

# 93 EXAM QUESTIONS ON INVERSE TRIGONOMETRI C FUNCTIONS

# 22 BASIC QUESTIONS

**Question 1 (\*\*+)**

Solve the following trigonometric equation

$$\pi + 3\arccos(x+1) = 0.$$

$$x = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \pi + 3\arccos(x+1) &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow 3\arccos(x+1) &= -\pi \\ \Rightarrow \arccos(x+1) &= \frac{-\pi}{3} \\ \Rightarrow \cos[\arccos(x+1)] &= \cos\left(\frac{-\pi}{3}\right) \\ \Rightarrow x+1 &= \frac{1}{2} \\ \Rightarrow x &= -\frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

**Question 2 (\*\*\*)**

It is given that  $\arcsin x = \arccos y$ .

Show, by a clear method, that

$$x^2 + y^2 = 1.$$

, proof

$$\begin{aligned} \arcsin x &= \arccos y = \theta \\ \{\arcsin x = \theta\} \Rightarrow \{\sin \theta = x\} &\Rightarrow \{\arccos y = \theta\} \Rightarrow \{\cos \theta = y\} \Rightarrow \sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta = x^2 + y^2 \\ &\therefore x^2 + y^2 = 1 \quad \text{As required} \end{aligned}$$

**Question 3 (\*\*\*)**

Solve the following trigonometric equation

$$3\operatorname{arccot}(x - \sqrt{3}) - \pi = 0.$$

$$x = \frac{4}{3}\sqrt{3}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 3\operatorname{arccot}(x - \sqrt{3}) - \pi &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow 3\operatorname{arccot}(x - \sqrt{3}) &= \pi \\ \Rightarrow \operatorname{arccot}(x - \sqrt{3}) &= \frac{\pi}{3} \\ \Rightarrow \cot[\operatorname{arccot}(x - \sqrt{3})] &= \cot\frac{\pi}{3} \\ \Rightarrow x - \sqrt{3} &= \frac{1}{\tan\frac{\pi}{3}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow x - \sqrt{3} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \Rightarrow x &= \sqrt{3} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \Rightarrow x &= \frac{4}{3}\sqrt{3} \end{aligned}$$

**Question 4    (\*\*\*)+**

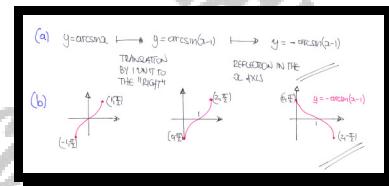
A curve  $C$  is defined by the equation

$$y = -\arcsin(x-1), \quad 0 \leq x \leq 2.$$

- a) Describe the 2 geometric transformations that map the graph of  $\arcsin x$  onto the graph of  $C$ .
- b) Sketch the graph of  $C$ .

The sketch must include the coordinates of any points where the graph of  $C$  meets the coordinate axes and the coordinates of the endpoints of  $C$ .

 , translation by 1 unit to the right, followed by reflection in the  $x$  axis



**Question 5    (\*\*\*)+**

Simplify, showing all steps in the calculation, the following expression

$$\tan(\arctan 3 - \arctan 2),$$

giving the final answer as an exact fraction.

   $\frac{1}{7}$

$$\begin{aligned} \tan(\arctan 3 - \arctan 2) &= \frac{\tan(\arctan 3) - \tan(\arctan 2)}{1 + \tan(\arctan 3)\tan(\arctan 2)} = \frac{3 - 2}{1 + 3 \times 2} \\ &= \frac{1}{7} \end{aligned}$$

**Question 6    (\*\*\*)+**

Show clearly that if  $x > 0$

$$\arctan x + \arctan\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \frac{\pi}{2}.$$

**[proof]**

<b>Method A</b> Let $\theta = \arctan x \Rightarrow x = \tan \theta$ $\frac{1}{x} = \cot \theta \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\tan \theta} = \frac{1}{x} = \cot \theta$ $\Rightarrow \cot \theta = \tan \left( \frac{\pi}{2} - \theta \right)$ $\Rightarrow \tan \left( \theta + \left( \frac{\pi}{2} - \theta \right) \right) = \tan \theta + \tan \left( \frac{\pi}{2} - \theta \right)$ $\Rightarrow \tan \left( \theta + \frac{\pi}{2} - \theta \right) = \frac{x + \frac{1}{x}}{1 - x \cdot \frac{1}{x}}$ $\Rightarrow \tan \left( \frac{\pi}{2} \right) = \frac{x + \frac{1}{x}}{0}$ $\Rightarrow \tan \left( \frac{\pi}{2} \right) = \infty$ $\Rightarrow \theta = \dots, -\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}, \dots$ BUT $\theta \neq \pm \frac{\pi}{2}$ Alt. ACUTE ANGLES $\therefore 0 < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$ $\therefore \theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$ $\therefore \arctan x + \arctan \frac{1}{x} = \frac{\pi}{2}$	<b>Method B</b> Let $\theta = \arctan x \Rightarrow x = \tan \theta$ $\frac{1}{x} = \cot \theta \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\tan \theta} = \frac{1}{x} = \cot \theta$ $\therefore \cot \theta = \cot \left( \frac{\pi}{2} - \theta \right)$  BUT $\cot \left( \frac{\pi}{2} - \theta \right) = \frac{1}{\tan \theta}$ $\therefore \cot \theta = \frac{1}{\tan \theta}$ $\therefore \tan \theta + \cot \theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$
--	--

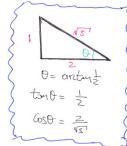
**Question 7    (\*\*\*)+**

Solve the equation

$$2 \arctan\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \arccos x,$$

showing clearly all the workings.

**[**  $x = \frac{3}{5}$  **]**

$2 \arctan\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \arccos x$ $\cos\left[2 \arctan\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\right] = 2 \cos^2 \theta - 1 = 2$ $2 \left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^2 - 1 = 2$ $\therefore x = \frac{3}{5}$	 $\theta = \arctan\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$ $\tan \theta = \frac{1}{2}$ $\cos \theta = \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}$
---	---

**Question 8 (\*\*\*)+**

Simplify, showing all steps in the calculation, the expression

$$\tan\left[\arctan\frac{1}{3} + \arctan\frac{1}{4}\right],$$

giving the final answer as an exact fraction.

