

Memorize!

Name Key

$$\frac{d}{dx} [\arcsin x] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [\arccos x] = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [\arctan x] = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [\operatorname{arccot} x] = \frac{-1}{1+x^2}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [\operatorname{arcsch} x] = \frac{1}{|x|\sqrt{x^2-1}}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [\operatorname{arccsch} x] = \frac{-1}{|x|\sqrt{x^2-1}}$$

Worksheet 2.8—Inverse & Inverse Trig Functions

Show all work. No calculator unless otherwise stated

Short Answer

1. Find the derivative with respect to the appropriate variable. **Simplify your expression.**

(a) $y = \sec^{-1}(x^2)$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [\sec^{-1}(x)] = \frac{1}{|x|\sqrt{x^2-1}}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} : y' = \frac{1}{|x|\sqrt{x^2-1}} \cdot 2x$$

$$y' = \frac{2}{x\sqrt{x^2-1}} \quad |x^2| > 0$$

Note: if $x > 0$, $\frac{dy}{dx} > 0$ and
if $x < 0$, $\frac{dy}{dx} < 0$.

(d) $y = \cot^{-1} \sqrt{t-1}$

$$y = \cot^{-1}(t-1)^{1/2}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [\cot^{-1} x] = \frac{-1}{1+x^2}$$

$$y' = \frac{-1}{1+(t-1)^2} \cdot \frac{1}{2}(t-1)^{-1/2} \cdot 1$$

$$y' = \frac{-1}{1+t-1} \cdot \frac{1}{2}(t-1)^{-1/2} \cdot 1$$

$$y' = \frac{-1}{2\sqrt{t-1}}$$

(g) $y = m \arctan m$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [\arctan x] = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$$

$$y' = 1 \cdot \arctan m + m \left(\frac{1}{1+m^2} \right)$$

$$y' = \arctan m + \frac{m}{1+m^2}$$

(b) $y = s\sqrt{1-s^2} + \arccos s$

$$y = s(1-s^2)^{1/2} + \arccos s$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [\arccos x] = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

$$\frac{d}{ds} : y' = 1 \cdot (1-s^2)^{1/2} + \frac{1}{2}(1-s^2)^{-1/2} \cdot (-2s) - \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-s^2}}$$

$$y' = \frac{(1-s^2)^{1/2}}{(1-s^2)^{1/2}} - \frac{s}{(1-s^2)^{1/2}} - \frac{1}{(1-s^2)^{1/2}}$$

$$y' = \frac{(1-s^2) - s^2 - 1}{\sqrt{1-s^2}}$$

$$y' = \frac{-2s^2}{\sqrt{1-s^2}}$$

(e) $y = \csc^{-1} \frac{x}{2}$

$$y = \csc^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{2}x \right)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [\csc^{-1} x] = \frac{-1}{|x|\sqrt{x^2-1}}$$

$$y' = \frac{-1}{\frac{1}{2}x \cdot \sqrt{(\frac{1}{2}x)^2 - 1}} \cdot \frac{1}{2}$$

$$y' = \frac{-1}{|x| \cdot \sqrt{\frac{1}{4}x^2 - 1}} \left(\frac{2}{2} \right)$$

$$y' = \frac{-2}{|x|\sqrt{x^2-4}}$$

(h) $y = x \arcsin x + \sqrt{1+x^2}$

$$y = x \arcsin x + (1+x^2)^{1/2}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [\arcsin x] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

$$y' = 1 \cdot \arcsin x + x \cdot \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \right) + \frac{1}{2}(1+x^2)^{-1/2} \cdot 2x$$

$$y' = \arcsin x + \frac{x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} + \frac{x}{\sqrt{1+x^2}}$$

