

# Miscellaneous Exercise

**Question 1:** Find the derivative of the following functions from first principle:

(i)  $-x$

(ii)  $(-x)^{-1}$

(iii)  $\sin(x + 1)$

(iv)  $\cos\left(x - \frac{\pi}{8}\right)$

**Solution 1:** (i) Let  $f(x) = -x$ . Accordingly,  $f(x + h) = -(x + h)$

By first principle,

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-(x+h) - (-x)}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-x - h + x}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-h}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (-1) = -1$$

(ii) Let  $f(x) = (-x)^{-1} = \frac{1}{-x} = \frac{-1}{x}$ . Accordingly,  $f(x+h) = \frac{-1}{(x+h)}$

By first principle,

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \left[ \frac{-1}{(x+h)} - \left( \frac{-1}{x} \right) \right]$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \left[ \frac{-x + (x+h)}{x(x+h)} \right]$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \left[ \frac{h}{x(x+h)} \right]$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{x(x+h)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{x \cdot x} = \frac{1}{x^2}$$

(iii) Let  $f(x) = \sin(x+1)$ . Accordingly,  $f(x+h) = \sin(x+h+1)$

By first principle,

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} [\sin(x+h+1) - \sin(x+1)]$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \left[ 2 \cos \left( \frac{x+h+1+x+1}{2} \right) \sin \left( \frac{x+h+1-x-1}{2} \right) \right]$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \left[ 2 \cos \left( \frac{2x+h+2}{2} \right) \sin \left( \frac{h}{2} \right) \right]$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left[ \cos \left( \frac{2x+h+2}{2} \right) \cdot \frac{\sin \left( \frac{h}{2} \right)}{\left( \frac{h}{2} \right)} \right]$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \cos\left(\frac{2x+h+2}{2}\right) \cdot \lim_{\frac{h}{2} \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \frac{\sin\left(\frac{h}{2}\right)}{\left(\frac{h}{2}\right)} \quad \left[ \text{As } h \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow \frac{h}{2} \rightarrow 0 \right]$$

$$= \cos\left(\frac{2x+0+2}{2}\right) \cdot 1 \quad \left[ \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} = 1 \right]$$

$$= \cos(x+1)$$

(iv) Let  $f(x) = \cos\left(x - \frac{\pi}{8}\right)$ . Accordingly,  $f(x+h) = \cos\left(x+h - \frac{\pi}{8}\right)$

By first principle,

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \left[ \cos\left(x+h - \frac{\pi}{8}\right) - \cos\left(x - \frac{\pi}{8}\right) \right]$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \left[ -2 \sin\left(\frac{x+h - \frac{\pi}{8} + x - \frac{\pi}{8}}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{x+h - \frac{\pi}{8} - x + \frac{\pi}{8}}{2}\right) \right]$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \left[ -2 \sin\left(\frac{2x+h - \frac{\pi}{4}}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{h}{2}\right) \right]$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left[ -\sin\left(\frac{2x+h - \frac{\pi}{4}}{2}\right) \frac{\sin\left(\frac{h}{2}\right)}{\left(\frac{h}{2}\right)} \right]$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left[ -\sin\left(\frac{2x+h - \frac{\pi}{4}}{2}\right) \right] \cdot \lim_{\frac{h}{2} \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin\left(\frac{h}{2}\right)}{\left(\frac{h}{2}\right)} \quad \left[ \text{As } h \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow \frac{h}{2} \rightarrow 0 \right]$$

$$= -\sin\left(\frac{2x+0 - \frac{\pi}{4}}{2}\right) \cdot 1$$

$$= -\sin\left(x - \frac{\pi}{8}\right)$$

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**Question 2:** Find the derivative of the following functions (it is to be understood that a, b, c, d, p, q, r and s are fixed non-zero constants and m and n are integers):  $(x + a)$

**Solution 2:** Let  $f(x) = x + a$ . Accordingly,  $f(x + h) = x + h + a$

By first principle,

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{x+h+a-x-a}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{h}{h}\right) \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (1) \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

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**Question 3:** Find the derivative of the following functions (it is to be understood that a, b, c, d, p, q, r and s are fixed non-zero constants and m and n are integers):  $(px + q)\left(\frac{r}{x} + s\right)$

**Solution 3:** Let  $f(x) = (px + q)\left(\frac{r}{x} + s\right)$

By Leibnitz product rule,

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= (px + q)\left(\frac{r}{x} + s\right)' + \left(\frac{r}{x} + s\right)(px + q)' \\ &= (px + q)(rx^{-1} + s)' + \left(\frac{r}{x} + s\right)(p) \\ &= (px + q)(-rx^{-2}) + \left(\frac{r}{x} + s\right)p \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= (px+q)\left(\frac{-r}{x^2}\right)+\left(\frac{r}{x}+s\right)p \\
&= \frac{-px}{x}-\frac{qr}{x^2}+\frac{pr}{x}+ps \\
&= ps-\frac{qr}{x^2}
\end{aligned}$$


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**Question 4:** Find the derivative of the following functions (it is to be understood that a, b, c, d, p, q, r and s are fixed non-zero constants and m and n are integers):  $(ax + b)(cx + d)^2$

