

Lecture 9: The Quotient Rule; Derivative of Trig Functions

Goal: Differentiate functions of the form $\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$. Use this to derive the derivative of the 6 trigonometric functions.

Summary:

$\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)' = \frac{f'g - fg'}{g^2}$		
$(\sin x)' = \cos x$	$(\cos x)' = -\sin x$	$(\tan x)' = \sec^2 x$
$(\sec x)' = \sec x \tan x$	$(\csc x)' = -\csc x \cot x$	$(\cot x)' = -\csc^2 x$

NOTE: $\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \right) \neq \frac{\frac{d}{dx}(f)}{\frac{d}{dx}(g)}$; $\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{x}{1} \right) \neq \frac{\frac{d}{dx}(x)}{\frac{d}{dx}(1)}$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \right) = \frac{d}{dx} \left[f(x) \cdot \frac{1}{g(x)} \right]; \quad \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{1}{g(x)} \right) = -\frac{g'(x)}{[g(x)]^2}$$

By the Product Rule,

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \right)' &= \left[f(x) \cdot \frac{1}{g(x)} \right]' = f'(x) \cdot \frac{1}{g(x)} + f(x) \left[\frac{1}{g(x)} \right]' \\ &= \frac{f'(x)}{g(x)} + f(x) \left[\frac{-g'(x)}{[g(x)]^2} \right] \\ &= \frac{f'(x)}{g(x)} \left(\frac{g(x)}{g(x)} \right) - \frac{f(x) g'(x)}{[g(x)]^2} \\ &= \frac{f'(x) g(x) - f(x) g'(x)}{[g(x)]^2} \end{aligned}$$

Theorem (Quotient Rule) Let f and g be differentiable and $g(x) \neq 0$

"high" \rightarrow $\left(\frac{f}{g} \right)' = \frac{f'g - fg'}{g^2}$ "low d-high
"low" \rightarrow $\left(\frac{f}{g} \right)' = \frac{f'g - fg'}{g^2}$ high d-low
square the low"

Ex/Find $\left(\frac{1}{x} \right)' = \frac{[1]'x^0 - 1 \cdot [x]'}{x^2} = -\frac{1}{x^2}$

Ex/Find $\left(\frac{\sin x}{x^2+x}\right)'$ $f(x) = \sin x \rightarrow f'(x) = \cos x$
 $g(x) = x^2+x \rightarrow g'(x) = 2x+1$

$$\left(\frac{\sin x}{x^2+x}\right)' = \frac{[\sin x]'(x^2+x) - \sin x [x^2+x]'}{[x^2+x]^2}$$

$$= \frac{[\cos x](x^2+x) - [\sin x](2x+1)}{[x^2+x]^2}$$

Ex/Find $\left(\frac{2e^t}{e^t-5}\right)'$

$$= \frac{[2e^t]'(e^t-5) - (2e^t)[e^t-5]'}{(e^t-5)^2}$$

$$= \frac{2e^t(e^t-5) - 2e^t(e^t)}{(e^t-5)^2}$$

$$= \frac{2e^{2t} - 10e^t - 2e^{2t}}{(e^t-5)^2} = -\frac{10e^t}{(e^t-5)^2}$$

Ex/Let a be a constant

$$\left(\frac{x^2-a^2}{x-a}\right)' = \frac{[x^2-a^2]'(x-a) - (x^2-a^2)[x-a]'}{(x-a)^2}$$

$$= \frac{2x(x-a) - (x^2-a^2)}{(x-a)^2}$$

$$= \frac{2x^2 - 2ax - x^2 + a^2}{(x-a)^2}$$

$$= \frac{x^2 - 2ax + a^2}{(x-a)^2} = \frac{(x-a)^2}{(x-a)^2} = 1$$

NOTE:

$$\frac{x^2-a^2}{x-a} = \frac{(x+a)(x-a)}{(x-a)} = x+a$$

Derivatives Of Trig Functions

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

Tangent

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\tan x) = \frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{\overset{f}{\sin x}}{\underset{g}{\cos x}}\right) = \frac{[\sin x]' \cos x - \sin x [\cos x]'}{\cos^2 x}$$
$$= \frac{\cos^2 x + \sin^2 x}{\cos^2 x} = \frac{1}{\cos^2 x} = \boxed{\sec^2 x}$$

Ex/ If $y = \cos x \tan x$, ^{$\frac{\sin x}{\cos x}$} What is y' ? You can stop here

$$y' = [\cos x]' \tan x + \cos x [\tan x]' = -\sin x \tan x + \cos x \sec^2 x$$
$$= -\frac{\sin^2 x}{\cos x} + \frac{\cos x}{\cos^2 x} = -\frac{\sin^2 x}{\cos x} + \frac{1}{\cos x} = \frac{1 - \sin^2 x}{\cos x}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \cancel{\sin^2 x} + \cos^2 x &= 1 \\ -\cancel{\sin^2 x} - \sin^2 x & \\ \cos^2 x &= 1 - \sin^2 x \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{\cos^2 x}{\cos x} = \cos x$$

Cotangent

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\cot x) = \frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{\cos x}{\sin x}\right) = \frac{[\cos x]' \sin x - \cos x [\sin x]'}{\sin^2 x}$$
$$= \frac{-\sin^2 x - \cos^2 x}{\sin^2 x} = -\frac{\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x}{\sin^2 x} = -\frac{1}{\sin^2 x}$$
$$= \boxed{-\csc^2 x}$$

Ex/ If $y = e^x \cot x$, then

$$y' = [e^x]' \cot x + e^x [\cot x]' = e^x \cot x + e^x (-\csc^2 x)$$

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

Secant

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\sec x) = \frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{1}{\cos x}\right) = \frac{[1]' \cos x - 1 \cdot [\cos x]'}{\cos^2 x} = \frac{\sin x}{\cos^2 x}$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{\cos x}\right) \left(\frac{\sin x}{\cos x}\right) = \boxed{\sec x \tan x}$$

Ex/ If $y = \sec^2 x = (\sec x)(\sec x)$, then

$$y' = [\sec x]' \sec x + \sec x [\sec x]'$$

Simplified

$$= (\sec x \tan x) \sec x + \sec x (\sec x \tan x) = 2 \sec^2 x \tan x$$

$$= (2 \sec x) (\sec x \tan x)$$

Cosecant

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\csc x) = \frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{1}{\sin x}\right) = \frac{[1]' \sin x - 1 \cdot [\sin x]'}{\sin^2 x} = \frac{-\cos x}{\sin^2 x}$$

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

Ex/ Find $(x^5 \csc x)'$

$$(x^5 \csc x)' = [x^5]' \csc x + x^5 [\csc x]'$$

$$= 5x^4 \csc x + x^5 (-1) \csc x \cot x$$

$$= x^4 \csc x (5 - x \cot x)$$

Avoiding Tedious Work

Ex/ Find $g'(0)$ if $g(x) = \frac{5x^8 + 6x^5 + 5x^4 + 3x^2 + 20x + 100}{10x^{10} + 8x^9 + 6x^5 + 6x^2 + 4x + 2}$

$$q'(x) = \frac{f'(x)g(x) - f(x)g'(x)}{[g(x)]^2}$$

$$q'(0) = \frac{f'(0)g(0) - f(0)g'(0)}{[g(0)]^2}$$

$$= \frac{20(2) - 100(4)}{4}$$

$$= \frac{40 - 400}{4} = 10 - 100 = -90$$

$$f(0) = 100$$

$$g(0) = 2$$

$f'(0)$ = The constant term of f'
= The linear term of f

$$= 20$$

$$g'(0) = 4$$