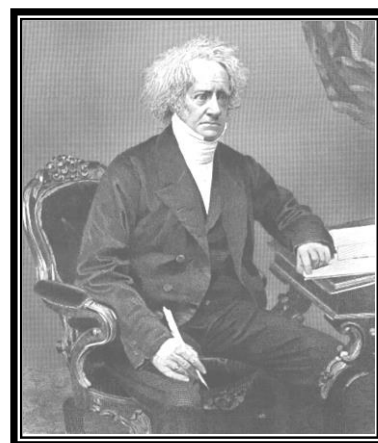


# Inverse Trigonometrical Functions

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*Sir John F.W. Herschel*

**D**aniel Bernoulli was the first to use symbols for the inverse trigonometric functions. In 1729 he used  $A S.$  for arcsine in *Comment. acad. sc. Petrop., Vol. II.*

**A**ccording to *Cajori* (vol. 2, page 176) the inverse trigonometric function notation utilizing the exponent<sup>-1</sup> was introduced by Sir John Frederick William Herschel in 1813 in the *Philosophical Transactions of London*. The symbols  $\sin^{-1}x$ ,  $\cos^{-1}x$  etc. for arc  $\sin x$ , arc  $\cos x$  etc. were also suggested by the astronomer Sir John F.W. Herschel.

**I**n American and English books the symbol  $\sin^{-1}y$  is generally used; on the continent of Europe the symbol arc  $\sin y$  is the one that is met.



# Inverse Trigonometrical Functions

The inverse of a function  $f: A \rightarrow B$  exists if  $f$  is one-one onto i.e., a bijection and is given by  $f(x) = y \Rightarrow f^{-1}(y) = x$ .

Consider the sine function with domain  $R$  and range  $[-1, 1]$ . Clearly this function is not a bijection and so it is not invertible. If we restrict the domain of it in such a way that it becomes one-one, then it would become invertible. If we consider sine as a function with domain  $\left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$  and co-domain  $[-1, 1]$ , then it is a bijection and therefore, invertible. The inverse of sine function is defined as  $\sin^{-1} x = \theta \Leftrightarrow \sin \theta = x$ , where  $\theta \in \left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$  and  $x \in [-1, 1]$ .

## 5.1 Properties of Inverse Trigonometric Functions

### (1) Meaning of inverse function

- (i)  $\sin \theta = x \Rightarrow \sin^{-1} x = \theta$       (ii)  $\cos \theta = x \Rightarrow \cos^{-1} x = \theta$       (iii)  $\tan \theta = x \Rightarrow \tan^{-1} x = \theta$   
 (iv)  $\cot \theta = x \Rightarrow \cot^{-1} x = \theta$       (v)  $\sec \theta = x \Rightarrow \sec^{-1} x = \theta$       (vi)  $\operatorname{cosec} \theta = x \Rightarrow \operatorname{cosec}^{-1} x = \theta$

### (2) Domain and range of inverse functions

(i) If  $\sin y = x$ , then  $y = \sin^{-1} x$ , under certain condition.

$$-1 \leq \sin y \leq 1; \text{ but } \sin y = x \therefore -1 \leq x \leq 1$$

$$\text{Again, } \sin y = -1 \Rightarrow y = -\frac{\pi}{2} \text{ and } \sin y = 1 \Rightarrow y = \frac{\pi}{2}.$$

Keeping in mind numerically smallest angles or real numbers.  $\therefore -\frac{\pi}{2} \leq y \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$

These restrictions on the values of  $x$  and  $y$  provide us with the domain and range for the function  $y = \sin^{-1} x$ .

i.e., Domain :  $x \in [-1, 1]$

$$\text{Range: } y \in \left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$$

(ii) Let  $\cos y = x$ , then  $y = \cos^{-1} x$ , under certain conditions  $-1 \leq x \leq 1$

$$\Rightarrow -1 \leq x \leq 1$$

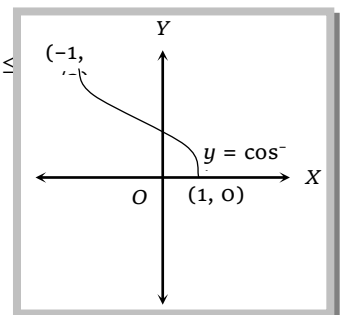
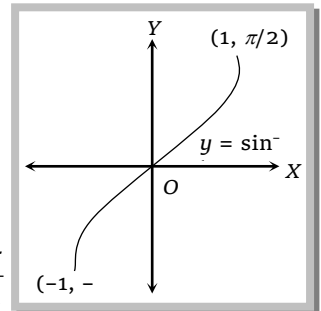
$$\cos y = -1 \Rightarrow y = \pi$$

$$\cos y = 1 \Rightarrow y = 0$$

$\therefore 0 \leq y \leq \pi$  {as  $\cos x$  is a decreasing function in  $[0, \pi]$ };

hence  $\cos \pi \leq \cos y \leq \cos 0$

These restrictions on the values of  $x$  and  $y$  provide us the domain and range for the function  $y = \cos^{-1} x$ .



*i.e.* Domain:  $x \in [-1, 1]$

Range:  $y \in [0, \pi]$

(iii) If  $\tan y = x$ , then  $y = \tan^{-1} x$ , under certain conditions.

Here,  $\tan y \in R \Rightarrow x \in R, -\infty < \tan y < \infty \Rightarrow -\frac{\pi}{2} < y < \frac{\pi}{2}$

Thus, Domain  $x \in R$ ;

Range  $y \in \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$

(iv) If  $\cot y = x$ , then  $y = \cot^{-1} x$

under certain conditions,  $\cot y \in R \Rightarrow x \in R$ ;

$-\infty < \cot y < \infty \Rightarrow 0 < y < \pi$

These conditions on  $x$  and  $y$  make the function,  $\cot y = x$  one-one and onto so that the inverse function exists. *i.e.*,  $y = \cot^{-1} x$  is meaningful.

$\Rightarrow$  Domain:  $x \in R$

Range:  $y \in (0, \pi)$

(v) If  $\sec y = x$ , then  $y = \sec^{-1} x$ , where  $|x| \geq 1$  and  $0 \leq y \leq \pi, y \neq \frac{\pi}{2}$

Here, Domain:  $x \in R - (-1, 1)$

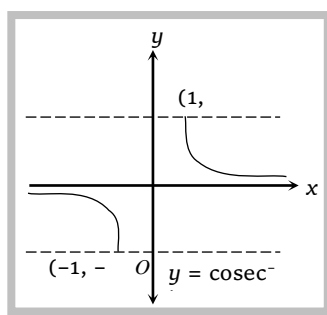
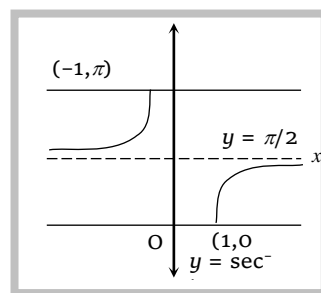
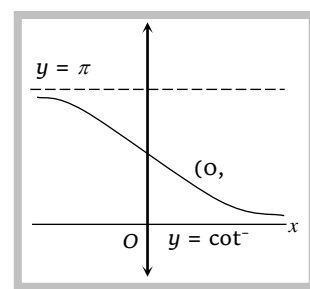
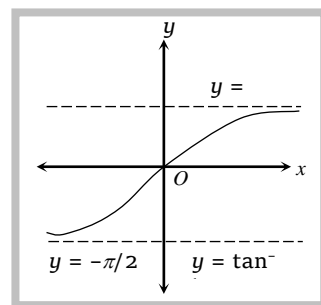
Range:  $y \in [0, \pi] - \left\{\frac{\pi}{2}\right\}$

(vi) If  $\operatorname{cosec} y = x$ , then  $y = \operatorname{cosec}^{-1} x$

Where  $|x| \geq 1$  and  $-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq y \leq \frac{\pi}{2}, y \neq 0$

Here, Domain  $\in R - (-1, 1)$

Range  $\in \left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right] - \{0\}$



Function	Domain (D)	Range (R)
$\sin^{-1} x$	$-1 \leq x \leq 1$ or $[-1, 1]$	$-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$ or $\left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$
$\cos^{-1} x$	$-1 \leq x \leq 1$ or $[-1, 1]$	$0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$ or $[0, \pi]$
$\tan^{-1} x$	$-\infty < x < \infty$ <i>i.e.</i> , $x \in R$ or $(-\infty, \infty)$	$-\frac{\pi}{2} < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$ or $\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$
$\cot^{-1} x$	$-\infty < x < \infty$ <i>i.e.</i> , $x \in R$ or $(-\infty, \infty)$	$0 < \theta < \pi$ or $(0, \pi)$

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	$(-\infty, \infty)$	
$\sec^{-1} x$	$x \leq -1, x \geq 1$ or $(-\infty, -1] \cup [1, \infty)$	$\theta \neq \frac{\pi}{2}, 0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$ or $\left[0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \cup \left(\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi\right]$
$\operatorname{cosec}^{-1} x$	$x \leq -1, x \geq 1$ or $(-\infty, -1] \cup [1, \infty)$	$\theta \neq 0, -\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$ or $\left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, 0\right) \cup \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$

(3)  $\sin^{-1}(\sin \theta) = \theta$ , Provided that  $-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$ ,  $\cos^{-1}(\cos \theta) = \theta$ , Provided that  $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$

$\tan^{-1}(\tan \theta) = \theta$ , Provided that  $-\frac{\pi}{2} < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$ ,  $\cot^{-1}(\cot \theta) = \theta$ , Provided that  $0 < \theta < \pi$

$\sec^{-1}(\sec \theta) = \theta$ , Provided that  $0 \leq \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$  or  $\frac{\pi}{2} < \theta \leq \pi$