**Solution 4:** Let  $f(x) = (ax + b)(cx + d)^2$

By Leibnitz product rule,

$$\begin{aligned}
f'(x) &= (ax + b) \frac{d}{dx} (cx + d)^2 + (cx + d)^2 \frac{d}{dx} (ax + b) \\
&= (ax + b) \frac{d}{dx} (c^2x^2 + 2cdx + d^2) + (cx + d)^2 \frac{d}{dx} (ax + b) \\
&= (ax + b) \left[ \frac{d}{dx} (c^2x^2) + \frac{d}{dx} (2cdx) + \frac{d}{dx} d^2 \right] + (cx + d)^2 \left[ \frac{d}{dx} ax + \frac{d}{dx} b \right] \\
&= (ax + b)(2c^2x + 2cd) + (cx + d)^2 a \\
&= 2c(ax + b)(cx + d) + a(cx + d)^2
\end{aligned}$$


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**Question 5:** Find the derivative of the following functions (it is to be understood that a, b, c, d, p, q, r and s are fixed non zero constants and m and n are integers):  $\frac{ax + b}{cx + d}$

**Solution 5:** Let  $f(x) = \frac{ax + b}{cx + d}$

By quotient rule,

$$\begin{aligned}
f'(x) &= \frac{(cx + d) \frac{d}{dx} (ax + b) - (ax + b) \frac{d}{dx} (cx + d)}{(cx + d)^2} \\
&= \frac{(cx + d)(a) - (ax + d)(c)}{(cx + d)^2}
\end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{acx + ad - acx - bc}{(cx + d)^2}$$

$$= \frac{ad - bc}{(cx + d)^2}$$


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**Question 6:** Find the derivative of the following functions (it is to be understood that a, b, c,

d, p, q, r and s are fixed non-zero constants and m and n are integers):  $\frac{1 + \frac{1}{x}}{1 - \frac{1}{x}}$

**Solution 6:** Let  $f(x) = \frac{1 + \frac{1}{x}}{1 - \frac{1}{x}} = \frac{\frac{x+1}{x}}{\frac{x-1}{x}} = \frac{x+1}{x-1}$ , where  $x \neq 0$

By quotient rule,

$$f'(x) = \frac{(x-1)\frac{d}{dx}(x+1) - (x+1)\frac{d}{dx}(x-1)}{(x-1)^2}, x \neq 0, 1$$

$$= \frac{(x-1)(1) - (x+1)(1)}{(x-1)^2}, x \neq 0, 1$$

$$= \frac{x-1-x-1}{(x-1)^2}, x \neq 0, 1$$

$$= \frac{-2}{(x-1)^2}, x \neq 0, 1$$


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**Question 7:** Find the derivative of the following functions (it is to be understood that a, b, c,

d, p, q, r and s are fixed non-zero constants and m and n are integers):  $\frac{1}{ax^2 + bx + c}$

**Solution 7:** Let  $f(x) = \frac{1}{ax^2 + bx + c}$

By quotient rule,

$$\begin{aligned}
 f'(x) &= \frac{(ax^2 + bx + c) \frac{d}{dx}(1) - \frac{d}{dx}(ax^2 + bx + c)}{(ax^2 + bx + c)^2} \\
 &= \frac{(ax^2 + bx + c)(0) - (2ax + b)}{(ax^2 + bx + c)^2} \\
 &= \frac{-(2ax + b)}{(ax^2 + bx + c)^2}
 \end{aligned}$$


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**Question 8:** Find the derivative of the following functions (it is to be understood that a, b, c, d, p, q, r and s are fixed non-zero constants and m and n are integers):  $\frac{ax+b}{px^2+qx+r}$

**Solution 8:** Let  $f(x) = \frac{ax+b}{px^2+qx+r}$

By quotient rule,

$$\begin{aligned}
 f'(x) &= \frac{(px^2 + qx + r) \frac{d}{dx}(ax + b) - (ax + b) \frac{d}{dx}(px^2 + qx + r)}{(px^2 + qx + r)^2} \\
 &= \frac{(px^2 + qx + r)(a) - (ax + b)(2px + q)}{(px^2 + qx + r)^2} \\
 &= \frac{apx^2 + aqx + ar - aqx + 2npq + bq}{(px^2 + qx + r)^2} \\
 &= \frac{-apx^2 + 2bpq + ar - bq}{(px^2 + qx + r)^2}
 \end{aligned}$$


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**Question 9:** Find the derivative of the following functions (it is to be understood that a, b, c, d, p, q, r and s are fixed non-zero constants and m and n are integers):  $\frac{px^2+qx+r}{ax+b}$

**Solution 9:** Let  $f(x) = \frac{px^2+qx+r}{ax+b}$

By quotient rule,

$$\begin{aligned}
 f'(x) &= \frac{(ax+b)\frac{d}{dx}(px^2+qx+r) - (px^2+qx+r)\frac{d}{dx}(ax+b)}{(ax+b)^2} \\
 &= \frac{(ax+b)(2px+q) - (px^2+qx+r)(a)}{(ax+b)^2} \\
 &= \frac{2apx^2 + aqx + 2bpx + bq - aqx^2 - aqx - ar}{(ax+b)^2} \\
 &= \frac{apx^2 + 2bpx + bq - ar}{(ax+b)^2}
 \end{aligned}$$


