

# Chapter 2

## Inverse Trigonometric Functions

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### Basics Concepts: Inverse Trigonometric Functions

#### What is an Inverse Function?

- A function accepts values, performs particular operations on these values, and generates an output. The inverse function agrees with the resultant, operates, and reaches back to the original function.
- If  $y=f(x)$  and  $x=g(y)$  are two functions such that  $f(g(y)) = y$  and  $g(f(y)) = x$ , then  $f$  and  $y$  are said to be inverse of each other.  
**Example:** If  $f(x) = 2x + 5 = y$ , then,  $g(y) = (y-5)/2 = x$  is the inverse of  $f(x)$ .
- The inverse of  $f$  is denoted by  $f^{-1}$

#### Inverse Trigonometric Functions

- Trigonometric functions are **many-one functions** but we know that inverse of function exists if the function is bijective.
- If we restrict the domain of trigonometric functions, then these functions become bijective and the inverse of trigonometric functions are defined within the restricted domain.
- **Example:**  $y = f(x) = \sin x$ , then its inverse is  $x = \sin^{-1} y$ .

#### Inverse Trigonometric Formulas

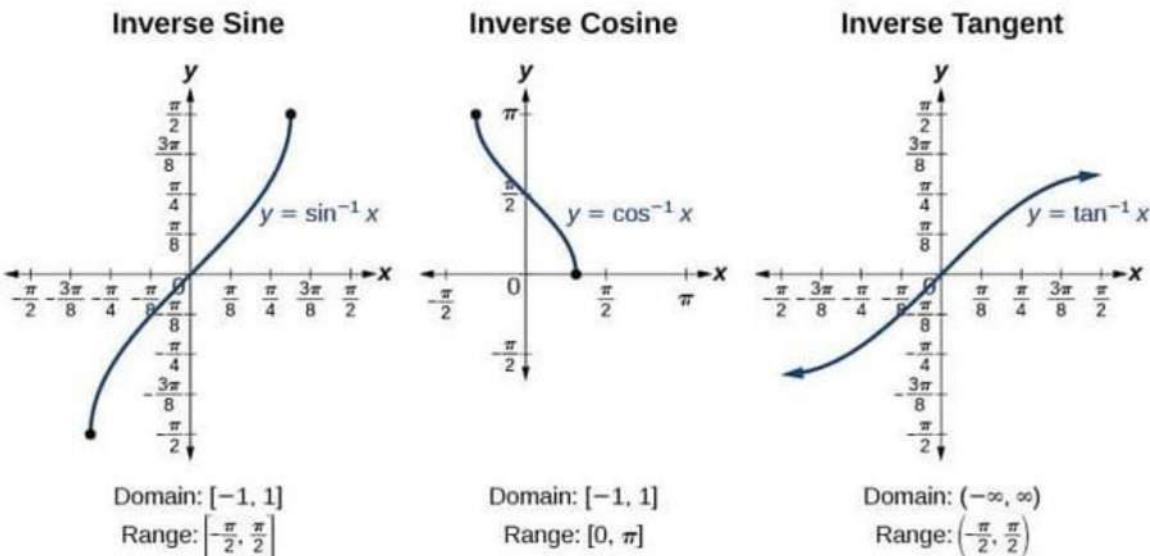


Fig: Inverse Trigonometric Functions

The inverse trigonometric functions are the inverse functions of the trigonometric functions written as  $\cos^{-1} x$ ,  $\sin^{-1} x$ ,  $\tan^{-1} x$ ,  $\cot^{-1} x$ ,  $\operatorname{cosec}^{-1} x$ ,  $\sec^{-1} x$ .

The inverse trigonometric functions are multivalued. For example, there are multiple values of  $\omega$  such that  $z = \sin \omega$ , so  $\sin^{-1} z$  is not uniquely defined unless a principal value is defined.

Such principal values are sometimes denoted with a capital letter so, for example, the principal value of the inverse sine may be variously denoted  $\sin^{-1} z$  or  $\arcsin z$ .

Let's say, if  $y = \sin x$ , then  $x = \sin^{-1} y$ , similarly for other trigonometric functions. This is one of the inverse trigonometric formulas. Now,  $y = \sin^{-1}(x)$ ,  $y \in [\pi/2, \pi/2]$  and  $x \in [-1, 1]$ .

- Thus,  $\sin^{-1} x$  has infinitely many values for given  $x \in [-1, 1]$ .
- There is only one value among these values which lies in the interval  $[\pi/2, \pi/2]$ . This value is called the principal value.