$\boxed{\frac{7}{11}}$

$$\begin{aligned} & \tan(\arctan\frac{1}{3} + \arctan\frac{1}{4}) \\ &= \tan(\theta + \phi) \\ &= \frac{\tan\theta + \tan\phi}{1 - \tan\theta\tan\phi} \\ &= \frac{\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4}}{1 - \frac{1}{3}\cdot\frac{1}{4}} \\ &= \frac{\frac{7}{12}}{1 - \frac{1}{12}} = \frac{\frac{7}{12}}{\frac{11}{12}} = \frac{7}{11} \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\theta = \arctan\frac{1}{3}$   
 $\tan\theta = \frac{1}{3}$   
 $\frac{1}{3} = \tan\theta$   
 $\tan^{-1}\frac{1}{3} = \theta$

**Question 9 (\*\*\*)+**

Show clearly that

$$2\arccos\left(\frac{4}{5}\right) = \arccos\left(\frac{7}{25}\right).$$

**proof**

$$\begin{aligned} 2\arccos\frac{4}{5} &= \arccos\frac{7}{25} \\ \text{Let } \theta &= \arccos\frac{4}{5} \\ \cos\theta &= \frac{4}{5} \\ \text{Hence } 2\arccos\frac{4}{5} &= \arccos 2\cos\theta - 1 \\ \cos[2\arccos\frac{4}{5}] &= \cos 2\theta \\ 2\cos^2\theta - 1 &= 2 \\ 2\left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^2 - 1 &= 2 \\ \frac{32}{25} - 1 &= 2 \\ \frac{7}{25} &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

**Question 10** (\*\*\*)

Show clearly that

$$\arctan \frac{2}{3} + \arctan \frac{5}{12} = \arctan \frac{3}{2}.$$

proof

Method 1:

$$\begin{aligned} \arctan \frac{2}{3} + \arctan \frac{5}{12} &= \alpha \\ \Rightarrow \theta + \phi &= \alpha \\ \Rightarrow \tan(\theta + \phi) &= \tan \alpha \\ \Rightarrow \tan \alpha &= \frac{\tan \theta + \tan \phi}{1 - \tan \theta \tan \phi} \\ \Rightarrow \tan \alpha &= \frac{\frac{2}{3} + \frac{5}{12}}{1 - \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{5}{12}} \\ \Rightarrow \tan \alpha &= \frac{24 + 15}{36 - 10} \\ \Rightarrow \tan \alpha &= \frac{39}{26} \\ \Rightarrow \tan \alpha &= \frac{3}{2} \\ \Rightarrow \alpha &= \arctan \frac{3}{2} \quad \text{As } \theta \neq 90^\circ \end{aligned}$$

Method 2:

ALTERNATIVE

$$\begin{aligned} (3+2i)(2+5i) &= 36 + 15i + 24i - 10 = 26 + 39i \\ \arg((3+2i)(2+5i)) &= \arg(26+39i) \\ \arg(3+2i) + \arg(2+5i) &= \arg(26+39i) \\ \arctan \frac{2}{3} + \arctan \frac{5}{12} &= \arctan \frac{3}{2} \\ \therefore \arctan \frac{2}{3} + \arctan \frac{5}{12} &= \arctan \frac{3}{2} \quad \text{As Required} \end{aligned}$$

**Question 11** (\*\*\*)

Show clearly that

$$\sin(2\arctan x) = \frac{2x}{x^2 + 1}.$$

proof

Method 1:

$$\begin{aligned} \sin(2\arctan x) &= 2\sin(\arctan x)\cos(\arctan x) \\ &= 2\sin\theta\cos\theta \\ &= 2 \left( \frac{x}{\sqrt{1+x^2}} \right) \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+x^2}} \right) \\ &= \frac{2x}{x^2+1} \quad \text{As } \theta \neq 90^\circ \end{aligned}$$



**Question 12    (\*\*\*)+**

Prove the trigonometric identity

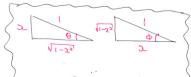
$$\arcsin x + \arccos x = \frac{\pi}{2}.$$

**proof**

Let  $y = \arcsin x$   
 $\sin y = x$   
 Hence  
 $\arcsin x + \arccos x$   
 $= y + \arccos(\sin y)$   
 $= y + \arccos(\cos(\frac{\pi}{2}-y))$   
 $= y + (\frac{\pi}{2}-y)$   
 $= \frac{\pi}{2}$

OP Let  $f(x) = \arcsin x + \arccos x$   
 $\Rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$   
 $\Rightarrow f'(x) = 0$   
 $\therefore f(x) = \text{constant} = C$   
 $\arcsin x + \arccos x = C$   
 $0 + \frac{\pi}{2} = C$   
 $C = \frac{\pi}{2}$   
 $\therefore \arcsin x + \arccos x = \frac{\pi}{2}$

OR



$\theta = \arcsin x, \phi = \arccos x$   
 $\sin \theta = x, \cos \phi = x$   
 $\Rightarrow \arcsin x + \arccos x = \frac{\pi}{2}$   
 $\Rightarrow \theta + \phi = \frac{\pi}{2}$   
 $\Rightarrow \sin(\theta + \phi) = \sin \frac{\pi}{2}$   
 $\Rightarrow \sin \theta \cos \phi + \cos \theta \sin \phi = \sin \frac{\pi}{2}$   
 $\Rightarrow x^2 + \cos^2 \theta = 1$   
 $\Rightarrow x^2 + (1-x^2) = 1$   
 $\Rightarrow x^2 = 1$   
 $\Rightarrow x = \pm 1$   
 $\Rightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi}{2} \pm \frac{\pi}{2}$   
 $\therefore \theta + \phi = \frac{\pi}{2}$   
 $\therefore \arcsin x + \arccos x = \frac{\pi}{2}$

**Question 13    (\*\*\*)+**

Show clearly that

$$\arctan \frac{1}{3} + \arctan \frac{4}{3} = \arctan 3.$$

**proof**

$\alpha = \theta + \phi$   
 $\Rightarrow \alpha = \arctan \frac{1}{3} + \arctan \frac{4}{3}$   
 $\Rightarrow \tan \alpha = \tan[\arctan \frac{1}{3} + \arctan \frac{4}{3}]$   
 $\Rightarrow \tan \alpha = \frac{\tan(\arctan \frac{1}{3}) + \tan(\arctan \frac{4}{3})}{1 - \tan(\arctan \frac{1}{3}) \times \tan(\arctan \frac{4}{3})}$   
 $\Rightarrow \tan \alpha = \frac{\frac{1}{3} + \frac{4}{3}}{1 - \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{4}{3}}$   
 $\Rightarrow \tan \alpha = \frac{5}{3}$   
 $\Rightarrow \tan \alpha = \frac{15}{9-4}$   
 $\Rightarrow \tan \alpha = 3$   
 $\Rightarrow \alpha = \arctan 3$

**Question 14    (\*\*\*)+**

Solve the trigonometric equation

$$\arcsin x = \arccos 2x.$$

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

Given:  $\arcsin x = \arccos 2x$

$\Rightarrow \cos(\arcsinx) = \cos(2x)$

$\Rightarrow \cos(\arcsinx) = 2x$

Now let  $\theta = \arcsinx \Rightarrow x = \sin\theta$

$\cos\theta = \sqrt{1-x^2}$

$\cos(\arcsinx) = \sqrt{1-x^2}$

$\Rightarrow \sqrt{1-x^2} = 2x$

$\Rightarrow 1-x^2 = 4x^2$

$\Rightarrow 5x^2 = 1$

$\Rightarrow x^2 = \frac{1}{5}$

$\Rightarrow x = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$  (see graph caption)