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**Question 10:** Find the derivative of the following functions (it is to be understood that a, b, c, d, p, q, r and s are fixed non-zero constants and m and n are integers):  $\frac{a}{x^4} - \frac{b}{x^2} + \cos x$

**Solution 10:** Let  $f(x) = \frac{a}{x^4} - \frac{b}{x^2} + \cos x$

$$\begin{aligned}
 f'(x) &= \frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{a}{x^4}\right) - \frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{b}{x^2}\right) + \frac{d}{dx}(\cos x) \\
 &= a \frac{d}{dx}(x^{-4}) - b \frac{d}{dx}(x^{-2}) + \frac{d}{dx}(\cos x) \\
 &= a(-4x^{-5}) - b(-2x^{-3}) + (-\sin x) \quad \left[ \frac{d}{dx}(x^n) = nx^{n-1} \text{ and } \frac{d}{dx}(\cos x) = -\sin x \right] \\
 &= \frac{-4a}{x^5} + \frac{2b}{x^3} - \sin x
 \end{aligned}$$


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**Question 11:** Find the derivative of the following functions (it is to be understood that a, b, c, d, p, q, r and s are fixed non zero constants and m and n are integers):  $4\sqrt{x} - 2$

**Solution 11:** Let  $f(x) = 4\sqrt{x} - 2$

$$f'(x) = \frac{d}{dx}(4\sqrt{x} - 2) = \frac{d}{dx}(4\sqrt{x}) - \frac{d}{dx}(2)$$



$$= 4 \frac{d}{dx} (x^{\frac{1}{2}}) - 0 = 4 \left( \frac{1}{2} x^{\frac{1}{2}-1} \right)$$

$$= \left( 2x^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{x}}$$


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**Question 12:** Find the derivative of the following functions (it is to be understood that a, b, c, d, p, q, r and s are fixed non-zero constants and m and n are integers):  $(ax + b)^n$

**Solution 12:** Let  $f(x) = (ax + b)^n$ . Accordingly,  $f(x + h) = \{a(x + h) + b\}^n = (ax + ah + b)^n$

By first principle,

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(ax + ah + b) - (ax + b)^n}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(ax + b)^n \left( 1 + \frac{ah}{ax + b} \right)^n - (ax + b)^n}{h} \\ &= (ax + b)^n \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \left[ \left\{ 1 + n \left( \frac{ah}{ax + b} \right) + \frac{n(n-1)}{2} \left( \frac{ah}{ax + b} \right)^2 + \dots \right\} - 1 \right] \quad (\text{using binomial theorem}) \\ &= (ax + b)^n \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \left[ n \left( \frac{ah}{ax + b} \right) + \frac{n(n-1)a^2h^2}{2(ax + b)^2} + \dots (\text{Terms containing higher degrees of } h) \right] \\ &= (ax + b)^n \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{na}{(ax + b)} + \frac{n(n-1)a^2h^2}{2(ax + b)^2} + \dots \right] \\ &= (ax + b)^n \left[ \frac{na}{(ax + b)} + 0 \right] \\ &= na \frac{(ax + b)^n}{ax + b} \\ &= na(ax + b)^{n-1} \end{aligned}$$


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**Question 13:** Find the derivative of the following functions (it is to be understood that a, b, c, d, p, q, r and s are fixed non-zero constants and m and n are integers):  $(ax + b)^n (cx + d)^m$

**Solution 13:** Let  $f(x) = (ax + b)^n (cx + d)^m$

By Leibnitz product rule,

$$f'(x) = (ax + b)^n \frac{d}{dx} (cx + d)^m + (cx + d)^m \frac{d}{dx} (ax + b)^n \quad \dots (1)$$

Now let  $f_1(x) = (cx + d)^m$

$$f_1(x + h) = (cx + ch + d)^m$$

$$f_1'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f_1(x+h) - f_1(x)}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(cx + ch + d)^m - (cx + d)^m}{h}$$

$$= (cx + d)^m \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \left[ \left( 1 + \frac{ch}{cx + d} \right)^m - 1 \right]$$

$$= (cx + d)^m \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \left[ \left( 1 + \frac{mch}{(cx + d)} + \frac{m(m-1)}{2} \frac{c^2 h^2}{(cx + d)^2} + \dots \right)^m - 1 \right]$$

$$= (cx + d)^m \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \left[ \frac{mch}{(cx + d)} + \frac{m(m-1)c^2 h^2}{2(cx + d)^2} + \dots (\text{Terms containing higher degree of } h) \right]$$

$$= (cx + d)^m \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{mc}{(cx + d)} + \frac{m(m-1)c^2 h^2}{2(cx + d)^2} + \dots \right]$$

$$= (cx + d)^m \left[ \frac{mch}{(cx + d)} + 0 \right]$$

$$= \frac{mc(cx + d)^m}{(cx + d)}$$

$$= mc(cx + d)^{m-1}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} (cx + d)^m = mc(cx + d)^{m-1} \quad \dots (2)$$