(c) $y = \frac{1}{\arcsin(2x)} = (\arcsin 2x)^{-1}$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [\arcsin x] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

$$y' = -1(\arcsin 2x)^{-2} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-(2x)^2}} \right) \cdot 2$$

$$y' = \frac{-2}{\arcsin^2 2x \sqrt{1-4x^2}}$$

(f) $y = \sin(\operatorname{arccos} t)$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [\arccos x] = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

$$y' = \cos(\operatorname{arccos} t) \cdot \left(\frac{-1}{\sqrt{1-t^2}} \right)$$

$$y' = \frac{-t}{\sqrt{1-t^2}}$$

(i) $y = \frac{\arcsin 3x}{x}$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [\arcsin x] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

$$y' = \frac{x \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-(3x)^2}} \right) \cdot (3) - \arcsin(3x) \cdot 1}{x^2}$$

$$y' = \frac{3}{x\sqrt{1-9x^2}} - \frac{\arcsin(3x)}{x^2}$$

(j) $y = \frac{1}{2} \left(x\sqrt{4-x^2} + 4 \arcsin \left(\frac{x}{2} \right) \right)$

$$y = \frac{1}{2} x(4-x^2)^{1/2} + 2 \arcsin \left(\frac{1}{2}x \right)$$

$$y' = \frac{1}{2}(4-x^2)^{1/2} + \frac{1}{2}x \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2}(4-x^2)^{-1/2} \right) \cdot (-2x) + 2 \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-(\frac{1}{2}x)^2}} \right) \cdot \frac{1}{2}$$

$$y' = \frac{1}{2}(4-x^2)^{1/2} - \frac{1}{2}x^2(4-x^2)^{-1/2} + 2(4-x^2)^{-1/2}$$

$$y' = \frac{(4-x^2)^{1/2}(4-x^2)^{1/2}}{(4-x^2)^{1/2}} - \frac{x^2}{2(4-x^2)^{1/2}} + \frac{2}{(4-x^2)^{1/2}} \left(\frac{2}{2} \right)$$

$$y' = \frac{4-x^2-x^2+4}{2(4-x^2)^{1/2}}$$

$$y' = \frac{8-2x^2}{2(4-x^2)^{1/2}} = \frac{4-x^2}{(4-x^2)^{1/2}} = \sqrt{4-x^2}$$

(k) $y = \sin^{-1} t + \cos^{-1} t$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [\sin^{-1} x] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \quad \frac{d}{dx} [\cos^{-1} x] = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

$$y' = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-t^2}} + \frac{-1}{\sqrt{1-t^2}}$$

$$y' = 0$$

2. If a particle's position is given by $x(t) = \tan^{-1}(t^2)$, find the particle's velocity at $t = 1$.

1st deriv @ $t=1$.

$$\frac{d}{dx}[\tan^{-1} x] = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$$

$$x'(t) = \frac{1}{1+(t^2)^2} (2t)$$

$$x'(t) = \frac{2t}{1+t^4}$$

$$x'(1) = \frac{2}{2} = 1$$

Since $x'(t) = v(t)$,
 $x'(1) = v(1) = 1$.

3. (Unit Circle Time!) Find the equation for the tangent line to the graph of y at the indicated point.

(a) $y = \sec^{-1} x$ at $x = 2$, $0 \leq y \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$

point: $(2, y(2)) = (2, \frac{\pi}{3})$

slope: $m = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{4-1}}$

$$y' = \frac{1}{x\sqrt{x^2-1}}$$

$$y'(2) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{4-1}} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}}$$

Eq. of Tangent line: $y = \frac{\pi}{3} + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}}(x-2)$

(b) $y = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)$ at $x = \sqrt{3}$, $0 \leq y \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$

point: $(\sqrt{3}, y(\sqrt{3})) = (\sqrt{3}, \frac{\pi}{3})$

slope: $m = 1$

$$y' = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-(\frac{x}{2})^2}} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$y' = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4-x^2}}$$

$$y'(\sqrt{3}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4-(\sqrt{3})^2}} = 1$$

Eq. of Tangent line:

$$y = \frac{\pi}{3} + 1(x - \sqrt{3})$$

4. A particle moves along the x -axis so that its position at any time $t \geq 0$ is given by $x(t) = \arctan t$.

(a) Prove that the particle is always moving to the right by analyzing the velocity function.

$$x(t) = \arctan t$$

$$v(t) = x'(t) = \frac{1}{1+t^2}$$

Since $x'(t) > 0 \forall t \geq 0$,
 The particle is moving to the right $\forall t \geq 0$.

