

SECTION 3.3 DERIVATIVES OF TRIGONOMETRIC FUNCTIONS

1. Pull out a calculator and complete the charts below:

(a) The variable $\theta$ is in degrees.	$\frac{\sin(\theta)}{\theta}$	0	0.001	0.01	0.1
		DNE	0.0174533	0.0174533	0.0174533
(b) The variable $\theta$ is in radians.	$\frac{\sin(\theta)}{\theta}$	0	0.001	0.01	0.1
		DNE	0.999999	0.999983	0.998334
(c) The variable $\theta$ is in radians.	$\frac{1-\cos(\theta)}{\theta}$	0	0.001	0.01	0.1
		DNE	0.0005	0.00499996	0.0499583

2. Based on the tables above, what would you conclude about:

- \* (a)  $\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(\theta)}{\theta} = 1$  if  $\theta$  in radians (In degrees, it's equal to  $\frac{\pi}{180}$ )
- \* (b)  $\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos(\theta)}{\theta} = 0$

3. Use the definition of the derivative to find the derivative of  $y = \sin(x)$  assuming  $x$  is measured in radians.

$$y' = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x+h) - \sin(x)}{h}$$

use:  $\sin(a+b) = \sin a \cos b + \sin b \cos a$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x \cos h + \sin h \cos x - \sin x}{h}$$

re-arrange numerator.  
split across denominator.

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x \cos h - \sin x}{h} + \frac{\cos x \sin h}{h}$$

if no h's, it's a constant!

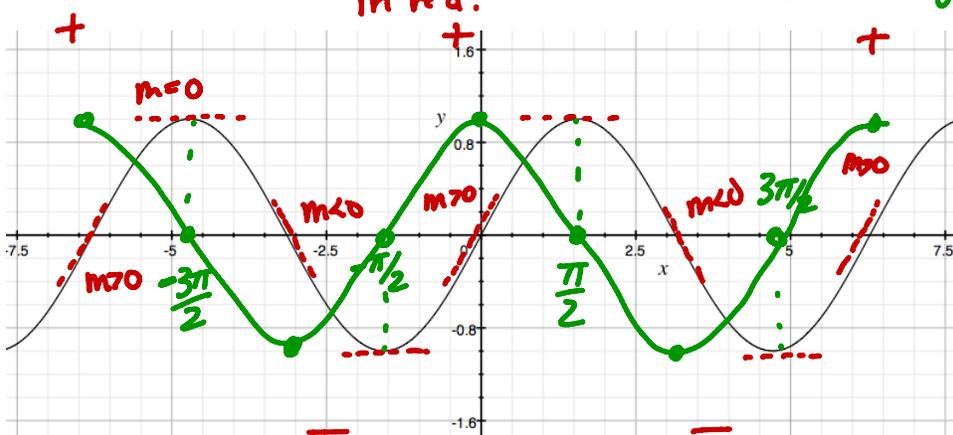
$$= (\sin x) \left( \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos h - 1}{h} \right) + (\cos x) \left( \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin h}{h} \right)$$

$$= (\sin x) \cdot 0 + (\cos x) (1) = \underline{\underline{\cos x}}$$

Summary

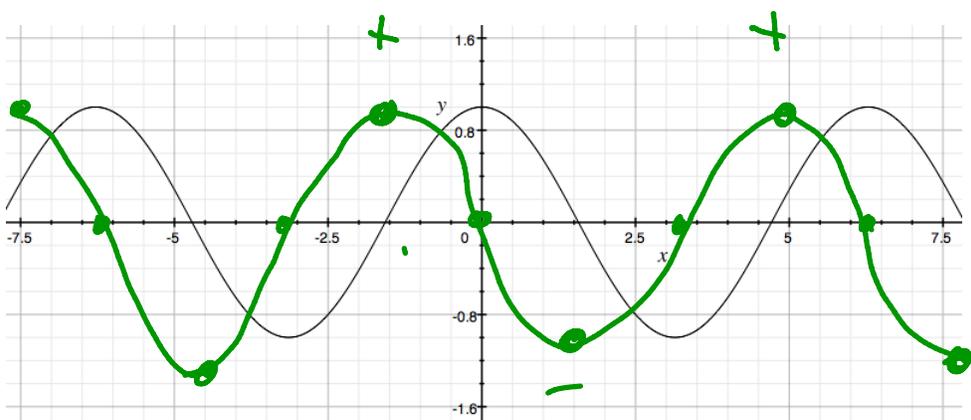
$$\frac{d}{dx} [\sin x] = \cos x$$

4. Use the graph of  $y = \sin x$  to sketch a graph of  $y'$ . Does this fit with our calculation on the previous page? Why? I will put tangents in red. I will sketch  $y'$  in green



Yes! It does fit.  
The green graph looks & behaves like  $y = \cos x$

5. Use the graph of  $y = \cos x$  to sketch a graph of  $y'$ . What would you guess  $y'$  to be and why?



$\frac{d}{dx} [\cos x] = -\sin x$   
 $y = \cos x = \sin(x + \frac{\pi}{2})$

6. Use what we learned in 4. and 5. above to find the derivative of:

(a)  $y = 3x^4 \cos(x)$

$$y' = 12x^3 \cos x - 3x^4 \sin x = 3x^3(4\cos x - x \sin x)$$

(b)  $y = \csc(x)$  (Use the Quotient Rule.)

$$y = \frac{1}{\sin x}$$

$$y' = \frac{(\sin x) \cdot 0 - 1 \cdot \cos x}{(\sin x)^2} = \frac{-\cos x}{\sin^2 x} = \frac{-\cos x}{\sin x} \cdot \frac{1}{\sin x} = -(\cot x)(\csc(x)) = -\csc(x) \cdot \cot(x)$$