**Question 15    (\*\*\*)+**

Using a detailed method, show that

$$\arctan \frac{1}{2} + \arctan \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{4}\pi.$$

proof

$\arctan \frac{1}{2} + \arctan \frac{1}{3} = \theta$

Let  $A = \arctan \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \tan A = \frac{1}{2}$   
 $B = \arctan \frac{1}{3} \Rightarrow \tan B = \frac{1}{3}$

So  $\tan(A+B)$  can be written as  
 $A+B=\theta$

$\Rightarrow \tan(A+B) = \tan\theta$

$\Rightarrow \frac{\tan A + \tan B}{1 - \tan A \tan B} = \tan\theta$

$\Rightarrow \frac{\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3}}{1 - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{3}} = \tan\theta$

$\Rightarrow \tan\theta = \frac{5}{4}$

$\Rightarrow \tan\theta = 1$

$\Rightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$  ( $0 < \arctan \frac{1}{2} + \arctan \frac{1}{3} < \pi$ )

$\therefore \arctan \frac{1}{2} + \arctan \frac{1}{3} = \frac{\pi}{4}$  At Equatio

**Question 16    (\*\*\*)+**

Show, by detailed workings, that

$$\arctan 2 + \arctan 3 = \frac{3\pi}{4}.$$

**[proof]**

**Method 1 (Tangent Addition):**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Given: } \arctan 2 + \arctan 3 &= \varphi \\ \Rightarrow \tan(\arctan 2 + \arctan 3) &= \tan \varphi \\ \Rightarrow \frac{\tan(\arctan 2) + \tan(\arctan 3)}{1 - \tan(\arctan 2)\tan(\arctan 3)} &= \tan \varphi \\ \Rightarrow \frac{2+3}{1-2 \cdot 3} &= \tan \varphi \\ \Rightarrow \tan \varphi &= -1 \\ \Rightarrow \varphi &= \arctan(-1) \pm \pi \\ \Rightarrow \varphi &= \arctan(-1) + \pi \quad \leftarrow \text{But } 0 < \arctan 2 < \frac{\pi}{2} \\ \Rightarrow \varphi &= -\frac{\pi}{4} + \pi \\ \Rightarrow \arctan 2 + \arctan 3 &= \frac{3\pi}{4}. \end{aligned}$$

**Method 2 (Complex Numbers):**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } z = 1+2i &\Rightarrow \arg z = \arctan 2 \\ w = 1+3i &\Rightarrow \arg w = \arctan 3 \\ \Rightarrow \arg z + \arg w &= \arg((z)(w)) \\ \Rightarrow \arctan 2 + \arctan 3 &= \arg[(1+2i)(1+3i)] \\ \Rightarrow \arctan 2 + \arctan 3 &= \arg[1+5i+2i-6] \\ \Rightarrow \arctan 2 + \arctan 3 &= \arg(-5+5i) \\ \Rightarrow \arctan 2 + \arctan 3 &= \arctan\left(\frac{5}{-5}\right) + \pi \quad \leftarrow \text{AS THE NUMBER IS IN THE } 2^{\text{nd}} \text{ QUADRANT} \\ \Rightarrow \arctan 2 + \arctan 3 &= \arctan(-1) + \pi \\ \Rightarrow \arctan 2 + \arctan 3 &= -\frac{\pi}{4} + \pi \\ \Rightarrow \arctan 2 + \arctan 3 &= \frac{3\pi}{4}. \end{aligned}$$

**Question 17** (\*\*\*)+

Use a detailed method to show that

$$\arccos\left(5^{-\frac{1}{2}}\right) + \arccos\left(10^{-\frac{1}{2}}\right) = \frac{3\pi}{4}.$$

, proof

**METHOD A - USING SINES AND COSINES**

Let  $\alpha = \arccos\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$  and  $\beta = \arccos\frac{1}{\sqrt{10}}$

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow \alpha &= \theta + \phi \\ \Rightarrow \cos\alpha &= \cos(\theta + \phi) \\ \Rightarrow \cos\alpha &= (\cos\theta)\cos\phi - \sin\theta\sin\phi \\ \Rightarrow \cos\alpha &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} - \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \cdot \frac{3}{\sqrt{10}} \\ \Rightarrow \cos\alpha &= -\frac{5}{\sqrt{50}} = -\frac{5}{5\sqrt{2}} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \Rightarrow \alpha &= \frac{3\pi}{4} \quad (\text{As } 0 < \theta + \phi < \pi) \\ \therefore \arccos 5^{-\frac{1}{2}} + \arccos 10^{-\frac{1}{2}} &= \frac{3\pi}{4}\end{aligned}$$

**METHOD B - USING TANGENTS**

$\Rightarrow \alpha = \theta + \phi$

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow \tan\alpha &= \tan(\theta + \phi) \\ \Rightarrow \tan\alpha &= \frac{\tan\theta + \tan\phi}{1 - \tan\theta\tan\phi} \\ \Rightarrow \tan\alpha &= \frac{2+3}{1-2\times 3} = \frac{5}{-5} = -1 \\ \Rightarrow \alpha &= \frac{3\pi}{4} \quad (\text{As } 0 < \theta + \phi < \pi) \\ \therefore \arccos 5^{-\frac{1}{2}} + \arccos 10^{-\frac{1}{2}} &= \frac{3\pi}{4}\end{aligned}$$

as required

**Question 18** (\*\*\*)+

Find the general solution of the following trigonometric equation

$$2\arctan(\sin x) = \arctan(\sec x).$$

,  $x = \frac{\pi}{4} + k\pi, k \in \mathbb{Z}$

$2\arctan(\sin x) = \arctan(2\sec x)$

taking tangents on both sides  
i.e.  $2\tan(\sin x) = \tan(2\sec x)$

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow \frac{2\tan x}{1 - \tan^2 x} &= 2\tan x \\ \Rightarrow \frac{2\tan x}{\sec x} &= 2\tan x \\ \Rightarrow \sin x &= \cos x \\ \Rightarrow \tan x &= 1\end{aligned}$$

$\therefore x = \frac{\pi}{4} + k\pi, k \in \mathbb{Z}, \dots$

**Question 19    (\*\*\*)**

Solve the following trigonometric equation

$$2 \arctan\left(\frac{3}{x}\right) = \arctan\left(\frac{6x}{25}\right).$$

$$\boxed{\quad}, \quad x = \pm 6$$

Let  $\theta = \arctan\left(\frac{3}{x}\right)$  &  $\phi = \arctan\left(\frac{6x}{25}\right)$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \arctan\left(\frac{3}{x}\right) = \arctan\left(\frac{6x}{25}\right)$$
$$\Rightarrow 2\theta = \phi$$
$$\Rightarrow \tan 2\theta = \tan \phi$$
$$\Rightarrow \frac{2\tan\theta - \tan^2\theta}{1 - 2\tan^2\theta} = \tan \phi$$