$\operatorname{cosec}^{-1}(\operatorname{cosec} \theta) = \theta$ , Provided that  $-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \theta < 0$  or  $0 < \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$

(4)  $\sin(\sin^{-1} x) = x$ , Provided that  $-1 \leq x \leq 1$ ,

$\cos(\cos^{-1} x) = x$ , Provided that  $-1 \leq x \leq 1$

$\tan(\tan^{-1} x) = x$ , Provided that  $-\infty < x < \infty$

$\cot(\cot^{-1} x) = x$ , Provided that  $-\infty < x < \infty$

$\sec(\sec^{-1} x) = x$ , Provided that  $-\infty < x \leq -1$  or  $1 \leq x < \infty$

$\operatorname{cosec}(\operatorname{cosec}^{-1} x) = x$ , Provided that  $-\infty < x \leq -1$  or  $1 \leq x < \infty$

(5)  $\sin^{-1}(-x) = -\sin^{-1} x$

$\cos^{-1}(-x) = \pi - \cos^{-1} x$ ,

$\tan^{-1}(-x) = -\tan^{-1} x$

$\cot^{-1}(-x) = \pi - \cot^{-1} x$

$\sec^{-1}(-x) = \pi - \sec^{-1} x$

$\operatorname{cosec}^{-1}(-x) = -\operatorname{cosec}^{-1} x$

(6)  $\sin^{-1} x + \cos^{-1} x = \frac{\pi}{2}$ , for all  $x \in [-1, 1]$

$\tan^{-1} x + \cot^{-1} x = \frac{\pi}{2}$ , for all  $x \in R$

$\sec^{-1} x + \operatorname{cosec}^{-1} x = \frac{\pi}{2}$ , for all  $x \in (-\infty, -1] \cup [1, \infty)$

### Important Tips

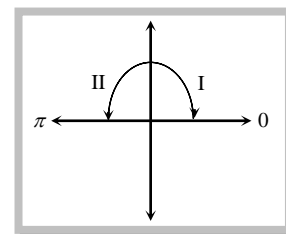
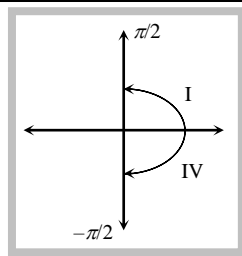
☞ Here;  $\sin^{-1} x, \operatorname{cosec}^{-1} x, \tan^{-1} x$  belong to I and IV Quadrant.

☞ Here;  $\cos^{-1} x, \sec^{-1} x, \cot^{-1} x$  belong to I and II Quadrant.

☞ I Quadrant is common to all the inverse functions.

☞ III Quadrant is not used in inverse function.

☞ IV Quadrant is used in the clockwise direction i.e.,  $-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq y \leq 0$



### (7) Principal values for inverse circular functions

Principal values for $x \geq 0$	Principal values for $x < 0$
$0 \leq \sin^{-1} x \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$	$-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \sin^{-1} x < 0$
$0 \leq \cos^{-1} x \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$	$\frac{\pi}{2} < \cos^{-1} x \leq \pi$

$0 \leq \tan^{-1} x < \frac{\pi}{2}$	$-\frac{\pi}{2} < \tan^{-1} x < 0$
$0 < \cot^{-1} x \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$	$\frac{\pi}{2} < \cot^{-1} x < \pi$
$0 \leq \sec^{-1} x < \frac{\pi}{2}$	$\frac{\pi}{2} < \sec^{-1} x \leq \pi$
$0 < \operatorname{cosec}^{-1} x \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$	$-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \operatorname{cosec}^{-1} x < 0$

Thus  $\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{\pi}{6}$ , not  $\frac{5\pi}{6}$ ;  $\cos^{-1}\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{2\pi}{3}$  not  $\frac{4\pi}{3}$ ;  $\tan^{-1}(-\sqrt{3}) = -\frac{\pi}{3}$  not  $\frac{2\pi}{3}$ ;  $\cot^{-1}(-1) = \frac{3\pi}{4}$  not  $-\frac{\pi}{4}$  etc.

**Note:**  $\square$   $\sin^{-1} x, \cos^{-1} x, \tan^{-1} x$  are also written as  $\operatorname{arc} \sin x, \operatorname{arc} \cos x$  and  $\operatorname{arc} \tan x$  respectively.

$\square$  It should be noted that if not otherwise stated only principal values of inverse circular functions are to be considered.

**(8) Conversion property:** Let,  $\sin^{-1} x = y \Rightarrow x = \sin y \Rightarrow \operatorname{cosec} y = \left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \Rightarrow y = \operatorname{cosec}^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$

$$\sin^{-1} x = \cos^{-1} \sqrt{1-x^2} = \tan^{-1} \frac{x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} = \cot^{-1} \frac{\sqrt{1-x^2}}{x} = \sec^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}\right) = \operatorname{cosec}^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$$

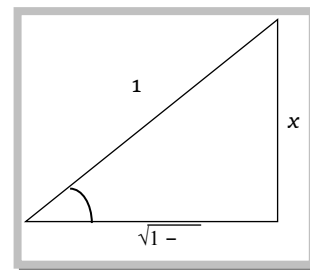
$$\cos^{-1} x = \sin^{-1} \sqrt{1-x^2} = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{\sqrt{1-x^2}}{x}\right) = \sec^{-1} \frac{1}{x} = \operatorname{cosec}^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}\right) = \cot^{-1} \left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}\right)$$

$$\tan^{-1} x = \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{1+x^2}}\right) = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{1+x^2}}\right) = \cot^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \sec^{-1} \sqrt{1+x^2} = \operatorname{cosec}^{-1} \left(\frac{\sqrt{1+x^2}}{x}\right)$$

**Note:**  $\square$   $\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \operatorname{cosec}^{-1} x$ , for all  $x \in (-\infty, 1] \cup [1, \infty)$

$\square$   $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \sec^{-1} x$ , for all  $x \in (-\infty, 1] \cup [1, \infty)$

$\square$   $\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \begin{cases} \cot^{-1} x, & \text{for } x > 0 \\ -\pi + \cot^{-1} x, & \text{for } x < 0 \end{cases}$



**(9) General values of inverse circular functions:** We know that if  $\alpha$  is the smallest angle whose sine is  $x$ , then all the angles whose sine is  $x$  can be written as  $n\pi + (-1)^n \alpha$ , where  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . Therefore, the general value of  $\sin^{-1} x$  can be taken as  $n\pi + (-1)^n \alpha$ . The general value of  $\sin^{-1} x$  is denoted by  $\sin^{-1} x$ .

Thus, we have  $\boxed{\sin^{-1} x = n\pi + (-1)^n \alpha, -1 \leq x \leq 1, \text{ if } \sin \alpha = x \text{ and } -\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \alpha \leq \frac{\pi}{2}}$

Similarly, general values of other inverse circular functions are given as follows:



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$$\cos^{-1} x = 2n\pi \pm \alpha, -1 \leq x \leq 1;$$

$$\tan^{-1} x = n\pi + \alpha, x \in R;$$

$$\cot^{-1} x = n\pi + \alpha, x \in R;$$

$$\sec^{-1} x = 2n\pi \pm \alpha, x \geq 1 \text{ or } x \leq -1;$$

$$\operatorname{cosec}^{-1} x = n\pi + (-1)^n \alpha, x \geq 1 \text{ or } x \leq -1;$$

$$\text{If } \cos \alpha = x, 0 \leq \alpha \leq \pi$$

$$\text{If } \tan \alpha = x, -\frac{\pi}{2} < \alpha < \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\text{If } \cot \alpha = x, 0 < \alpha < \pi$$

$$\text{If } \sec \alpha = x, 0 \leq \alpha \leq \pi \text{ and } \neq \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\text{If } \operatorname{cosec} \alpha = x, -\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \alpha \leq \frac{\pi}{2} \text{ and } x \neq 0$$

**Example: 1** The principal value of  $\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{-\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)$  is

[Roorkee 1992]

- (a)  $-\frac{2\pi}{3}$  (b)  $-\frac{\pi}{3}$  (c)  $\frac{4\pi}{3}$  (d)  $\frac{5\pi}{8}$

**Solution:** (b)  $\sin^{-1}\left[\sin\left(-\frac{\pi}{3}\right)\right] = -\frac{\pi}{3}$   $\left(\because -\frac{\pi}{2} < \sin^{-1} x < \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$

**Example: 2**  $\sec^{-1}[\sec(-30^\circ)] =$

[MP PET 1992]

- (a)  $-60^\circ$  (b)  $-30^\circ$  (c)  $30^\circ$  (d)  $150^\circ$

**Solution:** (c)  $\sec^{-1}[\sec(-30^\circ)] = \sec^{-1}(\sec 30^\circ) = 30^\circ$ .

**Example: 3** The principal value of  $\sin^{-1}\left(\sin\frac{5\pi}{3}\right)$  is

[MP PET 1996]

- (a)  $\frac{5\pi}{3}$  (b)  $-\frac{5\pi}{3}$  (c)  $-\frac{\pi}{3}$  (d)  $\frac{4\pi}{3}$

**Solution:** (c)  $\sin^{-1}\left(\sin\frac{5\pi}{3}\right) = \sin^{-1}\left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) = -\frac{\pi}{3}$ .

**Example: 4** The principal value of  $\sin^{-1}\left[\sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}\right)\right]$  is

[IIT 1986]

- (a)  $-\frac{2\pi}{3}$  (b)  $\frac{2\pi}{3}$  (c)  $\frac{4\pi}{3}$  (d) None of these

**Solution:** (d) The principal value of  $\sin^{-1}\left[\sin\left(\pi - \frac{2\pi}{3}\right)\right] = \sin^{-1}\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) = \frac{\pi}{3}$ .

