

DERIVATIVES OF SIN X AND COS X

1. **Prove that** $\frac{d}{dx} \sin x = \cos x$.

Let $y = \sin x$

From first principles,

$$\begin{aligned} y' &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{\sin(x+h) - \sin(x)}{h} \right] \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{(\sin x \cdot \cos h + \sin h \cdot \cos x) - \sin x}{h} \right] \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{\sin x(\cos h - 1)}{h} + \frac{\sin h \cdot \cos x}{h} \right] \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left[\sin x \cdot \frac{\cos h - 1}{h} \right] + \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{\sin h}{h} \cdot \cos x \right] \\ &= \sin x \cdot \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{\cos h - 1}{h} \right] + \cos x \cdot \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{\sin h}{h} \right] \\ &= \sin x \cdot (0) + \cos x \cdot (1) \\ \therefore y' &= \cos x \end{aligned}$$

2. **Prove that** $\frac{d}{dx} \cos x = -\sin x$.

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

Using the results from above,

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

Derivative of the TAN function:

$$\text{We know } \tan x = \frac{\sin x}{\cos x}$$

$$\text{Using the Quotient Rule: } \left[\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \right]' = \frac{f'(x)g(x) - f(x)g'(x)}{g(x)^2}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Let } f(x) = \sin x \quad \& \quad g(x) = \cos x \\ \therefore f'(x) = \cos x \quad \therefore g'(x) = -\sin x \end{array}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} (\tan x) = \frac{f'(x)g(x) - f(x)g'(x)}{g(x)^2}$$

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

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

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

$$= \sec^2 x$$

$$\boxed{\frac{d}{dx} (\tan x) = \sec^2 x}$$