BUT IF  $\theta = \arctan\left(\frac{3}{x}\right) \Rightarrow \tan\theta = \frac{3}{x}$

$$\frac{3}{x} = \frac{2\left(\frac{3}{x}\right) - \left(\frac{3}{x}\right)^2}{1 - 2\left(\frac{3}{x}\right)^2}$$
$$\Rightarrow \frac{\frac{6}{x}}{1 - \frac{9}{x^2}} = \frac{\frac{6}{x}}{\frac{x^2 - 9}{x^2}}$$

Moving "x" to the denominator  
Divide fraction by  $x^2$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{6}{x^2 - 9} = \frac{6}{x^2}$$

As  $x \neq 0$ , we may divide  
both sides by 6

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{x^2 - 9} = 1$$
$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 9 = 1$$
$$\Rightarrow x^2 = 10$$
$$\Rightarrow x = \pm \sqrt{10}$$

**Question 20** (\*\*\*)

Prove that

$$2\arcsin\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) = \arccos\left(\frac{1}{9}\right).$$

V, S, proof

METHOD A - 2arcsin $\frac{2}{3}$  = arccos $\frac{1}{9}$

Let  $\theta = \arcsin\frac{2}{3}$ , so we can get ratios off  $\rightarrow$  TRIGONIC

$\sin\theta = \frac{2}{3}$

Thus  $2\theta = \psi$ , for  $\sin\psi$  to be found

$\therefore \cos 2\theta = \cos\psi$   
 $\Rightarrow 1 - 2\sin^2\theta = \cos\psi$   
 $\Rightarrow 1 - 2\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 = \cos\psi$   
 $\Rightarrow 1 - \frac{8}{9} = \cos\psi$   
 $\Rightarrow \cos\psi = \frac{1}{9}$   
 $\Rightarrow \psi = \arccos\frac{1}{9}$

$\therefore 2\theta = \psi$   
 $2\arcsin\frac{2}{3} = \arccos\frac{1}{9}$  (Cancelling)

METHOD B -  $2\arcsin\frac{2}{3} = \arccos\frac{1}{9}$

$\sin\theta = \frac{2}{3}$  ( $\theta = \arcsin\frac{2}{3}$ )  
 $\sin^2\theta = \frac{4}{9}$   
 $-\sin\theta = -\frac{2}{3}$   
 $-2\sin\theta = -\frac{4}{3}$   
 $1 - 2\sin^2\theta = 1 - \frac{4}{9}$   
 $\cos^2\theta = \frac{5}{9}$   
 $\cos\theta = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{3}$   
 $2\theta = \arccos\frac{\sqrt{5}}{3}$   
 $2\arcsin\frac{2}{3} = \arccos\frac{\sqrt{5}}{3}$

METHOD C - GEOMETRIC

$\arcsin\frac{2}{3} = \theta$   
 $\sin\theta = \frac{2}{3}$



Now by the cosine rule

$l^2 = 3^2 + 3^2 - 2 \times 3 \times 3 \times \cos 2\theta$   
 $l^2 = 9 + 9 - 18\cos 2\theta$   
 $18\cos 2\theta = 2$   
 $\cos 2\theta = \frac{1}{9}$   
 $2\theta = \arccos\frac{1}{9}$   
 $2\arcsin\frac{2}{3} = \arccos\frac{1}{9}$

**Question 21** (\*\*\*)+Differentiate with respect to  $x$ 

$$\arctan\left[\frac{\sqrt{1-x^2}}{x-2}\right].$$

Give a simplified answer in the form

$$\frac{A+Bx}{(Cx+D)\sqrt{1-x^2}},$$

where  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$  and  $D$  are integers to be found.

$$\boxed{A=1}, \boxed{B=-2}, \boxed{C=4}, \boxed{D=-5}$$

Let  $y = \arctan\left[\frac{(1-x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{x-2}\right]$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{(1-x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{x-2}\right)^2} \times \frac{d}{dx}\left[\frac{(1-x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{x-2}\right]$$

TRY AND APPLY THE QUOTIENT RULE IN THE "CHAIN"

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1-x^2}{(x-2)^2}} \times \frac{(x-2) \times (1-x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}(2(x-2)) - (1-x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}(1)}{(x-2)^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-2(x-2)(1-x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}(1-x^2)}{(x-2)^2 + 1-x^2}$$

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{(1-x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}[(2(x-2))(1-x^2)]}{x^2-4x+4+1-x^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{(1-x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}(2x^2-4x-2x^3+2)}{x^2-5x+5}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2x-1}{(5-x^2)\sqrt{1-x^2}} = \frac{1-2x}{(4x-5)\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

**Question 22    (\*\*\*)+**

Differentiate with respect to  $x$

$$\sin\left[\arctan\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}\right)\right].$$

Give a simplified answer in the form

$$\frac{A}{x^n},$$

where  $A$  and  $n$  are integers to be found.

,  $A = -1$  ,  $n = 2$

DIFFERENTIATE BY TRIGONOMETRY FIRST, THEN DIFFERENTIATION APPLIED

- LET  $\arctan\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}\right) = \theta$   
 $\tan \theta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$   
  
 $\therefore \sin \theta = \frac{1}{x}$

THE WE NOW HAVE

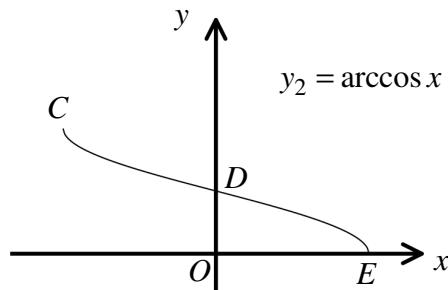
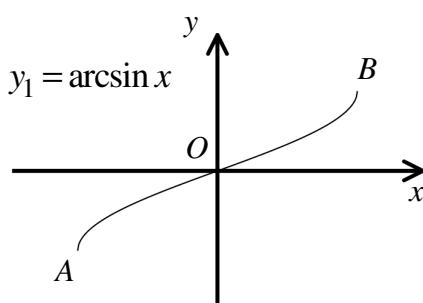
$$\frac{dy}{dx} \left[ \sin \left[ \arctan \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \right) \right] \right] = \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{1}{x} \right) \sim -\frac{1}{x^2}$$

ALTERNATIVE, BY DIFFERENTIATION FIRST, THEN TRIGONOMETRY APPLIED

- LET  $y = \sin \left[ \arctan \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \right) \right]$   
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = \cos \left[ \arctan \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \right) \right] \times \frac{1}{\left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \right)^2 + 1} \times \left[ -\frac{1}{x} (x^{2-1})^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right]$   
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = \cos \left[ \arctan \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \right) \right] \times \frac{1}{\frac{1}{x^2-1}} \times [x(x^2-1)^{-\frac{1}{2}}]$   
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\sqrt{x^2-1}}{x} \times \frac{x^2-1}{x^2-1} \times \frac{-x}{(x^2-1)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$   
AS HYPOTHESIS OF FIRST APPROXIMATION  
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{x}{x^2(x^2-1)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$   
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{1}{x^2}$  AS REQUIRED

# 19 STANDARD QUESTIONS

## Question 1 (\*\*\*\*)



The diagrams above shows the graphs of  $y_1 = \arcsin x$  and  $y_2 = \arccos x$ .