1st derivative of $x(t)$.

(b) Prove that the particle's velocity is always decreasing by analyzing the acceleration function.

$$x(t) = \arctan t$$

from a, $v(t) = x'(t) = \frac{1}{1+t^2} = (1+t^2)^{-1}$

$$a(t) = v'(t) = x''(t) = -1(1+t^2)^{-2} \cdot (2t)$$

$$a(t) = \frac{-2t}{(1+t^2)^2}$$

Since $a(t) < 0, \forall t \geq 0$
 the particle's velocity is decreasing, $\forall t \geq 0$.

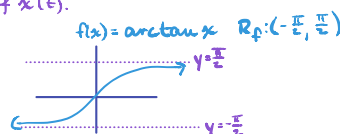
2nd derivative of $x(t)$.

(c) What is the limiting position of the particle as t approaches infinity.

right end behavior of $x(t)$.

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x(t) = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

Recall:



5. If $f(x) = x^5 + 2x^3 + x - 1$ and $f(g(x)) = x = g(f(x))$ find

(a) $f(1)$

$$f(1) = 1 + 2 + 1 - 1 = 3$$

$$f: (1, 3)$$

$$g: (3, 1)$$

(b) $g'(3)$.

$$g'(3) = \frac{1}{f'(1)}$$

$$f'(x) = 5x^4 + 6x^2 + 1$$

$$f'(1) = 5 + 6 + 1 = 12$$

$$g'(3) = \frac{1}{12}$$

6. If $h(x) = \cos x + 3x$, find $(h^{-1})'(h(0))$.

$$h(0) = \cos(0) + 3(0) = 1$$

$$h: (0, 1)$$

$$h^{-1}: (1, 0)$$

$$(h^{-1})'(h(0)) = (h^{-1})'(1) = \frac{1}{h'(0)}$$

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

$$h'(0) = -\sin 0 + 3 = 3$$

$$(h^{-1})'(h(0)) = \frac{1}{3}$$

7. Find the equation of the tangent line to the graph of $x^2 + x \arctan y = y - 1$ at $(-\frac{\pi}{4}, 1)$.

point: $(-\frac{\pi}{4}, 1)$

slope: $m = \frac{-2\pi}{8+\pi}$

$$x^2 + x \arctan y = y - 1$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}: 2x + 1 \arctan y + x \left(\frac{1}{1+y^2} \right) \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dx} - 0$$

$$2x + \arctan y = \frac{dy}{dx} - \frac{x}{1+y^2} \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$2x + \arctan y = \left[1 - \frac{x}{1+y^2} \right] \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2x + \arctan y}{1 - \frac{x}{1+y^2}}$$

$$\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{(-\frac{\pi}{4}, 1)} = \frac{2(-\frac{\pi}{4}) + \arctan 1}{1 - \frac{(-\frac{\pi}{4})}{1+1^2}} = \frac{-\frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{\pi}{4}}{1 + \frac{\pi}{8}} = \frac{(-\frac{\pi}{4})}{\frac{8+\pi}{8}} = \frac{-2\pi}{8+\pi}$$

Eq. of Tangent Line:

$$y = 1 - \frac{2\pi}{8+\pi} \left(x + \frac{\pi}{4} \right)$$

8. If $f(x) = \frac{1}{8}x - 3$, find

(a) $f^{-1}(-3)$

$$x = \frac{1}{8}y - 3$$

$$x + 3 = \frac{1}{8}y$$

$$8x + 24 = y$$

$$f^{-1}(x) = 8x + 24$$

$$f(x) = -3 = \frac{1}{8}x - 3$$

$$x = 0$$

$$f^{-1}(-3) = 0$$

(b) $(f^{-1})'(3.14159)$

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{8}$$

$$(f^{-1})'(3.14159) = \frac{1}{(\frac{1}{8})} = 8$$

(c) $(f^{-1})''(3.14159)$

$$f''(x) = 0$$

$$(f^{-1})''(3.14159) = \text{DNE}$$

Multiple Choice

C 9. Find the value of $f(1)$ when $f(x) = 5\sin^{-1}x + 6\tan^{-1}x$.