Similarly,  $\frac{d}{dx}(ax+b)^n = na(ax+b)^{n-1} \quad \dots (3)$

Therefore, from (1), (2), and (3), we obtain

$$f'(x) = (ax+b)^n \{mc(cx+d)^{m-1}\} + (cx+d)^m \{na(ax+b)^{n-1}\}$$

$$= (ax+b)^{n-1}(cx+d)^{m-1}[mc(ax+b) + na(cx+d)]$$


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**Question 14:** Find the derivative of the following functions (it is to be understood that a, b, c, d, p, q, r and s are fixed non-zero constants and m and n are integers):  $\sin(x+a)$

**Solution 14:** Let,  $f(x) = \sin(x+a)$

$$f(x+h) = \sin(x+h+a)$$

By first principle,

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x+h+a) - \sin(x+a)}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \left[ 2 \cos \left( \frac{x+h+a+x+a}{2} \right) \sin \left( \frac{x+h+a-x-a}{2} \right) \right]$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \left[ 2 \cos \left( \frac{2x+2a+h}{2} \right) \sin \left( \frac{h}{2} \right) \right]$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left[ \cos \left( \frac{2x+2a+h}{2} \right) \left[ \frac{\sin \left( \frac{h}{2} \right)}{\left( \frac{h}{2} \right)} \right] \right]$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \cos \left( \frac{2x+2a+h}{2} \right) \cdot \lim_{\frac{h}{2} \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{\sin \left( \frac{h}{2} \right)}{\left( \frac{h}{2} \right)} \right] \quad \left[ \text{As } h \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow \frac{h}{2} \rightarrow 0 \right]$$

$$= \cos \left( \frac{2x+2a}{2} \right) \times 1 \quad \left[ \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} = 1 \right]$$

$$= \cos(x+a)$$


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**Question 15:** Find the derivative of the following functions (it is to be understood that a, b, c, d, p, q, r and s are fixed non-zero constants and m and n are integers): cosec x cot x

**Solution 15:** Let  $f(x) = \text{cosec } x \cot x$

By Leibnitz product rule,

$$f'(x) = \text{cosec } x(\cot x)' + \cot x(\text{cosec } x)' \dots(1)$$

Let  $f_1(x) = \cot x$ . Accordingly,  $f_1(x + h) = \cot(x + h)$

By first principle,

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cot(x+h) - \cot(x)}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \left( \frac{\cos(x+h)}{\sin(x+h)} - \frac{\cos(x)}{\sin x} \right) \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \left( \frac{\sin x \cos(x+h) - \cos x \sin(x+h)}{\sin x \sin(x+h)} \right) \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \left( \frac{\sin(x-x+h)}{\sin x \sin(x+h)} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sin x} \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \left[ \frac{\sin(-h)}{\sin(x+h)} \right] \\ &= \frac{-1}{\sin x} \left( \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin h}{h} \right) \left( \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\sin(x+h)} \right) \\ &= \frac{-1}{\sin x} \cdot 1 \cdot \left( \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\sin(x+0)} \right) \\ &= \frac{-1}{\sin^2 x} \end{aligned}$$

$$= -\text{cosec}^2 x$$

$$\therefore (\cot x)' = -\text{cosec}^2 x \quad \dots (2)$$

Now, let  $f_2(x) = \text{cosec } x$ . Accordingly,  $f_2(x + h) = \text{cosec}(x + h)$

By first principle,

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_2'(x) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f_2(x+h) - f_2(x)}{h} \\
 &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} [\operatorname{cosec}(x+h) - \operatorname{cosec}(x)] \\
 &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \left( \frac{1}{\sin(x+h)} - \frac{1}{\sin x} \right) \\
 &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \left( \frac{\sin x - \sin(x+h)}{\sin x \sin(x+h)} \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{\sin x} \cdot \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \left[ \frac{2 \cos\left(\frac{x+x+h}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{x-x-h}{2}\right)}{\sin(x+h)} \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{\sin x} \cdot \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \left[ \frac{2 \cos\left(\frac{2x+h}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{-h}{2}\right)}{\sin(x+h)} \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{\sin x} \cdot \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{-\sin\left(\frac{h}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{2x+h}{2}\right)}{\left(\frac{h}{2}\right) \sin(x+h)} \right] \\
 &= \frac{-1}{\sin x} \cdot \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin\left(\frac{h}{2}\right)}{\left(\frac{h}{2}\right)} \cdot \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos\left(\frac{2x+h}{2}\right)}{\sin(x+h)} \\
 &= \frac{-1}{\sin x} \cdot 1 \cdot \frac{\cos\left(\frac{2x+h}{2}\right)}{\sin(x+0)} \\
 &= \frac{-1}{\sin x} \cdot \frac{\cos x}{\sin x} \\
 &= -\operatorname{cosec} x \cdot \cot x
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore (\operatorname{cosec} x)' = -\operatorname{cosec} x \cdot \cot x$$

