

1. Details of Module and its structure

Module Detail	
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Module Name/Title	Inverse Trigonometric Functions - Introduction ; Properties of Trigonometric Functions- Part 3
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Pre-requisites	Basic knowledge about Inverse of Tangent Function and Inverse of Cotangent Function
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1. INVERSE OF TANGENT FUNCTION

Consider the graph of $y = \tan x$ as shown below.

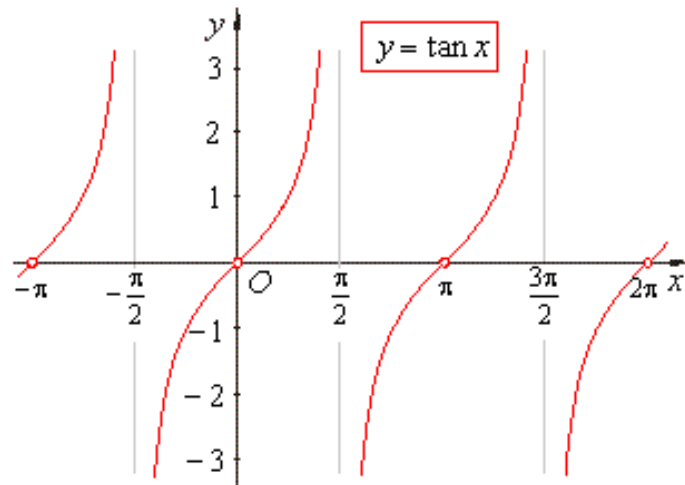
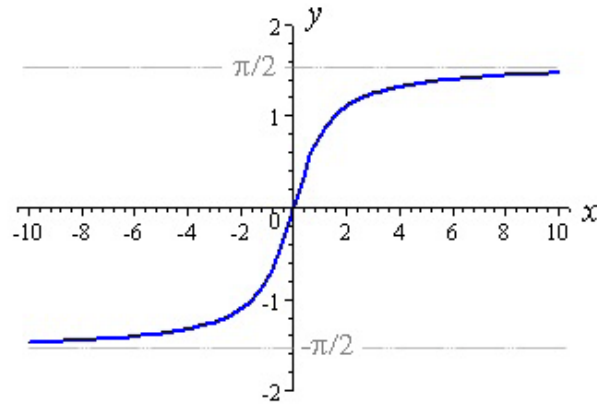


Fig.2.3 (i)

Consider the function $f: \mathbb{R} - \{(2n+1)\frac{\pi}{2} : n \in \mathbb{Z}\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ given by $f(x) = \tan x$. It is evident that $f(x) = \tan x$ is a many-one onto function and hence it is not invertible. However, the function $\tan: [-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ associating each $x \in [-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}]$ to $\tan x \in \mathbb{R}$ is bijection and so it is invertible.

Consider the function $\tan^{-1}: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ given by $y = \tan^{-1}x$



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

Fig.2.3 (ii)

Thus, \tan^{-1} can be defined as a function whose domain is \mathbb{R} and range could be any of the

intervals $\left(\frac{-\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$, $\left(\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}\right)$ and so on. These intervals give different branches of the function

\tan^{-1} . The branch with range $\frac{-\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}$ is called the principal value branch of the function \tan^{-1} as

shown in graph above. We thus have

$$\tan^{-1}: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

Consider the graph $y = \tan x$ and $y = \tan^{-1}x$ given below. We observe both curves are mirror images of each other in the line $y=x$.

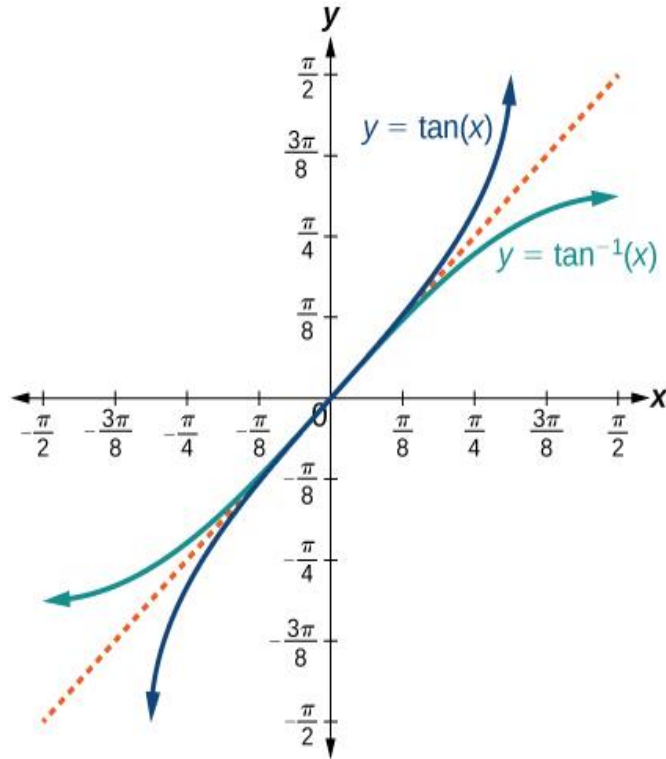


Fig.2.3 (iii)

