

I don't know $\frac{d}{dx} \sin^{-1} x$

$a^2 + x^2 = 1^2$
 $a^2 = 1 - x^2$



AB Calculus: Derivatives of Inverse Functions

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Example 1: Suppose $y = \sin^{-1} x$. Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ using implicit differentiation.

① $\sin y = x$

② $\cos y \frac{dy}{dx} = 1$

③ $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{\cos y} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$

Derivatives of Inverse Trig Functions where u is a function of x

Chainrule

$\frac{d}{dx} [\sin^{-1} u] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-u^2}} \cdot u'$

$\frac{d}{dx} [\tan^{-1} u] = \frac{1}{1+u^2} \cdot u'$

$\frac{d}{dx} [\sec^{-1} u] = \frac{1}{|u|\sqrt{u^2-1}} \cdot u'$

$\frac{d}{dx} [\cos^{-1} u] = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{1-u^2}} \cdot u'$

$\frac{d}{dx} [\cot^{-1} u] = \frac{-1}{1+u^2} \cdot u'$

$\frac{d}{dx} [\csc^{-1} u] = \frac{-1}{|u|\sqrt{u^2-1}} \cdot u'$

Notes:

- Domains are restricted to make them functions so do not worry about $\sin^{-1} x$ versus $\text{Sin}^{-1} x$.
- $\sin^{-1} x$ and $\arcsin x$ are the same thing. Both refer to the inverse sine function.

Example 2: Find $\frac{d}{dt} [\sin^{-1}(t^2)]$

$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-(t^2)^2}} \cdot 2t = \frac{2t}{\sqrt{1-t^4}}$

Example 3: Find $\frac{d}{dx} [\tan^{-1}(\sqrt{x-1})]$

$\tan^{-1} x \rightarrow \frac{1}{1+x^2}$
 $\sqrt{x} \rightarrow \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}$
 $x-1 \rightarrow 1$

Example 4: Find $\frac{d}{dx} [x \sec^{-1}(3x)]$

$= 1 \sec^{-1}(3x) + x \frac{1}{|3x|\sqrt{(3x)^2-1}} \cdot 3$

$= \sec^{-1}(3x) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{9x^2-1}}$

$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{1+(\sqrt{x-1})^2} \cdot \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x-1}} \cdot 1$

$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{1+x-1} \cdot \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x-1}} = \frac{1}{2x\sqrt{x-1}}$

Given

$y = x^2 + 1$, find it's inverse

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

② what is the slope of the function? ③ the inverse?

$2x$

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

$$f(x) = x^3 + 2x + 1, \text{ find } (f^{-1})'(1)$$

$$1 = x^3 + 2x + 1 \quad f'(x) = 3x^2 + 2$$

$$0 = x^3 + 2x \quad (f^{-1})'(1) = \frac{1}{f'(0)}$$

$$0 = x(x^2 + 2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{3(0)^2 + 2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}$$

input of inverse, therefore it's the output of $f(x)$

$x=0$ $x^2 + 2 = 0 \rightarrow$ imaginary

Derivative of the Inverse Function at (p, q)

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

The derivative of $f^{-1}(x)$ at the point (p, q) is the reciprocal of the derivative of $f(x)$ at the point (q, p) .

Example 6 Let $f(x) = x^5 + 2x - 1$. Find $(f^{-1})'(-1)$ at the point $(0, -1)$ using ~~both~~ methods.

$$(f^{-1})'(-1) = \frac{1}{f'(0)}$$

$$-1 = x^5 + 2x - 1$$

$$0 = x^5 + 2x$$

$$0 = x(x^4 + 2) \rightarrow x=0$$

$$f(x) = 5x^4 + 2$$

$$f'(0) = 5(0)^4 + 2 = 2$$

the logical

at input of inverse = -1 \rightarrow tells me that output of normal function is -1

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

Example 7 Let $f(x) = x^3 + 2x - 1$. Find $\left. \frac{df^{-1}}{dx} \right|_{x=2}$ using both methods. You can use your calculator to help you find the missing coordinate.

$$f'(x) = 3x^2 + 2$$

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

$$0 = x^3 + 2x - 3 \quad (x=1 \text{ is a solution})$$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} 1 & 1 & 0 & 2 & -3 \\ & & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ \hline & 1 & 1 & 3 & 0 \end{array} \rightarrow (x-1)(x^2+x+3) = 0$$

$$b^2 - 4ac$$

$$1 - 4(1)(3) < 0 \text{ so imaginary}$$

answer $\frac{1}{f'(1)} = \frac{1}{3(1)^2 + 2} = \frac{1}{5}$