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#### Every time:

(1) Take  $\frac{d}{dx}$  of both sides.

(2) Add and subtract to get the  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  on one side and everything else on the other.

(3) Factor out  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  and divide both sides by its coefficient.

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Notice:

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This is true in general!

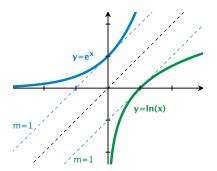
Using implicit differentiation for good: Inverse functions.

Remember:

(1)  $y = e^x$  has a slope through the point (0,1) of 1.

(2) The natural log is the *inverse* to  $e^x$ , so

$$y = \ln x \implies e^y = x$$



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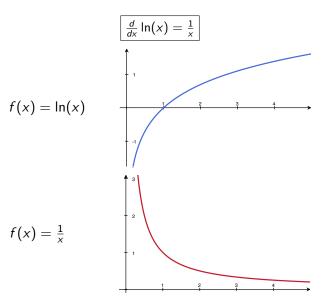
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## Does it make sense?



#### Calculate

- 1.  $\frac{d}{dx} \ln x^2$
- $2. \quad \frac{d}{dx} \ln(\sin(x^2))$
- 3.  $\frac{d}{dx}\log_3(x)$ 
  - [hint:  $\log_a x = \frac{\ln x}{\ln a}$ ]

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There are lots of points we know on these functions...

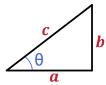
Examples:

1. Since 
$$\sin(\pi/2) = 1$$
, we have  $\arcsin(1) = \pi/2$ 

2. Since 
$$\cos(\pi/2) = 0$$
, we have  $\arccos(0) = \pi/2$   
Etc...

In general:

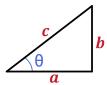
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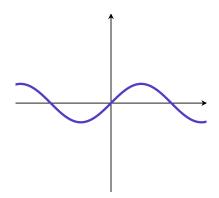
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#### **Domain problems:**

 $\sin(0) = 0,$   $\sin(\pi) = 0,$   $\sin(2\pi) = 0,$   $\sin(3\pi) = 0,...$ 

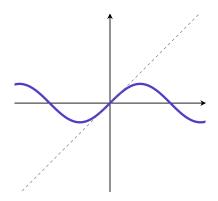
So which is the right answer to  $\arcsin(0)$ , really?

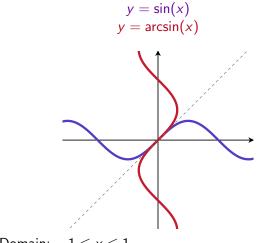




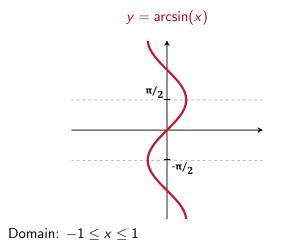
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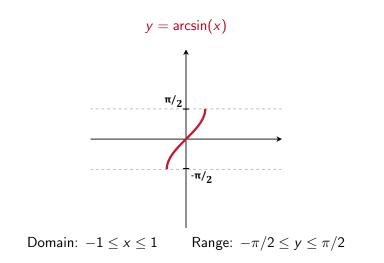
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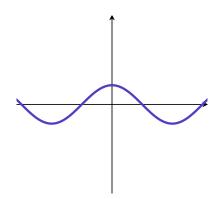
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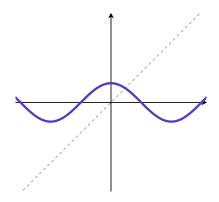


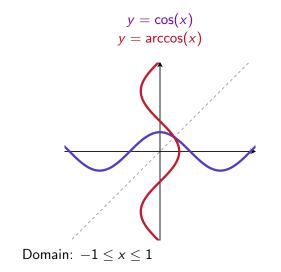
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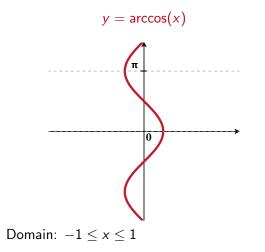


