

Chain Rule and Trig. Derivatives A

Differentiate each. Simplify your answers appropriately.

1. $f(x) = 3x - \cot x$

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

2. $f(x) = \frac{1}{x} \cos x = x^{-1} \cos x$

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

$$= -\frac{\sin x}{x} - \frac{\cos x}{x^2} \quad \text{common denominator}$$

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

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

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

3. $y = x^2 \cos x$

$$y' = x^2(-\sin x) + \cos x \cdot 2x$$

$$= \boxed{-x^2 \sin x + 2x \cos x}$$

4. $y = \frac{x^2 - 6x}{\sin x}$

$$y' = \frac{\sin x(2x - 6) - (x^2 - 6x)(\cos x)}{\sin^2 x}$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{\sin x(2x - 6) - \cos x(x^2 - 6x)}{\sin^2 x}}$$

5. $f(x) = e^x \tan x$

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

$$= \boxed{e^x(\sec^2 x + \tan x)}$$

6. $y = e^x \sec x$

$$y' = e^x \sec x \tan x + \sec x e^x$$

$$= \boxed{e^x \sec x (\tan x + 1)}$$

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7. $f(x) = 5 \csc x$

$$f'(x) = \boxed{-5 \csc x \cot x}$$

8. $y = (2x^4 - 3x)^6$

$$y' = \boxed{6(2x^4 - 3x)^5 (8x^3 - 3)}$$

9. $y = e^{\sin x}$

$$y' = e^{\sin x} \cdot \cos x$$

$$= \boxed{\cos x e^{\sin x}}$$

10. $y = \cos^2 \theta = (\cos(\theta))^2$

$$y' = 2(\cos \theta)(-\sin \theta)$$

$$= \boxed{-2 \cos \theta \sin \theta}$$

11. $y = \sin(x^3)$

$$y' = \cos(x^3) \cdot 3x^2$$

$$= \boxed{3x^2 \cos(x^3)}$$

12. $y = \sqrt{3x^4 - x} = (3x^4 - x)^{1/2}$

$$y' = \frac{1}{2} (3x^4 - x)^{-1/2} (12x^3 - 1)$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{12x^3 - 1}{2\sqrt{3x^4 - x}}}$$