

$$\frac{d[\tan x]}{dx} = \sec^2 x$$

Proof

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d[\tan x]}{dx} &= \frac{d}{dx} \left[ \frac{\sin x}{\cos x} \right] = \frac{(\cos x)(\cos x) - (-\sin x)(\sin x)}{[\cos x]^2} \quad (\text{by the Quotient Rule}) \\ &= \frac{\cos^2 x + \sin^2 x}{[\cos x]^2} = \frac{1}{[\cos x]^2} = \sec^2 x\end{aligned}$$

*Q.E.D.*

$$\frac{d[\sec x]}{dx} = \sec x \tan x$$

Proof

$$\frac{d[\sec x]}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx} \left[ \frac{1}{\cos x} \right] = \frac{(\cos x)(0) - (1)(-\sin x)}{[\cos x]^2} = \frac{\sin x}{\cos^2 x} = \sec x \tan x$$

*Q.E.D.*

$$\frac{d[\csc x]}{dx} = -\cot x \csc x$$

Proof

$$\frac{d[\csc x]}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx} \left[ \frac{1}{\sin x} \right] = \frac{(\sin x)(0) - (\cos x)(1)}{(\sin x)^2} = \frac{-\cos x}{\sin^2 x} = -\cot x \csc x$$

*Q.E.D.*

$$\frac{d[\cot x]}{dx} = -\csc^2 x$$

Proof

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

*Q.E.D.*