

## Section 3.3/3.4 - Techniques Of Differentiation/Derivatives Of Trigonometric Functions

**THEOREM:** Let  $c$  be any real number and  $n$  be any integer. If  $f$  and  $g$  are differentiable at  $x$ , then so are  $f + g$ ,  $f - g$ ,  $f \cdot g$  and

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| 1. $(cf)' = cf'$  | 5. $c' = 0$              | 9. $(\tan x)' = \sec^2 x$        |
| 2. $(f \pm g)' = f' \pm g'$   | 6. $(x^n)' = nx^{n-1}$   | 10. $(\cot x)' = -\csc^2 x$      |
| 3. $(fg)' = f'g + fg'$  | 7. $(\sin x)' = \cos x$  | 11. $(\sec x)' = \sec x \tan x$  |
| 4. $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)' = \frac{f'g - fg'}{g^2}$ , provided $g(x) \neq 0$ . | 8. $(\cos x)' = -\sin x$ | 12. $(\csc x)' = -\csc x \cot x$ |

**EXAMPLE:**

1.  $(3x - 5)' = (3x)' - 5' = 3x' - 5' = 3 \cdot 1 - 0 = 3$
2.  $(\sqrt{x})' = (x^{1/2})' = \frac{1}{2}x^{1/2-1} = \frac{1}{2}x^{-1/2}$
3.  $\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}\right)' = \left(\frac{1}{x^{1/2}}\right)' = (x^{-1/2})' = -\frac{1}{2}x^{-1/2-1} = -\frac{1}{2}x^{-3/2}$
4.  $(-3x^{-8} + 2\sqrt{x})' = (-3x^{-8})' + (2\sqrt{x})' = -3(x^{-8})' + 2(\sqrt{x})' = -3(-8)x^{-8-1} + 2\frac{1}{2}x^{-1/2}$   
 $= 24x^{-9} + x^{-1/2}$
5.  $[(x^3 + 7x^2 - 8)(2x^{-3} + x^{-4})]' = (x^3 + 7x^2 - 8)'(2x^{-3} + x^{-4}) + (x^3 + 7x^2 - 8)(2x^{-3} + x^{-4})'$   
 $= (3x^2 + 14x)(2x^{-3} + x^{-4}) + (x^3 + 7x^2 - 8)(-6x^{-4} - 4x^{-5})$
6.  $\left[\left(\frac{3x+2}{x+1}\right)(x^{-5} + 1)\right]' = \left(\frac{3x+2}{x+1}\right)'(x^{-5} + 1) + \left(\frac{3x+2}{x+1}\right)(x^{-5} + 1)'$   
 $= \frac{(3x+2)'(x+1) - (3x+2)(x+1)'}{(x+1)^2}(x^{-5} + 1) + \left(\frac{3x+2}{x+1}\right)(x^{-5} + 1)'$   
 $= \frac{3(x+1) - (3x+2)}{(x+1)^2}(x^{-5} + 1) + \left(\frac{3x+2}{x+1}\right)(-5x^{-6})$
7.  $(x^3 \sin x - 5 \cos x)' = (x^3 \sin x)' - 5(\cos x)' = (x^3)' \sin x + x^3(\sin x)' - 5(\cos x)'$   
 $= 3x^2 \sin x + x^3 \cos x + 5 \sin x$
8.  $\left(\frac{\sin x \sec x}{1 + x \tan x}\right)' = \frac{(\sin x \sec x)'(1 + x \tan x) - (\sin x \sec x)(1 + x \tan x)'}{(1 + x \tan x)^2}$   
 $= \frac{[(\sin x)' \sec x + \sin x(\sec x)'](1 + x \tan x) - (\sin x \sec x)(x' \tan x + x(\tan x)')}{(1 + x \tan x)^2}$   
 $= \frac{[\cos x \sec x + \sin x \sec x \tan x](1 + x \tan x) - (\sin x \sec x)(\tan x + x \sec^2 x)}{(1 + x \tan x)^2}$

## Section 3.5 - The Chain Rule

**THEOREM (The Chain Rule):** If  $g$  is differentiable at  $x$  and  $f$  is differentiable at  $g(x)$ , then the composition  $f \circ g$  is differentiable at  $x$ . Moreover,

$$(f \circ g)'(x) = f'(g(x))g'(x).$$

Alternatively, if

$$y = f(g(x)) \quad \text{and} \quad u = g(x)$$

then  $y = f(u)$  and

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$$

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**EXAMPLE:**

1.  $[\sin(3x)]' = \cos(3x) \cdot (3x)' = \cos(3x) \cdot 3 = 3 \cos(3x)$
2.  $[4 \cos(x^3)]' = 4[\cos(x^3)]' = -4 \sin(x^3) \cdot (x^3)' = -12x^2 \sin(x^3)$
3.  $[(x^2 - x + 1)^{23}]' = 23(x^2 - x + 1)^{22} \cdot (x^2 - x + 1)' = 23(2x - 1)(x^2 - x + 1)^{22}$
4.  $[\sqrt{x^3 + \csc x}]' = [(x^3 + \csc x)^{1/2}]' = \frac{1}{2}(x^3 + \csc x)^{-1/2}(x^3 + \csc x)'$   
 $= \frac{1}{2}(x^3 + \csc x)^{-1/2}(3x^2 - \csc x \cot x)$
5.  $\left[\frac{1}{x^3 + 2x - 3}\right]' = [(x^3 + 2x - 3)^{-1}]' = (-1)(x^3 + 2x - 3)^{-2}(x^3 + 2x - 3)'$   
 $= -(3x^2 + 2)(x^3 + 2x - 3)^{-2}$
6.  $[\sin(\sqrt{1 + \cos x})]' = \cos(\sqrt{1 + \cos x})[\sqrt{1 + \cos x}]'$   
 $= \cos(\sqrt{1 + \cos x}) \frac{1}{2}(1 + \cos x)^{-1/2}(1 + \cos x)'$   
 $= \cos(\sqrt{1 + \cos x}) \frac{1}{2}(1 + \cos x)^{-1/2}(-\sin x)$