The graph of  $y_1$  has endpoints at  $A$  and  $B$ .

The graph of  $y_2$  has endpoints at  $C$  and  $E$ , and  $D$  is the point where the graph of  $y_2$  crosses the  $y$  axis.

- a) State the coordinates of  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$ ,  $D$  and  $E$ .

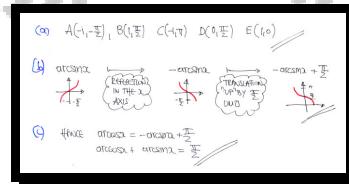
The graph of  $y_2$  can be obtained from the graph of  $y_1$  by a series of two geometric transformations which can be carried out in a specific order.

- b) Describe the two geometric transformations.  
c) Deduce using valid arguments that

$$\arcsin x + \arccos x = \text{constant},$$

stating the exact value of this constant.

$A\left(-1, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$	$B\left(1, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$	$C(-1, \pi)$	$D\left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$	$E(1, 0)$	$\text{constant} = \frac{\pi}{2}$
-----------------------------------	----------------------------------	--------------	----------------------------------	-----------	-----------------------------------



**Question 2** (\*\*\*\*)

$$y = \arcsin x, \quad -1 \leq x \leq 1.$$

a) Show that

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}},$$

The point  $P\left(\frac{1}{6}, k\right)$ , where  $k$  is a constant lies on the curve with equation

$$\arcsin 3x + 2 \arcsin y = \frac{\pi}{2}, \quad |x| \leq \frac{1}{3}, \quad |y| \leq 1.$$

b) Find the value of the gradient at  $P$ .

$$\boxed{\phantom{00}}, \quad \boxed{-\frac{3}{2}}$$

a)  $y = \arcsin x, \quad -1 \leq x \leq 1 \Rightarrow -\frac{\pi}{2} \leq y \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$

MAKE  $x$  THE SUBJECT AND DIFFERENTIATE WITH RESPECT TO  $y$

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow \sin y = x \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dy} \sin y = \frac{d}{dy} x \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{\cos y} \quad \text{But } -\frac{\pi}{2} \leq y \leq \frac{\pi}{2} \Rightarrow \cos y \geq 0 \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \pm \sqrt{1-\sin^2 y} \quad \text{But } \sqrt{1-\sin^2 y} \geq 0 \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \pm \sqrt{1-\sin^2 y} \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \pm \sqrt{1-x^2} \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \quad \text{NOT REASON} \end{aligned}$$

b) DIFFERENTIATE, HOLDING  $x$  CONSTANT BUT WITH RESPECT TO  $y$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dy} (\arcsin 3x) + \frac{d}{dy} (2 \arcsin y) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-(3x)^2}} \cdot 3 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-(3x)^2}} \times 3 + 2 \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-y^2}} \frac{dy}{dx} &= 0 \\ \frac{3}{\sqrt{1-9x^2}} + \frac{2}{\sqrt{1-y^2}} \frac{dy}{dx} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

NOW SUBSTITUTE THE VALUE OF  $x$  &  $y$

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow \arcsin\left(3 \times \frac{1}{6}\right) + 2 \arcsin\left(\frac{1}{6}\right) = \frac{\pi}{2} \\ &\Rightarrow \arcsin\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + 2 \arcsin\left(\frac{1}{6}\right) = \frac{\pi}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} + 2 \arcsin\left(\frac{1}{6}\right) = \frac{\pi}{2} \\ &\Rightarrow 2 \arcsin\left(\frac{1}{6}\right) = \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \\ &\Rightarrow \arcsin\left(\frac{1}{6}\right) = \frac{\pi}{4} \\ &\Rightarrow h = \frac{1}{6} \end{aligned}$$

Finally we take the gradient at  $P\left(\frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{6}\right)$

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow \frac{3}{\sqrt{1-9x^2}} + \frac{2}{\sqrt{1-y^2}} \frac{dy}{dx} \Big|_{P\left(\frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{6}\right)} = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{3}{\sqrt{1-\frac{1}{36}}} + \frac{2}{\sqrt{1-\frac{1}{36}}} \frac{dy}{dx} \Big|_{P\left(\frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{6}\right)} = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{3}{\sqrt{\frac{35}{36}}} + \frac{2}{\sqrt{\frac{35}{36}}} \frac{dy}{dx} \Big|_{P\left(\frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{6}\right)} = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow 3 + 2 \frac{dy}{dx} \Big|_{P\left(\frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{6}\right)} = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} \Big|_{P\left(\frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{6}\right)} = -\frac{3}{2} \end{aligned}$$

**Question 3** (\*\*\*\*)

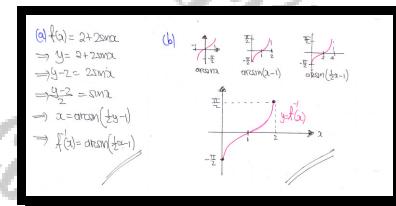
$$f(x) = 2 + 2 \sin x, -\pi \leq x \leq \pi.$$

- a) Find an expression for  $f^{-1}(x)$ .

- b) Sketch the graph of  $f^{-1}(x)$ .

The sketch must include the coordinates of any points where the graph of  $f^{-1}(x)$  meet the coordinate axes as well as the coordinates of its endpoints.

$$f^{-1}(x) = \arcsin\left(\frac{1}{2}x - 1\right)$$



**Question 4** (\*\*\*\*)

Solve the following trigonometric equation

$$\tan(\arctan 3x - \arctan 2) + \tan(\arctan 3 - \arctan 2x) = \frac{3}{8}.$$

$$x = \frac{1}{2}$$

USING THE IDENTITY FOR  $\tan(A-B)$

$$\tan(\arctan 3x - \arctan 2) + \tan(\arctan 3 - \arctan 2x) = \frac{3}{8}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3x-2}{1+3x \cdot 2} + \frac{3-2x}{1+3 \cdot 2x} = \frac{3}{8}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3x-2}{1+6x} + \frac{3-2x}{1+6x} = \frac{3}{8}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3x+3-2x-2x}{1+6x} = \frac{3}{8}$$

$$\Rightarrow 3x+3-2x-2x = 3+18x$$

$$\Rightarrow 3 = 10x$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{3}{10}$$

**Question 5    (\*\*\*\*)**

A curve has equation

$$y = \pi - \arccos(x+1), -2 \leq x \leq 0.$$

- a) Describe geometrically the 3 transformations that map the graph of

$$y = \arccos x, -1 \leq x \leq 1,$$

onto the graph of

$$y = \pi - \arccos(x+1), -2 \leq x \leq 0.$$

- b) Sketch the graph of

$$y = \pi - \arccos(x+1), -2 \leq x \leq 0.$$

The sketch must include the coordinates of any points where the graph meets the coordinate axes.

