



2G Exercises

Derivatives of Inverse Trig Functions

Find the derivatives of these functions

43. $f(x) = 2 \arcsin(x - 1)$

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

44. $f(t) = \arcsin t^2$

$$f'(t) = \frac{2t}{\sqrt{1-t^2}} = \frac{2t}{\sqrt{1-t^2}}$$

45. $g(x) = 3 \arccos \frac{x}{2}$

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

47. $f(x) = \arctan e^x$

$$f'(x) = \frac{e^x}{1+(e^x)^2} = \frac{e^x}{1+e^{2x}}$$

49. $g(x) = \frac{\arcsin 3x}{x}$

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

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

50. $h(x) = x^2 \arctan 5x$

$$h'(x) = 2x \arctan 5x + x^2 \cdot \frac{5}{1+25x^2}$$

$$= 2x \arctan 5x + \frac{5x^2}{1+25x^2}$$

51. $h(t) = \sin(\arccos t)$

$$h'(t) = \cos(\arccos t) \cdot \frac{-1}{\sqrt{1-t^2}}$$

$$= t \cdot \frac{-1}{\sqrt{1-t^2}}$$

$$= \frac{-t}{\sqrt{1-t^2}}$$

57. $y = x \arcsin x + \sqrt{1-x^2}$

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

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

$$= \arcsin x \quad \text{Cool!}$$

56. $y = \frac{1}{2} [x\sqrt{4-x^2} + 4 \arcsin(\frac{x}{2})]$

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

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[\sqrt{4-x^2} - \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{4-x^2}} + \frac{2}{\sqrt{1-\frac{x^2}{4}}} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[\sqrt{4-x^2} - \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{4-x^2}} + \frac{4}{\sqrt{4-x^2}} \right] = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{4-x^2}{\sqrt{4-x^2}} + \frac{4}{\sqrt{4-x^2}} \right] = \frac{4-x^2}{\sqrt{4-x^2}} + \frac{4}{\sqrt{4-x^2}}$$

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

a. $y = \sec^{-1} x, \quad x = 2, 0 \leq y \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$

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

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

$$y - \frac{\pi}{3} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}}(x-2)$$

$y = \sec^{-1}(2)$
 $\sec y = 2$
 $\cos y = \frac{1}{2}$
 $y = \frac{\pi}{3}$



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

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

$x = \sqrt{3}$

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

$y = \sin^{-1}(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2})$
 $y = \frac{\pi}{3}$

Point $(\sqrt{3}, \frac{\pi}{3})$



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

You didn't need to simplify quite this far. But you should be able to.