**Example: 5** Considering only the principal values, if  $\tan(\cos^{-1} x) = \sin\left[\cot^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\right]$ , then  $x$  is equal to

- (a)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$  (b)  $\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}$  (c)  $\frac{3}{\sqrt{5}}$  (d)  $\frac{\sqrt{5}}{3}$

**Solution:** (d) Put  $\cot^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \theta \Rightarrow \cot \theta = \frac{1}{2}$

$\therefore \sin \theta = \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}$ . Put  $\cos^{-1} x = \phi$  then  $x = \cos \phi$

Also  $\therefore \tan \phi = \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}$ ,  $\therefore x = \cos \phi = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{3}$ .

**Example: 6** If  $\theta = \sin^{-1}[\sin(-600^\circ)]$ , then one of the possible value of  $\theta$  is



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$$\therefore x - x^2 = 0 \Rightarrow x(1 - x) = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0 \text{ and } x = 1, \text{ but } x \neq 0. \text{ So, } x = 1.$$

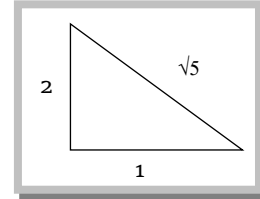
**Example: 12** If  $\sin^{-1} x + \cot^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{\pi}{2}$ , then  $x$  is

[Karnataka 1999; Roorkee 1999]

- (a) 0                                      (b)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$                                       (c)  $\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}$                                       (d)  $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$

**Solution:** (b)  $\sin^{-1} x + \cot^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{\pi}{2}$                                        $\left(\because \cot^{-1} \frac{1}{2} = \cos^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}\right)$

$$\sin^{-1} x + \cos^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} = \frac{\pi}{2}; \text{ Clearly, } x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}.$$



[MP PET 2001; UPSEAT

**Example: 13** The value of  $\sin(\cot^{-1} x)$  is  
1987]

- (a)  $(1+x^2)^{3/2}$                                       (b)  $(1+x^2)^{-3/2}$                                       (c)  $(1+x^2)^{1/2}$                                       (d)  $(1+x^2)^{-1/2}$

**Solution:** (d)  $\sin(\cot^{-1} x) = \sin\left(\sin^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+x^2}}\right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+x^2}}.$

**Example: 14** The number of real solutions of  $\tan^{-1} \sqrt{x(x+1)} + \sin^{-1} \sqrt{x^2+x+1} = \frac{\pi}{2}$  is

[IIT Screening 1999]

- (a) Zero                                      (b) One                                      (c) Two                                      (d) Infinite

**Solution:** (c)  $\tan^{-1} \sqrt{x(x+1)} + \sin^{-1} \sqrt{x^2+x+1} = \frac{\pi}{2}$

$$\tan^{-1} \sqrt{x(x+1)} \text{ is defined, when } x(x+1) \geq 0 \quad \dots\dots(i)$$

$$\sin^{-1} \sqrt{x^2+x+1} \text{ is defined, when } 0 \leq x(x+1)+1 \leq 1 \text{ or } 0 \leq x(x+1) \leq 0 \quad \dots\dots(ii)$$

From (i) and (ii),  $x(x+1)=0$  or  $x=0$  and  $-1$ .

Hence, number of solutions is 2.

## 5.2 Formulae for Sum and Difference of Inverse Trigonometric Function

$$(1) \tan^{-1} x + \tan^{-1} y = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{x+y}{1-xy} \right); \quad \text{If } x > 0, y > 0 \text{ and } xy < 1$$

$$(2) \tan^{-1} x + \tan^{-1} y = \pi + \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{x+y}{1-xy} \right); \quad \text{If } x > 0, y > 0 \text{ and } xy > 1$$

$$(3) \tan^{-1} x + \tan^{-1} y = -\pi + \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{x+y}{1-xy} \right); \quad \text{If } x < 0, y < 0 \text{ and } xy > 1$$

$$(4) \tan^{-1} x - \tan^{-1} y = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{x-y}{1+xy} \right); \quad \text{If } xy > -1$$

$$(5) \tan^{-1} x - \tan^{-1} y = \pi + \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{x-y}{1+xy} \right); \quad \text{If } x > 0, y < 0 \text{ and } xy < -1$$

$$(6) \tan^{-1} x - \tan^{-1} y = -\pi + \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{x-y}{1+xy} \right); \quad \text{If } x < 0, y > 0 \text{ and } xy < -1$$



$$(7) \tan^{-1} x + \tan^{-1} y + \tan^{-1} z = \tan^{-1} \left[ \frac{x + y + z - xyz}{1 - xy - yz - zx} \right]$$

$$(8) \tan^{-1} x_1 + \tan^{-1} x_2 + \dots + \tan^{-1} x_n = \tan^{-1} \left[ \frac{S_1 - S_3 + S_5 - \dots}{1 - S_2 + S_4 - S_6 + \dots} \right],$$

where  $S_k$  denotes the sum of the products of  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  taken  $k$  at a time.

$$(9) \cot^{-1} x + \cot^{-1} y = \cot^{-1} \frac{xy - 1}{y + x}$$

$$(10) \cot^{-1} x - \cot^{-1} y = \cot^{-1} \frac{xy + 1}{y - x}$$

$$(11) \sin^{-1} x + \sin^{-1} y = \sin^{-1} \{x\sqrt{1-y^2} + y\sqrt{1-x^2}\};$$

If  $-1 \leq x, y \leq 1$  and  $x^2 + y^2 \leq 1$  or if  $xy < 0$  and  $x^2 + y^2 > 1$

$$(12) \sin^{-1} x + \sin^{-1} y = \pi - \sin^{-1} \{x\sqrt{1-y^2} + y\sqrt{1-x^2}\}, \quad \text{If } 0 < x, y \leq 1 \text{ and } x^2 + y^2 > 1$$

$$(13) \sin^{-1} x + \sin^{-1} y = -\pi - \sin^{-1} \{x\sqrt{1-y^2} + y\sqrt{1-x^2}\}, \quad \text{If } -1 \leq x; y < 0 \text{ and } x^2 + y^2 > 1$$

$$(14) \sin^{-1} x - \sin^{-1} y = \sin^{-1} \{x\sqrt{1-y^2} - y\sqrt{1-x^2}\}, \quad \text{If } -1 \leq x; y \leq 1 \text{ and } x^2 + y^2 \leq 1 \text{ if } \text{or } xy > 0 \text{ and } x^2 + y^2 > 1.$$

$$(15) \sin^{-1} x - \sin^{-1} y = \pi - \sin^{-1} \{x\sqrt{1-y^2} - y\sqrt{1-x^2}\}, \quad \text{If } 0 < x \leq 1, -1 \leq y < 0 \text{ and } x^2 + y^2 > 1.$$

$$(16) \sin^{-1} x - \sin^{-1} y = -\pi - \sin^{-1} \{x\sqrt{1-y^2} - y\sqrt{1-x^2}\}, \quad \text{If } -1 \leq x < 0, 0 < y \leq 1 \text{ and } x^2 + y^2 > 1.$$

$$(17) \cos^{-1} x + \cos^{-1} y = \cos^{-1} \{xy - \sqrt{1-x^2} \cdot \sqrt{1-y^2}\}, \quad \text{If } -1 \leq x, y \leq 1 \text{ and } x + y \geq 0.$$

$$(18) \cos^{-1} x + \cos^{-1} y = 2\pi - \cos^{-1} \{xy - \sqrt{1-x^2} \sqrt{1-y^2}\}, \quad \text{If } -1 \leq x, y \leq 1 \text{ and } x + y \leq 0$$

$$(19) \cos^{-1} x - \cos^{-1} y = \cos^{-1} \{xy + \sqrt{1-x^2} \sqrt{1-y^2}\}, \quad \text{If } -1 \leq x, y \leq 1, \text{ and } x \leq y.$$

$$(20) \cos^{-1} x - \cos^{-1} y = -\cos^{-1} \{xy + \sqrt{1-x^2} \sqrt{1-y^2}\}, \quad \text{If } -1 \leq y \leq 0, 0 < x \leq 1 \text{ and } x \geq y.$$

### Important Tips

☞ If  $\tan^{-1} x + \tan^{-1} y + \tan^{-1} z = \frac{\pi}{2}$ , then  $xy + yz + zx = 1$ .

☞ If  $\tan^{-1} x + \tan^{-1} y + \tan^{-1} z = \pi$ , then  $x + y + z = xyz$ .

☞ If  $\sin^{-1} x + \sin^{-1} y + \sin^{-1} z = \frac{\pi}{2}$ , then  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 2xyz = 1$ .

☞ If  $\sin^{-1} x + \sin^{-1} y + \sin^{-1} z = \pi$ , then  $x\sqrt{1-x^2} + y\sqrt{1-y^2} + z\sqrt{1-z^2} = 2xyz$ .

☞ If  $\cos^{-1} x + \cos^{-1} y + \cos^{-1} z = 3\pi$ , then  $xy + yz + zx = 3$ .

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☞ If  $\cos^{-1} x + \cos^{-1} y + \cos^{-1} z = \pi$ , then  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 2xyz = 1$ .

☞ If  $\sin^{-1} x + \sin^{-1} y + \sin^{-1} z = \frac{3\pi}{2}$ , then  $xy + yz + zx = 3$ .

☞ If  $\sin^{-1} x + \sin^{-1} y = \theta$ , then  $\cos^{-1} x + \cos^{-1} y = \pi - \theta$ .

☞ If  $\cos^{-1} x + \cos^{-1} y = \theta$ , then  $\sin^{-1} x + \sin^{-1} y = \pi - \theta$ .

