

### Section 3.4 Derivatives of trigonometric functions

Theorem.  $\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \sin \theta = 0.$

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Corollary.  $\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos \theta - 1}{\theta} = 0.$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan \theta}{\theta} &= \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} \cdot \frac{1}{\theta} = \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin \theta}{\theta} \cdot \frac{1}{\cos \theta} = \frac{\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin \theta}{\theta}}{\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \cos \theta} \\ &= \frac{1}{1} = 1 \end{aligned}$$

**Example 1.** Find each limit

(a.)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos 2x}{2x^2}$

$1 - \cos 2x = 2 \sin^2 x$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2 \sin^2 x}{2x^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin^2 x}{x^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{\sin x}{x} \right)^2 = \left[ \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} \right]^2 = \boxed{1}$$

$$\lim_{\ominus \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(\ominus)}{\ominus} = 1$$

(b.)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 5x}{2x} = \frac{5}{2} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 5x}{5x} = \frac{5}{2} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 5x}{5x} = \boxed{\frac{5}{2}}$

(c.)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 4x}{\sin 3x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{4 \sin 4x}{4x} \cdot \frac{3x}{3 \sin 3x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{4 \sin 4x}{4x} \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{3x}{3 \sin 3x}$

$$= \frac{4}{3} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 4x}{4x} \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{3x}{3 \sin 3x} = \boxed{\frac{4}{3}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(d.) } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan 3x}{\sin 2x} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{3 \tan 3x}{3x} \cdot \frac{2x}{2 \sin 2x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{3 \tan 3x}{3x} \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2x}{2 \sin 2x} \\
 &= \frac{3}{2} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan 3x}{3x} \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2x}{2 \sin 2x} = \boxed{\frac{3}{2}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(e.) } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin bx}{\sin 3x} & \quad b = (3)(2) \quad \sin 2x = 2 \sin x \cos x \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2 \sin(3x) \cos(3x)}{\sin(2x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} 2 \cos(3x) = \boxed{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

$\frac{d}{dx}$  - derivative with respect to  $x$

Derivatives

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

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

$$\frac{d}{dx} \tan x = \frac{1}{\cos^2 x} = \sec^2 x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \cot x = -\frac{1}{\sin^2 x} = -\csc^2 x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \csc x = -\csc x \cot x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \sec x = \sec x \tan x$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} \csc x &= \frac{1}{\sin x} \\ (\csc x)' &= \left( \frac{1}{\sin x} \right)' = \frac{(1)' \sin x - 1(\sin x)'}{\sin^2 x} \\ &= \frac{-\cos x}{\sin^2 x} = -\frac{\cos x}{\sin x} \cdot \frac{1}{\sin x} \\ &= -\cot x \cdot \csc x \end{aligned}$$

Example 2. Find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  (find the derivative of  $y$ ).

(a.)  $y = \cos x - 2 \tan x$

$$y' = (\cos x - 2 \tan x)' = (\cos x)' - 2(\tan x)'$$

$$= -\sin x - 2 \sec^2 x$$

(b.)  $y = 2x(\sqrt{x} - \cot x) = 2x \overbrace{\sqrt{x}}^{x^{3/2}} - 2x \cot x = 2x^{3/2} - 2x \cot x$

$$\begin{aligned} y' &= (2x^{3/2} - 2x \cot x)' = 2(x^{3/2})' - 2(x \cot x)' \\ &= 2\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)x^{3/2-1} - 2\left((x)' \cot x + x(\cot x)'\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$= 3x^{1/2} - 2(\cot x - x \csc^2 x)$$

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(c.)  $y = x \csc x = \frac{x}{\sin x}$

$$y' = \left( \frac{x}{\sin x} \right)' = \frac{(x)' \sin x - x(\sin x)'}{\sin^2 x} = \frac{\sin x - x \cos x}{\sin^2 x}$$

$$\begin{aligned} y' &= (x \csc x)' = (x)' \csc x + x(\csc x)' \\ &= \csc x - x \csc x \cot x \end{aligned}$$

**Example 3.** Find the points on the curve  $y = \frac{\cos x}{2 + \sin x}$  at which the tangent is horizontal. ( $0 \leq x \leq 2\pi$ )

horizontal tangent  $\rightarrow$  angle is zero  $\rightarrow$  slope is zero

$$\text{slope} = y' = \left( \frac{\cos x}{2 + \sin x} \right)' = \frac{(\cos x)'(2 + \sin x) - (\cos x)(2 + \sin x)'}{(2 + \sin x)^2} = 0$$

$2 + \sin x$  is never zero

$$(-\sin x)(2 + \sin x) - \cos x(\cos x) = 0$$

$$-2 \sin x - \sin^2 x - \cos^2 x = 0$$

$$-2 \sin x - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow \sin x = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$x_1 = \pi + \frac{\pi}{6}, \quad x_2 = 2\pi - \frac{\pi}{6}$$

$$x_1 = \frac{7\pi}{6}, \quad x_2 = \frac{11\pi}{6}$$

$$y\left(\frac{7\pi}{6}\right) = \frac{\cos \frac{7\pi}{6}}{2 + \sin \frac{7\pi}{6}} = \frac{-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}}{2 - \frac{1}{2}} = \frac{-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}}{\frac{3}{2}} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$y\left(\frac{11\pi}{6}\right) = \frac{\cos \frac{11\pi}{6}}{2 + \sin \frac{11\pi}{6}} = \frac{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}}{2 - \frac{1}{2}} = \frac{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}}{\frac{3}{2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\boxed{\left(\frac{7\pi}{6}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)} \text{ and } \boxed{\left(\frac{11\pi}{6}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)}$$