

# R04 example solutions

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3.5.47 Calculate derivative of  $f(x) = \frac{\cot x}{1 + \csc x}$

Function has form  $f(x) = \frac{g(x)}{h(x)}$   $g(x) = \cot x$   
 $h(x) = 1 + \csc x$

Introduce notation to carry out differentiation of quotient

Apply differentiation of quotient rule

$$f'(x) = \frac{g'(x)h(x) - g(x)h'(x)}{h^2(x)}$$

Compute derivatives  $g'(x) = \frac{d}{dx} \cot x = \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{\cos x}{\sin x} \right)$

Apply differentiation of quotient again

by quotient rule

$$g'(x) = \frac{(\cos x)' \sin x - \cos x (\sin x)'}{\sin^2 x} = \frac{(-\sin x)(\sin x) - (\cos x)(\cos x)}{\sin^2 x}$$

$$g'(x) = \frac{-(\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x)}{\sin^2 x}$$

Compute derivatives of trig functions

Apply trigonometric identity  $\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x = 1$

$$g'(x) = -\frac{1}{\sin^2 x}; \quad h'(x) = \frac{d}{dx} (1 + \csc x)$$

Apply differentiation of sum rule

$$h'(x) = \left( \frac{d}{dx} 1 \right) + \frac{d}{dx} (\csc x) = 0 + \frac{d}{dx} (\csc x)$$

$$h'(x) = \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{1}{\sin x} \right) \quad \text{Apply derivative of quotient rule}$$

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

$$h'(x) = -\frac{\cos x}{\sin x} \cdot \frac{1}{\sin x} = -\cot x \cdot \csc x$$

Replace in

$$f'(x) = \frac{g'(x)h(x) - g(x)h'(x)}{h^2(x)} = \frac{-\frac{1 + \csc x}{\sin^2 x} + \cot^2 x \csc x}{(1 + \csc x)^2}$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{-\frac{1 + \csc x}{\sin^2 x} + \frac{\cos^2 x}{\sin^2 x} \cdot \frac{1}{\sin x}}{(1 + \csc x)^2} = \frac{-(1 + \csc x)\sin x + \cos^2 x}{(1 + \csc x)^2 \sin x}$$

Carry out trig identity simplifications

$$\begin{aligned}
 f'(x) &= \frac{-\frac{1+\csc x}{\sin^2 x} + \frac{\cos x}{\sin^2 x} \frac{1}{\sin x}}{(1+\csc x)^2} = \frac{-(1+\csc x)\sin x + \cos^2 x}{\sin x \sin^2 x (1+\csc x)^2} \\
 &= \frac{-(\sin x + 1) + \cos^2 x}{\sin x (\sin x + 1)^2} = \frac{-\sin x + \cos^2 x - 1}{\sin x (\sin x + 1)^2} \\
 &= \frac{-\sin x - \sin^2 x}{\sin x (\sin x + 1)^2} = -\frac{\sin x + 1}{(\sin^2 x + 1)^2} = -\frac{1}{1 + \sin x}
 \end{aligned}$$

Verification in Wolfram Alpha.

D[Cot[x]/(1+Csc[x]),x]

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Derivative

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{\cot(x)}{1 + \csc(x)} \right) = -\frac{\csc(x) (-\cot^2(x) + \csc^2(x) + \csc(x))}{(1 + \csc(x))^2}$$

Plots

Alternate forms

$$-\frac{1}{\sin(x) + 1}$$

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(Differentiation is well-suited to computer evaluation)

← Form before applying trig identities

← Form after applying trig identities.

Matches previous calculation!