Answer on Question #64863 – Math – Real Analysis

Question

Verify Inverse function theorem for finding the derivative at a point y of the 0 domain of the inverse function of the function f (x) = cosx, $x \in [0,\pi]$. Hence, find the derivative of the inverse function at y.

Solution

Derivative of the Inverse Function:

$$\frac{d}{dx}f^{-1}(x) = \frac{1}{f'(f^{-1}(x))}.$$

 $f(x) = cosx, f'(x) = -sinx, f^{-1}(x) = arccosx.$ y = f(x) = 0 when $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$.

Thus

$$\frac{d}{dx}f^{-1}(x)|_{x=0} = \frac{1}{-\sin(\arccos(0))} = -\frac{1}{\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)} = -1.$$

Answer: -1.

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