

5.5 The Derivative of  $y = \tan x$

Derivatives of composite functions involving  $y = \tan x$

If  $y = \tan f(x)$ , then  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \sec^2 f(x) \times f'(x)$

In Leibniz notation,  $\frac{d}{dx} (\tan f(x)) = \frac{d(\tan f(x))}{d(f(x))} \times \frac{df(x)}{dx}$   
 $= \sec^2(f(x)) \times \frac{d(f(x))}{dx}$

- The derivatives of functions involving the tangent function are found as follows →

$$\frac{d(\tan x)}{dx} = \sec^2 x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} (\tan(f(x))) = \sec^2 f(x) \times f'(x)$$

- Trigonometric identities can be used to write an expression as an equivalent expression and then differentiate. In some cases, the new function will be easier to work with

ex

$$y = \sin(e^{2x})$$

$$y' = \sin(e^{2x})(e^{2x})(2^x) \ln 2$$

$$y = \sin(\cos(\sin e^{2x}))$$

$$y' = \cos(\cos(\sin e^{2x})) \cdot (-\sin(\sin e^{2x})) \cdot \cos e^{2x} \cdot e^{2x} \cdot 2$$

ex

$$y = \frac{\sin x}{\cos x}$$

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

$$= \frac{\cos^2 x + \sin^2 x}{\cos^2 x}$$

$$= \sec^2 x$$

$$y = \tan \square$$

$$y' = \sec^2 \square \cdot \square'$$

ex.  $y = \tan(x^3 + x^2 - x + 1)$   $y' = \sec^2(x^3 + x^2 - x + 1) \cdot (3x^2 + 2x - 1)$

$$y = \tan(1/x) \cdot x^2 \quad y' = 2x \tan(1/x) \cdot x^2 \sec^2(1/x) (-1/x^2)$$

$$y = \tan^3(\sqrt{x}) \quad y' = 3(\tan^2 \sqrt{x}) \cdot \sec^2 \sqrt{x} \cdot \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}$$

$$y = \sqrt[3]{x} \cdot \tan e^{x^2} \quad y' = \frac{1}{3} x^{-2/3} \tan e^{x^2} + \sqrt[3]{x} \sec^2(e^{x^2}) (e^{x^2}) \cdot 2x$$

$$y = \frac{\tan(2^x)}{e^{2x}} \quad y' = \frac{\sec^2(2^x) 2^x \cdot \ln 2 \cdot e^{2x} - 2e^{2x} \tan(2^x)}{e^{4x}}$$
$$= \frac{2^x (\sec^2(2^x) (\ln 2) - 2 \tan(2^x))}{e^{2x} \cdot e^{2x}}$$