- (A) 3π (B) 2π (C) 4π (D) $\frac{7\pi}{2}$ (E) $\frac{5\pi}{2}$

$$f(1) = 5\sin^{-1}1 + 6\tan^{-1}1$$

$$f(1) = 5\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) + 6\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)$$

$$f(1) = \frac{16\pi}{4} = 4\pi$$

= x?


A 10. If $k(j(t)) = j(k(t))$ and $j(-3) = 2$, $k(-3) = 4$, $k(2) = -3$, $k'(-3) = \frac{2}{5}$, $k'(2) = \frac{4}{3}$, then

$$j'(-3) = \frac{1}{k'(2)} = \frac{1}{4/3} = \frac{3}{4}$$

J: (-3, 2) K: (2, -3)

- (A) $\frac{3}{4}$ (B) $-\frac{1}{3}$ (C) $\frac{5}{2}$ (D) $-\frac{5}{2}$ (E) $-\frac{3}{4}$

D 11. The expression $f(x) = \sin(\tan^{-1}x)$ is equivalent to which algebraic identity?

(A) $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+x^2}}$ 

(B) $f(x) = \sqrt{1+x^2}$ $f(x) = \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2+1}}$

(C) $f(x) = \frac{x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$

(D) $f(x) = \frac{x}{\sqrt{1+x^2}}$

(E) $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$

E 12. Determine $f'(x)$ when $f(x) = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{6}}\right)$.

(A) $f'(x) = \frac{\sqrt{6}}{\sqrt{6+x^2}}$ $f'(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-(\frac{x}{\sqrt{6}})^2}} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}\right)$

(B) $f'(x) = \frac{x}{x^2+6}$ $f'(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6(1-\frac{1}{6}x^2)}}$

(C) $f'(x) = \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2-6}}$ $f'(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6-x^2}}$

(D) $f'(x) = \frac{\sqrt{6}}{\sqrt{6-x^2}}$

(E) $f'(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6-x^2}}$

A 13. Find the derivative of f when $f(x) = 5 \arcsin \frac{x}{5} + \sqrt{25-x^2}$ (this one requires a bit of algebraic finagling after you get the derivative, including factoring the radicand.)

- (A) $f'(x) = \sqrt{\frac{5-x}{5+x}}$
- (B) $f'(x) = \frac{x}{\sqrt{25-x^2}}$
- (C) $f'(x) = \frac{5}{\sqrt{25-x^2}}$
- (D) $f'(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5+x}}$
- (E) $f'(x) = \sqrt{\frac{5+x}{5-x}}$

$$f'(x) = 5 \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - (\frac{x}{5})^2}} \right) \left(\frac{1}{5} \right) + \frac{1}{2}(25-x^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}}(-2x)$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{5}{\sqrt{25-x^2}} - \frac{x}{\sqrt{25-x^2}}$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{5-x}{\sqrt{25-x^2}}$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{(5-x)}{(5-x)^{1/2}(5+x)^{1/2}}$$

$$f'(x) = \sqrt{\frac{5-x}{5+x}}$$

A 14. Find the derivative of f when $f(x) = 3(\sin^{-1} x)^2$.

- (A) $f'(x) = \frac{6 \sin^{-1} x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$
- (B) $f'(x) = \frac{3 \sin^{-1} x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$
- (C) $f'(x) = \frac{6 \sin^{-1} x}{1+x^2}$
- (D) $f'(x) = \frac{6 \cos^{-1} x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$
- (E) $f'(x) = \frac{3 \cos^{-1} x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$

$$f'(x) = 6(\sin^{-1} x)' \cdot \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \right)$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{6 \sin^{-1} x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

$$= \sin^{-1} \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{3+x}}{2+2x} \right)$$

$$= \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{6}$$

A 15. Determine if $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{\sqrt{3+x}}{2+2x} \right)$ exists, and if it does, find its value.

