

Answer on Question #50654 – Math - Trigonometry

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it's my thinking

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so now my question is are they both correct?

i want to differentiate this $\sin^{-1}\{2x\sqrt{1-x^2}\}$

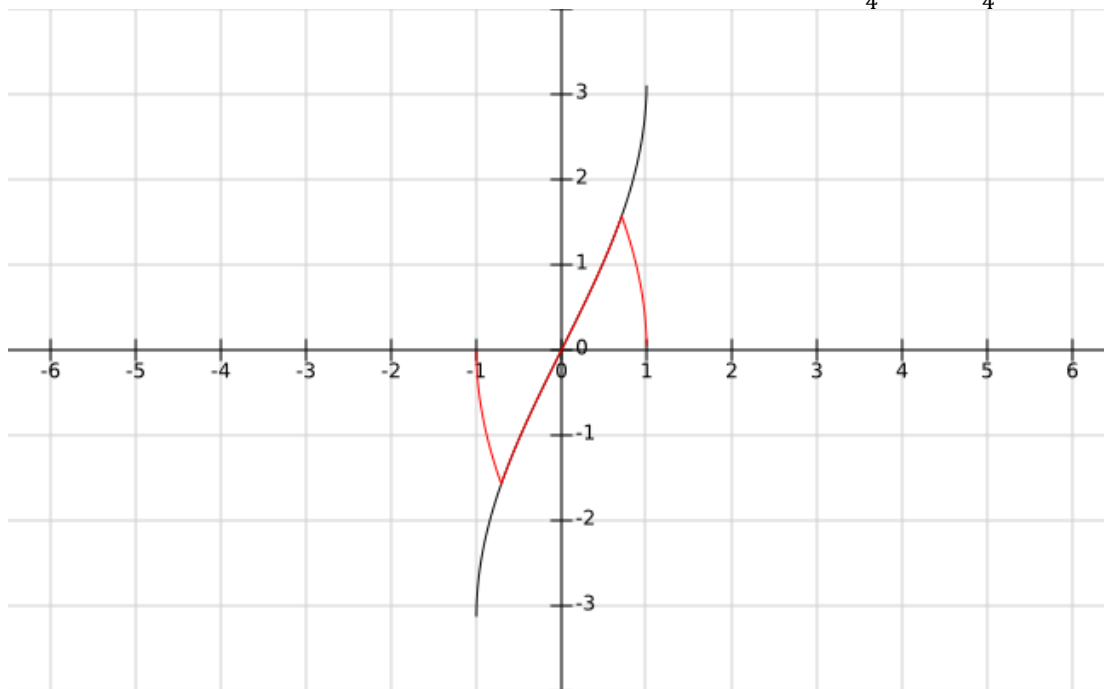
so if we use $2 \sin^{-1} x$, then the answer will be $2/\sqrt{1-x^2}$

and if we use $2 \cos^{-1} x$, then the answer will be $-2/\sqrt{1-x^2}$. there are two different answer after differentiate. please let me know. which one is correct or both correct??

Solution:

In your proof there is a mistake $\sin^{-1}(\sin 2z) = 2z$ only for $-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq 2z \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$.

Also the formula $2 \sin^{-1} x = \sin^{-1} x\sqrt{1-x^2}$ is correct only for $-\frac{\pi}{4} \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{4}$.



$y(x) = 2 \sin^{-1} x$ black curve, $y(x) = \sin^{-1} x\sqrt{1-x^2}$ red curve.

Also function $\sin^{-1}(2 \sin z \sqrt{1-\sin^2 z})$ and $\sin^{-1}(2 \cos z \sqrt{1-\cos^2 z})$ are different function of argument x , as in the first case $x = \sin z$ and in the second case $x = \cos z$, so they could have different derivatives and both is true.