

MA 16010 Lesson 10: Quotient rule & other trig functions

Recal: Last time we discussed **the product rule**:

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

Using the product rule, one can derive the quotient rule as follows:

$$g(x) \cdot \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = f(x)$$

Quotient rule: $\frac{d}{dx} \left[\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \right] =$

Exercise: Compute $y'(x)$ when $y = \frac{x^2+3x+1}{x-4}$.

Exercise: Compute $y'(\pi)$ when $y = \frac{3\cos(x)-3\sin(x)}{\sin(x)+\cos(x)}$.

Exercise: Compute the derivative of $y = \frac{3x-a}{4x^2+a^2}$ where a is a constant.

Exercise (derivatives of the remaining trig. functions). Use the quotient rule to compute the derivatives

1. We have $\tan(x) =$ _____, therefore

$$(\tan(x))' =$$

2. We have $\cot(x) =$ _____, therefore

$$(\cot(x))' =$$

3. We have $\sec(x) =$ _____, therefore

$$(\sec(x))' =$$

4. We have $\csc(x) =$ _____, therefore

$$(\csc(x))' =$$

Summary – derivatives of trigonometric functions.

$$(\sin(x))' = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \qquad (\cos(x))' = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$(\tan(x))' = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \qquad (\cot(x))' = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$(\sec(x))' = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \qquad (\csc(x))' = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

Exercise: Compute the equation of the tangent line to $y = 3x^2 \sec(x)$ at $x = \pi/3$.