Example: Find the principal values of $\tan^{-1}(-\sqrt{3})$

Solution: We know that for any $x \in \mathbb{R}$, $\tan^{-1} x$ represent an angle in $[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}]$ whose tangent is x .

Therefore,

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

b) $\tan^{-1}(1) = (\text{An angle } \theta \in [-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}] \text{ such that } \tan \theta = 1) = \frac{\pi}{4}$

Example: Find the principal values of $\tan^{-1}\{\sin(-\frac{\pi}{2})\}$

Solution: We know that $\sin(-\frac{\pi}{2}) = -1$,

$$\therefore \tan^{-1}\{\sin(-\frac{\pi}{2})\} = \tan^{-1}(-1) = -\frac{\pi}{4}$$

Example: For the principal value, evaluate $\tan^{-1}\{2\cos(2\sin^{-1}\frac{1}{2})\}$

Solution: We know that $\sin^{-1}\frac{1}{2} = \frac{\pi}{6}$

$$\therefore \tan^{-1}\{2\cos(2\sin^{-1}\frac{1}{2})\} = \tan^{-1}\{2\cos(2 \times \frac{\pi}{6})\} = \tan^{-1}\{2\cos\frac{\pi}{3}\} = \tan^{-1}(2 \times \frac{1}{2}) = \tan^{-1}1 = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

2. INVERSE OF COTANGENT FUNCTION

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

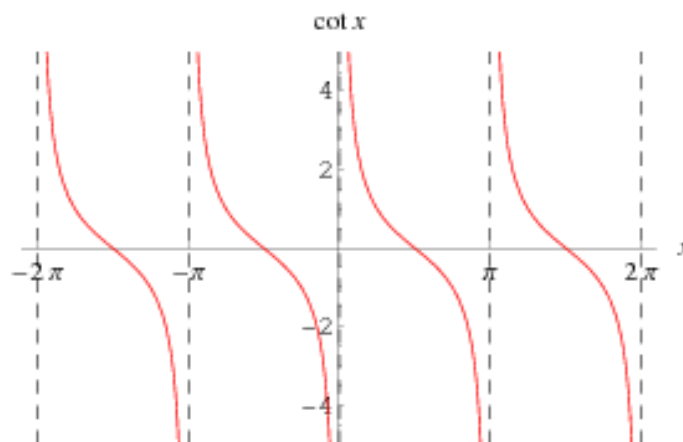


Fig. 2.3 (iv)

The function $f(x) = \cot x$ has domain $= \mathbb{R} - \{n\pi : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ and range \mathbb{R} . Therefore, $f: \mathbb{R} - \{n\pi : n \in \mathbb{Z}\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a many-one onto function. Now, if we consider $\cot: (0, \pi) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, then it is bijective and hence invertible.

In fact, cotangent function restricted to any of the intervals $(-\pi, 0), (0, \pi), (\pi, 2\pi)$ etc., is bijective and its range is \mathbb{R} . These intervals give different branches of the function $\cot^{-1}x$.

Consider the graph of $\cot^{-1}: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow (0, \pi)$ given below.

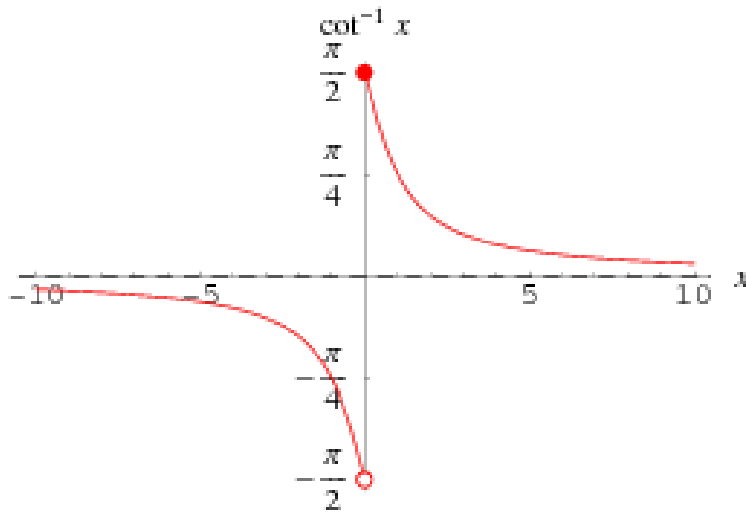


Fig. 2.3 (v)

The function with range $(0, \pi)$ is called the principal value branch of the function \cot^{-1} as given in the above graph. We thus have $\cot^{-1}: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow (0, \pi)$ as principal value branch.

