

Answer on Question #48609 – Math – Calculus

if $\sec(x+y/x-y)=a$, prove that $dy/dx=y/x$

Solution.

$$\sec\left(\frac{x+y}{x-y}\right) = a \rightarrow \frac{x+y}{x-y} = \operatorname{arcsec}(a) \rightarrow \frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{x+y}{x-y}\right) = \frac{d}{dx}(\operatorname{arcsec}(a)) \rightarrow$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{(1+y')(x-y) - (1-y')(x+y)}{(x-y)^2} = 0 \rightarrow$$

$$\rightarrow 2y - 2xy' = 0 \rightarrow y' = \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y}{x}.$$