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Review the information from Section 1.5 in your notes on Inverse Functions.

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3.6 Derivatives of Inverse Functions

Recall information about inverse functions:

- * Switch x and y to rewrite
- * reflect over $y = x$
- * range \leftrightarrow domain (switch)
- * $f(g(x)) = x$ and $g(f(x)) = x$
- * horizontal line test for inverse to exist
- * May or may not have an inverse
- * monotonic (strictly increasing or decreasing)
- * If (a,b) is in the function, then (b,a) is in the inverse
- * Inverse trig function graphs - pg 42
- * Trig value tables

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Continuity and Differentiability of Inverse Functions

Let f be a function whose domain is an interval I . If f has an inverse function, then the following statements are true.

1. If f is continuous on its domain, f^{-1} is continuous on its domain.
2. If f is increasing on its domain, f^{-1} is increasing on its domain.
3. If f is decreasing on its domain, f^{-1} is decreasing on its domain.
4. If f is differentiable at c and $f'(c) \neq 0$, then f^{-1} is differentiable at c .

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The Derivative of an Inverse Function

Let f be a function that is differentiable on an interval I . If f has an inverse function, then g is differentiable at any x for which $f'(g(x)) \neq 0$. Moreover:

$$g'(x) = \frac{1}{f'(g(x))}, \quad f'(g(x)) \neq 0$$

OR

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

- * Is the reciprocal of the derivative of the original function.

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Example: pg 179; #9

Show that the slopes of the graphs of f and f^{-1} are reciprocals at the indicated points.

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \sqrt{x-4} & (5, 1) \\ f^{-1}(x) &= x^2 + 4, x \geq 0 & (1, 5) \\ f(x) &= \sqrt{x-4} & f^{-1}(x) = x^2 + 4 \\ f'(x) &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x-4}} & (f^{-1})'(x) = 2x \\ f'(5) &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{5-4}} & (f^{-1})'(1) = 2(1) \\ f'(5) &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{5-4}} & = 2 \\ f'(5) &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{5-4}} & \\ f'(5) &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{5-4}} & \frac{1}{2} \text{ is the reciprocal of } 2. \end{aligned}$$

Derivatives of Inverse Trigonometric Functions

Let u be a differentiable function of x .

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} [\arcsin u] &= \frac{u'}{\sqrt{1-u^2}} \\ \frac{d}{dx} [\arccos u] &= -\frac{u'}{\sqrt{1-u^2}} \\ \frac{d}{dx} [\arctan u] &= \frac{u'}{1+u^2} \\ \frac{d}{dx} [\text{arccot } u] &= -\frac{u'}{1+u^2} \\ \frac{d}{dx} [\text{arcsec } u] &= \frac{u'}{|u|\sqrt{u^2-1}} \\ \frac{d}{dx} [\text{arccsc } u] &= -\frac{u'}{|u|\sqrt{u^2-1}} \end{aligned}$$

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Examples: Find the derivative of the function.

$$1. f(x) = \text{arcsec } 3x$$

$$u = 3x$$

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

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

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{|x|\sqrt{9x^2 - 1}}$$

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$$2. g(t) = \arccos \sqrt{2t - 1} \quad u = (2t - 1)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

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

$$g'(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-2t+1}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2t-1}}$$

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

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$$3. f(x) = (\arcsin x)^2 \quad y = u^2$$

$$u = \arcsin x$$

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

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

$$4. y = \sec^{-1} \sqrt{1+x^2} \quad u = (1+x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$y = \text{arcsec } (1+x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

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

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$$5. y = \arctan \left(\frac{x}{a} \right) + \ln \sqrt{\frac{x-a}{x+a}}$$

HOMEWORK

pg 179 - 180; 7, 8, 10, 11 - 33 odd,
45 - 51 odd, 57

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