From (1), (2), and (3), we obtain

$$f'(x) = \operatorname{cosec} x (-\operatorname{cosec}^2 x) + \cot x (-\operatorname{cosec} x \cot x)$$

$$= -\operatorname{cosec}^3 x - \cot^2 x \operatorname{cosec} x$$

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**Question 16:** Find the derivative of the following functions (it is to be understood that a, b, c, d, p, q, r and s are fixed non-zero constants and m and n are integers):  $\frac{\cos x}{1 + \sin x}$

**Solution 16:** Let  $f(x) = \frac{\cos x}{1 + \sin x}$

By quotient rule,

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

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**Question 17:** Find the derivative of the following functions (it is to be understood that a, b, c, d, p, q, r and s are fixed non zero constants and m and n are integers):  $\frac{\sin x + \cos x}{\sin x - \cos x}$

**Solution 17:** Let  $f(x) = \frac{\sin x + \cos x}{\sin x - \cos x}$

By quotient rule,

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


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**Question 18:** Find the derivative of the following functions (it is to be understood that a, b, c, d, p, q, r and s are fixed non-zero constants and m and n are integers):  $\frac{\sec x - 1}{\sec x + 1}$

**Solution 18:** Let  $f(x) = \frac{\sec x - 1}{\sec x + 1}$

$$f(x) = \frac{\frac{1}{\cos x} - 1}{\frac{1}{\cos x} + 1} = \frac{1 - \cos x}{1 + \cos x}$$

By quotient rule,

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

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{2 \sin x}{(1 + \cos x)^2} \\
&= \frac{2 \sin x}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{\sec x}\right)^2} = \frac{2 \sin x}{\frac{(\sec x + 1)^2}{\sec^2 x}} \\
&= \frac{2 \sin x \sec^2 x}{(\sec x + 1)^2} \\
&= \frac{\frac{2 \sin x}{\cos x} \sec x}{(\sec x + 1)^2} \\
&= \frac{2 \sec x \tan x}{(\sec x + 1)^2}
\end{aligned}$$


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**Question 19:** Find the derivative of the following functions (it is to be understood that a, b, c, d, p, q, r and s are fixed non-zero constants and m and n are integers):  $\sin^n x$

**Solution 19:** Let  $y = \sin^n x$ .

Accordingly, for  $n = 1$ ,  $y = \sin x$ .

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = \cos x, \text{ i.e., } \frac{d}{dx} \sin x = \cos x$$

For  $n = 2$ ,  $y = \sin^2 x$ .

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx} (\sin x \sin x)$$

$$= (\sin x)'(\sin x) + \sin x(\sin x)' \quad \text{[By Leibnitz product rule]}$$

$$= \cos x \sin x + \sin x \cos x$$

$$= 2 \sin x \cos x \quad \dots (1)$$

For  $n = 3$ ,  $y = \sin^3 x$ .

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx} (\sin x \sin^2 x)$$

$$= (\sin x)' \sin^2 x + \sin x (\sin^2 x)' \quad \text{[By Leibnitz product rule]}$$

$$= \cos x \sin^2 x + \sin x (2 \sin x \cos x) \quad \text{[Using (1)]}$$

$$= \cos x \sin^2 x + \sin^2 x \cos x$$



$$= 3\sin^2 x \cos x$$

We assert that  $\frac{d}{dx}(\sin^n x) = n \sin^{(n-1)} x \cos x$

Let our assertion be true for  $n = k$ .

$$\text{i.e., } \frac{d}{dx}(\sin^k x) = k \sin^{(k-1)} x \cos x \quad \dots (2)$$

Consider

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\sin^{k+1} x) = \frac{d}{dx}(\sin x \sin^{(k)} x)$$

$$= (\sin x)' \sin^k x + \sin x (\sin^k x)' \quad [\text{By Leibnitz product rule}]$$

$$= \cos x \sin^k x + \sin x (k \sin^{k-1} \cos x) \quad [\text{Using (2)}]$$

$$= \cos x \sin^k x + 2 \sin^k x \cos x$$

$$= (k + 1) \sin^k x \cos x$$

Thus, our assertion is true for  $n = k + 1$ .

Hence, by mathematical induction,  $\frac{d}{dx}(\sin^n x) = n \sin^{(n-1)} x \cos x$

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**Question 20:** Find the derivative of the following functions (it is to be understood that  $a, b, c, d, p, q, r$  and  $s$  are fixed non-zero constants and  $m$  and  $n$  are integers):  $\frac{a + b \sin x}{c + d \cos x}$