### Domain and Range of Inverse Trigonometric Formulas

Function	Domain	Range
$\sin^{-1} x$	$[-1, 1]$	$[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}]$
$\cos^{-1} x$	$[-1, 1]$	$[0, \pi]$

$\tan^{-1}x$	R	( $-\pi/2, \pi/2$ )
$\cot^{-1}x$	R	(0, $\pi$ )
$\sec^{-1}x$	$R - (-1, 1)$	$[0, \pi] - \{\pi/2\}$
$\text{cosec}^{-1}x$	$R - (-1, 1)$	$[-\pi/2, \pi/2] - \{0\}$

### Solved Examples

**Ques 1:** Find the exact value of each expression without a calculator, in  $[0, 2\pi]$ .

1.  $\sin^{-1}(-3\sqrt{2})$
2.  $\cos^{-1}(-2\sqrt{2})$
3.  $\tan^{-1}\sqrt{3}$

**Ans:**

- Recall that  $-3\sqrt{2}$  is from the 30–60–90 triangle. The reference angle for sine and  $3\sqrt{2}$  would be  $60^\circ$ . Because this is sine and it is negative, it must be in the third or fourth quadrant. The answer is either  $4\pi/3$  or  $5\pi/3$ .
- $-2\sqrt{2}$  is from an isosceles right triangle. The reference angle is then  $45^\circ$ . Because this is cosine and negative, the angle must be in either the second or third quadrant. The answer is either  $3\pi/4$  or  $5\pi/4$ .
- $\sqrt{3}$  is also from a 30–60–90 triangle. Tangent is  $\sqrt{3}$  for the reference angle  $60^\circ$ . Tangent is positive in the first and third quadrants, so the answer would be  $\pi/3$  or  $4\pi/3$ .

Notice how each one of these examples yields two answers. This poses a problem when finding a singular inverse for each of the trig functions. Therefore, we need to restrict the domain in which the inverses can be found.

**Ques 2:** Find the value of  $\tan^{-1}(1.1106)$ .

**Ans:** Let  $A = \tan^{-1}(1.1106)$

Then,  $\tan A = 1.1106$

$A = 48^\circ$

$\tan 48 = 1.1106$



[Use calculator in degree mode]

$$\tan^{-1} 1.1106 = 48^\circ$$

### Properties of Inverse

Here are the properties of the inverse trigonometric functions with proof.

#### Property 1

1.  $\sin^{-1}(1/x) = \text{cosec}^{-1}x, x \geq 1 \text{ or } x \leq -1$
2.  $\cos^{-1}(1/x) = \sec^{-1}x, x \geq 1 \text{ or } x \leq -1$
3.  $\tan^{-1}(1/x) = \cot^{-1}x, x > 0$

Proof :  $\sin^{-1}(1/x) = \text{cosec}^{-1}x, x \geq 1 \text{ or } x \leq -1,$

Let  $\sin^{-1}x = y$

i.e.  $x = \text{cosec } y$

$1/\pi = \sin y$

$$\tilde{\sin^{-1}}\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = y$$

$$\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \text{cosec}^{-1}x$$

$$\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \text{cosec}^{-1}x$$

Hence,  $\sin^{-1}\frac{1}{x} = \text{cosec}^{-1}x$  where,  $x \geq 1 \text{ or } x \leq -1.$

#### Property 2

1.  $\sin^{-1}(-x) = -\sin^{-1}(x), x \in [-1,1]$
2.  $\tan^{-1}(-x) = -\tan^{-1}(x), x \in R$
3.  $\text{cosec}^{-1}(-x) = -\text{cosec}^{-1}(x), |x| \geq 1$

Proof:  $\sin^{-1}(-x) = -\sin^{-1}(x), x \in [-1,1]$

Let,  $\sin^{-1}(-x) = y$

Then  $-x = \sin y$

$x = -\sin y$

$x = \sin(-y)$

$$\sin^{-1} = \sin^{-1}(\sin(-y))$$

$$\sin^{-1}x = y$$

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

$$\text{Hence, } \sin^{-1}(-x) = -\sin^{-1}x, x \in [-1,1]$$

### Property 3

1.  $\cos^{-1}(-x) = \pi - \cos^{-1}x, x \in [-1,1]$
2.  $\sec^{-1}(-x) = \pi - \sec^{-1}x, |x| \geq 1$
3.  $\cot^{-1}(-x) = \pi - \cot^{-1}x, x \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\text{Proof: } \cos^{-1}(-x) = \pi - \cos^{-1}x, x \in [-1,1]$$

$$\text{Let } \cos^{-1}(-x) = y$$

$$\cos y = -x \quad x = -\cos y$$

$$x = \cos(\pi - y)$$

$$\text{Since, } \cos \pi - q = -\cos q$$

$$\cos^{-1}x = \pi - y$$

$$\cos^{-1}x = \pi - \cos^{-1}x$$

$$\text{Hence, } \cos^{-1}x = \pi - \cos^{-1}x$$

### Solved Example

**Ques 1:** Prove that " $\sin^{-1}(-x) = -\sin^{-1}(x)$ ,  $x \in [-1,1]$ "

**Ans:** Let,  $\sin^{-1}(-x) = y$

$$\text{Then } -x = \sin y$$

$$x = -\sin y$$

$$x = \sin(-y)$$

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



$$\sin^{-1} x = y$$

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

$$\text{Hence, } \sin^{-1}(-x) = -\sin^{-1} x, x \in [-1, 1]$$

This concludes our discussion on the topic of trigonometric inverse functions.

