

# Section 4.6

## Solutions and Hints

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**for the book:**  
Calculus, Early Vectors  
 by James Stewart.

For this section (and for any test) you will likely find the below table useful:

$\frac{d}{dx}(\sin^{-1}(x)) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$	$\frac{d}{dx}(\csc^{-1}(x)) = \frac{-1}{x\sqrt{x^2-1}}$
$\frac{d}{dx}(\cos^{-1}(x)) = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$	$\frac{d}{dx}(\sec^{-1}(x)) = \frac{1}{x\sqrt{x^2-1}}$
$\frac{d}{dx}(\tan^{-1}(x)) = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$	$\frac{d}{dx}(\cot^{-1}(x)) = \frac{-1}{1+x^2}$

### 30. Find the derivative of $f(x) = \sin^{-1}(2x - 1)$ .

This is a chain rule problem.

$$O(\text{stuff}) = \sin^{-1}(\text{stuff})$$

$$\text{stuff} = 2x - 1$$

$$O'(\text{stuff}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\text{stuff}^2}}$$

$$\text{stuff}' = 2$$

$$f'(x) = O'(\text{stuff}) * \text{stuff}'$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\text{stuff}^2}} * 2,$$

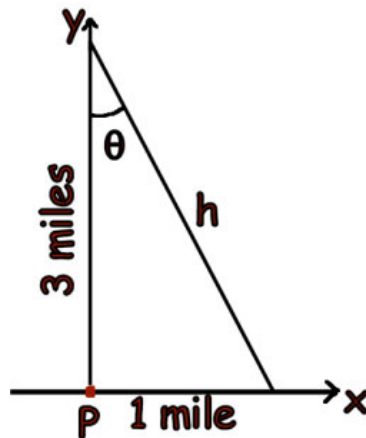
*put 2x-1 in for stuff*

$$= \frac{2}{\sqrt{1-(2x-1)^2}},$$

$1 - (2x - 1)^2 = 4x - 4x^2$ , so a 2 is in the denominator.

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x-x^2}}$$

66. A lighthouse is on a small island 3 km away from the nearest point P on a straight shoreline and its light makes four revolutions per minute. How fast is the beam of light moving along the shoreline when it is 1 kilometer from P ?



We are given that  $d\theta/dt = 4 \cdot 2\pi$  (4 revolutions per minute) and this rate is constant, so it doesn't matter what  $\theta$  or  $t$  is.

We need to find  $dx/dt$  when  $x = 1$ .

Notice that for this problem  $y$  remains constant at 3.

From the above picture we see that  $\tan(\theta) = x / y$ , or rather  $\theta = \tan^{-1}(x/y)$ . As  $y$  is constant with respect to  $t$  we can put 3 in for it so:

$$\theta = \tan^{-1}(x / 3)$$

If we differentiate both sides with respect to  $t$  we get:

$$\begin{aligned} \theta = \tan^{-1}(x / 3) &\quad \rightarrow d\theta / dt = d/dt[\tan^{-1}(x / 3)] \\ &\quad \rightarrow d\theta / dt = \frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{x}{3}\right)^2} * \frac{1}{3} * dx/dt \\ &\quad \rightarrow d\theta / dt = \frac{3}{x^2 + 9} * dx/dt \end{aligned}$$

And we can now put  $8\pi$  in for  $d\theta/dt$  and 1 in for  $x$  and solve for  $dx/dt$ :

$$\begin{aligned} d\theta / dt = \frac{3}{x^2 + 9} * dx/dt &\quad \rightarrow 8\pi = 3 / (1 + 9) * dx/dt \\ &\quad \rightarrow 8\pi = (3/10) * dx/dt \\ &\quad \rightarrow (80 / 3) * \pi = dx/dt \end{aligned}$$

The light is moving  $(80 / 3) * \pi \approx 84 \text{ km / minute}$  at the given instant.