☞ If  $\tan^{-1} x + \tan^{-1} y = \frac{\pi}{2}$ , then  $xy = 1$ .

☞ If  $\cot^{-1} x + \cot^{-1} y = \frac{\pi}{2}$ , then  $xy = 1$ .

☞ If  $\cos^{-1} \frac{x}{a} + \cos^{-1} \frac{y}{b} = \theta$ , then  $\frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{2xy}{ab} \cos \theta + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = \sin^2 \theta$ .

**Example: 15** The value of  $\tan \left[ \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{3}{5} \right) + \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{3}{\sqrt{13}} \right) \right]$  is [AMU 2001]

- (a)  $\frac{6}{17}$                       (b)  $\frac{6}{\sqrt{13}}$                       (c)  $\frac{\sqrt{13}}{5}$                       (d)  $\frac{17}{6}$

**Solution:** (d)  $\tan \left[ \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{3}{5} \right) + \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{3}{\sqrt{13}} \right) \right] = \tan \left( \tan^{-1} \frac{3}{4} + \tan^{-1} \frac{2}{3} \right)$   
 $= \tan \left( \tan^{-1} \frac{\frac{3}{4} + \frac{2}{3}}{1 - \frac{3}{4} \cdot \frac{2}{3}} \right) = \tan \left[ \tan^{-1} \frac{17}{12} \times \frac{12}{6} \right] = \frac{17}{6}$ .

**Example: 16**  $\tan^{-1} \frac{1}{2} + \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{3} =$  [MP PET 1997, 2003; UPSEAT 2003; Karnataka CET 2001]

- (a) 0                      (b)  $\frac{\pi}{4}$                       (c)  $\frac{\pi}{2}$                       (d)  $\pi$

**Solution:** (b)  $\tan^{-1} \frac{1}{2} + \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{3} = \tan^{-1} \frac{\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3}}{1 - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{3}} = \tan^{-1} 1 = \frac{\pi}{4}$ .

**Example: 17** If  $\sin^{-1} \frac{1}{3} + \sin^{-1} \frac{2}{3} = \sin^{-1} x$ , then  $x$  is equal to [Roorkee 1995]

- (a) 0                      (b)  $\frac{\sqrt{5} - 4\sqrt{2}}{9}$                       (c)  $\frac{\sqrt{5} + 4\sqrt{2}}{9}$                       (d)  $\frac{\pi}{2}$

**Solution:** (c)  $\sin^{-1} \frac{1}{3} + \sin^{-1} \frac{2}{3} = \sin^{-1} \left[ \frac{1}{3} \sqrt{1 - \frac{4}{9}} + \frac{2}{3} \sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{9}} \right] = \sin^{-1} \left[ \frac{\sqrt{5} + 4\sqrt{2}}{9} \right]$

Therefore,  $x = \frac{\sqrt{5} + 4\sqrt{2}}{9}$ .

**Example: 18**  $\sin^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} + \cot^{-1} 3$  is equal to [MP PET 1993; Karnataka CET 1995]

- (a)  $\frac{\pi}{6}$                       (b)  $\frac{\pi}{4}$                       (c)  $\frac{\pi}{3}$                       (d)  $\frac{\pi}{2}$



**Solution:** (b)  $\sin^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} + \cot^{-1} 3 = \cot^{-1} \left( \frac{\sqrt{1-\frac{1}{5}}}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}} \right) + \cot^{-1} 3 = \cot^{-1}(2) + \cot^{-1}(3) = \cot^{-1} \left( \frac{2 \times 3 - 1}{3 + 2} \right) = \cot^{-1}(1) = \frac{\pi}{4}.$

**Example: 19** If  $\sin^{-1} \frac{3}{5} + \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{12}{13} \right) = \sin^{-1} C$ , then  $C =$  [Pb. CET 1999]

- (a)  $\frac{65}{56}$                       (b)  $\frac{24}{65}$                       (c)  $\frac{16}{65}$                       (d)  $\frac{56}{65}$

**Solution:** (d) Given,  $\sin^{-1} C = \sin^{-1} \frac{3}{5} + \cos^{-1} \frac{12}{13}$   
 $\therefore \sin^{-1} C = \sin^{-1} \frac{3}{5} + \sin^{-1} \frac{5}{13} = \sin^{-1} \left\{ \frac{3}{5} \sqrt{1-\frac{25}{169}} + \frac{5}{13} \sqrt{1-\frac{9}{25}} \right\} = \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{56}{65} \right) \Rightarrow C = \frac{56}{65}.$

**Example: 20** If  $f(x) = \cos^{-1} x + \cos^{-1} \left\{ \frac{x}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{3-3x^2} \right\}$ , then

- (a)  $f\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) = \frac{\pi}{3}$                       (b)  $f\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) = 2 \cos^{-1} \frac{2}{3} - \frac{\pi}{3}$                       (c)  $f\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) = \frac{\pi}{3}$                       (d)  $f\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) = 2 \cos^{-1} \frac{1}{3} - \frac{\pi}{3}$

**Solution:** (a,d)  $f(x) = \cos^{-1} x + \cos^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} x + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \sqrt{1-x^2} \right\}$   
 $= \cos^{-1} x \pm (\cos^{-1} \frac{1}{2} - \cos^{-1} x)$ , according as  $\cos^{-1} \frac{1}{2} >$  or  $<$   $\cos^{-1} x$   
 $= \cos^{-1} \frac{1}{2}$  if  $\cos^{-1} \frac{1}{2} > \cos^{-1} x$ , which holds for  $x = \frac{2}{3}$   
 $= 2 \cos^{-1} x - \cos^{-1} \frac{1}{2}$  if  $\cos^{-1} \frac{1}{2} < \cos^{-1} x$ , which holds for  $x = \frac{1}{3}.$

**Example: 21**  $\sin^{-1} \frac{12}{13} + \cos^{-1} \frac{4}{5} + \tan^{-1} \frac{63}{16} =$   
 (a) 0                      (b)  $\frac{\pi}{2}$                       (c)  $\pi$                       (d)  $\frac{3\pi}{2}$

**Solution:** (c)  $\tan^{-1} \frac{12}{5} + \tan^{-1} \frac{3}{4} + \tan^{-1} \frac{63}{16} = \pi + \tan^{-1} \frac{48+15}{20-36} + \tan^{-1} \frac{63}{16} \quad (xy > 1) = \pi - \tan^{-1} \frac{63}{16} + \tan^{-1} \frac{63}{16} = \pi.$

**Example: 22** If  $\alpha = \sin^{-1} \frac{4}{5} + \sin^{-1} \frac{1}{3}$  and  $\beta = \cos^{-1} \frac{4}{5} + \cos^{-1} \frac{1}{3}$ , then

- (a)  $\alpha < \beta$                       (b)  $\alpha = \beta$                       (c)  $\alpha > \beta$                       (d) None of these

**Solution:** (a)  $\alpha = \sin^{-1} \left[ \frac{4}{5} \sqrt{1-\frac{1}{9}} + \frac{1}{3} \sqrt{1-\frac{16}{25}} \right] = \sin^{-1} \left[ \frac{8\sqrt{2}}{15} + \frac{3}{15} \right] = \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{8\sqrt{2}+3}{15} \right)$

Since  $\frac{8\sqrt{2}+3}{15} < 1, \therefore \alpha < \frac{\pi}{2}$

$\beta = \left( \frac{\pi}{2} - \sin^{-1} \frac{4}{5} + \frac{\pi}{2} - \sin^{-1} \frac{1}{3} \right) = (\pi - \alpha) > \frac{\pi}{2} \Rightarrow \alpha < \beta.$

**Example: 23** If  $\cos^{-1} \frac{x}{2} + \cos^{-1} \frac{y}{3} = \theta$ , then  $9x^2 - 12xy \cos \theta + 4y^2 =$

- (a)  $36 \sin^2 \theta$                       (b)  $36 \cos^2 \theta$                       (c)  $36 \tan^2 \theta$                       (d) None of these

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**Solution:** (a)  $\cos^{-1} \frac{x}{2} + \cos^{-1} \frac{y}{3} = \theta$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x}{2} \cdot \frac{y}{3} - \sqrt{\left(1 - \frac{x^2}{4}\right)} \sqrt{\left(1 - \frac{y^2}{9}\right)} = \cos \theta$$

$$\therefore (xy - 6 \cos \theta)^2 = (4 - x^2)(9 - y^2) \Rightarrow 9x^2 - 12xy \cos \theta + 4y^2 = 36(1 - \cos^2 \theta) = 36 \sin^2 \theta.$$

**Example: 24** The number of solutions of  $\sin^{-1} x + \sin^{-1} 2x = \frac{\pi}{3}$  is

- (a) 0 (b) 1 (c) 2 (d) Infinite

**Solution:** (b)  $\sin^{-1} 2x = \sin^{-1} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} - \sin^{-1} x = \sin^{-1} \left[ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \cdot \sqrt{1-x^2} - x \sqrt{1-\frac{3}{4}} \right]$

$$\therefore 2x = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \sqrt{1-x^2} - \frac{x}{2}$$

$$\therefore \left(\frac{5x}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{3}{4}(1-x^2) \text{ or } 28x^2 = 3 \Rightarrow x = \sqrt{\frac{3}{28}} = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{3}{7}}, \text{ (not } -\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{3}{7}} \text{)}.$$

**Example: 25** If  $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{a}\right) + \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{b}\right) = \alpha$ , then  $\frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{2xy}{ab} \cos \alpha + \frac{y^2}{b^2} =$

[UPSEAT 1999; MP

PET 1995]

- (a)  $\sin^2 \alpha$  (b)  $\cos^2 \alpha$  (c)  $\tan^2 \alpha$  (d)  $\cot^2 \alpha$