**Ques 2:**  $\sin^{-1}(\cos \pi/3) = ?$

**Ans:**  $\sin^{-1} \left( \cos \frac{\pi}{3} \right) = \sin^{-1} \frac{1}{2}$  [substitute  $\cos(\pi/3)=1/2$ ]  
 $= \pi/6$  [substitute  $\sin^{-1}(1/2) = \pi/6$ ]

**Ques 3:** Find the value of  $\sin (\pi/4 + \cos^{-1}(\sqrt{2}/2))$ .

**Ans:**

Let  $y = \sin \left( \frac{\pi}{4} + \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \right) \right)$  and  $A = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \right)$

Then,  $\cos A = \sqrt{2}/2$

Multiplying the numerator as well as denominator by  $\sqrt{2}$  we get:

$$\cos A = 1/\sqrt{2}$$

$$A = \pi/4$$

Therefore

$$y = \sin \left( \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{\pi}{4} \right)$$

$$y = \sin(\pi/2)$$

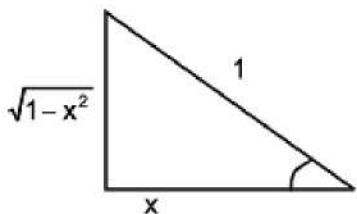
hence,  $y=1$ .

### Solved Examples: Inverse Trigonometric Functions

#### Equations Involving Inverse Trigonometric Functions

**Ex.1** Solve  $\cos^{-1} x \sqrt{3} + \cos^{-1} x = \pi/2$ .

**Sol.**



Given  $\cos^{-1} x \sqrt{3} + \cos^{-1} x = \pi/2$ . ... (1)

$$\text{or } \cos^{-1} x \sqrt{3} = \pi/2 - \cos^{-1} x$$

$$\text{or } \cos(\cos^{-1} x \sqrt{3}) = \cos(\pi/2 - \cos^{-1} x)$$

$$\text{or } x\sqrt{3} = \sin(\cos^{-1} x) \quad \text{or}$$

$$x\sqrt{3} = \sin(\sin^{-1} \sqrt{1-x^2})$$

$$\text{or } x\sqrt{3} = \sqrt{1-x^2}$$

$$\text{Squaring we get } 3x^2 = 1 - x^2 \text{ or } 4x^2 = 1 = x = \pm 1/2$$

Verification : When  $x = 1/2$

L.H.S. of equation =  $\cos(3/2) + \cos^{-1}(1/2) = \pi/6 + \pi/3 + \pi/2 = \text{R.H.S. of equation}$

When  $x = -1/2$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{L.H.S. of equation} &= \cos^{-1}(-3/2) + \cos^{-1}(-1/2) = \pi - \cos^{-1}(3/2) + \pi - \cos^{-1}(1/2) \\ &= \pi - \pi/6 + \pi - \pi/3 = 3\pi/2 \neq \text{R.H.S. of equation} \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore x = 1/2$  is the only solution

$$\text{Ex.2 Solve for } x : (\tan^{-1} x)^2 + (\cot^{-1} x)^2 = \frac{5\pi^2}{8}.$$

Sol.

We have  $(\tan^{-1} x)^2 + (\cot^{-1} x)^2 = \frac{5\pi^2}{8}$

$$\Rightarrow (\tan^{-1} x + \cot^{-1} x)^2 - 2 \tan^{-1} x \cdot \cot^{-1} x = \frac{5\pi^2}{8}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\pi^2}{4} - 2 \cdot \frac{\pi}{2} \cdot \tan^{-1} x + 2 (\tan^{-1} x)^2 = \frac{5\pi^2}{8}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)^2 - 2 \tan^{-1} x \cdot (\pi/2 - \tan^{-1} x) = \frac{5\pi^2}{8}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 (\tan^{-1} x)^2 - \pi \tan^{-1} x - \frac{3\pi^2}{8} = 0$$

$$\tan^{-1} x = -\pi/4, 3\pi/4 \Rightarrow \tan^{-1} x = -\pi/4; x = -1,$$

(neglecting  $\tan^{-1} x = 3\pi/4$  as  $\tan^{-1} x \in \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)\}$

**Ex.3** Determine the integral values of 'k' for which the system,  $(\arctan x)^2 + (\arccos y)^2 = \pi^2 k$  and  $\tan^{-1} x + \cos^{-1} y = \pi/2$  posses solution and find all the solutions.

**Sol.**

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \leq (\tan^{-1} x)^2 &\leq \frac{\pi^2}{4} \\ 0 \leq (\cos^{-1} y)^2 &\leq \pi^2 \end{aligned} \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow (\tan^{-1} x)^2 + (\cos^{-1} y)^2 \leq \frac{5\pi^2}{4}$$

$$\text{hence } k\pi^2 \leq \frac{5\pi^2}{4} \Rightarrow k \leq \frac{5}{4} \quad \dots(1)$$

$$\text{Now put } \tan^{-1} x = \frac{\pi}{2} - \cos^{-1} y$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \cos^{-1} y\right)^2 + (\cos^{-1} y)^2 = \pi^2 k$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 t^2 - \pi t + \left(\frac{\pi^2}{4} - k\pi^2\right) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \pi^2 - 8 \left(\frac{\pi^2}{4} - k\pi^2\right) \geq 0 \Rightarrow 1 - 2 + 8k \geq 0 \Rightarrow k \geq 1/2 \dots(2)$$

