

Derivatives of Trigonometric Functions

1. If $f(x) = \sin x$, then $f' \left(\frac{\pi}{3} \right) =$

(A) $-\frac{1}{2}$

(B) $\frac{1}{2}$

(C) $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$

(D) $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$

$$f(x) = \sin x$$

$$f'(x) = \cos x$$

$$f' \left(\frac{\pi}{3} \right) = \cos \frac{\pi}{3}$$

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

2. The $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan(\pi+h)-\tan(\pi)}{h}$ is:

(A) -1

(B) 0

(C) 1

(D) does not exist

→ definition of derivative

where $f(x) = \tan x$ and $x = \pi$

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

$$f'(\pi) = \sec^2 \pi = (\sec \pi)^2 = \left(\frac{1}{\cos \pi} \right)^2 = \left(-\frac{1}{1} \right)^2 = \boxed{1}$$

3. If $y = \sec x$, then $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} =$

(A) $\sec x \tan x$

(B) $\sec^3 x \tan x$

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

(D) $\sec^4 x \tan^2 x + \sec^3 x$

$$y = \sec x$$

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

→ product rule ☺

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} &= \tan x (\sec x \tan x) + \sec x (\sec^2 x) \\ &= \sec x \tan^2 x + \sec^3 x \end{aligned}$$

4. Given $f(x) = \cos x$ and $g(x) = x^2 + 3x$, if $h(x) = f(x)g(x)$, find $h'(x)$.

$$h(x) = (\cos x)(x^2 + 3x)$$

→ product ... ☺

$$h'(x) = (x^2 + 3x)(-\sin x) + (\cos x)(2x + 3)$$

$$h'(x) = -(x^2 + 3x)\sin x + (2x + 3)\cos x$$

5. Given the velocity of a particle is $v(t) = \cos t$ on the interval $[0, 2\pi]$, when is the particle speeding up?

↪ $v(t) \approx a(t)$ have same signs

$$v(t) = \cos t$$

$$a(t) = -\sin t$$

$\cos t > 0$ on $(0, \frac{\pi}{2}) \cup (\frac{3\pi}{2}, 2\pi)$ and $-\sin t > 0$ on $(\pi, 2\pi) \rightarrow (\frac{3\pi}{2}, 2\pi)$

$\cos t < 0$ on $(\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2})$

and $-\sin t < 0$ on $(0, \pi) \rightarrow (\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi)$

Particle speeding up on $(\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi) \cup (\frac{3\pi}{2}, 2\pi)$ b/c $a(t) \approx v(t)$ have same signs on $(\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi) \cup (\frac{3\pi}{2}, 2\pi)$