

## 4.3 Derivative of Inverse Trigonometric Functions

Let  $f$  and  $g$  be inverse functions. What is true about inverses?

$$f(g(x)) = x$$

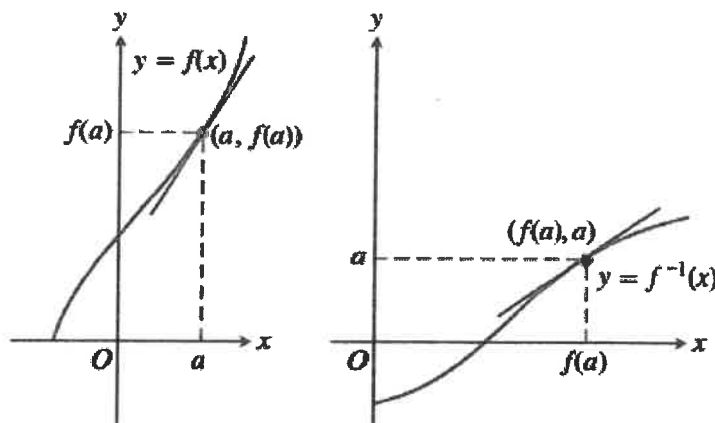
$$f'(g(x)) g'(x) = 1$$

$$g'(x) = \frac{1}{f'(g(x))}$$

**Theorem 1 Derivatives of Inverse Functions**

If  $f$  is differentiable at every point of an interval  $I$  and  $f'(x)$  is never zero on  $I$ , then  $f$  has an inverse  $g$ , and  $g$  is differentiable at every point of the interval  $f(I)$ . If  $g(x) = x$ , the **inverse function slope relationship** relates the derivative by the equation

$$g'(x) = \frac{1}{f'(g(x))}$$



The slopes are reciprocal:  $\left. \frac{df^{-1}}{dx} \right|_{f(a)} = \frac{1}{\left. \frac{df}{dx} \right|_a}$

Ex) Let  $f$  and  $g$  be functions that are differentiable everywhere. If  $g$  is the inverse function of  $f$  and if  $g(-2) = 5$  and  $f'(5) = -\frac{1}{2}$ , then  $g'(-2) = ?$

$$g'(-2) = \frac{1}{f'(g(-2))}$$

$$= \frac{1}{f'(5)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{-\frac{1}{2}} = -2$$

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Derivative Rules:

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\sin^{-1} x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\cos^{-1} x) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\tan^{-1} x) = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\sec^{-1} x) = \frac{1}{|x| \cdot \sqrt{x^2-1}}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\csc^{-1} x) = -\frac{1}{|x| \cdot \sqrt{x^2-1}}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\cot^{-1} x) = -\frac{1}{1+x^2}$$

Examples:

- Find the derivative of  $y$  with respect to the appropriate variable.

a.  $\sin^{-1}(x) = y$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

b.  $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = y$

$$\frac{1}{x} = x^{-1}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-(1/x)^2}} \quad (-x^{-2})$$

$$= \frac{1}{x^2 \sqrt{1-(1/x)^2}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{x^2 \sqrt{1-1/x^2}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{x^2 \sqrt{\frac{x^2-1}{x^2}}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{x^2 \frac{\sqrt{x^2-1}}{\sqrt{x^2}}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{x^2 \sqrt{x^2-1} \cdot \frac{1}{x}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{x \sqrt{x^2-1}}$$

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c.  $y = s\sqrt{1-s^2} + \cos^{-1}s$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{ds} &= \sqrt{1-s^2} + s\left(\frac{1}{2}(1-s^2)^{-1/2}(-2s)\right) + \left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-s^2}}\right) \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{1-s^2}}{1} - \frac{s^2}{\sqrt{1-s^2}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-s^2}} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{1-s^2}\sqrt{1-s^2} - s^2 - 1}{\sqrt{1-s^2}} \\ &= \frac{1-s^2 - s^2 - 1}{\sqrt{1-s^2}} = \frac{-2s^2}{\sqrt{1-s^2}} \end{aligned}$$

2. A particle moves along the x-axis so that its position at any time  $t \geq 0$  is given by  $x(t)$

. Find the velocity at the indicated value of  $t$ .

a.  $x(t) = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{t}}{4}\right)$ ,  $t = 4$   $\frac{1}{4}t^{1/2}$

$$x'(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - (\sqrt{t}/4)^2}} \cdot \frac{1}{8} t^{-1/2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{8t^{1/2} \sqrt{1 - t/16}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{8(4)^{1/2} \sqrt{1 - 4/16}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{16 \sqrt{12/16}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{16 \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}} = \frac{1}{8\sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{24}$$

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b.  $x(t) = \tan^{-1}(t^2)$ ,  $t = 1$

$$x'(t) = \frac{1}{1+(t^2)^2} (2t)$$

$$= \frac{2t}{1+t^4}$$

$$= \frac{2}{1+1^4}$$

$$= 1$$

4. Find the derivative of  $y$  with respect to the appropriate variable.

a.  $y = \sec^{-1}(5s)$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{|5s| \sqrt{(5s)^2 - 1}} \cdot 5$$

$$= \frac{1}{5|s| \sqrt{25s^2 - 1}} \cdot 5$$

$$= \frac{1}{|s| \sqrt{25s^2 - 1}}$$

b.  $y = \cot^{-1}\sqrt{t}$

$$y' = -\frac{1}{1+(\sqrt{t})^2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} t^{-1/2}$$

$$= \frac{-1}{2t^{1/2}(1+t)}$$

$$= \frac{-1}{2\sqrt{t}(1+t)}$$

c.  $y = \csc^{-1}\frac{x}{2}$

$$y' = -\frac{1}{|\frac{x}{2}| \sqrt{(\frac{x}{2})^2 - 1}} \cdot \frac{1}{2}$$

$$= \frac{-1}{2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} |x| \sqrt{\frac{x^2}{4} - 1}}$$

$$= \frac{-1}{|x| \sqrt{\frac{x^2}{4} - 1}}$$

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5. Let  $f(x) = \cos x + 3x$

a. Find  $f(0)$  and  $f'(0)$

$$f(0) = 1$$

$$f'(x) = -\sin x + 3$$

$$f'(0) = 3$$

b. Find  $f^{-1}(1)$  and  $(f^{-1})'(1)$

$$f^{-1}(1) = 0$$

$$(f^{-1})'(1) = \frac{1}{f'(f^{-1}(1))}$$

$$= \frac{1}{f'(0)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3}$$

original pt  
 $(1, 2)$   $f^{-1}$   
 $(2, 1)$

