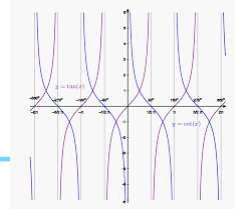


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5.5 The Derivative of $y = \tan x$



Bellwork:

Use the quotient identity for $\tan x$ to find the derivative of $y = \tan x$.

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

Do you ever HAVE to use the derivative of $\tan x$? Why or why not?

No. We can always rewrite $\tan x$ in terms of $\sin x$ and $\cos x$.

When will the derivative of $\tan x$ be undefined? What type of discontinuity occurs here?

When $\cos^2 x = 0$, or when $\cos x = 0$.
Vertical asymptote.



Differentiate each of the following functions:

1) $f(x) = \tan^2(2x)$
 $= (\tan(2x))^2$

$f'(x) = 2(\tan 2x)(\sec^2 2x)(2)$
 $= 4 \tan 2x \sec^2 2x$

2) $g(x) = -3x^2 + \sin x - 4 \tan 2x$

$g'(x) = 6x^{-1} + \cos x - 4(\sec^2 2x)(2)$
 $= \frac{6}{x} + \cos x - 8 \sec^2 2x$

3) $h(x) = (x-5)^2 (\cos^2 x + 2 \tan x)$ 4) $y = \sin 2x \tan 2x \cos^2 2x$

$h'(x) = 2(x-5)(\cos^2 x + 2 \tan x) + (x-5)^2 (2 \cos x \sin x + 2 \sec^2 x)$
 $= 2(x-5)(\cos^2 x + 2 \tan x) + 2(x-5)^2 (\cos x \sin x + \sec^2 x)$
 $= 2(x-5)(\cos^2 x + 2 \tan x - (x-5)(\cos x \sin x + \sec^2 x))$

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

$2 \sin x \cos x = \sin 2x$
 $\sin^2 x = \frac{1}{2} \sin 2x$

$y' = 2(\sin 2x)(\cos 2x)(2)(\cos 2x) + \sin^2 2x$
 $= 4(\sin 2x)(\cos^2 2x) + \sin^2 2x$
 $= 2 \sin 2x (2 \cos^2 2x - \sin^2 2x)$

Remember that you can use trig identities to write expressions in simpler forms sometimes! Please do that, even if the text book does not. For example, how can you simplify $f(x) = \tan x \cos x$? $g(x) = \cot x \sec x$?

$f(x) = \tan x \cos x = \frac{\sin x}{\cos x} \cos x = \sin x$
 $f'(x) = \cos x$

$g(x) = \cot x \sec x = \frac{\cos x}{\sin x} \cdot \frac{1}{\cos x} = \frac{1}{\sin x}$
 $g'(x) = -\frac{\cos x}{\sin^2 x} = -\frac{\cos x}{\sin x} \cdot \frac{1}{\sin x} = -\cot x \csc x$

5) Find the local minimum point on the curve $y = 2x - \tan x$, where x is between negative $\pi/2$ and $\pi/2$.

tangent slope is 0 at a turning point

$y' = 2 - \sec^2 x$

$0 = 2 - \sec^2 x$

$\sec^2 x = 2$

$\frac{1}{\cos^2 x} = 2$

$1 = 2 \cos^2 x$

$\frac{1}{2} = \cos^2 x$

$\pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = \cos x$ ← related acute angle is $\frac{\pi}{4}$

$x = \pm \frac{\pi}{4}$

