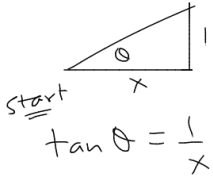


Derivatives of Inverse Functions ($\tan^{-1}(x) = \arctan(x)$)

Motivation

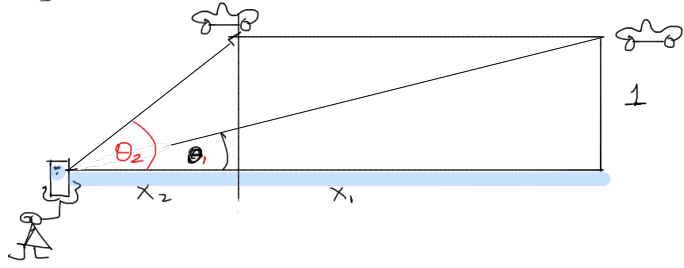
Question: How does angle change as $x \rightarrow 0$, (gets closer)

What is θ ?



isolate θ

$$\tan^{-1}(\tan \theta) = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$$
$$\theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$$



Answer
compute

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{d}{dx} \left(\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \right)$$

(build up to this by ① get $\frac{d}{dx}(\tan^{-1}(u))$
② sub $u = \frac{1}{x}$)

Derivative of $\arctan(x)$

want:

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\tan^{-1}(x)) = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$$

① set $y = \tan^{-1}(x)$, goal find y'

② hit w/ tan: $\tan(y) = x$

③ implicit diff: $\frac{d}{dx}(\tan(y)) = \frac{d}{dx}(x)$
 $\sec^2(y) \cdot y' = 1$

④ solve for y' get x-back: $y' = \frac{1}{\sec^2(y)} = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$

* use: $\tan(y) = x$
 $\Rightarrow \tan^2(y) = x^2$
relationship b/w \tan^2 & \sec^2

$$\frac{\sin^2}{\cos^2} + \frac{\cos^2}{\cos^2} = \frac{1}{\cos^2}$$

$$\tan^2 + 1 = \sec^2$$

$$\text{So } x^2 + 1 = \sec^2(y)$$

so

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\tan^{-1}(u)) = \frac{1}{1+u^2} \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$$

to complete motivational question —

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{d}{dx} \left(\tan^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{x} \right) \right) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{-1}{x^2+1} \right) = -1 \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{sec}}$$

(dep. speed units)

set $u = \frac{1}{x}$, $\frac{du}{dx} = -\frac{1}{x^2}$

$$\frac{1}{1+u^2} \left(\frac{du}{dx} \right) \rightarrow \frac{1}{1+\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^2} \left(-\frac{1}{x^2} \right)$$

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

$$= \frac{1}{\frac{x^2+1}{x^2}} \left(-\frac{1}{x^2} \right) = \frac{x^2}{x^2+1} \cdot \frac{-1}{x^2} = \frac{-1}{x^2+1}$$

two other important derivatives

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\ln(x)) = \frac{1}{x} \quad \rightarrow \frac{d}{dx}(\ln|u|) = \frac{1}{u} \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$$

① set $y = \ln(x)$

② find y' by hit w/ $\frac{d}{dx}$
hit w/ e first

stuck

$$\frac{d}{dx}(y) = \frac{d}{dx}(\ln(x))$$

$$y = \ln x$$

$$e \quad e$$

$$e^y = x \quad \text{now hit w/ } \frac{d}{dx}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(e^y) = \frac{d}{dx}(x) = 1$$

$$e^y \cdot y' = 1 \Rightarrow y' = \frac{1}{e^y} = \frac{1}{e^{\ln x}} = \frac{1}{x}$$

ex $\frac{d}{dx}(\ln(x^2)) = \frac{1}{x^2} \cdot 2x = \frac{2}{x} = 2\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$

$\frac{d}{dx}(a^x)$ where $a = \text{constant}$ ($\frac{d}{dx}(2^x)$?)

① set $y = a^x$

② hit w/ inverse

$$\ln y = \ln a^x = x \cdot \ln(a)$$

③ hit w/ $\frac{d}{dx}$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\ln(y)) = \frac{d}{dx}(x \cdot \ln(a))$$

$$\frac{1}{y} \cdot y' = \ln(a) \Rightarrow y' = y \cdot \ln(a) \Rightarrow y' = a^x \cdot \ln a$$

w/ chain rule

$$\frac{d}{dx}(a^u) = a^u \cdot \frac{du}{dx} \ln(a)$$