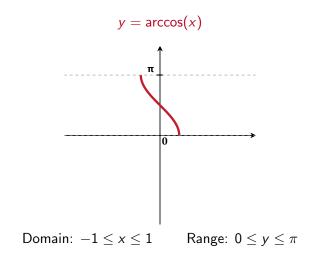


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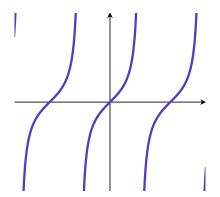




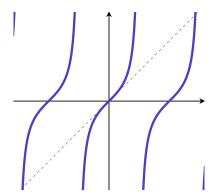


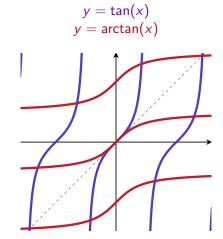




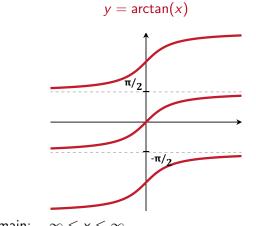




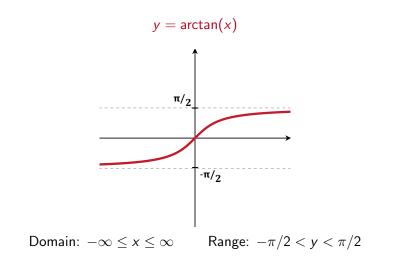


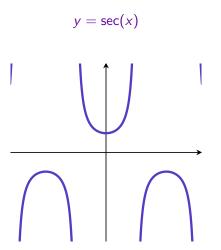


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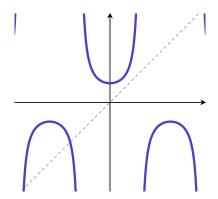


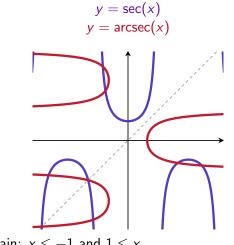
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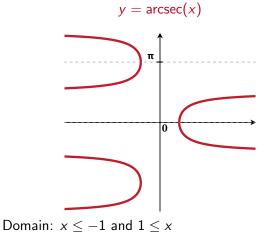


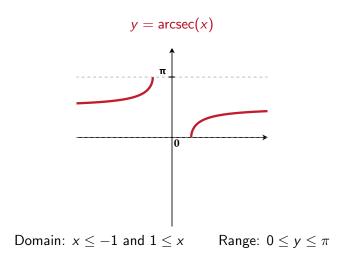




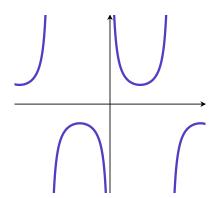


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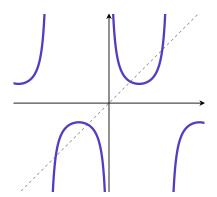


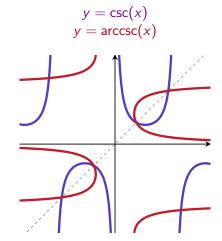




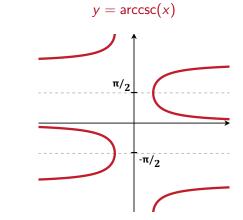


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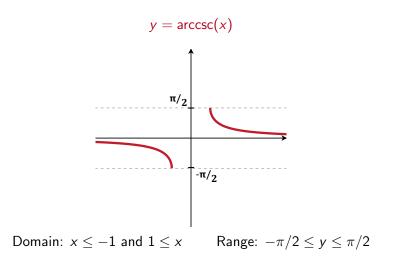




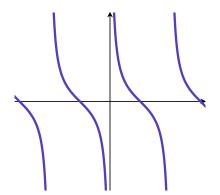
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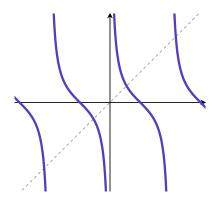
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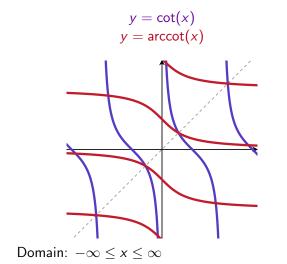