From (1) and (2)  $k = 1$

$$\therefore t = \frac{\pi \pm \sqrt{8\pi^2 - \pi^2}}{4} = \frac{\pi \pm \sqrt{7}\pi}{4} = (1 \pm \sqrt{7}) \frac{\pi}{4} \text{ or } \cos^{-1} y$$

$$= (\sqrt{7} + 1) \frac{\pi}{4} \quad (\text{as } 0 \leq \cos^{-1} y \leq \pi)$$

$$\therefore \tan^{-1} x = \frac{\pi}{2} - (\sqrt{7} + 1) \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{4} [ (1 - \sqrt{7}) ]$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \tan (1 - \sqrt{7}) \frac{\pi}{4}$$

### G. Inequations involving inverse trigonometric functions

**Ex.1** Find the interval in which  $\cos^{-1} x > \sin^{-1} x$ .

**Sol.**

We have,  $\cos^{-1} x > \sin^{-1} x$  {for  $\cos^{-1} x$  to be real;  $x \in [-1, 1]$ }

$$2 \cos^{-1} x > \pi/2 \Rightarrow \cos^{-1} x > \pi/4 \text{ or } \cos(\cos^{-1} x) < \cos \pi/4$$

$$\Rightarrow x < \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\therefore x \in \left(-1, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$$

**Ex.2** Find the solution set of the inequation  $\sin^{-1}(\sin 5) > x^2 - 4x$

**Sol.**

$$\sin^{-1}(\sin 5) > x^2 - 4x \Rightarrow \sin^{-1}[\sin(5 - 2\pi)] > x^2 - 4x$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 4x < 5 - 2\pi \Rightarrow x^2 - 4x + (2\pi - 5) < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 - \sqrt{9 - 2\pi} < x < 2 + \sqrt{9 - 2\pi}$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in (2 - \sqrt{9 - 2\pi}, 2 + \sqrt{9 - 2\pi})$$

## Summation of Series

Ex.1 Sum the series,

$$\tan^{-1} \frac{4}{1+3\cdot4} + \tan^{-1} \frac{6}{1+8\cdot9} + \tan^{-1} \frac{8}{1+15\cdot16} + \dots \text{ to 'n' terms.}$$

Sol.

$$T_n = \tan^{-1} \frac{2(n+1)}{1+\{(n+1)^2-1\}\{(n+1)^2\}}$$

$$= \tan^{-1} \frac{2n+2}{1+(n^2+2n)(n+1)^2}$$

$$= \tan^{-1} \left[ \frac{2n+2}{1+n(n+2)(n+1)(n+1)} \right]$$

$$= \tan^{-1} \left[ \frac{(n+1)(n+2)-n(n+1)}{1+\{n(n+1)\}\{(n+1)(n+2)\}} \right]$$

$$= \tan^{-1}(n+1)(n+2) - \tan^{-1}n(n+1)$$

Put  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$  and add, we get  $S_n = \tan^{-1}(n+1)(n+2) - \tan^{-1}2$

Ex.2 Sum the series to 'n' terms,  $\tan^{-1} \frac{2}{4} + \tan^{-1} \frac{2}{9} + \tan^{-1} \frac{2}{16} + \tan^{-1} \frac{2}{25} + \dots$   
to 'n' terms. Also show that,  $S_\infty = \tan^{-1} 3$ .

Sol.

$$T_n = \tan^{-1} \frac{2}{n^2+2n+1}$$

$$= \tan^{-1} \frac{(n+2)-n}{1+n(n+2)}$$

$$= \tan^{-1}(n+2) - \tan^{-1}(n)$$

$$\text{Hence, } S_n = \tan^{-1}(n+2) + \tan^{-1}(n+1) - (\tan^{-1}1 + \tan^{-1}2)$$



$$S_{\infty} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = \frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{\pi}{2} - \left( \pi + \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{1+2}{1-2} \right) \right) = \tan^{-1} 3$$

Ex.3 If the sum  $\sum_{n=1}^{10} \sum_{m=1}^{10} \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{m}{n} \right) = k\pi$ , find the value of k.

Sol.

$$S = \sum_{n=1}^{10} \left( \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{n} + \tan^{-1} \frac{2}{n} + \tan^{-1} \frac{3}{n} + \dots + \tan^{-1} \frac{10}{n} \right) \text{ now consider}$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{10} \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{n} = \underbrace{\tan^{-1} 1}_{\text{1}} + \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{2} + \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{9} + \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{10}$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{10} \tan^{-1} \frac{2}{n} = \tan^{-1} \frac{2}{1} + \underbrace{\tan^{-1} \frac{2}{2}}_{\text{2}} + \tan^{-1} \frac{2}{3} + \tan^{-1} \frac{2}{4} + \tan^{-1} \frac{2}{5} + \dots + \tan^{-1} \frac{2}{10} \dots$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{10} \tan^{-1} \frac{10}{n} = \tan^{-1} \frac{10}{1} + \tan^{-1} \frac{10}{2} + \tan^{-1} \frac{10}{3} + \tan^{-1} \frac{10}{4} + \dots + \underbrace{\tan^{-1} \frac{10}{10}}_{\text{10}}$$

$$S = \underbrace{\left( 10 \cdot \frac{\pi}{4} \right)}_{\text{10 terms}} + \underbrace{\left( \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{2} + \tan^{-1} 2 \right)}_{\text{2 terms}} + \underbrace{\left( \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{3} + \tan^{-1} 3 \right)}_{\text{2 terms}} + \dots$$

$$S = \frac{5\pi}{2} + \frac{45\pi}{2} = \frac{50\pi}{2} = 25\pi \Rightarrow k = 25$$

