

1. Find the slope of the tangent line to  $f(x) = \arccos(x)\sqrt{1-x^2}$  at  $x = 0$ .

**Solution.** The slope of the tangent line to  $f(x)$  at  $x = 0$  is defined as  $f'(0)$ , so we begin by differentiating using the product and chain rules:

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \arccos(x) \cdot \frac{1}{2}(-2x)(1-x^2)^{-1/2} + \sqrt{1-x^2} \cdot \frac{-1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \\ &= -\frac{x \arccos(x)}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} - 1. \end{aligned}$$

Now, we simply plug in  $x = 0$ :

$$f'(0) = -\frac{0 \arccos(0)}{\sqrt{1-0^2}} - 1 = -1.$$

$$\boxed{f'(0) = -1}$$

2. Find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  in terms of  $x$  and  $y$  if  $e^{y/x} = \cos(x) + \sin(y)$ .

**Solution.** We use implicit differentiation. Taking a derivative of either side gives

$$e^{y/x} \cdot \frac{x \frac{dy}{dx} - y}{x^2} = -\sin(x) + \frac{dy}{dx} \cos(y),$$

and some rearranging yields

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} (xe^{y/x} - x^2 \cos(y)) &= ye^{y/x} - x^2 \sin(x) \implies \\ \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{ye^{y/x} - x^2 \sin(x)}{xe^{y/x} - x^2 \cos(y)}, \end{aligned}$$

which is our final answer.

$$\boxed{\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{ye^{y/x} - x^2 \sin(x)}{xe^{y/x} - x^2 \cos(y)}}$$

3. Find the derivative of  $f(x) = (\sec(x))^x$  in terms of  $x$ .

**Solution.** We use logarithmic differentiation. Let  $y = (\sec(x))^x$ . Then

$$\ln(y) = \ln((\sec(x))^x) = x \ln(\sec(x)),$$

and taking a derivative gives

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)}{y} &= \ln(\sec(x)) + x \frac{\sec(x) \tan(x)}{\sec(x)} \\ &= \ln(\sec(x)) + x \tan(x) \implies \\ \frac{dy}{dx} &= y(\ln(\sec(x)) + x \tan(x)) \\ &= (\sec(x))^x (\ln(\sec(x)) + x \tan(x)).\end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{dy}{dx} = (\sec(x))^x (\ln(\sec(x)) + x \tan(x))}$$