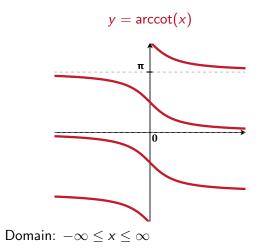


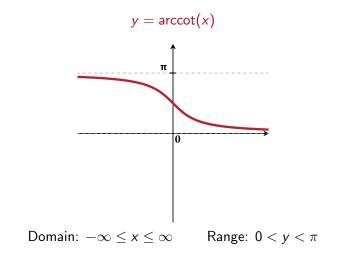


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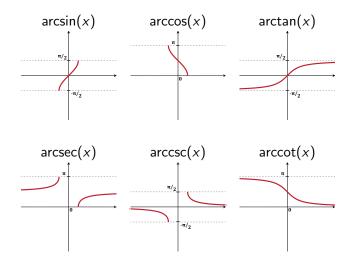








Graphs



### Back to Derivatives

Recall:

f(x)	f'(x)
sin(x)	$\cos(x)$
$\cos(x)$	$-\sin(x)$
tan(x)	$\sec^2(x)$
sec(x)	sec(x)tan(x)
$\csc(x)$	$-\csc(x)\cot(x)$
$\cot(x)$	$-\csc^2(x)$

#### Back to Derivatives

Use implicit differentiation to calculate the derivatives of

- 1.  $\arcsin(x)$
- 2.  $\arctan(x)$

Use the rule

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

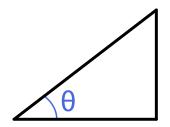
to check your answers, and then to calculate the derivatives of the other inverse trig functions:

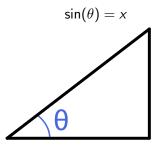
- 1.  $\frac{d}{dx} \arccos(x)$
- 2.  $\frac{d}{dx} \operatorname{arcsec}(x)$
- 3.  $\frac{d}{dx} \operatorname{arccsc}(x)$
- 4.  $\frac{d}{dx} \operatorname{arccot}(x)$

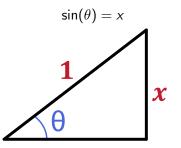
## Using implicit differentiation to calculate $\frac{d}{dx} \arcsin(x)$

If 
$$y = \arcsin(x)$$
 then  $x = \sin(y)$ .

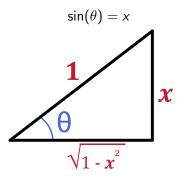
Take 
$$\frac{d}{dx}$$
 of both sides of  $x = \sin(y)$ :  
Left hand side:  $\frac{d}{dx}x = 1$   
Right hand side:  $\frac{d}{dx}\sin(y) = \cos(y)*\frac{dy}{dx} = \cos(\arcsin(x))*\frac{dy}{dx}$   
So  
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{\cos(\arcsin(x))}$ .

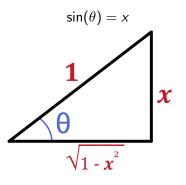




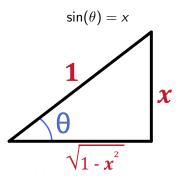


Key: This is a simple triangle to write down whose angle  $\theta$  has  $sin(\theta) = x$ 

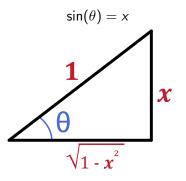




So 
$$\cos(\theta) = \sqrt{1-x^2}/1$$



So 
$$\cos(\arcsin(x)) = \sqrt{1-x^2}$$



So 
$$\cos(\arcsin(x)) = \sqrt{1-x^2}$$

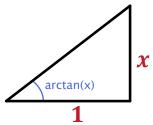
So 
$$\frac{d}{dx} \operatorname{arcsin}(x) = \frac{1}{\cos(\operatorname{arcsin}(x))} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

# Calculating $\frac{d}{dx} \arctan(x)$ .

We found that

$$\frac{d}{dx}\arctan(x) = \frac{1}{\sec^2(x)} = \left(\frac{1}{\sec(x)}\right)^2$$

Simplify this expression using



To simplify the rest, use the triangles