## Formulas: Inverse Trigonometric Functions

**GENERAL DEFINITION(S):** 1.  $\sin^{-1} x$ ,  $\cos^{-1} x$ ,  $\tan^{-1} x$  etc. denote angles or real numbers whose sine is x, whose cosine is x and whose tangent is x, provided that the answers given are numerically smallest available. These are also written as  $\text{arc sin} x$ ,  $\text{arc cos} x$  etc.

If there are two angles one positive & the other negative having same numerical value, then positive angle should be taken.

## 2. PRINCIPAL VALUES AND DOMAINS OF INVERSE CIRCULAR FUNCTIONS :

(i)  $y = \sin^{-1} x$  where  $-1 \leq x \leq 1$ ;  $-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq y \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$  and  $\sin y = x$ .

(ii)  $y = \cos^{-1} x$  where  $-1 \leq x \leq 1$ ;  $0 \leq y \leq \pi$  and  $\cos y = x$ .

(iii)  $y = \tan^{-1} x$  where  $x \in R$ ;  $-\frac{\pi}{2} < x < \frac{\pi}{2}$  and  $\tan y = x$ .

(iv)  $y = \operatorname{cosec}^{-1} x$  where  $x \leq -1$  or  $x \geq 1$ ;  $-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq y \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$ ,  $y \neq 0$  and  $\operatorname{cosec} y = x$

(v)  $y = \sec^{-1} x$  where  $x \leq -1$  or  $x \geq 1$ ;  $0 \leq y \leq \pi$ ;  $y \neq \pi/2$  and  $\sec y = x$ .

(vi)  $y = \cot^{-1} x$  where  $x \in R$ ,  $0 < y < \pi$  and  $\cot y = x$ .

NOTE THAT : (a) 1st quadrant is common to all the inverse functions.

(b) 3rd quadrant is not used in inverse functions.

(c) 4th quadrant is used in the CLOCKWISE DIRECTION i.e.  $-\pi/2 \leq y \leq 0$ .

### 3. PROPERTIES OF INVERSE CIRCULAR FUNCTIONS:

P-1 (i)  $\sin(\sin^{-1} x) = x$ ,  $-1 \leq x \leq 1$

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

(iii)  $\tan(\tan^{-1} x) = x$ ,  $x \in R$

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

(v)  $\cos^{-1}(\cos x) = x$ ;  $0 \leq x \leq \pi$

(vi)  $\tan^{-1}(\tan x) = x$ ;  $-\frac{\pi}{2} < x < \frac{\pi}{2}$

P-2 (i)  $\operatorname{cosec}^{-1} x = \sin^{-1}(1/x)$ ;  $x \leq -1$ ,  $x \geq 1$

(ii)  $\sec^{-1} x = \cos^{-1}(1/x)$ ;  $x \leq -1$ ,  $x \geq 1$

(iii)  $\cot^{-1} x = \tan^{-1}(1/x)$ ;  $x > 0 = \pi + \tan^{-1}(1/x)$ ;  $x < 0$

**P-3** (i)  $\sin^{-1}(-x) = -\sin^{-1}x, -1 \leq x \leq 1$

(ii)  $\tan^{-1}(-x) = -\tan^{-1}x, x \in \mathbb{R}$

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

(iv)  $\cot^{-1}(-x) = \pi - \cot^{-1}x, x \in \mathbb{R}$

**P-4** (i)  $\sin^{-1}x + \cos^{-1}x = \pi/2 - 1 \leq x \leq 1$

(ii)  $\tan^{-1}x + \cot^{-1}x = \pi/2 x \in \mathbb{R}$

(iii)  $\operatorname{cosec}^{-1}x + \sec^{-1}x = \pi/2 |x| \geq 1$

**P-5**  $\tan^{-1}x + \tan^{-1}y = \tan^{-1} \frac{x+y}{1-xy}$  where  $x > 0, y > 0 \text{ & } xy < 1$

$= \pi + \tan^{-1} \frac{x+y}{1-xy}$  where  $x > 0, y > 0 \text{ & } xy > 1$

$\tan^{-1}x - \tan^{-1}y = \tan^{-1} \frac{x-y}{1+xy}$  where  $x > 0, y > 0$

**P-6** (i)  $\sin^{-1}x + \sin^{-1}y = \sin^{-1} \left[ x\sqrt{1-y^2} + y\sqrt{1-x^2} \right]$  where  $x \geq 0, y \geq 0 \text{ & } (x^2 + y^2) \leq 1$