**Solution 20:** Let  $f(x) = \frac{a + b \sin x}{c + d \cos x}$

By quotient rule,

$$f'(x) = \frac{(c + d \cos x) \frac{d}{dx}(a + b \sin x) - (a + b \sin x) \frac{d}{dx}(c + d \cos x)}{(c + d \cos x)^2}$$

$$= \frac{(c + d \cos x)(b \cos x) - (a + b \sin x)(-d \sin x)}{(c + d \cos x)^2}$$

$$= \frac{cb \cos x + bd \cos^2 x + ad \sin x + bd \sin^2 x}{(c + d \cos x)^2}$$

$$= \frac{bc \cos x + ad \sin x + bd(\cos^2 x + \sin^2 x)}{(c + d \cos x)^2}$$

$$= \frac{bc \cos x + ad \sin x + bd}{(c + d \cos x)^2}$$


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**Question 21:** Find the derivative of the following functions (it is to be understood that a, b, c, d, p, q, r and s are fixed non-zero constants and m and n are integers):  $\frac{\sin(x+a)}{\cos x}$

**Solution 21:** Let  $f(x) = \frac{\sin(x+a)}{\cos x}$

By quotient rule,

$$f'(x) = \frac{\cos x \frac{d}{dx}[\sin(x+a)] - \sin(x+a) \frac{d}{dx} \cos x}{\cos^2 x}$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{\cos x \frac{d}{dx}[\sin(x+a)] - \sin(x+a) \frac{d}{dx}(-\sin x)}{\cos^2 x} \dots (i)$$

Let  $g(x) = \sin(x+a)$ . Accordingly,  $g(x+h) = \sin(x+h+a)$

By first principle,

$$g'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{g(x+h) - g(x)}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} [\sin(x+h+a) - \sin(x+a)]$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \left[ 2 \cos \left( \frac{x+h+a+x+a}{2} \right) \sin \left( \frac{x+h+a-x-a}{2} \right) \right]$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \left[ 2 \cos \left( \frac{2x+2a+h}{2} \right) \sin \left( \frac{h}{2} \right) \right]$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left[ \cos \left( \frac{2x+2a+h}{2} \right) \left\{ \frac{\sin \left( \frac{h}{2} \right)}{\left( \frac{h}{2} \right)} \right\} \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \cos\left(\frac{2x+2a+h}{2}\right) \cdot \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left\{ \frac{\sin\left(\frac{h}{2}\right)}{\left(\frac{h}{2}\right)} \right\} \quad \left[ \text{As } h \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow \frac{h}{2} \rightarrow 0 \right] \\
&= \left( \cos \frac{2x+2a}{2} \right) \times 1 \quad \left[ \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin h}{h} = 1 \right] \\
&= \cos(x+a) \quad \dots \text{ (ii)}
\end{aligned}$$

From (i) and (ii), we obtain

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

**Question 22:** Find the derivative of the following functions (it is to be understood that a, b, c, d, p, q, r and s are fixed non-zero constants and m and n are integers):  $x^4 (5 \sin x - 3 \cos x)$

**Solution 22:** Let  $f(x) = x^4 (5 \sin x - 3 \cos x)$

By product rule,

$$\begin{aligned}
f'(x) &= x^4 \frac{d}{dx} (5 \sin x - 3 \cos x) + (5 \sin x - 3 \cos x) \frac{d}{dx} (x^4) \\
&= x^4 \left[ 5 \frac{d}{dx} (\sin x) - 3 \frac{d}{dx} (\cos x) \right] + (5 \sin x - 3 \cos x) \frac{d}{dx} (x^4) \\
&= x^4 [5 \cos x - 3(-\sin x)] + (5 \sin x - 3 \cos x)(4x^3) \\
&= x^3 [5x \cos x + 3x \sin x + 20 \sin x - 12 \cos x]
\end{aligned}$$

**Question 23:** Find the derivative of the following functions (it is to be understood that a, b, c, d, p, q, r and s are fixed non-zero constants and m and n are integers):  $(x^2 + 1) \cos x$

**Solution 23:** Let  $f(x) = (x^2 + 1) \cos x$

By product rule,

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

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**Question 24:** Find the derivative of the following functions (it is to be understood that  $a, b, c, d, p, q, r$  and  $s$  are fixed non-zero constants and  $m$  and  $n$  are integers):  $(ax^2 + \sin x)(p + q \cos x)$

**Solution 24:** Let  $f(x) = (ax^2 + \sin x)(p + q \cos x)$

By product rule,

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= (ax^2 + \sin x) \frac{d}{dx}(p + q \cos x) + (p + q \cos x) \frac{d}{dx}(ax^2 + \sin x) \\ &= (ax^2 + \sin x)(-q \sin x) + (p + q \cos x)(2ax + \cos x) \\ &= -q \sin x(ax^2 + \sin x) + (p + q \cos x)(2ax + \cos x) \end{aligned}$$

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**Question 25:** Find the derivative of the following functions (it is to be understood that  $a, b, c, d, p, q, r$  and  $s$  are fixed non-zero constants and  $m$  and  $n$  are integers):  $(x + \cos x)(x - \tan x)$

**Solution 25:** Let  $f(x) = (x + \cos x)(x - \tan x)$

By product rule,

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= (x + \cos x) \frac{d}{dx}(x - \tan x) + (x - \tan x) \frac{d}{dx}(x + \cos x) \\ &= (x + \cos x) \left[ \frac{d}{dx}(x) - \frac{d}{dx}(\tan x) \right] + (x - \tan x)(1 - \sin x) \\ &= (x + \cos x) \left[ 1 - \frac{d}{dx}(\tan x) \right] + (x - \tan x)(1 - \sin x) \quad \dots (i) \end{aligned}$$

