Know differentiation methods and the meanings of first and second derivatives

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Learning target: Know differentiation methods and the meanings of first and second derivatives.

An inverse-circular derivative requires its domain conditions. Implicit differentiation applies the chain rule whenever y depends on x, and differentiating again requires retaining y′ terms before substitution. A second derivative provides concavity information, but a zero alone does not prove an inflection without a sign change.

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Task 1. Differentiate y=arctan(2x) twice. Find its inflection point and justify the change in concavity. State the domain of the derivatives.

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