Note that:  $x^2 + y^2 \leq 1 \Rightarrow 0 \leq \sin^{-1}x + \sin^{-1}y \leq \pi/2$

(ii)  $\sin^{-1}x + \sin^{-1}y = \pi - \sin^{-1} \left[ x\sqrt{1-y^2} + y\sqrt{1-x^2} \right]$  where  $x \geq 0, y \geq 0 \text{ & } x^2 + y^2 > 1$

Note that:  $x^2 + y^2 > 1 \Rightarrow \pi/2 < \sin^{-1}x + \sin^{-1}y < \pi$

(iii)  $\sin^{-1}x - \sin^{-1}y = \sin^{-1} \left[ x\sqrt{1-y^2} - y\sqrt{1-x^2} \right]$  where  $x > 0, y > 0$

(iv)  $\cos^{-1}x \pm \cos^{-1}y = \cos^{-1} \left[ xy \mp \sqrt{1-x^2}\sqrt{1-y^2} \right]$  where  $x \geq 0, y \geq 0$

**P-7** If  $\tan^{-1}x + \tan^{-1}y + \tan^{-1}z = \tan^{-1} \left[ \frac{x+y+z-xyz}{1-xy-yz-zx} \right]$  if,  $x > 0, y > 0, z > 0 \text{ & } xy + yz + zx < 1$

Note : (i) If  $\tan^{-1} x + \tan^{-1} y + \tan^{-1} z = \pi$  then  $x + y + z = xyz$

(ii) If  $\tan^{-1} x + \tan^{-1} y + \tan^{-1} z = \pi/2$  then  $xy + yz + zx = 1$

$$P-8 \quad 2 \tan^{-1} x = \sin^{-1} \frac{2x}{1+x^2} = \cos^{-1} \frac{1-x^2}{1+x^2} = \tan^{-1} \frac{2x}{1-x^2} \quad \text{Note very carefully that :}$$

$$\sin^{-1} \frac{2x}{1+x^2} = \begin{cases} 2\tan^{-1} x & \text{if } |x| \leq 1 \\ \pi - 2\tan^{-1} x & \text{if } x > 1 \\ -(\pi + 2\tan^{-1} x) & \text{if } x < -1 \end{cases} \quad \cos^{-1} \frac{1-x^2}{1+x^2} = \begin{cases} 2\tan^{-1} x & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ -2\tan^{-1} x & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\tan^{-1} \frac{2x}{1-x^2} = \begin{cases} 2\tan^{-1} x & \text{if } |x| < 1 \\ \pi + 2\tan^{-1} x & \text{if } x < -1 \\ -(\pi - 2\tan^{-1} x) & \text{if } x > 1 \end{cases}$$

**REMEMBER THAT :** (i)  $\sin^{-1} x + \sin^{-1} y + \sin^{-1} z = 3\pi/2 \Rightarrow x = y = z = 1$

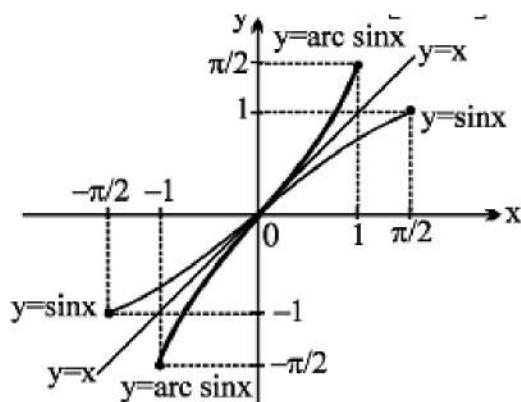
(ii)  $\cos^{-1} x + \cos^{-1} y + \cos^{-1} z = 3\pi \Rightarrow x = y = z = -1$

(iii)  $\tan^{-1} 1 + \tan^{-1} 2 + \tan^{-1} 3 = \pi$  and  $\tan^{-1} 1 + \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{2} + \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{3} = \frac{\pi}{2}$

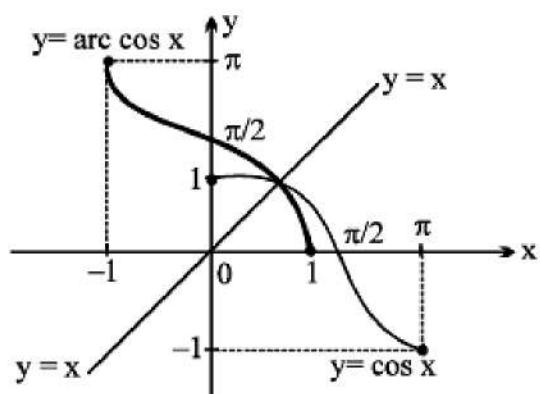
## INVERSE TRIGONOMETRIC FUNCTIONS

### SOME USEFUL GRAPHS

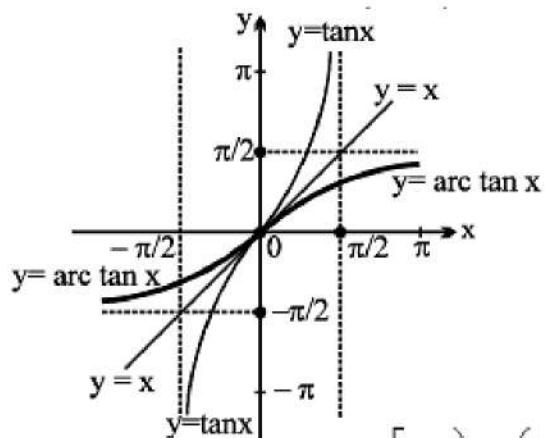
1.  $y = \sin^{-1} x, |x| \leq 1, y \in \left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$



