Motion Along a Line: Displacement, Velocity, Speed and Acceleration

DEFINITION Speed

Speed is the absolute value of velocity.

$$\text{Speed} = |v(t)| = \left|\frac{ds}{dt}\right|$$

DEFINITION Velocity

Velocity (instantaneous velocity) is the derivative of position with respect to time. If a body's position at time t is $s = f(t)$, then the body's velocity at time t is

$$v(t) = \frac{ds}{dt} = \lim_{\Delta t \to 0} \frac{f(t + \Delta t) - f(t)}{\Delta t}.$$

DEFINITIONS Acceleration,

Acceleration is the derivative of velocity with respect to time. If a body's position at time t is $s = f(t)$, then the body's acceleration at time t is

$$a(t) = \frac{dv}{dt} = \frac{d^2s}{dt^2}.$$

EXERCISES 3.2

Derivative Calculations

In Exercises 1–12, find the first and second derivatives.

1. $y = -x^2 + 3$

2. $y = x^2 + x + 8$

3. $s = 5t^3 - 3t^5$

4. $w = 3z^7 - 7z^3 + 21z^2$

5. $y = \frac{4x^3}{3} - x$

6. $y = \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x}{4}$

7. $w = 3z^{-2} - \frac{1}{z}$

8. $s = -2t^{-1} + \frac{4}{t^2}$

9. $y = 6x^2 - 10x - 5x^{-2}$

10. $y = 4 - 2x - x^{-3}$

11. $r = \frac{1}{3s^2} - \frac{5}{2s}$

12. $r = \frac{12}{\theta} - \frac{4}{\theta^3} + \frac{1}{\theta^4}$

In Exercises 13–16, find y' **(a)** by applying the Product Rule and **(b)** by multiplying the factors to produce a sum of simpler terms to differentiate.

13. $y = (3 - x^2)(x^3 - x + 1)$

14. $y = (x - 1)(x^2 + x + 1)$

15. $y = (x^2 + 1)\left(x + 5 + \frac{1}{x}\right)$

16. $y = \left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)\left(x - \frac{1}{x} + 1\right)$

Find the derivatives of the functions in Exercises 17–28.

17. $y = \frac{2x + 5}{3x - 2}$

18. $z = \frac{2x + 1}{x^2 - 1}$

19. $g(x) = \frac{x^2 - 4}{x + 0.5}$

20. $f(t) = \frac{t^2 - 1}{t^2 + t - 2}$

21. $v = (1 - t)(1 + t^2)^{-1}$

22. $w = (2x - 7)^{-1}(x + 5)$

23. $f(s) = \frac{\sqrt{s} - 1}{\sqrt{s} + 1}$

24. $u = \frac{5x + 1}{2\sqrt{x}}$

25. $v = \frac{1 + x - 4\sqrt{x}}{x}$

26. $r = 2\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{\theta}} + \sqrt{\theta}\right)$

27. $y = \frac{1}{(x^2 - 1)(x^2 + x + 1)}$

28. $y = \frac{(x + 1)(x + 2)}{(x - 1)(x - 2)}$

Find the derivatives of all orders of the functions in Exercises 29 and 30.

29. $y = \frac{x^4}{2} - \frac{3}{2}x^2 - x$

30. $y = \frac{x^5}{120}$

Find the first and second derivatives of the functions in Exercises 31–38.

31. $y = \frac{x^3 + 7}{x}$

32. $s = \frac{t^2 + 5t - 1}{t^2}$

33. $r = \frac{(\theta - 1)(\theta^2 + \theta + 1)}{\theta^3}$

34. $u = \frac{(x^2 + x)(x^2 - x + 1)}{x^4}$

35. $w = \left(\frac{1 + 3z}{3z}\right)(3 - z)$

36. $w = (z + 1)(z - 1)(z^2 + 1)$

37. $p = \left(\frac{q^2 + 3}{12q}\right)\left(\frac{q^4 - 1}{q^3}\right)$

38. $p = \frac{q^2 + 3}{(q - 1)^3 + (q + 1)^3}$

Using Numerical Values

39. Suppose u and v are functions of x that are differentiable at $x = 0$ and that

$$u(0) = 5, \quad u'(0) = -3, \quad v(0) = -1, \quad v'(0) = 2.$$

Find the values of the following derivatives at $x = 0$.

a. $\frac{d}{dx}(uv)$ b. $\frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{u}{v}\right)$ c. $\frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{v}{u}\right)$ d. $\frac{d}{dx}(7v - 2u)$

3.3 Derivatives of Trigonometric Functions

Many of the phenomena we want information about are approximately periodic (electromagnetic fields, heart rhythms, tides, weather). The derivatives of sines and cosines play a key role in describing periodic changes. This section shows how to differentiate the six basic trigonometric functions.