Let  $g(x) = \tan x$ . Accordingly,  $g(x + h) = \tan(x + h)$

By first principle,

$$\begin{aligned}
 g'(x) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{g(x+h) - g(x)}{h} \\
 &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan(x+h) - \tan(x)}{h} \\
 &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \left[ \frac{\sin(x+h)}{\cos(x+h)} - \frac{\sin x}{\cos x} \right] \\
 &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \left[ \frac{\sin(x+h)\cos x - \sin x \cos(x+h)}{\cos x \cos(x+h)} \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{\cos x} \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \left[ \frac{\sin(x+h-x)}{\cos(x+h)} \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{\cos x} \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \left[ \frac{\sin h}{\cos(x+h)} \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{\cos x} \left( \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin h}{h} \right) \left( \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\cos(x+h)} \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{\cos x} \cdot 1 \cdot \left( \frac{1}{\cos(x+0)} \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{\cos^2 x} \\
 &= \sec^2 x \quad \dots \text{(ii)}
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, from (i) and (ii), We obtain

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


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**Question 26:** Find the derivative of the following functions (it is to be understood that a, b, c, d, p, q, r and s are fixed non-zero constants and m and n are integers):  $\frac{4x + 5 \sin x}{3x + 7 \cos x}$

**Solution 26:** Let  $f(x) = \frac{4x + 5 \sin x}{3x + 7 \cos x}$

By quotient rule,

$$\begin{aligned}
 f'(x) &= \frac{(3x + 7 \cos x) \frac{d}{dx}(4x + 5 \sin x) - (4x + 5 \sin x) \frac{d}{dx}(3x + 7 \cos x)}{(3x + 7 \cos x)^2} \\
 &= \frac{(3x + 7 \cos x) \left[ 4 \frac{d}{dx}(x) + 5 \frac{d}{dx}(\sin x) \right] - (4x + 5 \sin x) \left[ 3 \frac{d}{dx}(x) + 7 \frac{d}{dx}(\cos x) \right]}{(3x + 7 \cos x)^2} \\
 &= \frac{(3x + 7 \cos x)[4x + 5 \cos x] - (4x + 5 \sin x)[3 - 7 \sin x]}{(3x + 7 \cos x)^2} \\
 &= \frac{12x + 15x \cos x + 28x \cos x + 35 \cos^2 x - 12x + 28x \sin x - 15 \sin x + 35(\cos^2 x + \sin^2 x)}{(3x + 7 \cos x)^2} \\
 &= \frac{15x \cos x + 28 \cos x + 28x \sin x - 15 \sin x + 35(\cos^2 x + \sin^2 x)}{(3x + 7 \cos x)^2} \\
 &= \frac{35 + 15x \cos x + 28 \cos x + 28x \sin x - 15 \sin x}{(3x + 7 \cos x)^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

**Question 27:** Find the derivative of the following functions (it is to be understood that a, b, c,

d, p, q, r and s are fixed non-zero constants and m and n are integers):  $\frac{x^2 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)}{\sin x}$

**Solution 27:** Let  $f(x) = \frac{x^2 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)}{\sin x}$

By quotient rule,

$$f'(x) = \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) \left[ \frac{\sin x \frac{d}{dx}(x^2) - x^2 \frac{d}{dx}(\sin x)}{\sin^2 x} \right]$$

$$= \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) \left[ \frac{\sin x(2x) - x^2(\cos x)}{\sin^2 x} \right]$$

$$= \frac{x \cos \frac{\pi}{4} [2 \sin x - x \cos x]}{\sin^2 x}$$


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**Question 28:** Find the derivative of the following functions (it is to be understood that a, b, c, d, p, q, r and s are fixed non-zero constants and m and n are integers):  $\frac{x}{1 + \tan x}$

**Solution 28:** Let  $f(x) = \frac{x}{1 + \tan x}$

$$f'(x) = \frac{(1 + \tan x) \frac{d}{dx}(x) - (x) \frac{d}{dx}(1 + \tan x)}{(1 + \tan x)^2}$$

$$= f'(x) = \frac{(1 + \tan x) - x \frac{d}{dx}(1 + \tan x)}{(1 + \tan x)^2} \dots (i)$$

Let  $g(x) = 1 + \tan x$ . Accordingly,  $g(x + h) = 1 + \tan(x + h)$ .