**Solution:** (a) We have  $\cos^{-1}\left[\frac{x}{a} \cdot \frac{y}{b} - \sqrt{\left(1 - \frac{x^2}{a^2}\right)} \sqrt{\left(1 - \frac{y^2}{b^2}\right)}\right] = \alpha \Rightarrow \frac{xy}{ab} - \sqrt{\left(1 - \frac{x^2}{a^2}\right)} \sqrt{\left(1 - \frac{y^2}{b^2}\right)} = \cos \alpha$

$$\therefore \left(\frac{xy}{ab} - \cos \alpha\right)^2 = 1 - \frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{x^2 y^2}{a^2 b^2}$$

$$\frac{x^2 y^2}{a^2 b^2} + \cos^2 \alpha - \frac{2xy}{ab} \cos \alpha = 1 - \frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{x^2 y^2}{a^2 b^2} \Rightarrow \frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{2xy}{ab} \cos \alpha + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1 - \cos^2 \alpha = \sin^2 \alpha.$$

**Example: 26** If  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers and the value of  $\theta = \tan^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{a(a+b+c)}{bc}} + \tan^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{b(a+b+c)}{ca}}$

$+ \tan^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{c(a+b+c)}{ab}}$ , then  $\tan \theta$  is

- (a) 0 (b) 1 (c)  $a+b+c$  (d) None of these

**Solution:** (a)  $\theta = \tan^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{a(a+b+c)}{bc}} + \tan^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{b(a+b+c)}{ca}} + \tan^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{c(a+b+c)}{ab}}$

Let  $s^2 = \frac{a+b+c}{abc}$   $\therefore \theta = \tan^{-1} \sqrt{a^2 s^2} + \tan^{-1} \sqrt{b^2 s^2} + \tan^{-1} \sqrt{c^2 s^2}$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \tan^{-1}(as) + \tan^{-1}(bs) + \tan^{-1}(cs) \Rightarrow \theta = \tan^{-1} \left[ \frac{as + bs + cs - abc s^3}{1 - abs^2 - bcs^2 - cas^2} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan \theta = s \left[ \frac{(a+b+c) - abc s^2}{1 - (ab+bc+ca)s^2} \right] = 0 \quad [\because abc s^2 = (a+b+c)]$$

**Trick :** Since it is an identity so it will be true for any value of  $a, b, c$ . Let  $a = b = c = 1$  then

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \sqrt{3} + \tan^{-1} \sqrt{3} + \tan^{-1} \sqrt{3} = \pi, \quad \tan \theta = 0.$$

**Example: 27** All possible values of  $p$  and  $q$  for which  $\cos^{-1} \sqrt{p} + \cos^{-1} \sqrt{1-p} + \cos^{-1} \sqrt{1-q} = \frac{3\pi}{4}$  holds, is

- (a)  $p = -1, q = \frac{1}{2}$       (b)  $q > 1, p = \frac{1}{2}$       (c)  $0 \leq p \leq 1, q = \frac{1}{2}$       (d) None of these

**Solution:** (c)  $\cos^{-1} \sqrt{p} + \cos^{-1} \sqrt{1-p} = \frac{3\pi}{4} - \cos^{-1} \sqrt{1-q} \Rightarrow \cos^{-1} \sqrt{p} + \cos^{-1} \sqrt{1-p} = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}} \right) - \cos^{-1} \sqrt{1-q}$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{p}\sqrt{1-p} - \sqrt{1-p}\sqrt{p} = - \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot \sqrt{1-q} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot \sqrt{q} \right] \Rightarrow 0 = \sqrt{1-q} - \sqrt{q} \Rightarrow q = \frac{1}{2}.$$

### 5.3 Inverse Trigonometric Ratios of Multiple Angles

(1)  $2 \sin^{-1} x = \sin^{-1}(2x\sqrt{1-x^2})$ , If  $-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \leq x \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$       (2)  $2 \sin^{-1} x = \pi - \sin^{-1}(2x\sqrt{1-x^2})$ , If  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \leq x \leq 1$

(3)  $2 \sin^{-1} x = -\pi - \sin^{-1}(2x\sqrt{1-x^2})$ , If  $-1 \leq x \leq -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$       (4)  $3 \sin^{-1} x = \sin^{-1}(3x - 4x^3)$ , If  $-\frac{1}{2} \leq x \leq \frac{1}{2}$

(5)  $3 \sin^{-1} x = \pi - \sin^{-1}(3x - 4x^3)$ , If  $\frac{1}{2} < x \leq 1$       (6)  $3 \sin^{-1} x = -\pi - \sin^{-1}(3x - 4x^3)$ , If

$$-1 \leq x < -\frac{1}{2}$$

(7)  $2 \cos^{-1} x = \cos^{-1}(2x^2 - 1)$ , If  $0 \leq x \leq 1$

(8)  $2 \cos^{-1} x = 2\pi - \cos^{-1}(2x^2 - 1)$ , if  $-1 \leq x \leq 0$

(9)  $3 \cos^{-1} x = \cos^{-1}(4x^3 - 3x)$  If  $\frac{1}{2} \leq x \leq 1$

(10)  $3 \cos^{-1} x = 2\pi - \cos^{-1}(4x^3 - 3x)$ , If

$$-\frac{1}{2} \leq x \leq \frac{1}{2}$$

(11)  $3 \cos^{-1} x = 2\pi + \cos^{-1}(4x^3 - 3x)$ , If  $-1 \leq x \leq -\frac{1}{2}$       (12)  $2 \tan^{-1} x = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{2x}{1-x^2} \right)$ , if  $-1 < x \leq 1$

(13)  $2 \tan^{-1} x = \pi + \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{2x}{1-x^2} \right)$ , If  $x > 1$

(14)  $2 \tan^{-1} x = -\pi + \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{2x}{1-x^2} \right)$ , If

$$x < -1$$

(15)  $2 \tan^{-1} x = \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{2x}{1+x^2} \right)$ , If  $-1 \leq x \leq 1$

(16)  $2 \tan^{-1} x = \pi - \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{2x}{1+x^2} \right)$ , If  $x > 1$

(17)  $2 \tan^{-1} x = -\pi - \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{2x}{1+x^2} \right)$ , If  $x < -1$

(18)  $2 \tan^{-1} x = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{1-x^2}{1+x^2} \right)$ , If  $0 \leq x < \infty$

(19)

$2 \tan^{-1} x = -\cos^{-1} \left( \frac{1-x^2}{1+x^2} \right)$ , If  $-\infty < x \leq 0$       (20)

$3 \tan^{-1} x = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{3x - x^3}{1 - 3x^2} \right)$ , If  $\frac{-1}{\sqrt{3}} < x < \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$



Substituting these values, we get  $\frac{a-b}{1+ab} = x$

**Example: 32**  $\tan\left[2 \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{5}\right) - \frac{\pi}{4}\right] =$  [IIT 1984]

- (a)  $\frac{17}{7}$                       (b)  $-\frac{17}{7}$                       (c)  $\frac{7}{17}$                       (d)  $-\frac{7}{17}$

**Solution:** (d)  $\tan\left[2 \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{5}\right) - \frac{\pi}{4}\right] = \tan\left[\tan^{-1}\frac{\frac{2}{5}}{1-\frac{1}{25}} - \tan^{-1}(1)\right] = \tan\left[\tan^{-1}\frac{5}{12} - \tan^{-1}(1)\right] = \tan \cdot \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\frac{5}{12}-1}{1+\frac{5}{12}}\right) = \frac{-7}{17}$ .

**Example: 33**  $4 \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{5} - \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{70} + \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{99} =$  [Roorkee 1981]

- (a)  $\frac{\pi}{2}$                       (b)  $\frac{\pi}{3}$                       (c)  $\frac{\pi}{4}$                       (d) None of these

**Solution:** (c)  $4 \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{5} - \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{70} + \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{99} = 2 \tan^{-1}\left[\frac{\frac{2}{5}}{1-\frac{1}{25}}\right] - \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{70} + \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{99}$   
 $= 2 \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{5}{12}\right) - \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{70} + \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{99} = \tan^{-1}\left[\frac{\frac{5}{6}}{1-\frac{25}{144}}\right] - \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{70} + \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{99}$   
 $= \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{120}{119}\right) - \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{70} + \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{99} = \tan^{-1} \frac{120}{119} + \tan^{-1}\left[\frac{\frac{1}{99} - \frac{1}{70}}{1 + \frac{1}{99} \cdot \frac{1}{70}}\right] = \tan^{-1} \frac{120}{119} + \tan^{-1}\left(-\frac{29}{6931}\right)$   
 $= \tan^{-1} \frac{120}{119} - \tan^{-1} \frac{29}{6931} = \tan^{-1} \frac{120}{119} - \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{239} = \tan^{-1}\left[\frac{\frac{120}{119} - \frac{1}{239}}{1 + \frac{120}{119} \times \frac{1}{239}}\right] = \tan^{-1}(1) = \frac{\pi}{4}$ .

**Example: 34** The value of  $\sin\left(2 \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)\right) + \cos(\tan^{-1} 2\sqrt{2}) =$  [AMU 1999]

- (a)  $\frac{16}{15}$                       (b)  $\frac{14}{15}$                       (c)  $\frac{12}{15}$                       (d)  $\frac{11}{15}$

**Solution:** (b)  $\sin\left[2 \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)\right] + \cos[\tan^{-1}(2\sqrt{2})] = \sin\left[\tan^{-1}\frac{\frac{2}{3}}{1-\frac{1}{9}}\right] + \cos[\tan^{-1}(2\sqrt{2})]$   
 $= \sin\left[\tan^{-1}\frac{3}{4}\right] + \cos[\tan^{-1} 2\sqrt{2}] = \sin\left[\sin^{-1}\frac{3}{5}\right] + \cos\left[\cos^{-1}\frac{1}{3}\right] = \frac{3}{5} + \frac{1}{3} = \frac{14}{15}$ .

