

## 1. Details of Module and its structure

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## 1. PROPERTIES OF INVERSE TRIGONOMETRIC FUNCTIONS

- Introduction

We will learn about various properties of six inverse trigonometric functions. These properties are very useful in simplifying expressions and solving equations involving inverse trigonometric functions. These results are valid within the principal value branches of the corresponding inverse trigonometric functions and wherever they are defined. Some results may not be valid for all values of the domains of inverse trigonometric functions. In fact, they will be valid only for some values of  $x$  for which inverse trigonometric functions are defined.

### Property 1:

$$\sin^{-1}(\sin x) = x : \quad x \in \left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$$

$$\cos^{-1}(\cos x) = x : \quad x \in [0, \pi]$$

$$\tan^{-1}(\tan x) = x : \quad x \in \left(\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

$$\cot^{-1}(\cot x) = x : \quad x \in (0, \pi)$$

$$\sec^{-1}(\sec x) = x : \quad x \in [0, \pi] - \left\{\frac{\pi}{2}\right\}$$

$$\operatorname{cosec}^{-1}(\operatorname{cosec} x) = x : \quad x \in \left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right] - \{0\}$$

**Example:**  $\sin^{-1}\left(\sin\frac{\pi}{3}\right)$

**Solution:** We know that  $\sin^{-1}(\sin \theta) = \theta$ , if  $x \in \left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$

$$\therefore \sin^{-1}\left(\sin\frac{\pi}{3}\right) = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

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**Example:**  $\cos^{-1}(\cos \frac{2\pi}{3})$

**Solution:** We know that  $\cos^{-1}(\cos x)=x$  for  $x \in [0,\pi]$

$$\cos^{-1}(\cos \frac{2\pi}{3})=\frac{2\pi}{3}$$

**Property 2-** We have learnt that if  $f: A \rightarrow B$ ,  $f$  is a bijection, then  $f^{-1}:B \rightarrow A$  exists such that  $f^{-1}(f(x))=x$  or,  $f(f^{-1}(x))=x$  for all  $x \in B$ . Applying this property on various trigonometric functions and their inverses, we obtain the following property:

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

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

$$\tan(\tan^{-1} x)=x \quad : \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\cot(\cot^{-1} x)=x \quad : \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\sec(\sec^{-1} x)=x \quad : \quad x \in \mathbb{R} - (-1,1)$$

$$\operatorname{cosec}(\operatorname{cosec}^{-1} x)=x \quad : \quad x \in \mathbb{R} - (-1,1)$$

### More to Learn

Obtain the expression and express it in the form  $f(g^{-1}(x))$ , where  $f$  and  $g$  are trigonometric functions.

Express  $g^{-1}x$  in terms of  $f^{-1}$  by using the following results:

$$\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{p}{h}\right)=\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{b}{h}\right)=\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{p}{b}\right)=\operatorname{cosec}^{-1}\left(\frac{h}{p}\right)=\sec^{-1}\left(\frac{h}{b}\right)=\cot^{-1}\left(\frac{b}{p}\right)$$

where  $p$ ,  $b$  and  $h$  denote respectively the perpendicular, base and hypotenuse of a right triangle.

Let  $g^{-1}(x)=f^{-1}(y)$ .

Replace  $g^{-1}(x)$  by  $f^{-1}(y)$  in  $f(g^{-1}(x))$  and use property-II to get  $f(g^{-1}(x)) = f(f^{-1}(y))=y$ .

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**Example:** Evaluate  $\sin[\sin^{-1}(\frac{5}{13})]$

Using  $\sin(\sin^{-1}x)=x$ ,  $x \in [-1,1]$ , we obtain  $\sin[\sin^{-1}(\frac{5}{13})] = \frac{5}{13}$

**Example:** Evaluate  $\sin[\cos^{-1}(\frac{4}{5})]$

In order to express  $\cos^{-1}(\frac{4}{5})$  in terms of  $\sin^{-1}$ , we know

$$\cos^{-1}(\frac{b}{h}) = \sin^{-1}(\frac{p}{h}) \quad \therefore \cos^{-1}(\frac{4}{5}) = \sin^{-1}(\frac{3}{5})$$

$$\text{Hence, } \sin[\cos^{-1}(\frac{4}{5})] = \sin[\sin^{-1}(\frac{3}{5})] = \frac{3}{5}$$

**Property 3:**

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

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

$$\tan^{-1}(-x) = -\tan^{-1}x \quad : \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$$

