

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \cos(x^2) \cdot 2x \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{dz}{dx} = 3x^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \frac{dy}{dz} &= \frac{\frac{dy}{dx}}{\frac{dz}{dx}} = \frac{2x \cos x^2}{3x^2} \\ &= \frac{2 \cos x^2}{3x} \quad \text{Answer.} \end{aligned}$$

18. Using a suitable substitution, find the derivative of $\tan^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{a-x}{a+x}}$ with respect to x .
(isc 2010)

Solution: Let $y = \tan^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{a-x}{a+x}}$ Let $x = a \cos \theta$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \tan^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{a-a \cos \theta}{a+a \cos \theta}} & \therefore \theta &= \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{x}{a} \right) \\ &= \tan^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{1-\cos \theta}{1+\cos \theta}} \\ &= \tan^{-1} \sqrt{\tan^2 \left(\frac{\theta}{2} \right)} \\ &= \tan^{-1} \left(\tan \frac{\theta}{2} \right) \\ &= \frac{\theta}{2} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{x}{a} \right) \\ \therefore \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{-1}{\sqrt{1-\left(\frac{x}{a}\right)^2}} \cdot \frac{1}{a} \\ &= -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{a^2-x^2}} \quad \text{Answer} \end{aligned}$$

19. If $y = x^x$, prove that $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - \frac{1}{y} \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right)^2 - \frac{y}{x} = 0$ (isc 2011)

Solution : Given $y = x^x$

Taking log both sides

$$\Rightarrow \log y = x \log x$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{y} \frac{dy}{dx} = x \cdot \frac{1}{x} + \log x \quad (\text{differentiating each term w.r.t. } x)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{y} \frac{dy}{dx} = 1 + \log x$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{y} \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + \frac{dy}{dx} \cdot \left(-\frac{1}{y^2} \right) \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{x} \quad (\text{differentiating again w.r.t. } x)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - \frac{1}{y} \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right)^2 - \frac{y}{x} = 0 \quad \text{Proved.}$$