**Example: 35**  $\tan\left[\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{1}{2} \cos^{-1} \frac{a}{b}\right] + \tan\left[\frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \cos^{-1} \frac{a}{b}\right]$  equal to [MP PET 1999]

- (a)  $\frac{2a}{b}$                       (b)  $\frac{2b}{a}$                       (c)  $\frac{a}{b}$                       (d)  $\frac{b}{a}$

**Solution:** (b) Let  $\cos^{-1} \frac{a}{b} = \theta \Rightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{a}{b}$   
 $\tan\left[\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{1}{2} \cos^{-1} \frac{a}{b}\right] + \tan\left[\frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \cos^{-1} \frac{a}{b}\right] = \frac{1+t}{1-t} + \frac{1-t}{1+t}$ , where  $t = \tan \frac{\theta}{2} = 2 \frac{(1+t^2)}{1-t^2} = \frac{2}{\cos \theta} = \frac{2b}{a}$ .









# Assignment

## Properties of Inverse Trigonometrical Function

## Basic Level

1. The domain of  $\sin^{-1} x$  is [Roorkee Screening 1993]  
 (a)  $(-\pi, \pi)$  (b)  $[-1, 1]$  (c)  $(0, 2\pi)$  (d)  $(-\infty, \infty)$
2. The range of  $\tan^{-1} x$  is [DCE 2002]  
 (a)  $\left(\pi, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$  (b)  $\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$  (c)  $(-\pi, \pi)$  (d)  $(0, \pi)$
3.  $\sin^{-1} x + \cos^{-1} x$  is equal to [Pb. CET 1997; DCE 2002]  
 (a)  $\frac{\pi}{4}$  (b)  $\frac{\pi}{2}$  (c)  $-1$  (d)  $1$
4.  $\sin\left\{\sin^{-1}\frac{1}{2} + \cos^{-1}\frac{1}{2}\right\} =$  [EAMCET 1985]  
 (a)  $0$  (b)  $-1$  (c)  $2$  (d)  $1$
5. The value of  $\cos^{-1}\left(\cos\frac{5\pi}{3}\right) + \sin^{-1}\left(\cos\frac{5\pi}{3}\right)$  is [UPSEAT 2003]  
 (a)  $\frac{\pi}{2}$  (b)  $\frac{5\pi}{3}$  (c)  $\frac{10\pi}{3}$  (d)  $0$
6.  $\cos\left[\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{-1}{7}\right) + \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{-1}{7}\right)\right] =$  [EAMCET 2003]  
 (a)  $-\frac{1}{3}$  (b)  $0$  (c)  $\frac{1}{3}$  (d)  $\frac{4}{9}$
7. The value of  $\tan^{-1} x + 2 \cot^{-1} x$  is  
 (a)  $\frac{\pi}{3}$  (b)  $\frac{\pi}{6}$  (c)  $\frac{2\pi}{3}$  (d)  $2\pi$
8. If  $\tan^{-1} x + 2 \cot^{-1} x = \frac{2\pi}{3}$ , then  $x =$  [Karnataka CET 1999]  
 (a)  $\sqrt{2}$  (b)  $3$  (c)  $\sqrt{3}$  (d)  $\frac{\sqrt{3}-1}{\sqrt{3}+1}$
9. If  $4 \sin^{-1} x + \cos^{-1} x = \pi$ , then  $x$  is equal to [UPSEAT 2001]  
 (a)  $0$  (b)  $\frac{1}{2}$  (c)  $-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$  (d)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$
10.  $\cos\left[2 \cos^{-1}\frac{1}{5} + \sin^{-1}\frac{1}{5}\right] =$  [IIT 1981]  
 (a)  $\frac{2\sqrt{6}}{5}$  (b)  $-\frac{2\sqrt{6}}{5}$  (c)  $\frac{1}{5}$  (d)  $-\frac{1}{5}$



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11. The value of  $\sin^{-1}\left(\cos \frac{33\pi}{5}\right)$  is
- (a)  $\frac{3\pi}{5}$  (b)  $\frac{7\pi}{5}$  (c)  $\frac{\pi}{10}$  (d)  $-\frac{\pi}{10}$
12. If  $\sec^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + 2\sin^{-1}(1) = \pi$ , then  $x$  equals [AMU 1988]
- (a)  $\frac{1}{2}$  (b) 1 (c)  $\frac{\pi}{2}$  (d) None of these
13. The value of  $\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) - \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$  is [MP PET 2003]
- (a)  $45^\circ$  (b)  $90^\circ$  (c)  $15^\circ$  (d)  $30^\circ$
14. The value of  $\cos(\tan^{-1}(\tan 2))$  is
- (a)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$  (b)  $-\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$  (c)  $\cos 2$  (d)  $-\cos 2$
15. The value of  $x$  which satisfies the equation  $\tan^{-1} x = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{3}{\sqrt{10}}\right)$  is
- (a) 3 (b) -3 (c)  $\frac{1}{3}$  (d)  $-\frac{1}{3}$
16. If  $\sec^{-1} x = \operatorname{cosec}^{-1} y$ , then  $\cos^{-1} \frac{1}{x} + \cos^{-1} \frac{1}{y} =$  [Orissa JEE 2002]
- (a)  $\pi$  (b)  $\frac{\pi}{4}$  (c)  $-\frac{\pi}{2}$  (d)  $\frac{\pi}{2}$
17. If  $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \theta$ , then  $\tan \theta =$  [MNR 1978; MP PET 1989]
- (a)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 - 1}}$  (b)  $\sqrt{x^2 + 1}$  (c)  $\sqrt{1 - x^2}$  (d)  $\sqrt{x^2 - 1}$
18. If  $\sin^{-1} x = \frac{\pi}{5}$  for some  $x \in (-1, 1)$ , then the value of  $\cos^{-1} x$  is [DCE 1997;  
**Karnataka CET 1996; IIT 1992]**
- (a)  $\frac{3\pi}{10}$  (b)  $\frac{5\pi}{10}$  (c)  $\frac{7\pi}{10}$  (d)  $\frac{9\pi}{10}$
19.  $\sec(\operatorname{cosec}^{-1} x)$  is equal to [Kurukshetra CEE  
2001]
- (a)  $\operatorname{cosec}(\sec^{-1} x)$  (b)  $\cot x$  (c)  $\pi$  (d) None of these
20.  $\tan(\cos^{-1} x)$  is equal to [IIT 1993]
- (a)  $\frac{\sqrt{1 - x^2}}{x}$  (b)  $\frac{x}{1 + x^2}$  (c)  $\frac{\sqrt{1 + x^2}}{x}$  (d)  $\sqrt{1 - x^2}$
21.  $\sin(\cot^{-1} x) =$  [MNR 1987; MP PET 2001; DCE  
2002]



- (a)  $\sqrt{1+x^2}$  (b)  $x$  (c)  $(1+x^2)^{-3/2}$  (d)  $(1+x^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$
22.  $\cos(\tan^{-1} x) =$  [MP PET 1988; MNR 1981]
- (a)  $\sqrt{1+x^2}$  (b)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{1+x^2}}$  (c)  $1+x^2$  (d) None of these
23.  $\cot\left[\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{7}{25}\right)\right] =$  [Karnataka CET 1994]
- (a)  $\frac{25}{24}$  (b)  $\frac{25}{7}$  (c)  $\frac{24}{25}$  (d) None of these
24. The value of  $\sin \cot^{-1} \tan \cos^{-1} x$  is equal to [Bihar CEE 1974]
- (a)  $x$  (b)  $\frac{\pi}{2}$  (c) 1 (d) None of these
25.  $\left[\sin\left(\tan^{-1} \frac{3}{4}\right)\right]^2 =$  [EAMCET 1983]
- (a)  $\frac{3}{5}$  (b)  $\frac{5}{3}$  (c)  $\frac{9}{25}$  (d)  $\frac{25}{9}$
26.  $\sec^2(\tan^{-1} 2) + \operatorname{cosec}^2(\cot^{-1} 3) =$  [EAMCET 2001]
- (a) 5 (b) 13 (c) 15 (d) 6

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27. If  $\cos^{-1} x > \sin^{-1} x$ , then
- (a)  $x < 0$  (b)  $-1 < x < 0$  (c)  $0 \leq x < \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$  (d)  $-1 \leq x < \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$
28. If  $(\cos^{-1} x)^2 - (\sin^{-1} x)^2 > 0$ , then
- (a)  $x < \frac{1}{2}$  (b)  $-1 < x < \sqrt{2}$  (c)  $0 \leq x < \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$  (d)  $-1 \leq x < \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$
29. The greatest and the least values of  $(\sin^{-1} x)^3 + (\cos^{-1} x)^3$  are
- (a)  $\frac{-\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}$  (b)  $\frac{-\pi^3}{8}, \frac{\pi^3}{8}$  (c)  $\frac{\pi^3}{32}, \frac{7\pi^3}{8}$  (d) None of these
30. If  $x$  satisfies the equation  $t^2 - t - 2 > 0$ , then there exists a value for
- (a)  $\sin^{-1} x$  (b)  $\cos^{-1} x$  (c)  $\sec^{-1} x$  (d) None of these
31. If  $f(x) = \sec^{-1} x + \tan^{-1} x$ , then  $f(x)$  is real for
- (a)  $x \in [-1, 1]$  (b)  $x \in R$  (c)  $x \in (-\infty, 1] \cup [1, +\infty)$  (d) None of these



