

## TOPIC: DERIVATIVES OF INVERSE TRIGONOMETRIC FUNCTIONS

### Derivatives of Inverse Sine & Inverse Cosine Functions

◆ Since  $y = \sin^{-1} x$  and \_\_\_\_\_ are equivalent, we can use implicit differentiation to find  $\frac{d}{dx} \sin^{-1} x$ .

**New**

**Derivative of Inverse Sine**

$$y = \sin^{-1} x \Leftrightarrow x = \sin y \quad -\frac{\pi}{2} \leq y \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$$
$$x = \sin y$$
$$1 = \frac{dx}{dy}$$
$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{\cos y} \longrightarrow \text{Recall } \sin^2 y + \cos^2 y = 1$$
$$\frac{d}{dx} \sin^{-1} x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}, |x| < 1$$

◆ We can use the same process to find the derivative of inverse cosine:  $\frac{d}{dx} \cos^{-1} x = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}, |x| < 1$

#### EXAMPLE

Find the derivative of the following functions.

(A)  $f(x) = \sin^{-1}(3x + 2)$

(B)  $g(x) = 4 \cos^{-1}(6x)$

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### PRACTICE

Find the derivative of the given function.

(A)

$$f(x) = (x^3 + 4x) \sin^{-1} x$$

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(B)

$$y = 4 \arccos(3x^6 - x^5)$$

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**EXAMPLE**

Given  $4 \sin^{-1} x + \cos^{-1} y = \frac{\pi}{3}$ , find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  at  $(0, \frac{1}{2})$ .

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### Derivatives of Other Inverse Trigonometric Functions

◆ Just like for  $\sin^{-1} x$  &  $\cos^{-1} x$ , we can use implicit differentiation to find a derivative rule for other inverse trig fcn's.

► Use *ALL* derivative rules together to find the derivative of more complicated functions.

#### EXAMPLE

Find the derivative of the following functions.

(A)  $f(x) = 4x^2 \cdot \tan^{-1} x$

Recall		} $ x  < 1$
$\frac{d}{dx} \sin^{-1} x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$	$\frac{d}{dx} \cos^{-1} x = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$	
New		} $ x  \text{ ———}$
$\frac{d}{dx} \tan^{-1} x = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$	$\frac{d}{dx} \cot^{-1} x = -\frac{1}{1+x^2}$	
$\frac{d}{dx} \sec^{-1} x = \frac{1}{ x \sqrt{x^2-1}}$	$\frac{d}{dx} \csc^{-1} x = -\frac{1}{ x \sqrt{x^2-1}}$	

(B)  $g(x) = 6 \cot^{-1} x + 4 \sec^{-1}(3x + 1)$

(C)  $h(x) = (\csc^{-1} x)^3$

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### PRACTICE

Find the derivative of the given function.

(A)

$$f(x) = \tan^{-1}(x^2)$$

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(B)

$$f(t) = \csc^{-1}(2t + 7)$$

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(C)

$$f(x) = \cot^{-1}(e^{\cos x})$$