

Exercise 4

Differentiate.

$$y = 2 \sec x - \csc x$$

Solution

Use the quotient rule to differentiate y .

$$\begin{aligned} y' &= \frac{dy}{dx} \\ &= \frac{d}{dx}(2 \sec x - \csc x) \\ &= \frac{d}{dx}(2 \sec x) - \frac{d}{dx}(\csc x) \\ &= \frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{2}{\cos x}\right) - \frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{1}{\sin x}\right) \\ &= \frac{\left[\frac{d}{dx}(2)\right] \cos x - \left[\frac{d}{dx}(\cos x)\right](2)}{(\cos x)^2} - \frac{\left[\frac{d}{dx}(1)\right] \sin x - \left[\frac{d}{dx}(\sin x)\right](1)}{(\sin x)^2} \\ &= \frac{(0) \cos x - (-\sin x)(2)}{\cos^2 x} - \frac{(0) \sin x - (\cos x)(1)}{\sin^2 x} \\ &= \frac{2 \sin x}{\cos^2 x} + \frac{\cos x}{\sin^2 x} \end{aligned}$$