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

$$\sec^{-1}(-x) = \pi - \sec^{-1}x \quad : \quad x \in \mathbb{R} - (-1,1)$$

$$\operatorname{cosec}^{-1}(-x) = -\operatorname{cosec}^{-1}x \quad : \quad x \in \mathbb{R} - (-1,1)$$

**Example:** Evaluate  $\cos\{\sin^{-1}(\frac{-5}{13})\}$

$$\cos\{\sin^{-1}(\frac{-5}{13})\} = \cos(-\sin^{-1}\frac{5}{13}) = \cos(\sin^{-1}\frac{5}{13}) = \cos^{-1}\frac{12}{13} = \frac{12}{13}$$

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**Property 4.**

$$\sin^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{x}\right] = \operatorname{cosec}^{-1} x \quad : \quad x \in \mathbb{R} - (-1, 1)$$

$$\cos^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{x}\right] = \sec^{-1} x \quad : \quad x \in \mathbb{R} - (-1, 1)$$

$$\tan^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{x}\right] = \cot^{-1} x \quad : \quad x > 0$$

$$= -\pi + \cot^{-1} x \quad : \quad x < 0$$

**Example:** Prove that  $\tan^{-1}x + \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \pi/2, \text{ if } x > 0 \\ -\pi/2, \text{ if } x < 0 \end{array} \right.$

We know  $\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \cot^{-1} x$  for  $x > 0$

$$= -\pi + \cot^{-1} x \quad \text{for } x < 0$$

$$\therefore \tan^{-1}x + \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \tan^{-1}x + \cot^{-1} x = \pi/2, \quad \text{if } x > 0$$

$$= \tan^{-1}x + \cot^{-1} x - \pi = \pi/2 - \pi = -\pi/2 \quad \text{if } x < 0$$

**Property 5:**  $\sin^{-1}x + \cos^{-1}x = \frac{\pi}{2} \quad : \quad x \in [-1, 1]$

$$\tan^{-1}x + \cot^{-1}x = \frac{\pi}{2} \quad : \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\sec^{-1}x + \operatorname{cosec}^{-1}x = \frac{\pi}{2} \quad : \quad x \in \mathbb{R} - [-1, 1]$$

**Example:** Find the value of  $\cot(\tan^{-1}a + \cot^{-1}a)$

We know that  $\tan^{-1}x + \cot^{-1}x = \frac{\pi}{2}$

$$\therefore \cot(\tan^{-1}a + \cot^{-1}a) = \cot \frac{\pi}{2} = 0$$

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**Example :** If  $\sin[\sin^{-1}(\frac{1}{5}) + \cos^{-1}x] = 1$ , then find the value of  $x$ .

**Solution :** We have  $\sin[\sin^{-1}(\frac{1}{5}) + \cos^{-1}x] = 1$

$$\therefore \sin^{-1}(\frac{1}{5}) + \cos^{-1}x = \sin^{-1}1$$

$$\sin^{-1}(\frac{1}{5}) + \cos^{-1}x = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\cos^{-1}x = \frac{\pi}{2} - \sin^{-1}(\frac{1}{5})$$

$$\cos^{-1}x = \cos^{-1}(\frac{1}{5}) \quad \text{using} \quad \sin^{-1}x + \cos^{-1}x = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{1}{5}$$

**Property 6:**  $\tan^{-1}x + \tan^{-1}y = \tan^{-1}\left[\frac{x+y}{1-xy}\right]$  :  $xy < 1$

$$\tan^{-1}x - \tan^{-1}y = \tan^{-1}\left[\frac{x-y}{1+xy}\right] \quad : \quad xy > -1$$

**Example :** Prove that :  $\tan^{-1}(\frac{2}{11}) + \tan^{-1}(\frac{7}{24}) = \tan^{-1}(\frac{1}{2})$

**Solution :** We have,

$$\tan^{-1}(\frac{2}{11}) + \tan^{-1}(\frac{7}{24}) = \tan^{-1}\left[\frac{\frac{2}{11} + \frac{7}{24}}{1 - \frac{2}{11} \times \frac{7}{24}}\right] \quad \text{using} \quad \tan^{-1}x + \tan^{-1}y = \tan^{-1}\left[\frac{x+y}{1-xy}\right] \quad \text{if} \quad xy < 1$$

$$= \tan^{-1}\left[\frac{48+77}{264-14}\right]$$

$$= \tan^{-1}\left[\frac{125}{250}\right]$$

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$$= \tan^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{2}\right]$$

