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The arccosine function [F1 : $\arccos(x)$]

Description

The arccosine function is the inverse of the cosine function. It is most useful when trying to find the angle measure when two sides of a triangle are known.

Arccosine indicates the angle whose cosine is x . The arccosine of x is defined as the inverse cosine function of x when $-1 \leq x \leq 1$.

When the cosine of y is equal to x : $\cos y = x$. Then the arccosine of x is equal to the inverse cosine function of x , which is equal to y : $\arccos x = \cos^{-1} x = y$.

The domain of arccos is $-1 \leq x \leq 1$.

The range of arccos is $0 \leq y \leq \pi$.

Graph of arccosine

The curve in the graph is the arccosine function. Notice that for any x between -1 and $+1$ it returns a single value between 0 and π radians.

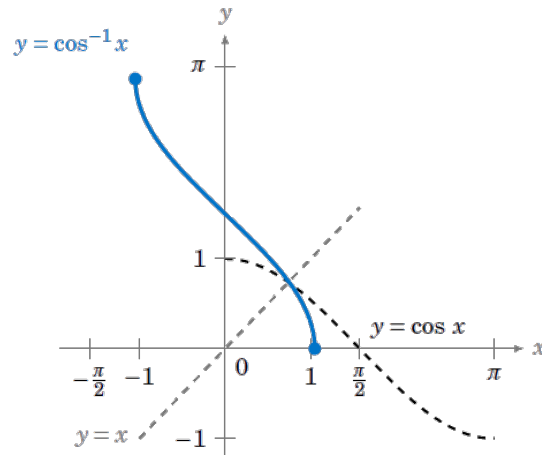


Figure 1: The curve $y = \arccos x$

Properties of arccosine

For the arccosine function to be a true inverse function of the sine function, the following statement must be true: $\cos(\arccos(x)) = x$ and $\arccos(\cos(x)) = x$.

The arccosine function is a reflection of the cosine function about the line $y = x$.

The function arccosine is defined on the interval $[-1, 1]$ and is continuous on the open interval $(-1, 1)$.

Application of function

Arccosine function are unique function and useful in finding remaining two angles of right triangle.

References

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