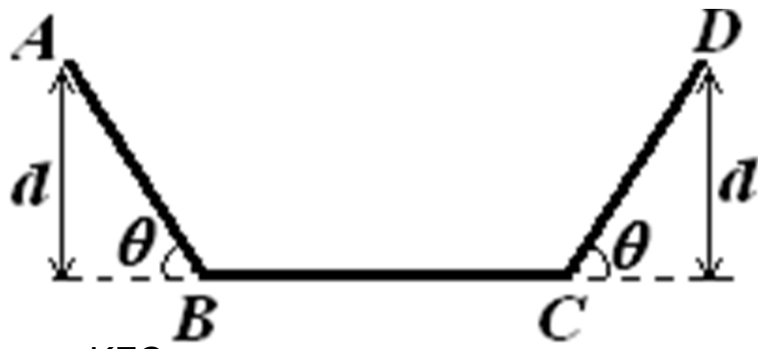
$$\text{occurs when } \cos x = \frac{-1 + \sqrt{33}}{8}.$$



Example:

A length of channel of given depth  $d$  is to be made from a rectangular sheet of metal of width  $2a$ . The metal is to be bent in such a way that the cross-section is shown in the figure.

- (a) Show that  $BC = 2(a - d \operatorname{cosec} \theta)$
- (b) Show that area  $ABCD = 2ad + d^2(\cot \theta - 2 \operatorname{cosec} \theta)$ .
- (c) Show that MAX area of  $ABCD$  is  $d(2a - d\sqrt{3})$ .
- (d) Show that  $2d \leq a\sqrt{3}$ , considering  $BC$ .



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