Example: Find the set of values of $\cot^{-1}(1)$ and $\cot^{-1}(-1)$.

Solution: For any $x \in \mathbb{R}$, $\cot^{-1}x$ is an angle $\theta \in (0, \pi)$ such that $\cot \theta = x$

$$\therefore \cot^{-1}(1) = (\text{An angle } \theta \in (0, \pi) \text{ such that } \cot \theta = 1) = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\text{and } \cot^{-1}(-1) = (\text{An angle } \theta \in (0, \pi) \text{ whose cotangent is equal to } -1) = \frac{3\pi}{4}$$

$$\text{Hence, required set is } \left\{ \frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{3\pi}{4} \right\}.$$

Example: Find the principal values of $\cot^{-1}\sqrt{3}$ and $\cot^{-1}(-1)$.

Solution: We know that for any $x \in \mathbb{R}$, $\cot^{-1}x$ denotes an angle in $(0, \pi)$ whose cotangent is x .

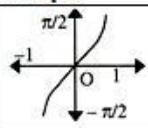
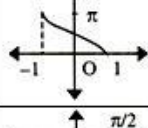
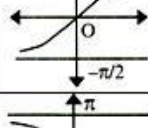
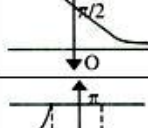
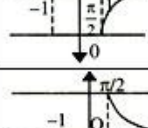
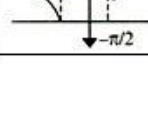
$$\therefore \cot^{-1}\sqrt{3} = (\text{An angle in } (0, \pi) \text{ whose cotangent is } \sqrt{3}) = \frac{\pi}{6}$$

$$\text{Similarly, } \cot^{-1}(-1) = (\text{An angle } (0, \pi) \text{ whose cotangent is } (-1)) = \frac{3\pi}{4}.$$

What we have learnt In summary, The domains and ranges (principal value branches) of above six inverse trigonometric functions are given below:

Functions	Domain	Range (Principal value branches)
$y = \sin^{-1}x$	$[-1, 1]$	$[\frac{-\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}]$
$y = \cos^{-1}x$	$[-1, 1]$	$[0, \pi]$
$y = \operatorname{cosec}^{-1}x$	$\mathbb{R} - (-1, 1)$	$[\frac{-\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}] - \{0\}$
$y = \sec^{-1}x$	$\mathbb{R} - (-1, 1)$	$[0, \pi] - \{\frac{\pi}{2}\}$
$y = \tan^{-1}x$	\mathbb{R}	$(\frac{-\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2})$
$y = \cot^{-1}x$	\mathbb{R}	$(0, \pi)$

OR

S.No.	Inverse Cir. Fn.	Domain	Range	Graph
1.	$\sin^{-1} x = \theta$ iff $\sin \theta = x, -\pi/2 \leq \theta \leq \pi/2$	$[-1, 1]$	$[-\pi/2, \pi/2]$	
2.	$\cos^{-1} x = \theta$ iff $\cos \theta = x, 0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$	$[-1, 1]$	$[0, \pi]$	
3.	$\tan^{-1} x = \theta$ iff $\tan \theta = x, \frac{\pi}{2} < \theta < \frac{3\pi}{2}$	$(-\infty, \infty)$	$(-\pi/2, \pi/2)$	
4.	$\cot^{-1} x = \theta$ iff $\cot \theta = x, 0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$	$(-\infty, \infty)$	$(0, \pi)$	
5.	$\sec^{-1} x = \theta$ iff $\sec \theta = x, 0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$ and $\theta \neq \frac{\pi}{2}$	$(-\infty, -1] \cup [1, \infty)$	$[0, \pi]$ $\theta \neq \frac{\pi}{2}$	
6.	$\operatorname{cosec}^{-1} x = \theta$ iff $\operatorname{cosec} \theta = x$ $-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}, \theta \neq 0$	$(-\infty, -1] \cup [1, \infty)$	$[-\pi/2, \pi/2]$ $\theta \neq 0$	

3. Summary

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

Function	Domain	Range(Principal value branches)
$Y = \tan^{-1} x$	\mathbb{R}	$(\frac{-\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2})$
$Y = \cot^{-1} x$	\mathbb{R}	$(0, \pi)$

