

Find the Derivatives of inverse trig. functions

① $Y = \sin^{-1}(x)$

$$\sin(Y) = \sin(\sin^{-1}(x)) = x$$

$$\therefore \sin Y = x$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos Y \frac{dY}{dx} = 1 \quad \text{differentiated implicitly.}$$

$$\frac{dY}{dx} = \frac{1}{\cos Y} \quad \text{solving for } \frac{dY}{dx}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\sin^2 Y}} \quad \text{since } \sin^2 Y + \cos^2 Y = 1$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \quad \text{since } x = \sin Y$$

$$\therefore \boxed{\frac{d}{dx}(\sin^{-1}(x)) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}}$$

② $Y = \cos^{-1}(x)$

$$\cos(Y) = \cos(\cos^{-1}(x)) = x$$

$$\therefore \cos Y = x$$

$$\Rightarrow -\sin Y \frac{dY}{dx} = 1 \quad \text{: diff. implicitly.}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dY}{dx} = \frac{-1}{\sin Y} \quad \text{: solved for } \frac{dY}{dx}$$

$$= \frac{-1}{\sqrt{1-\cos^2 Y}} \quad \text{: using } \sin^2 Y + \cos^2 Y = 1$$

$$= \frac{-1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \quad \text{: since } \cos Y = x$$

$$\therefore \boxed{\frac{d}{dx}(\cos^{-1}(x)) = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}}$$

So the derivations for $\tan^{-1}(x)$, $\sec^{-1}(x)$, $\csc^{-1}(x)$, $\cot^{-1}(x)$ follow the same series of steps, although the algebra is a bit different.