

1. Details of Module and its structure

| Module Detail | |
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| Subject Name | Mathematics |
| Course Name | Mathematics 03 (Class XII, Semester - 1) |
| Module Name/Title | Inverse Trigonometric Functions - Introduction ; Properties of Trigonometric Functions- Part 2 |
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| Pre-requisites | Basic knowloedge about Inverse of Cosine Function, Inverse of Secant Function |
| Objectives | After going through this lesson, the learners will be able to understand the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Understand the concept of cosine function is a function.• Understand the concept of Domain and Range of Inverse Trigonometric Functions |
| Keywords | Inverse of Cosine Function, Inverse of Secant Function |

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1. INVERSE OF COSINE FUNCTION

Consider the graph of cosine function given below.

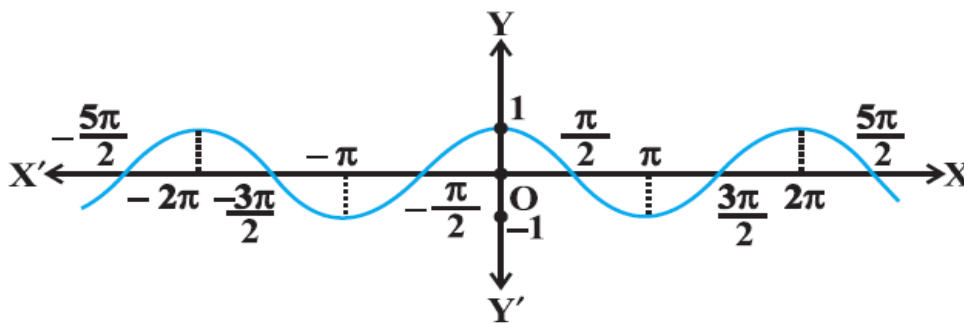


Fig.2.2 (i)

Like sine function, the cosine function is a function whose domain is the set of all real numbers and range is the set $[-1,1]$. If we restrict the domain of cosine function to $[0, \pi]$, then it becomes one-one and onto with range $[-1,1]$.

Actually, cosine function restricted to any of the intervals $[-\pi, 0]$, $[0, \pi]$, $[\pi, 2\pi]$ etc., is bijective with range as $[-1,1]$.

We plot the graph of inverse of cosine function.

Consider the graph of $\cos^{-1} : [-1,1] \rightarrow [0,\pi]$ given below.



Fig 2.2 (ii)

From the above graph, it is clear that the branch with range $[0, \pi]$ is called the principal value branch of the function \cos^{-1} and the value of $\cos^{-1} x$ lying in

$[0, \pi]$ for a given value of $x \in [-1, 1]$ is called the principal value. We write

$$\cos^{-1} : [-1, 1] \rightarrow [0, \pi]$$

The curves $y = \cos x$ and $y = \cos^{-1} x$ are mirror images of each other in the line mirror $y = x$ as shown in figure below.

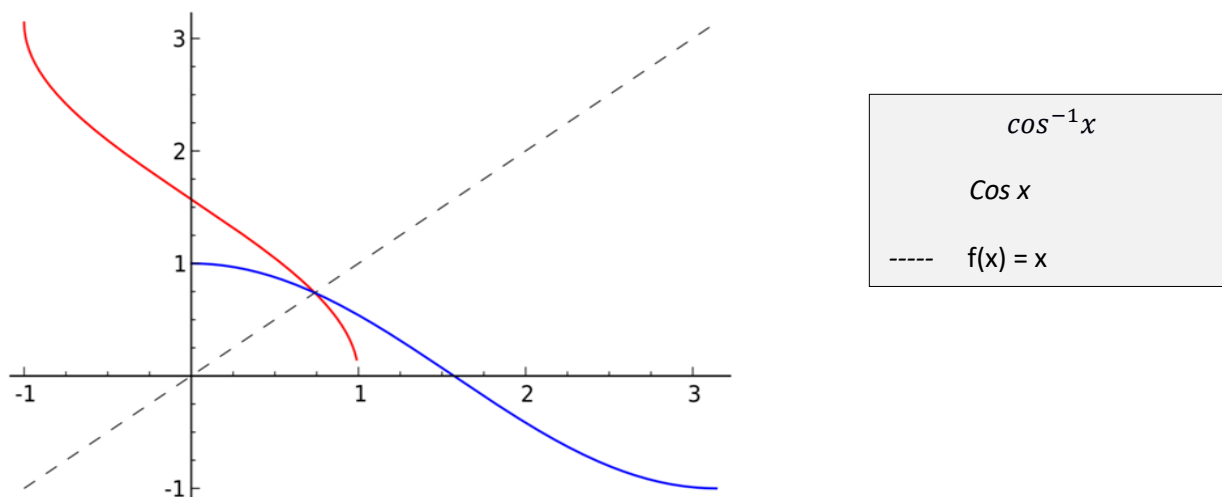


Fig.2.2 (iii)

Example: Find the principal value of (a) $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)$ and (b) $\cos^{-1}\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)$.