**Property 7:**  $2 \tan^{-1}x = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{2x}{1+x^2}\right) \quad : \quad -1 \leq x \leq 1$

$$2 \tan^{-1}x = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1-x^2}{1+x^2}\right) \quad : x \geq 0$$

$$2 \tan^{-1}x = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{2x}{1-x^2}\right) \quad : \quad -1 < x < 1$$

**Example :** Evaluate :  $\tan [2 \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{5}]$

**Solution :** We have

$$\tan [2 \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{5}] = \tan\left(\tan^{-1} \frac{2 \cdot 1/5}{1 - 1/25}\right) = \tan\left(\tan^{-1} \frac{5}{12}\right) = \frac{5}{12}$$

**Example :** Prove that:  $\tan^{-1}\sqrt{x} = \frac{1}{2} \cos^{-1}\frac{1-x}{1+x} \quad , x \in [0,1]$

**Solution :** We have  $\frac{1}{2} \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1-x}{1+x}\right) = \frac{1}{2} \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1-x}{1+x}\right)$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \times 2 \tan^{-1}\sqrt{x}$$

$$= \tan^{-1}\sqrt{x}.$$

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## 2. Summary

- **The properties of the Inverse Trigonometry Functions:**

1.  $\sin^{-1}(\sin x)=x$  :  $x \in \left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$

$\cos^{-1}(\cos x)=x$  :  $x \in [0, \pi]$

$\tan^{-1}(\tan x)=x$  :  $x \in \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$

$\cot^{-1}(\cot x)=x$  :  $x \in (0, \pi)$

$\sec^{-1}(\sec x)=x$  :  $x \in [0, \pi] - \left\{\frac{\pi}{2}\right\}$

$\operatorname{cosec}^{-1}(\operatorname{cosec} x)=x$  :  $x \in \left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right] - \{0\}$

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

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

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

$\cot(\cot^{-1} x)=x$  :  $x \in \mathbb{R}$

$\sec(\sec^{-1} x)=x$  :  $x \in \mathbb{R} - (-1, 1)$

$\operatorname{cosec}(\operatorname{cosec}^{-1} x)=x$  :  $x \in \mathbb{R} - (-1, 1)$

3.  $\sin^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{x}\right] = \operatorname{cosec}^{-1} x$  :  $x \in \mathbb{R} - (-1, 1)$

$\cos^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{x}\right] = \sec^{-1} x$  :  $x \in \mathbb{R} - (-1, 1)$

$\tan^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{x}\right] = \cot^{-1} x$  :  $x > 0$

$= -\pi + \cot^{-1} x$  :  $x < 0$



$$4. \quad \begin{aligned} \sin^{-1}(-x) &= -\sin^{-1}x & : & \quad x \in [-1,1] \\ \cos^{-1}(-x) &= \pi - \cos^{-1}x & : & \quad x \in [-1,1] \\ \tan^{-1}(-x) &= -\tan^{-1}x & : & \quad x \in \mathbb{R} \\ \cot^{-1}(-x) &= \pi - \cot^{-1}x & : & \quad x \in \mathbb{R} \\ \sec^{-1}(-x) &= \pi - \sec^{-1}x & : & \quad x \in \mathbb{R} - (-1,1) \\ \operatorname{cosec}^{-1}(-x) &= -\operatorname{cosec}^{-1}x & : & \quad x \in \mathbb{R} - (-1,1) \end{aligned}$$

$$5. \quad \begin{aligned} \sin^{-1}x + \cos^{-1}x &= \frac{\pi}{2} & : & \quad x \in [-1,1] \\ \tan^{-1}x + \cot^{-1}x &= \frac{\pi}{2} & : & \quad x \in \mathbb{R} \\ \sec^{-1}x + \operatorname{cosec}^{-1}x &= \frac{\pi}{2} & : & \quad x \in \mathbb{R} - [-1,1] \end{aligned}$$

$$6. \quad \begin{aligned} \tan^{-1}x + \tan^{-1}y &= \tan^{-1}\left[\frac{x+y}{1-xy}\right] & : & \quad xy < 1 \\ \tan^{-1}x - \tan^{-1}y &= \tan^{-1}\left[\frac{x-y}{1+xy}\right] & : & \quad xy > -1 \end{aligned}$$

$$7. \quad \begin{aligned} 2 \tan^{-1}x &= \sin^{-1}\left[\frac{2x}{1+x^2}\right] & : & \quad -1 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 2 \tan^{-1}x &= \cos^{-1}\left[\frac{1-x^2}{1+x^2}\right] & : & \quad x \geq 0 \\ 2 \tan^{-1}x &= \tan^{-1}\left[\frac{2x}{1-x^2}\right] & : & \quad -1 < x < 1 \end{aligned}$$