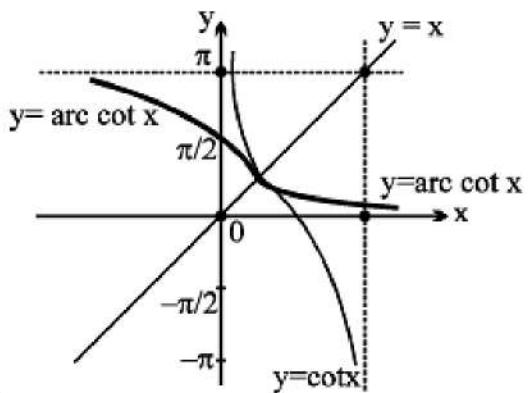
2.  $y = \cos^{-1} x, |x| \leq 1, y \in [0, \pi]$



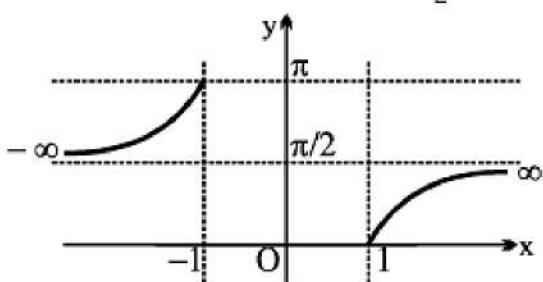
3.  $y = \tan^{-1} x, x \in \mathbb{R}, y \in \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$



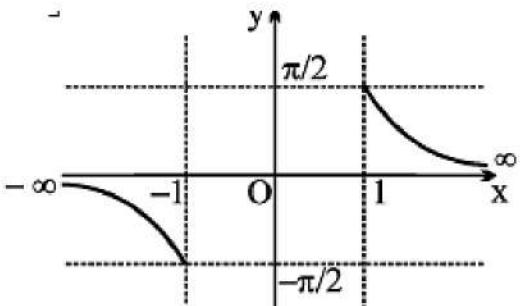
4.  $y = \cot^{-1} x, x \in \mathbb{R}, y \in (0, \pi)$



5.  $y = \sec^{-1} x, |x| \geq 1, y \in \left[0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \cup \left(\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi\right]$

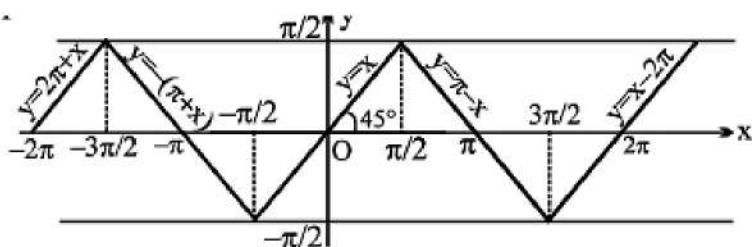


6.  $y = \operatorname{cosec}^{-1} x, |x| \geq 1, y \in \left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, 0\right) \cup \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$

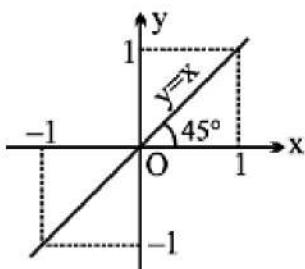


7. (a)  $y = \sin^{-1} (\sin x), x \in \mathbb{R}, y \in \left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right],$

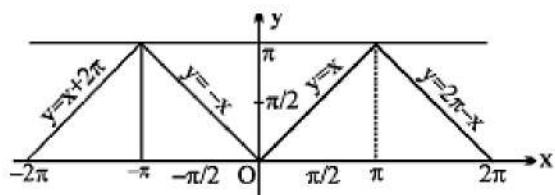
Periodic with period  $2\pi$



(b)  $y = \sin(\sin^{-1} x)$ ,  $x \in [-1, 1], y \in [-1, 1]$ ,  $y$  is aperiodic

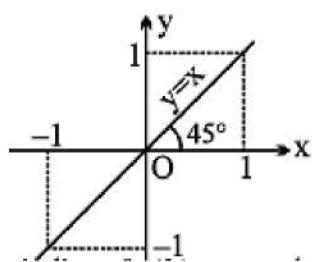


8. (a)  $y = \cos^{-1}(\cos x)$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $y \in [0, \pi]$ ,  $= x$  periodic with period  $2\pi$