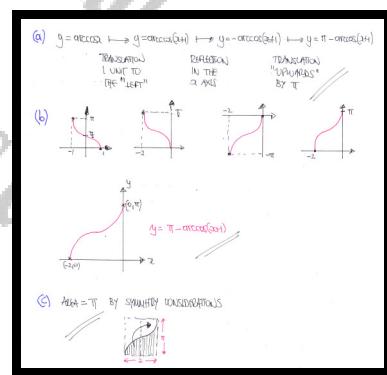
- c) Use symmetry arguments to find the area of the finite region bounded by

$$y = \pi - \arccos(x+1), -2 \leq x \leq 0,$$

and the coordinate axes.

,  , [translation by 1 unit to the right, followed by reflection in the  $x$  axis]

area =  $\pi$



**Question 6    (\*\*\*\*)**

Solve the following trigonometric equation

$$\arctan\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + \arctan\left(\frac{1}{x+1}\right) = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$x = -1, 2$$

TAKING "TANGENTS" ON BOTH SIDES, TAKING  $\tan(A+B) = \frac{\tan A + \tan B}{1 - \tan A \tan B}$

$$\begin{aligned} &\rightarrow \arctan\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + \arctan\left(\frac{1}{x+1}\right) = \frac{\pi}{4} \\ &\rightarrow \tan\left[\arctan\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + \arctan\left(\frac{1}{x+1}\right)\right] = \tan\frac{\pi}{4} \\ &\rightarrow \frac{\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{x+1}}{1 - \frac{1}{x}(x+1)} = 1 \\ &\rightarrow \text{MULTIPLYING ACROSS} \\ &\rightarrow \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{x+1} = 1 - \frac{1}{x(x+1)} \quad \downarrow \times x(x+1) \\ &\rightarrow (2x) + 1 = x(x+1) - 1 \\ &\rightarrow x^2 + x - 2 = 0 \\ &\rightarrow x = -2, x = 1 \\ &\rightarrow (x-2)(x+1) = 0 \\ &\rightarrow x = -1, x = 2 \\ &\text{Both are fine} \\ &\bullet x = -1: \arctan(-1) + \arctan(1) = -\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{\pi}{4} \\ &\bullet x = 2: \arctan\frac{1}{2} + \arctan\frac{1}{3} = \frac{\pi}{4} \end{aligned}$$

## Question 7 (\*\*\*\*)

$$f(x) = -2 + 2 \tan\left(\frac{1}{2}x\right), \quad -\pi \leq x \leq \pi.$$

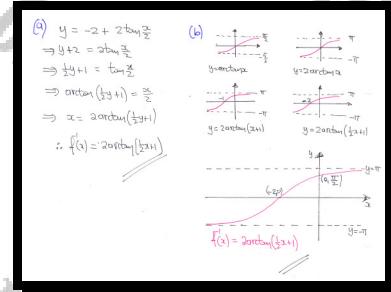
a) Find an expression for  $f^{-1}(x)$ .

b) Sketch the graph of  $f^{-1}(x)$ .

The sketch must include ...

- ...the equations of the asymptotes of  $f^{-1}(x)$
- ...the coordinates of any points where the graph of  $f^{-1}(x)$  meets the coordinate axes.

$$f^{-1}(x) = 2 \arctan\left(\frac{1}{2}x+1\right)$$



**Question 8**    (\*\*\*)

Solve the following trigonometric equation

$$2 \arctan\left(\frac{3}{x}\right) = \arcsin\left(\frac{6x}{25}\right).$$

$$x = \pm 4$$

(Please) As I said

$$\Rightarrow 2 \cot(\frac{\theta}{2}) = \csc(\frac{\theta}{2\cos^2\theta})$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2}{\sin\theta} = \frac{1}{2\cos^2\theta}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2}{\sin\theta} = \frac{1}{2(1-\frac{\tan^2\theta}{1+\tan^2\theta})}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2}{\sin\theta} = \frac{1}{2(1-\frac{\frac{4}{3}}{1+\frac{4}{3}})}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2}{\sin\theta} = \frac{1}{2(1-\frac{4}{25})}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2}{\sin\theta} = \frac{25}{21}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin\theta = \frac{21}{25}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \arcsin\left(\frac{21}{25}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = 64^\circ$$

Using the values from above

$$\Rightarrow 2\left(\frac{4}{1+\tan^2\theta}\right)\left(\frac{2}{1-\frac{\tan^2\theta}{1+\tan^2\theta}}\right) = \frac{25}{21}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{64}{1+\tan^2\theta} = \frac{25}{21}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + \tan^2\theta = 25$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan^2\theta = 16$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan\theta = \pm 4$$

**Question 9    (\*\*\*\*)**

The curves  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  have respective equations

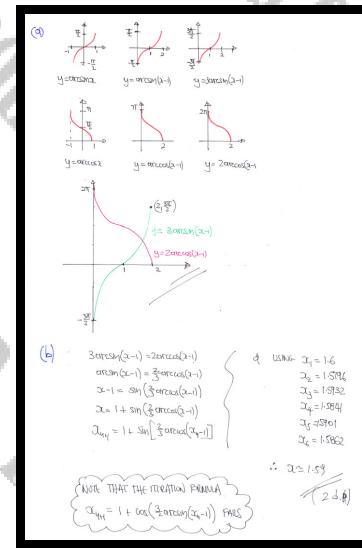
$$y_1 = 3 \arcsin(x-1) \text{ and } y_1 = 2 \arccos(x-1).$$

- a) Sketch in the same diagram the graphs of  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ .

The sketch must include the coordinates of any points where the graphs of  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  meet the coordinate axes as well as the coordinates of the endpoints of the curves.

- b) Use a suitable iteration formula of the form  $x_{n+1} = f(x_n)$  with  $x_1 = 1.6$  to find the  $x$  coordinate of the point of intersection between the graphs of  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ .

$$x \approx 1.59$$



**Question 10    (\*\*\*)**

Make  $x$  the subject of the equation

$$\arctan(1+x) + \arctan(1-x) = y.$$

$$x = \pm \sqrt{\frac{2}{\tan y}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \arctan(1+x) + \arctan(1-x) = y \\ & \tan^{-1}[\arctan(1+x) + \arctan(1-x)] = \tan y \\ & \frac{(1+x)+(1-x)}{1-(1+x)(1-x)} = \tan y \\ & \frac{2}{1-2x} = \tan y \\ & \frac{2}{2x} = \tan y \\ & \frac{2}{\tan y} = x^2 \\ & x = \pm \sqrt{\frac{2}{\tan y}} \end{aligned}$$

**Question 11    (\*\*\*)**

It is given that

$$\frac{d}{du}(\arcsin u) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-u^2}}, \quad |u| \leq 1.$$

Hence show that if  $y = \sin\left(\frac{1}{2}\arcsin 2x\right)$ , then ...

a) ...  $(1-4x^2)\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 = 1-y^2$ .

b) ...  $(1-4x^2)\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 4x\frac{dy}{dx} + y = 0$ .

