

## Derivatives of Trigonometric Functions

Trig functions are important because so many things that occur in nature are periodic. So we need to know the derivatives of the trigonometric functions.

**Graph:**  $y = \sin(x)$

Estimate the slope of the curve at various points to graph  $y'$  from  $y$ .

What does this graph look like?

Prove this to be true.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} \sin x &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x+h) - \sin x}{h} = \frac{\sin(x)\cos(h) + \cos(x)\sin(h) - \sin(x)}{h} \\ &= \frac{\sin(x)\cos(h) - \sin(x) + \cos(x)\sin(h)}{h} = \frac{\sin(x)(\cos(h)-1) + \cos(x)\sin(h)}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x)(\cos(h)-1)}{h} + \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos(x)\sin(h)}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \sin(x) \cdot \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos(h)-1}{h} + \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \cos(x) \cdot \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(h)}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \sin(x) \cdot 0 + \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \cos(x) \cdot 1 = \cos(x) \\ \therefore \frac{d}{dx} \sin x &= \cos(x) \end{aligned}$$

**Graph:**  $f = \cos(x)$

Estimate slope.

What does this look like?

$$\frac{d}{dx} \cos(x) = -\sin(x)$$

Use these derivatives and rules to do more complicated derivatives.

Example:  $y = x^2 \sin(x)$        $y' =$

#8 page 146

$$y = \frac{x}{1 + \cos(x)} \quad y' =$$

**Simple Harmonic Motion Application** (like a pendulum)

**Example 2**

**Other trigonometric derivatives Memorize these!**

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

$$\frac{d}{dx} \cot(x) = -\csc^2(x) \quad \frac{d}{dx} \csc(x) = -\csc(x)\cot(x)$$

## Jerk

A *sudden change in acceleration* is called a “*jerk*”. When a ride in a car or a bus is jerky, it is not that the accelerations involved are necessarily large, but that the changes are abrupt. Jerk is what spills your soft drink. The derivative responsible for jerk is the third derivative of position. Jerk is the derivative of acceleration.

If a body's position at time  $t$  is  $s(t)$ , the body's jerk at time  $t$  is:

$$j(t) = \frac{da}{dt} = \frac{d^3s}{dt^3}$$

Remember :

$$s = \text{position} \quad \frac{ds}{dt} = \text{velocity} \quad \frac{d^2s}{dt^2} = \text{acceleration}$$

$$\frac{d^3s}{dt^3} = \text{jerk or change in acceleration}$$

Jerks can describe why we get motion sick.

Find jerk of going down the road when  $v=50$  mph.  $a=$  \_\_\_\_\_ jerk = \_\_\_\_\_

Find jerk when we are standing around.  $a = 32 \text{ ft/sec}^2$   $j=$  \_\_\_\_\_

### In Example 2

$s = 5\cos(t)$      $v = -5\sin(t)$      $a = -5\cos(t)$      $da/dt = j = 5\sin(t)$  The greatest magnitude (changes) do not occur at the extremes of the displacement, but at the rest position, where the acceleration changes direction and sign. Example: Scrambler at LaGoon!

We have and can find 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> ....etc. derivatives.  
Also, tangent and normal lines as well.