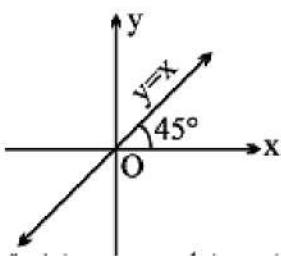
(b)  $y = \cos(\cos^{-1} x)$ ,  $= x$

$x \in [-1, 1], y \in [-1, 1]$ ,  $y$  is aperiodic

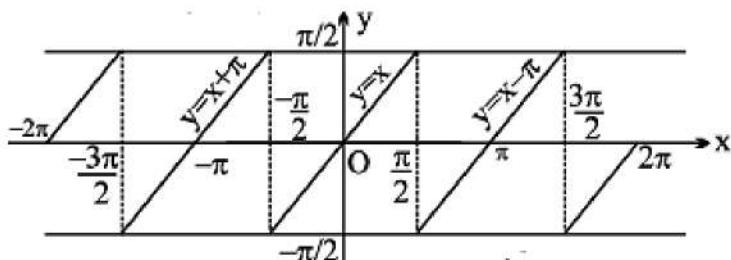


9. (a)  $y = \tan(\tan^{-1} x)$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $y \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $y$  is aperiodic  $= x$

$x \in \mathbb{R} - \left\{ (2n-1)\frac{\pi}{2} \mid n \in \mathbb{I} \right\}$ ,  $y \in \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ , periodic with period  $\pi$

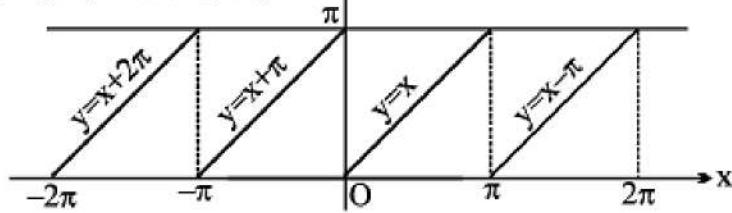


(b)  $y = \tan^{-1}(\tan x) = x$

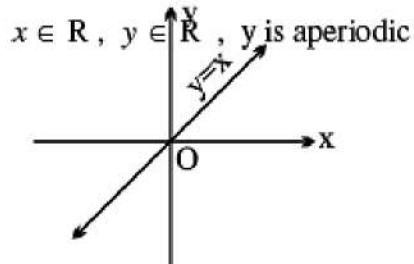


10. (a)  $y = \cot^{-1}(\cot x) = x$

$x \in \mathbb{R} - \{n\pi\}$ ,  $y \in (0, \pi)$ , periodic with  $\pi$



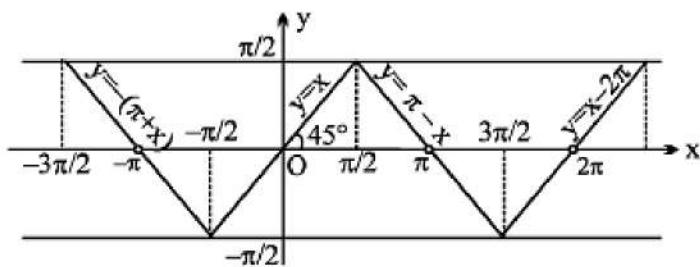
(b)  $y = \cot(\cot^{-1} x) = x$



11. (a)  $y = \operatorname{cosec}^{-1}(\operatorname{cosec} x) = x$

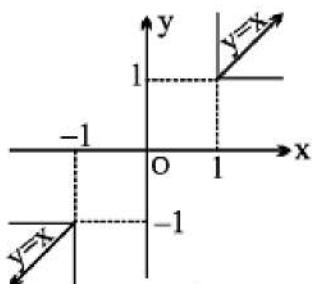
$$x \in \mathbb{R} - \{n\pi, n \in \mathbb{I}\}, y \in \left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, 0\right] \cup \left[0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$$

y is periodic with period  $2\pi$



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

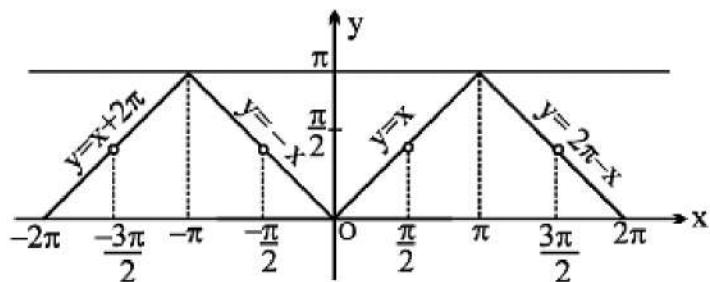
$|x| \geq 1, |y| \geq 1$ , y is aperiodic



12. (a)  $y = \sec -1 (\sec x), = x$

y is periodic with period  $2\pi$ ;

$$x \in \mathbb{R} - \left\{(2n-1)\frac{\pi}{2} \mid n \in \mathbb{I}\right\} \quad y \in \left[0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right] \cup \left[\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi\right]$$



(b)  $y = \sec(\sec^{-1} x), = x$

$|x| \geq 1 ; |y| \geq 1$ , y is aperiodic