Derivative of the Sine Function

To calculate the derivative of $f(x) = \sin x$, for x measured in radians,

$$\sin(x + h) = \sin x \cos h + \cos x \sin h.$$

If $f(x) = \sin x$, then

$$\begin{aligned}
f'(x) &= \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} \\
&= \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{\sin(x+h) - \sin x}{h} \\
&= \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{(\sin x \cos h + \cos x \sin h) - \sin x}{h} \\
&= \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{\sin x(\cos h - 1) + \cos x \sin h}{h} \\
&= \lim_{h \to 0} \left(\sin x \cdot \frac{\cos h - 1}{h}\right) + \lim_{h \to 0} \left(\cos x \cdot \frac{\sin h}{h}\right) \\
&= \sin x \cdot \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{\cos h - 1}{h} + \cos x \cdot \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{\sin h}{h} \\
&= \sin x \cdot 0 + \cos x \cdot 1 \\
&= \cos x.
\end{aligned}$$

The derivative of the sine function is the cosine function:

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\sin x) = \cos x.$$

EXAMPLE 1 Derivatives Involving the Sine

(a) $y = x^2 - \sin x$:

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{dy}{dx} &= 2x - \frac{d}{dx}(\sin x) && \text{Difference Rule} \\
&= 2x - \cos x.
\end{aligned}$$

(b) $y = x^2 \sin x$:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = x^2 \frac{d}{dx}\left(\sin x\right) + 2x \sin x \qquad \text{Product Rule}$$
$$= x^2 \cos x + 2x \sin x.$$

(c) $y = \frac{\sin x}{x}$:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x \cdot \frac{d}{dx}\left(\sin x\right) - \sin x \cdot 1}{x^2} \qquad \text{Quotient Rule}$$
$$= \frac{x \cos x - \sin x}{x^2}.$$

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Derivative of the Cosine Function

With the help of the angle sum formula for the cosine,

$$\cos(x + h) = \cos x \cos h - \sin x \sin h,$$

we have

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\cos x) = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{\cos(x + h) - \cos x}{h} \qquad \text{Derivative definition}$$
$$= \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{(\cos x \cos h - \sin x \sin h) - \cos x}{h} \qquad \text{Cosine angle sum identity}$$
$$= \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{\cos x(\cos h - 1) - \sin x \sin h}{h}$$
$$= \lim_{h \to 0} \cos x \cdot \frac{\cos h - 1}{h} - \lim_{h \to 0} \sin x \cdot \frac{\sin h}{h}$$
$$= \cos x \cdot \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{\cos h - 1}{h} - \sin x \cdot \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{\sin h}{h}$$
$$= \cos x \cdot 0 - \sin x \cdot 1$$
$$= -\sin x.$$

The derivative of the cosine function is the negative of the sine function:

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\cos x) = -\sin x$$

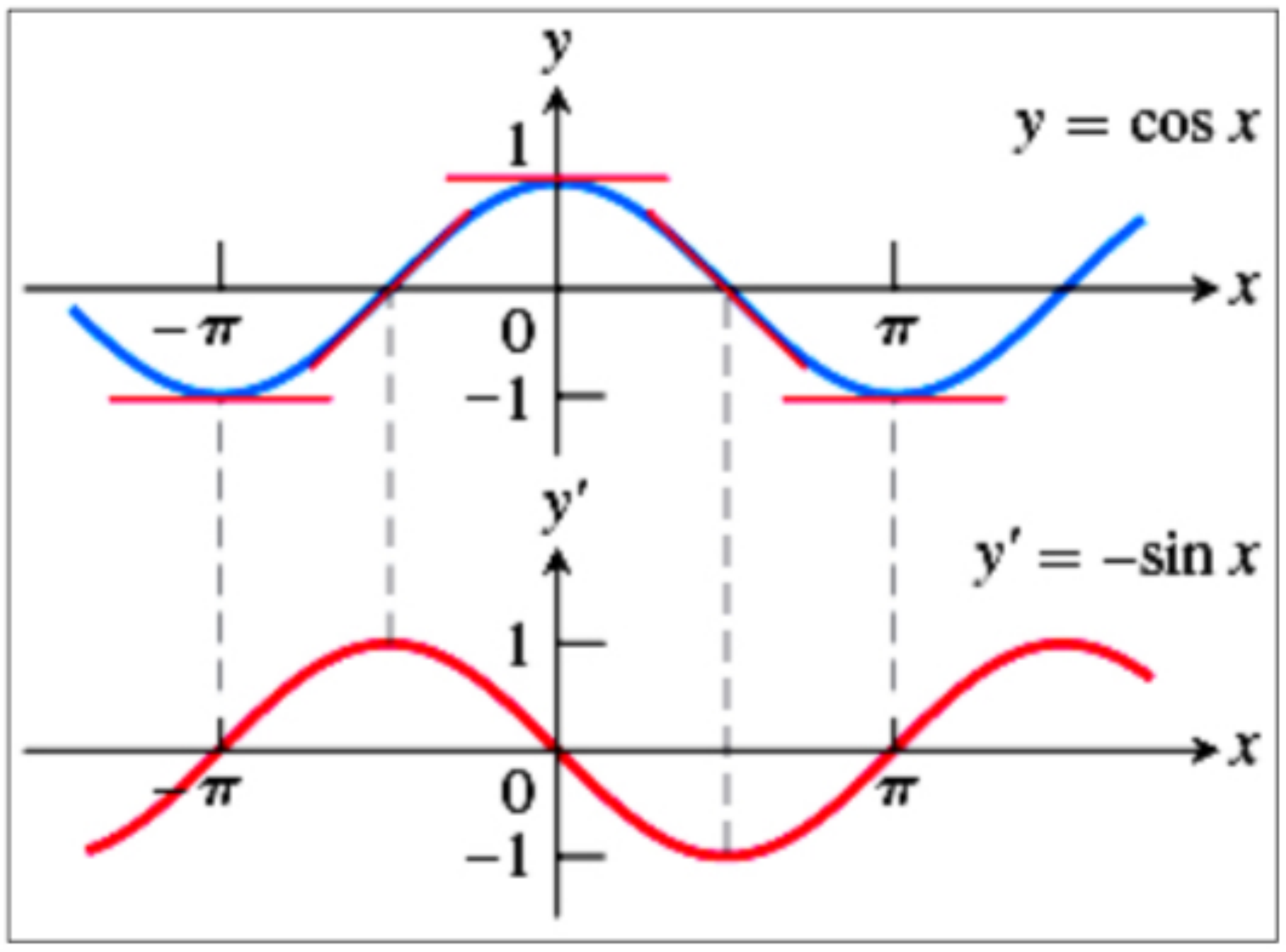

FIGURE 6 The curve $y' = -\sin x$ as the graph of the slopes of the tangents to the curve $y = \cos x$.

EXAMPLE 2 Derivatives Involving the Cosine

(a) $y = 5x + \cos x$:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx}(5x) + \frac{d}{dx}(\cos x) \qquad \text{Sum Rule}$$

$$= 5 - \sin x.$$

(b) $y = \sin x \cos x$:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \sin x \frac{d}{dx}(\cos x) + \cos x \frac{d}{dx}(\sin x) \qquad \text{Product Rule}$$

$$= \sin x(-\sin x) + \cos x(\cos x)$$

$$= \cos^2 x - \sin^2 x.$$

(c) $y = \dfrac{\cos x}{1 - \sin x}$:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{(1 - \sin x)\frac{d}{dx}(\cos x) - \cos x \frac{d}{dx}(1 - \sin x)}{(1 - \sin x)^2} \qquad \text{Quotient Rule}$$

$$= \frac{(1 - \sin x)(-\sin x) - \cos x(0 - \cos x)}{(1 - \sin x)^2}$$

$$= \frac{1 - \sin x}{(1 - \sin x)^2} \qquad \sin^2 x + \cos^2 x = 1$$

$$= \frac{1}{1 - \sin x}.$$

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