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32. If  $\sum_{r=1}^{2n} \sin^{-1} x_r = n\pi$ , then  $\sum_{r=1}^{2n} x_r =$
- (a)  $n$  (b)  $2n$  (c)  $\frac{n(n+1)}{2}$  (d) None of these
33.  $\frac{-2\pi}{5}$  is the principal value of
- (a)  $\cos^{-1}(\cos \frac{7\pi}{5})$  (b)  $\sin^{-1}(\sin \frac{7\pi}{5})$  (c)  $\sec^{-1}(\sec \frac{7\pi}{5})$  (d) None of these
34. The number of real solutions of  $(x, y)$ ; where  $|y| = \sin x, y = \cos^{-1}(\cos x), -2\pi \leq x \leq 2\pi$  is
- (a) 2 (b) 1 (c) 3 (d) 4
35. The set of values of  $k$  for which  $x^2 - kx + \sin^{-1}(\sin 4) > 0$  for all real  $x$  is
- (a)  $\phi$  (b)  $(-2, 2)$  (c)  $R$  (d) None of these
36.  $\cos^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{2}x^2 + \sqrt{1-x^2} \cdot \sqrt{1-\frac{x^2}{4}}\right\} = \cos^{-1}\frac{x}{2} - \cos^{-1}x$  holds for
- (a)  $|x| \leq 1$  (b)  $x \in R$  (c)  $0 \leq x \leq 1$  (d)  $-1 \leq x \leq 0$

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37. If  $\cos^{-1} x + \cos^{-1} y + \cos^{-1} z = 3\pi$ , then  $xy + yz + zx =$  [Karnataka CET 2003]
- (a) 0 (b) 1 (c) 3 (d) -3
38. The value of  $\tan\left(\tan^{-1}\frac{1}{2} - \tan^{-1}\frac{1}{3}\right)$  is [AMU 2001]
- (a)  $\frac{5}{6}$  (b)  $\frac{7}{6}$  (c)  $\frac{1}{6}$  (d)  $\frac{1}{7}$
39.  $\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{11}\right) + \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{2}{12}\right) =$  [DCE 1999]
- (a)  $\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{33}{132}\right)$  (b)  $\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$  (c)  $\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{132}{33}\right)$  (d) None of these
40. If  $\sin^{-1} a + \sin^{-1} b + \sin^{-1} c = \pi$ , then the value of  $a\sqrt{1-a^2} + b\sqrt{1-b^2} + c\sqrt{1-c^2}$  will be [UPSEAT 1999]
- (a)  $2abc$  (b)  $abc$  (c)  $\frac{1}{2}abc$  (d)  $\frac{1}{3}abc$
41. If  $\tan^{-1} x - \tan^{-1} y = \tan^{-1} A$ , then  $A =$  [MP PET 1988]
- (a)  $x - y$  (b)  $x + y$  (c)  $\frac{x - y}{1 + xy}$  (d)  $\frac{x + y}{1 - xy}$
42. If  $\tan^{-1} 2x + \tan^{-1} 3x = \frac{\pi}{4}$  then  $x =$  [Roorkee 1978, 1980; MNR 1986; Karnataka CET 2002]

- (a) -1                                      (b)  $\frac{1}{6}$                                       (c)  $-1, \frac{1}{6}$                                       (d) None of these
43. If  $\cos^{-1} \frac{3}{5} - \sin^{-1} \frac{4}{5} = \cos^{-1} x$ , then  $x =$  [AMU 1978]
- (a) 0                                      (b) 1                                      (c) -1                                      (d) 2
44. If  $\cot^{-1} \alpha + \cot^{-1} \beta = \cot^{-1} x$ , then  $x =$  [MP PET 1992]
- (a)  $\alpha + \beta$                                       (b)  $\alpha - \beta$                                       (c)  $\frac{1 + \alpha\beta}{\alpha + \beta}$                                       (d)  $\frac{\alpha\beta - 1}{\alpha + \beta}$
45.  $\tan^{-1} \frac{3}{4} + \tan^{-1} \frac{3}{5} - \tan^{-1} \frac{8}{19} =$  [AMU 1976, 1977]
- (a)  $\frac{\pi}{4}$                                       (b)  $\frac{\pi}{3}$                                       (c)  $\frac{\pi}{6}$                                       (d) None of these
46.  $\cos \left[ \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{3} + \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{2} \right] =$  [MP PET 1991; MNR 1990]
- (a)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$                                       (b)  $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$                                       (c)  $\frac{1}{2}$                                       (d)  $\frac{\pi}{4}$
47.  $\tan^{-1} \frac{x}{y} - \tan^{-1} \frac{x-y}{x+y} =$  (where  $x > y > 0$ ) [EAMCET 1992]
- (a)  $-\frac{\pi}{4}$                                       (b)  $\frac{\pi}{4}$                                       (c)  $\frac{3\pi}{4}$                                       (d) None of these
48.  $\tan \left[ \cos^{-1} \frac{4}{5} + \tan^{-1} \frac{2}{3} \right] =$  [IIT 1983; EAMCET 1988; MP PET 1990; MNR 1992]
- (a)  $\frac{6}{17}$                                       (b)  $\frac{17}{6}$                                       (c)  $\frac{7}{16}$                                       (d)  $\frac{16}{7}$
49.  $\tan^{-1} \left( \frac{1}{4} \right) + \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{2}{9} \right) =$  [EAMCET 1994]
- (a)  $\frac{1}{2} \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{3}{5} \right)$                                       (b)  $\frac{1}{2} \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{3}{5} \right)$                                       (c)  $\tan^{-1} \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)$                                       (d) Both (a) and (c)
50.  $\sin^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} + \cot^{-1} 3$  is equal to [Karnataka CET 1995; MP PET 1993]
- (a)  $\frac{\pi}{6}$                                       (b)  $\frac{\pi}{4}$                                       (c)  $\frac{\pi}{3}$                                       (d)  $\frac{\pi}{2}$
51. If  $\sin \left( \sin^{-1} \frac{1}{5} + \cos^{-1} x \right) = 1$ , then  $x =$  [UPSEAT 1994]
- (a) 1                                      (b) 0                                      (c)  $\frac{4}{5}$                                       (d)  $\frac{1}{5}$
52. A solution of the equation  $\tan^{-1}(1+x) + \tan^{-1}(1-x) = \frac{\pi}{2}$  is [Karnataka CET 1993]
- (a)  $x = 1$                                       (b)  $x = -1$                                       (c)  $x = 0$                                       (d)  $x = \pi$



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53. If  $\tan^{-1} \frac{x-1}{x+1} + \tan^{-1} \frac{2x-1}{2x+1} = \tan^{-1} \frac{23}{36}$ , then  $x =$  [ISM Dhanbad 1973]
- (a)  $\frac{3}{4}, \frac{-3}{8}$                       (b)  $\frac{3}{4}, \frac{3}{8}$                       (c)  $\frac{4}{3}, \frac{3}{8}$                       (d) None of these
54. If  $\sin^{-1} \frac{x}{5} + \operatorname{cosec}^{-1} \left( \frac{5}{4} \right) = \frac{\pi}{2}$ , then  $x =$  [EAMCET 1983]
- (a) 4                      (b) 5                      (c) 1                      (d) 3
55.  $\sin^{-1} \left( \frac{3}{5} \right) + \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{1}{7} \right) =$  [Karnataka CET 1994]
- (a)  $\frac{\pi}{4}$                       (b)  $\frac{\pi}{2}$                       (c)  $\cos^{-1} \left( \frac{4}{5} \right)$                       (d)  $\pi$
56. If  $\tan^{-1} 2, \tan^{-1} 3$  are two angles of a triangle, then the third angle is
- (a)  $\frac{\pi}{4}$                       (b)  $\frac{3\pi}{4}$                       (c)  $\frac{\pi}{4}$                       (d) None of these
57. If  $\cos^{-1} x + \cos^{-1} y + \cos^{-1} z = \pi$  then
- (a)  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + xyz = 0$     (b)  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 2xyz = 0$     (c)  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + xyz = 1$     (d)  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 2xyz = 1$
58. If  $\tan^{-1} x + \tan^{-1} y + \tan^{-1} z = \frac{\pi}{2}$ , then [Karnataka CET 1996]
- (a)  $x + y + z - xyz = 0$     (b)  $x + y + z + xyz = 0$     (c)  $xy + yz + zx + 1 = 0$     (d)  $xy + yz + zx - 1 = 0$
59. If  $\tan^{-1} x + \tan^{-1} y + \tan^{-1} z = \pi$ , then  $\frac{1}{xy} + \frac{1}{yz} + \frac{1}{zx} =$  [MP PET 1991]
- (a) 0                      (b) 1                      (c)  $\frac{1}{xyz}$                       (d)  $xyz$

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60. If we consider only the principal values of the inverse trigonometric functions, then the value of  $\tan \left( \cos^{-1} \frac{1}{5\sqrt{2}} - \sin^{-1} \frac{4}{\sqrt{17}} \right)$  is [IIT 1994]
- (a)  $\sqrt{\frac{29}{3}}$                       (b)  $\frac{29}{3}$                       (c)  $\sqrt{\frac{3}{29}}$                       (d)  $\frac{3}{29}$
61. The sum of first 10 terms of the series  $\cot^{-1} 3 + \cot^{-1} 7 + \cot^{-1} 13 + \cot^{-1} 21 + \dots$  is [Karnataka CET 1996]
- (a)  $\tan^{-1} \left( \frac{5}{6} \right)$                       (b)  $\tan^{-1}(100)$                       (c)  $\tan^{-1} \left( \frac{6}{5} \right)$                       (d)  $\tan^{-1} \left( \frac{1}{100} \right)$
62. Sum of infinite terms of the series  $\cot^{-1} \left[ 1^2 + \frac{3}{4} \right] + \cot^{-1} \left[ 2^2 + \frac{3}{4} \right] + \cot^{-1} \left[ 3^2 + \frac{3}{4} \right] + \dots$  is
- (a)  $\frac{\pi}{4}$                       (b)  $\tan^{-1} 2$                       (c)  $\tan^{-1} 3$                       (d) None of these