By first principle,

$$g'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{g(x+h) - g(x)}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{1 + \tan(x+h) - 1 - \tan(x)}{h} \right]$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \left[ \frac{\sin(x+h)}{\cos(x+h)} - \frac{\sin x}{\cos x} \right]$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \left[ \frac{\sin(x+h) \cos x - \sin x \cos(x+h)}{\cos(x+h) \cos x} \right]$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \left[ \frac{\sin(x+h-x)}{\cos(x+h) \cos x} \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \left[ \frac{\sinh}{\cos(x+h)\cos x} \right] \\
&= \left( \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sinh}{h} \right) \cdot \left( \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\cos(x+h)\cos x} \right) \\
&= 1 \times \frac{1}{\cos^2} = \sec^2 x \\
&\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dx} (1 + \tan^2 x) = \sec^2 x \quad \dots(\text{ii})
\end{aligned}$$

From (i) and (ii), we obtain

$$f'(x) = \frac{1 + \tan x - x \sec^2 x}{(1 + \tan x)^2}$$


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**Question 29:** Find the derivative of the following functions (it is to be understood that a, b, c, d, p, q, r and s are fixed non-zero constants and m and n are integers):  $(x + \sec x)(x - \tan x)$

**Solution 29:** Let  $f(x) = (x + \sec x)(x - \tan x)$

By product rule,

$$\begin{aligned}
f(x) &= (x + \sec x) \frac{d}{dx} (x - \tan x) + (x - \tan x) \frac{d}{dx} (x + \sec x) \\
&= (x + \sec x) \left[ \frac{d}{dx} (x) - \frac{d}{dx} \tan x \right] + (x - \tan x) \left[ \frac{d}{dx} (x) + \frac{d}{dx} \sec x \right] \\
&= f(x + \sec x) \left[ 1 - \frac{d}{dx} \tan x \right] + (x - \tan x) \left[ 1 + \frac{d}{dx} \sec x \right] \quad \dots(\text{i})
\end{aligned}$$

Let  $f_1(x) = \tan x$ ,  $f_2(x) = \sec x$

Accordingly,  $f_1(x+h) = \tan(x+h)$  and  $f_2(x+h) = \sec(x+h)$

$$\begin{aligned}
f_1'(x) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{f_1(x+h) - f_1(x)}{h} \right) \\
&= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{\tan(x+h) - \tan(x)}{h} \right]
\end{aligned}$$



$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \left[ \frac{\sin(x+h)}{\cos(x+h)} - \frac{\sin x}{\cos x} \right]$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \left[ \frac{\sin(x+h) \cos x - \sin x \cos(x+h)}{\cos(x+h) \cos x} \right]$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \left[ \frac{\sin(x+h-x)}{\cos(x+h) \cos x} \right]$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \left[ \frac{\sin h}{\cos(x+h) \cos x} \right]$$

$$= \left( \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin h}{h} \right) \cdot \left( \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\cos(x+h) \cos x} \right)$$

$$= 1 \times \frac{1}{\cos^2 x} = \sec^2 x$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dx} (1 + \tan^2 x) = \sec^2 x \quad \dots \text{(ii)}$$

$$f'_2(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{f_2(x+h) - f_2(x)}{h} \right)$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{\sec(x+h) - \sec(x)}{h} \right)$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \left( \frac{1}{\cos(x+h)} - \frac{1}{\cos x} \right)$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \left( \frac{\cos x - \cos(x+h)}{\cos(x+h) \cos x} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\cos x} \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \left[ \frac{-2 \sin \left( \frac{x+x+h}{2} \right) \cdot \sin \left( \frac{x-x-h}{2} \right)}{\cos(x+h)} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{\cos x} \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \left[ \frac{-2 \sin \left( \frac{2x+h}{2} \right) \cdot \sin \left( \frac{-h}{2} \right)}{\cos(x+h)} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{\cos x} \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \left[ \frac{\sin\left(\frac{2x+h}{2}\right) \left\{ \frac{\sin\left(\frac{h}{2}\right)}{\left(\frac{h}{2}\right)} \right\}}{\cos(x+h)} \right]$$

$$= \sec x \frac{\left\{ \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \sin\left(\frac{2x+h}{2}\right) \right\} \left\{ \lim_{\frac{h}{2} \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin\left(\frac{h}{2}\right)}{\left(\frac{h}{2}\right)} \right\}}{\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \cos(x+h)}$$

$$= \sec x \cdot \frac{\sin x \cdot 1}{\cos x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dx} \sec x = \sec x \tan x$$

From (i), (ii), and (iii), we obtain

$$f'(x) = (x + \sec x)(1 - \sec^2 x) + (x - \tan x)(1 + \sec x \tan x)$$


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**Question 30:** Find the derivative of the following functions (it is to be understood that a, b, c, d, p, q, r and s are fixed non-zero constants and m and n are integers):  $\frac{x}{\sin^n x}$

**Solution 30:** Let  $f(x) = \frac{x}{\sin^n x}$

By quotient rule,

$$f'(x) = \frac{\sin^n x \frac{d}{dx} x - x \frac{d}{dx} \sin^n x}{\sin^{2n} x}$$

It can be easily shown that  $\frac{d}{dx} \sin^n x = n \sin^{n-1} x \cos x$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \frac{\sin^n x \frac{d}{dx} x - x \frac{d}{dx} \sin^n x}{\sin^{2n} x} \\ &= \frac{\sin^n x \cdot 1 - x(n \sin^{n-1} x \cos x)}{\sin^{2n} x} \\ &= \frac{\sin^{n-1} x (\sin x - nx \cos x)}{\sin^{2n} x} \\ &= \frac{\sin x - nx \cos x}{\sin^{n+1} x} \end{aligned}$$

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