Solution: For any $x \in [-1, 1]$, $\cos^{-1} x$ represents an angle in $[0, \pi]$ whose cosine is x . Therefore,

a) $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) = (\text{An angle } \theta \in [0, \pi] \text{ such that } \cos \theta = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}) = \frac{\pi}{6}$

b) $\cos^{-1}\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) = (\text{An angle } \theta \in [0, \pi] \text{ such that } \cos \theta = -\frac{1}{2}) = \frac{2\pi}{3}$

Example: Find the principal value of $\cos^{-1}\{\sin[\cos^{-1}\frac{1}{2}]\}$.

Solution: We know that $\cos^{-1}\frac{1}{2} = \frac{\pi}{3}$.

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \cos^{-1}\{\sin[\cos^{-1}\frac{1}{2}]\} \\
&= \cos^{-1}(\sin \frac{\pi}{3}) \quad [\because \sin \frac{\pi}{3} = (\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2})] \\
&= \cos^{-1}(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}) \\
&= \frac{\pi}{6} \quad [\because \cos^{-1}(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}) = \frac{\pi}{6}]
\end{aligned}$$

Example: Find the domain of $\cos^{-1}(2x-1)$.

Solution: The domain of $\cos^{-1}x$ is $[-1,1]$, so the domain of $\cos^{-1}(2x-1)$ is the set of all values of x satisfying $-1 \leq 2x-1 \leq 1$

$$\Rightarrow 0 \leq 2x \leq 2$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 \leq x \leq 1$$

Hence, the domain of $\cos^{-1}(2x-1)$ is $[0,1]$.

2. INVERSE OF SECANT FUNCTION

Consider the graph of $y = \sec x$ as given below.

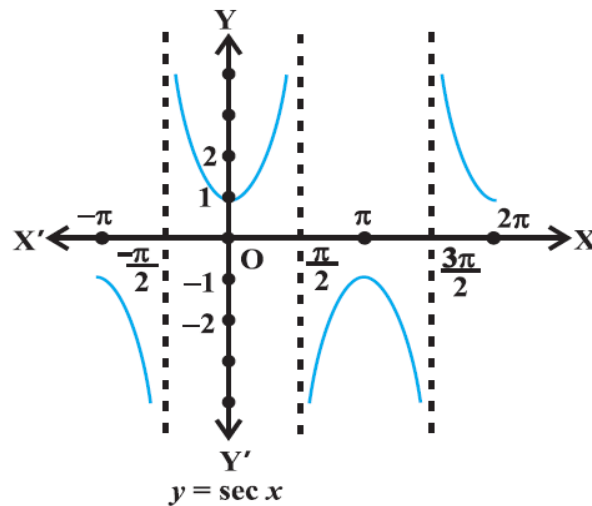


Fig.2.2 (iv)

Since, $\sec x = \frac{1}{\cos x}$, the domain of the $y = \sec x$ function is the set $\mathbb{R} - \{x: x = \frac{(2n+1)\pi}{2}, n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ and the range is the set $\{y : y \in \mathbb{R}, y \geq 1 \text{ or } y \leq -1\}$ i.e., the set $\mathbb{R} - (-1,1)$. It means that $y = \sec x$ assumes all real values except $-1 < y < 1$ and is not defined for odd multiple of $\frac{\pi}{2}$. If we restrict the

domain of secant function to $[0, \pi] - \{\frac{\pi}{2}\}$, then it is one to one and onto with its range as the set $\mathbb{R} - (-1, 1)$. Actually, secant function restricted to any of the intervals $[-\pi, 0] - \{-\frac{\pi}{2}\}, [0, \pi] - \{\frac{\pi}{2}\}, [\pi, 2\pi] - \{\frac{3\pi}{2}\}$ etc., is bijective and its range is the set of all real numbers $\mathbb{R} - (-1, 1)$. Consider the function $y = \sec^{-1} : \mathbb{R} - (-1, 1) \rightarrow [0, \pi] - \{\frac{\pi}{2}\}$ as shown in graph below.