proof

(a)  $y = \sin\left(\frac{1}{2}\arcsin 2x\right)$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= \cos\left(\frac{1}{2}\arcsin 2x\right) \times \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-(2x)^2}} \times 2 \\ &= \cos\left(\frac{1}{2}\arcsin 2x\right) \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-4x^2}} \\ \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 &= \frac{\cos^2\left(\frac{1}{2}\arcsin 2x\right)}{(1-4x^2)} \\ \left(1-4x^2\right)\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 &= 1 - \sin^2\left(\frac{1}{2}\arcsin 2x\right) \\ \left(1-4x^2\right)\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 &= 1 - y^2 \end{aligned}$$

(b) Differentiate again w.r.t. x

$$\begin{aligned} -8x\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 + 2(-4x^2)\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)\frac{dy}{dx} &= -2y\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right) \\ -8x\frac{dy}{dx} + 2(1-4x^2)\frac{dy}{dx} &= -2y \\ 2(1-4x^2)\frac{dy}{dx} - 8x\frac{dy}{dx} + 2y &= 0 \\ (1-4x^2)\frac{dy}{dx} - 4x\frac{dy}{dx} + y &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

4s equivalent

**Question 12    (\*\*\*\*\*)**

$$y = \arcsin x, -1 \leq x \leq 1.$$

- a) By expressing  $\arccos x$  in terms of  $y$ , show that

$$\arcsin x + \arccos x = \frac{\pi}{2}.$$

- b) Hence, or otherwise, solve the equation

$$3\arcsin(x-1) = 2\arccos(x-1).$$

$$x = 1 + \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{5}\right) \approx 1.5878$$

**a) Manipulate to suggest**

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow y = \arcsin x \\ &\Rightarrow \sin y = x \\ &\Rightarrow x = \sin y \end{aligned}$$

**TAKES "ARCCOS" ON BOTH SIDES**

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow \arccos x = \arccos(\sin y) \\ &\Rightarrow \arccos x = \arccos(\cos(\frac{\pi}{2}-y)) \quad \leftarrow \sin A = \cos(\frac{\pi}{2}-A) \\ &\Rightarrow \arccos x = \frac{\pi}{2} - y \\ &\Rightarrow \arccos x = \frac{\pi}{2} - \arcsin x \quad \leftarrow \text{do } y = \arcsin x \\ &\Rightarrow \arccos x + \arcsin x = \frac{\pi}{2} \quad \text{As required} \end{aligned}$$

**b) Using part (a), let  $y = x-1$**

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow 3\arcsin(y) = 2\arccos(x-1) \\ &\Rightarrow 3\arcsin y = 2\arccos y \\ &\Rightarrow 3\arcsin y = 2\left[\frac{\pi}{2} - \arcsin y\right] \\ &\Rightarrow 3\arcsin y = \pi - 2\arcsin y \\ &\Rightarrow 5\arcsin y = \pi \\ &\Rightarrow \arcsin y = \frac{\pi}{5} \\ &\Rightarrow y = \sin \frac{\pi}{5} \\ &\Rightarrow x-1 = \sin \frac{\pi}{5} \\ &\Rightarrow x = 1 + \sin \frac{\pi}{5} \approx 1.5878... \end{aligned}$$

**Question 13 (\*\*\*\*)**

A curve has equation

$$y = \arcsin 2x, -\frac{1}{2} \leq x \leq \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{\pi}{2} \leq y \leq \frac{\pi}{2}.$$

- a) By finding  $\frac{dx}{dy}$  and using an appropriate trigonometric identity show that

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{1-4x^2}}.$$

- b) Show further that ...

i. ...  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{Ax}{(1-4x^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}},$

ii. ...  $\frac{d^3y}{dx^3} = \frac{Bx^2 + C}{(1-4x^2)^{\frac{5}{2}}},$

where  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  are constants to be found.

[ ] , proof

a)  $y = \arcsin 2x$

$$\sin y = 2x$$

$$x = \frac{1}{2} \sin y$$

$$\frac{dx}{dy} = \frac{1}{2} \cos y$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2} \cos y}$$

Now  $\cos y + \sin y = 1$

$$\cos y = 1 - \sin y$$

$$\cos y = \pm \sqrt{1 - \sin^2 y}$$

But  $-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq y \leq \frac{\pi}{2} \Rightarrow \cos y > 0$

$$\Rightarrow \cos y = +\sqrt{1 - \sin^2 y}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{1 - \sin^2 y}}$$

But  $\sin y = 2x$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{1 - (2x)^2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{1 - 4x^2}}$$

//  $\rightarrow 2x = 0$  and  $0$

b) Differentiate w.r.t.  $x$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{1-4x^2}} = 2(1-4x^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{1}{2} \times 2(1-4x^2)^{-\frac{3}{2}}(-8x)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{8x}{(1-4x^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} // (A=8)$$

Differentiate by the quotient rule

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{(1-4x^2)^{\frac{3}{2}} \times 8 - 8x \times \frac{3}{2}(1-4x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \times (-8x)}{(1-4x^2)^3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{8(1-4x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} [8(1-4x^2) + 16x^2]}{(1-4x^2)^3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{8(1+8x^2)}{(1-4x^2)^{\frac{5}{2}}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^3y}{dx^3} = \frac{8(1+8x^2) \times 10x}{(1-4x^2)^{\frac{7}{2}}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^3y}{dx^3} = \frac{80x(1+8x^2)}{(1-4x^2)^{\frac{9}{2}}}$$

$\rightarrow B=64$   
 $C=8$

**Question 14    (\*\*\*)**

$$y = \arcsin x, -\frac{1}{2} \leq x \leq \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{\pi}{2} \leq y \leq \frac{\pi}{2}.$$

- a) By finding  $\frac{dx}{dy}$  and using an appropriate trigonometric identity show that

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}.$$

A curve  $C$  has equation

$$y = x \arcsin 2x, -\frac{1}{2} \leq x \leq \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{\pi}{2} \leq y \leq \frac{\pi}{2}.$$

- b) Find the exact value of  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  at the point on  $C$  where  $x = \frac{1}{4}$ .

