

INVERSE TRIG FUNCTIONS

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Name: Solutions

Compute the derivative of the given function.

1. $f(x) = \arctan(x^2)$

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{1+(x^2)^2} \cdot 2x = \frac{2x}{1+x^4}$$

2. $f(x) = \arctan(x)^2$

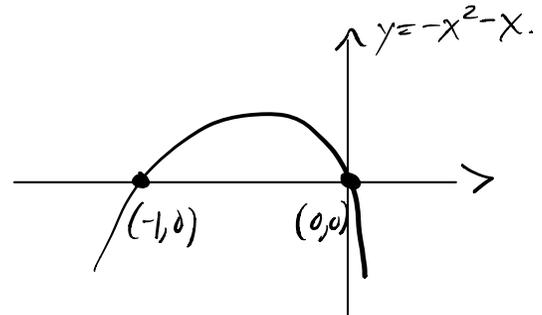
$$f'(x) = 2\arctan(x) \left(\frac{1}{1+x^2} \right)$$
$$= \frac{2\arctan(x)}{1+x^2}$$

$$-x^2 - x = -x(x+1)$$

3. $f(x) = \arcsin(2x + 1)$

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-(2x+1)^2}} \cdot 2 = \frac{2}{\sqrt{1-(4x^2+4x+1)}} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{-4x^2-4x}}$$

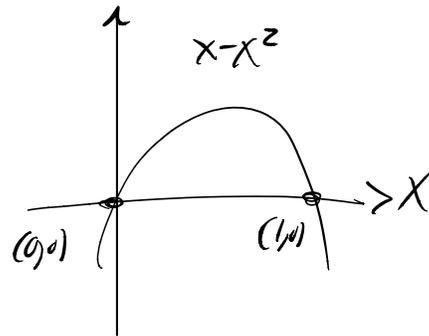
$$= \frac{2}{\sqrt{-4x(x+1)}} = \boxed{\frac{2}{\sqrt{-x(x+1)}}}, \quad -1 < x < 0.$$



4. $f(x) = \arccos(\sqrt{x})$

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

$$= \boxed{\frac{-1}{2\sqrt{x(1-x)}}}, \quad 0 < x < 1$$



5. $f(x) = x \arcsin(x) + \sqrt{1-x^2}$

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

$$= \arcsin(x) + \frac{x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} - \frac{x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

$$= \boxed{\arcsin(x)}$$

Compute the following integrals

$$6. \int \frac{1}{a^2 + x^2} dx$$

Observe: $\frac{1}{a^2 + x^2} = \frac{1}{a^2 \left(1 + \frac{x^2}{a^2}\right)} = \frac{1}{a^2 \left(1 + \left(\frac{x}{a}\right)^2\right)}$

Take $u = \frac{x}{a}$, $du = \frac{1}{a} dx$

$$\Rightarrow \int \frac{dx}{a^2 + x^2} = \frac{1}{a} \int \frac{\left(\frac{1}{a}\right) dx}{1 + \left(\frac{x}{a}\right)^2} = \frac{1}{a} \int \frac{du}{1 + u^2} = \frac{1}{a} \arctan(u) + C$$

$$= \frac{1}{a} \arctan\left(\frac{x}{a}\right) + C$$

$$7. \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}} dx$$

Observe:

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

Take $u = \frac{x}{a}$ so $du = \frac{1}{a} dx$ and

$$\int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}} = \int \frac{du}{\sqrt{1 - u^2}}$$

$$= \arcsin(u) + C$$

$$= \arcsin\left(\frac{x}{a}\right) + C$$