
Derivatives of Trigonometric Functions

Solutions should show all of your work, not just a single final answer.

1. Compute the derivative of each function below using differentiation rules.

(a) $f(x) = x^3 \cos x$

(b) $f(x) = \frac{\sin x}{4e^x - \csc x}$

(c) $f(x) = 17e^x \tan x$

(d) $f(x) = \frac{\sec x}{\sqrt{x}}$

For this part, compute the derivative in two ways:

(i) using the Quotient Rule, and (ii) using the Product Rule

2. Find the equation of the tangent line to the curve $y = \sin x \cos x$ at $x = \frac{\pi}{4}$.

3. Find the derivative $\frac{d^{2016}}{dx^{2016}}(-2 \cos x)$ by finding the first six to eight derivatives and observing the pattern that occurs.

4. Find the limit.

(a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 4x}{x}$

(b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 7x}{5x}$