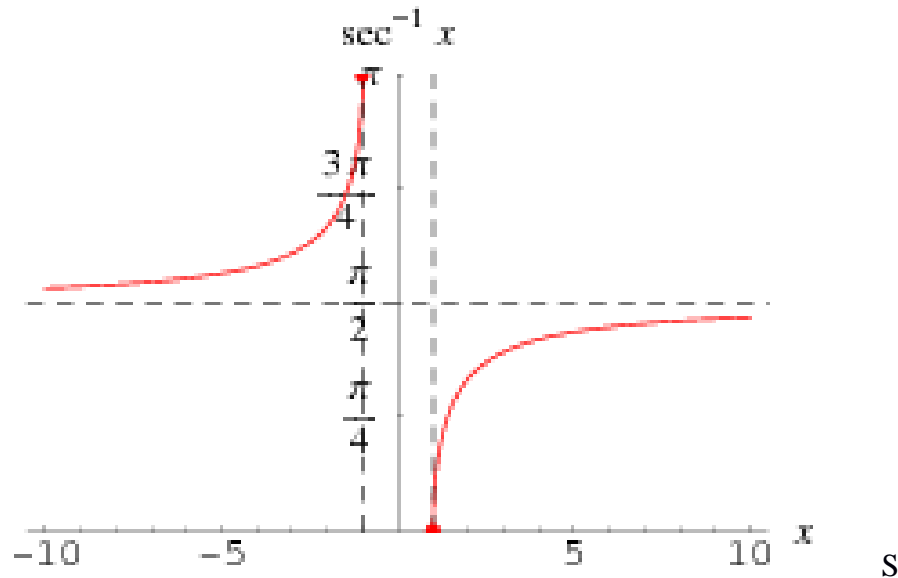


Fig. 2.2(v)

Thus \sec^{-1} can be defined as a function whose domain is $\mathbb{R} - (-1, 1)$ and range could be any of the intervals $[-\pi, 0] - \{-\frac{\pi}{2}\}, [0, \pi] - \{\frac{\pi}{2}\}, [\pi, 2\pi] - \{\frac{3\pi}{2}\}$ etc. The function corresponding to the range $[0, \pi] - \{\frac{\pi}{2}\}$ is called the principal value branch of \sec^{-1} . We thus have principal branch as $\sec^{-1} : \mathbb{R} - (-1, 1) \rightarrow [0, \pi] - \{\pi/2\}$.

Example: Find the principal values of $\sec^{-1}(2)$.

Solution : For any $x \in (-\infty, -1] \cup [1, \infty)$, i. e., $\mathbb{R} - (-1, 1)$, $\sec^{-1}x$ is an angle $\theta \in [0, \frac{\pi}{2}) \cup (\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi]$ whose secant is x i. e. $\sec \theta = x$.

Therefore, $\sec^{-1}(2) = (\text{An angle } \theta \in [0, \frac{\pi}{2}) \cup (\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi] \text{ such that } \sec \theta = 2) = \frac{\pi}{3}$

Example: Find the domain of $\sec^{-1}(2x+1)$.

Solution : The domain of $\sec^{-1}x$ is $(-\infty, -1] \cup [1, \infty)$. Therefore, $\sec^{-1}(2x+1)$ is meaningful, if $2x+1 \geq 1$ or $2x+1 \leq -1$.

$$\Rightarrow 2x \geq 0 \text{ or } 2x \leq -2$$

$$\Rightarrow x \geq 0 \text{ or } x \leq -1$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in (-\infty, -1] \cup [0, \infty)$$

Hence, the domain of $\sec^{-1}(2x+1)$ is $(-\infty, -1] \cup [0, \infty)$

3. Summary

- The domain and ranges of different trigonometric functions are given below:

| Function | Domain | Range(Principal value branches) |
|-------------------------|------------------------|---|
| $Y = \text{Cos}^{-1} x$ | $[-1, 1]$ | $[0, \pi]$ |
| $Y = \text{Sec}^{-1} x$ | $\mathbb{R} - (-1, 1)$ | $[0, \pi] - \left\{\frac{\pi}{2}\right\}$ |