- (A) $\frac{\pi}{6}$ (B) DNE (C) 0 (D) $\frac{\pi}{3}$ (E) $\frac{\pi}{4}$

D 16. Determine if $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{\sqrt{3+x}}{2+2x} \right)$ exists, and if it does, find its value.

- (A) $\frac{\pi}{6}$ (B) DNE (C) 0 (D) $\frac{\pi}{3}$ (E) $\frac{\pi}{4}$

$$= \sin^{-1} \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{3+x}}{2+2x} \right) = \sin^{-1} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

E 17. Let f be a twice-differentiable function and let g be its inverse. Consider the following equations:

I. $g(f(x)) = x, f(g(x)) = x$

II. $f''(g(x))(g'(x))^2 + f'(g(x))g''(x) = 0$

III. $g'(x) = \frac{1}{f'(g(x))}$

$f(g(x)) = x$ Use this to check II.

$\frac{d}{dx}[f'(g(x)) \cdot g'(x)] = \frac{d}{dx}[x]$

$\frac{d}{dx}[f'(g(x)) \cdot g'(x)] = \frac{d}{dx}[1]$

$f''(g(x)) \cdot g'(x) \cdot g'(x) + f'(g(x)) \cdot g''(x) = 0$

$f''(g(x)) \cdot (g'(x))^2 + f'(g(x)) \cdot g''(x) = 0$

Which of the three above do both f and g satisfy?

- (A) I and III only (B) I only (C) III only (D) I and III only (E) I, II, and III

A 18. Find the value of $g'(1)$ when g is the inverse of the function $f(x) = 2 \sin x, -\frac{\pi}{2} \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$.

- (A) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ (B) -1 (C) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ (D) $-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ (E) 1

$g(x, y) \quad f(x) = 1 = 2 \sin x \quad g'(1) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$
 $f(y, x) \quad \sin x = \frac{1}{2}$
 $g(1, \frac{\pi}{6}) \quad x = \frac{\pi}{6}$
 $f(\frac{\pi}{6}, 1) \quad f'(x) = 2 \cos x$
 $f'(\frac{\pi}{6}) = 2 \cos \frac{\pi}{6} = \sqrt{3}$

D 19. Suppose g is the inverse function of a differentiable function f and $G(x) = \frac{1}{g(x)}$. If $f(3) = 7$ and $f'(3) = \frac{1}{9}$, find $G'(7)$.

$f(3, 7) \quad f'(3) = \frac{1}{g'(7)} = \frac{1}{9}$
 $g(7, 3)$

- (A) -5 (B) 4 (C) 6 (D) -1 (E) -4

$G'(x) = -1 \cdot g(x)^{-2} \cdot g'(x)$
 $G'(x) = \frac{-g'(x)}{g^2(x)} \quad G'(7) = \frac{-g'(7)}{g^2(7)} = \frac{-9}{(3^2)^2} = -1$

A 20. Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ when $\tan(2x - y) = 2x$ (Preview your answer choices first. Notice there is no trig!)

(A) $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{8x^2}{1+4x^2}$

(B) $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{8x^2}{1+4x^2}$

(C) $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{4y^2}{2+x^2}$

(D) $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{4y^2}{2+x^2}$

(E) $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{8x^2}{1+4y^2}$

Since no trig should solve for y first!
 $\tan^{-1}[\tan(2x - y)] = \tan^{-1}(2x)$

$2x - y = \tan^{-1} 2x$

$y = 2x - \tan^{-1} 2x$

$\frac{d}{dx}[y] = \frac{d}{dx}[2x - \tan^{-1} 2x]$

$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2 - \left(\frac{1}{1+(2x)^2}\right)(2)$

$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2 \left(\frac{1+4x^2}{1+4x^2}\right) - \frac{2}{1+4x^2}$

$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{8x^2}{1+4x^2}$