63.  $\tan^{-1} \frac{1}{3} + \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{7} + \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{18} + \dots + \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{1}{n^2 + n + 1} \right) + \dots$  to  $\infty$  is equal [Karnataka CET 2000]
- (a)  $\frac{\pi}{2}$  (b)  $\frac{\pi}{4}$  (c)  $\frac{2\pi}{3}$  (d) 0
64. If  $\sin^{-1} x + \sin^{-1} y + \sin^{-1} z = \pi$ , then  $x^4 + y^4 + z^4 + 4x^2y^2z^2 = K(x^2y^2 + y^2z^2 + z^2x^2)$ , where  $K =$
- (a) 1 (b) 2 (c) 4 (d) None of these
65. The sum of the infinite series  $\sin^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{\sqrt{2}-1}{\sqrt{6}} \right) + \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{\sqrt{3}-\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{12}} \right) + \dots + \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{\sqrt{n}-\sqrt{n-1}}{\sqrt{n(n+1)}} \right)$  is
- (a)  $\frac{\pi}{4}$  (b)  $\frac{\pi}{3}$  (c)  $\frac{\pi}{2}$  (d)  $\pi$
66. If sum of the infinite series  $\cot^{-1}(2.1^2) + \cot^{-1}(2.2^2) + \cot^{-1}(2.2^3) + \cot^{-1}(2.2^4) + \dots$  is equal to
- (a)  $\frac{\pi}{5}$  (b)  $\frac{\pi}{4}$  (c)  $\frac{\pi}{3}$  (d)  $\frac{\pi}{2}$
67. If  $\sin^{-1} x + \sin^{-1} y + \sin^{-1} z = \frac{3\pi}{2}$ , then the value of  $x^{100} + y^{100} + z^{100} - \frac{9}{x^{101} + y^{101} + z^{101}}$  is equal to
- (a) 0 (b) 3 (c) -3 (d) 9
68. If  $x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4$  are roots of the equation  $x^4 - x^3 \sin 2\beta + x^2 \cos 2\beta - x \cos \beta - \sin \beta = 0$ , then  $\tan^{-1} x_1 + \tan^{-1} x_2 + \tan^{-1} x_3 + \tan^{-1} x_4 =$
- (a)  $\beta$  (b)  $\frac{\pi}{2} - \beta$  (c)  $\pi - \beta$  (d)  $-\beta$
69. If  $a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n$  is an A.P. with common difference  $d$ , then  $\tan \left[ \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{d}{1+a_1a_2} \right) + \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{d}{1+a_2a_3} \right) + \dots + \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{d}{1+a_{n-1}a_n} \right) \right] =$
- (a)  $\frac{(n-1)d}{a_1 + a_n}$  (b)  $\frac{(n-1)d}{1 + a_1a_n}$  (c)  $\frac{nd}{1 + a_1a_n}$  (d)  $\frac{a_n - a_1}{a_n + a_1}$

**Inverse Trigonometric Ratios of Multiple Angles**

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70.  $3 \tan^{-1} a$  is equal to [MP PET 1993]
- (a)  $\tan^{-1} \frac{3a+a^3}{1+3a^2}$  (b)  $\tan^{-1} \frac{3a-a^3}{1+3a^2}$  (c)  $\tan^{-1} \frac{3a+a^3}{1-3a^2}$  (d)  $\tan^{-1} \frac{3a-a^3}{1-3a^2}$
71. If  $A = \tan^{-1} x$ , then  $\sin 2A =$  [MNR 1988; UPSEAT 2000]
- (a)  $\frac{2x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$  (b)  $\frac{2x}{1-x^2}$  (c)  $\frac{2x}{1+x^2}$  (d) None of these

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72.  $\sin(2 \sin^{-1} 0.8) =$  [MNR 1980]  
 (a) 0.96 (b) 0.48 (c) 0.64 (d) None of these
73. If  $\cos(2 \sin^{-1} x) = \frac{1}{9}$ , then  $x =$  [Roorkee 1975]  
 (a) Only  $\frac{2}{3}$  (b) Only  $-\frac{2}{3}$  (c)  $\frac{2}{3}, -\frac{2}{3}$  (d) Neither  $\frac{2}{3}$  nor  $-\frac{2}{3}$
74.  $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{15}{17}\right) + 2 \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{5}\right) =$  [EAMCET 1981]  
 (a)  $\frac{\pi}{2}$  (b)  $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{171}{221}\right)$  (c)  $\frac{\pi}{4}$  (d) None of these
75.  $2 \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) + \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{7}\right) =$  [EAMCET 1983]  
 (a)  $\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{49}{29}\right)$  (b)  $\frac{\pi}{2}$  (c) 0 (d)  $\frac{\pi}{4}$
76.  $\sin^{-1} \frac{4}{5} + 2 \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{3} =$  [Dhanbad Engg. 1971]  
 (a)  $\frac{\pi}{2}$  (b)  $\frac{\pi}{3}$  (c)  $\frac{\pi}{4}$  (d) None of these
77. If  $\sin^{-1} \frac{2a}{1+a^2} + \sin^{-1} \frac{2b}{1+b^2} = 2 \tan^{-1} x$ , then  $x =$  [MNR 1984]  
 (a)  $\frac{a-b}{1+ab}$  (b)  $\frac{b}{1+ab}$  (c)  $\frac{b}{1-ab}$  (d)  $\frac{a+b}{1-ab}$
78. If  $3 \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2+\sqrt{3}}\right) - \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{x} = \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{3}$ , then  $x$  equals [Pb. CET 2001; AMU 1992]  
 (a) 1 (b) 2 (c) 3 (d)  $\sqrt{3}$
79.  $\cot^{-1} \left[ \frac{\sqrt{1-\sin x} + \sqrt{1+\sin x}}{\sqrt{1-\sin x} - \sqrt{1+\sin x}} \right] =$  [UPSEAT 1986]  
 (a)  $\pi - x$  (b)  $2\pi - x$  (c)  $\frac{\pi}{2}$  (d)  $\pi - \frac{x}{2}$
80.  $\sin\left(\frac{1}{2} \cos^{-1} \frac{4}{5}\right) =$  [Karnataka CET 2003]  
 (a)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{10}}$  (b)  $-\frac{1}{\sqrt{10}}$  (c)  $\frac{1}{10}$  (d)  $-\frac{1}{10}$

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81.  $2 \tan^{-1} \left[ \sqrt{\frac{a-b}{a+b}} \tan \frac{\theta}{2} \right] =$  [ISM Dhanbad 1976]



(a)  $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{a \cos \theta + b}{a + b \cos \theta}\right)$       (b)  $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{a + b \cos \theta}{a \cos \theta + b}\right)$       (c)  $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{a \cos \theta}{a + b \cos \theta}\right)$       (d)  $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{b \cos \theta}{a \cos \theta + b}\right)$

82. If  $\cot^{-1}[(\cos \alpha)^{1/2}] - \tan^{-1}[(\cos \alpha)^{1/2}] = x$ . Then  $\sin x =$  [AIEEE 2002]

(a)  $\tan^2\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right)$       (b)  $\cot^2\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right)$       (c)  $\tan \alpha$       (d)  $\cot\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right)$

83. The value of  $\sin^{-1}\left\{\left(\sin \frac{\pi}{3}\right) \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + k^2 - kx}}\right\} - \cos^{-1}\left\{\cos \frac{\pi}{6} \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + k^2 - kx}}\right\}$ , (where  $\frac{k}{2} < x < 2k, k > 0$ ) is

(a)  $\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{2x^2 + xk - k^2}{x^2 - 2xk + k^2}\right)$       (b)  $\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x^2 + 2xk - k^2}{x^2 - 2xk + k^2}\right)$       (c)  $\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x^2 + 2xk - 2k^2}{2x^2 - 2xk + 2k^2}\right)$       (d) None of these

84. Solution of equation  $\sin[2 \cos^{-1}\{\cot(2 \tan^{-1} x)\}] = 0$  is [UPSEAT 1998; Roorkee 1992]

(a)  $x = \pm 1$  only      (b)  $x = 1 \pm \sqrt{2}$  only      (c)  $x = (-1 \pm \sqrt{2})$  only      (d) All of these

85. The greater of the two angles  $A = 2 \tan^{-1}(2\sqrt{2} - 1)$  and  $B = 3 \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) + \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{3}{5}\right)$  is [IIT 1992]

(a) B      (b) A      (c) C      (d) None of these

86.  $\tan\left[\frac{1}{2} \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{5}}{3}\right)\right] =$  [Roorkee 1986]

(a)  $\frac{3 - \sqrt{5}}{2}$       (b)  $\frac{3 + \sqrt{5}}{2}$       (c)  $\frac{2}{3 - \sqrt{5}}$       (d)  $\frac{2}{3 + \sqrt{5}}$

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# Answer Sheet

*Inverse Trigonometrical Functions*

*Assignment (Basic & Advance Level)*

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
b	b	b	d	a	b	c	c	b	b	d	b	d	c	a	d	d	a	a	a
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
d	b	d	a	c	c	d	d	c	c	c	b	b	c	a	c	c	d	d	a
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
c	b	b	d	a	a	b	b	d	b	d	c	d	d	a	b	d	d	b	d
61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80
a	b	b	b	c	b	a	b	b	d	c	a	c	d	d	a	d	b	d	a
81	82	83	84	85	86														
a	a	c	d	b	d														