,  $\boxed{\frac{1}{6}(\pi + 2\sqrt{3})}$

**a) BY THE INVERSE RULE**

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow y = \arcsin x \\ &\Rightarrow \sin y = x \\ &\Rightarrow x = \sin y \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dy} = \cos y \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dy} = \pm \sqrt{1-\sin^2 y} \\ &\text{BUT } -\frac{\pi}{2} \leq y \leq \frac{\pi}{2} \text{ so } 0 \leq \cos y \leq 1 \Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dy} = +\sqrt{1-\sin^2 y} \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dy} = \sqrt{1-\sin^2 y} \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dy} = \sqrt{1-x^2} \quad \leftarrow \text{AS } \sin y = x \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dy} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \quad \leftarrow \text{AS } x = \sin y \end{aligned}$$

**b) DIFFERENTIATION BY THE PRODUCT RULE**

$$\begin{aligned} y &= x \arcsin 2x \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = 1 \times \arcsin 2x + 2 \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-(2x)^2}} \times 2 \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \arcsin 2x + \frac{2}{\sqrt{1-4x^2}} \quad \leftarrow (\text{a})^2 \\ \text{NOW WHEN } x = \frac{1}{4} \\ \frac{dy}{dx} \Big|_{x=\frac{1}{4}} &= \arcsin \frac{1}{2} + \frac{2 \times \frac{1}{2}}{\sqrt{1-\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2}} = \frac{\pi}{6} + \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}} = \frac{\pi}{6} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ &= \frac{\pi}{6} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} = \frac{1}{6}(\pi + 2\sqrt{3}) \end{aligned}$$

**Question 15** (\*\*\*\*)

$$y = 2x \arcsin 2x + \sqrt{1-4x^2}, -\frac{1}{2} \leq x \leq \frac{1}{2}.$$

Show clearly that

$$\frac{d^3y}{dx^3} \left( y - x \frac{dy}{dx} \right) = x \left( \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \right)^2.$$

,  proof

$y = 2x \arcsin 2x + (1-4x)^{\frac{1}{2}}$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2 \arcsin 2x + 2x \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-4x^2}} \times 2 = \frac{1}{2}(1-4x)^{-\frac{1}{2}} (-8x)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2 \arcsin 2x + \frac{16x}{\sqrt{1-4x^2}} - \frac{4x}{\sqrt{1-4x^2}}$$

Differentiate again w.r.t. x

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 2 \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-4x^2}} \times 2 = \frac{4}{\sqrt{1-4x^2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{1-4x^2} \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 4$$

Now differentiating the original equation

$$(1-4x)^{\frac{1}{2}} - y = 2x \arcsin 2x$$

$$\Rightarrow (y - 2x \arcsin 2x) \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 4$$

Dot

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2x \arcsin 2x$$

$$\Rightarrow (y - 2x \arcsin 2x) \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 4$$

Differentiate again w.r.t. x

$$\left[ \frac{dy}{dx} - (x \frac{dy}{dx} - \frac{dy}{dx}) \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + (y - 2x \arcsin 2x) \frac{d^3y}{dx^3} \right] \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 0$$

$$(y - 2x \arcsin 2x) \frac{d^3y}{dx^3} = x \left( \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \right)^2$$

*as required*

ALTERNATIVE/variation

ROLL-PEN ALTERNATIVE...

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2x \arcsin 2x + \frac{1}{2}(1-4x)^{-\frac{1}{2}} (-8x) = 4(1-4x)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

Differentiate once more

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = -2(1-4x)^{-\frac{1}{2}} (-8) = (16x)(1-4x)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

Now the LHS gives

$$(y - x \frac{dy}{dx}) \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = [2x \arcsin 2x + (1-4x)^{\frac{1}{2}} - 2x \arcsin 2x] (16x)(1-4x)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$= 16x(1-4x)^{-1} = \frac{16x}{(1-4x)^2}$$

And the RHS gives

$$x \left( \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \right)^2 = x \left( (1-4x)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right)^2 = x \left[ \frac{16(1-4x)^{-1}}{(1-4x)^2} \right]$$

$$= \frac{16x}{(1-4x)^2}$$

Indeed we obtain

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} (y - x \frac{dy}{dx}) = x \left( \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \right)^2 = \frac{16x}{(1-4x)^2}$$

**Question 16** (\*\*\*\*)

Use trigonometric algebra to solve the equation

$$\sin\left[\arcsin\frac{1}{4} + \arccos x\right] = 1.$$

$$x = \frac{1}{4}$$

SOLVING THE EQUATION AS FOLLOWS

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow \sin(\arcsin\frac{1}{4} + \arccos x) = 1 \\ &\Rightarrow \arcsin\left[\sin(\arcsin\frac{1}{4} + \arccos x)\right] = \arcsin 1 \pm 2\pi k \quad (k=0,1,2,\dots) \\ &\Rightarrow \arcsin\frac{1}{4} + \arccos x = \frac{\pi}{2} \pm 2\pi k \\ &\Rightarrow \arccos x = \frac{\pi}{2} - \arcsin\frac{1}{4} \pm 2\pi k \\ &\text{BUT } \arccos x \text{ CAN ONLY RETURN VALUES BETWEEN } 0 \text{ AND } \pi \\ &\Rightarrow \arccos x = \frac{\pi}{2} - \arcsin\frac{1}{4} \\ &\Rightarrow x = \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \arcsin\frac{1}{4}\right) \\ &\text{BUT } \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta\right) \equiv \sin\theta \\ &\Rightarrow x = \sin\left(\arcsin\frac{1}{4}\right) \\ &\Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{4} \end{aligned}$$

**Question 17** (\*\*\*\*)

The curve  $C$  has equation

$$y = \arcsin(2x-1), -0 \leq x \leq 1.$$

Find the coordinates of the point on  $C$ , whose gradient is 2.

$$\left(\frac{1}{2}, 0\right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} y &= \arcsin(2x-1) && \text{Now } \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-(2x-1)^2}} = 2. \\ \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-(2x-1)^2}} \times 2 && \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2x-1} = 4 \\ \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{2}{\sqrt{1-(2x-1)^2}} && \Rightarrow 2x-1 = \frac{1}{4} \\ \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{2}{\sqrt{4x^2-4x+1}} && \Rightarrow 4x^2-4x+1 = 1 \\ \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{4x^2-4x+1}} && \Rightarrow 4x^2-4x+1 = 0 \\ & && \Rightarrow 4x(x-1) = 0 \\ & && \Rightarrow x=0 \text{ or } x=1 \\ & && \text{BUT } y = \arcsin 0 = 0 \\ & && \therefore \left(\frac{1}{2}, 0\right) \end{aligned}$$

**Question 18 (\*\*\*\*)**

Find a simplified expression for

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left[ \arctan \left( \frac{x}{\sqrt{4-x^2}} \right) \right]$$

$$\boxed{\quad}, \quad \boxed{\frac{d}{dx} \left[ \arctan \left( \frac{x}{\sqrt{4-x^2}} \right) \right] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4-x^2}}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ANSWER: } \frac{d}{dx} (\arctan f(x)) &= \frac{1}{1+(f'(x))^2} \times f'(x) \\ \frac{d}{dx} \left[ \arctan \left( \frac{x}{\sqrt{4-x^2}} \right) \right] &= \frac{d}{dx} \left[ \arctan \left( \frac{x}{(4-x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \right) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{1 + \frac{x^2}{(4-x^2)}} \times \frac{(4-x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}(1 - 2 \times \frac{x}{(4-x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}}(4-x^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}})}{(4-x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \\ &= \frac{1}{1 + \frac{x^2}{4-x^2}} \times \frac{(4-x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} + 3^2(4-x^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}}}{(4-x^2)} \\ &= \frac{(4-x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} + 3^2(4-x^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}}}{(4-x^2) + 3x^2} \\ &= \frac{(4-x^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}}[(4-x^2) + 3x^2]}{(4-x^2) + 3x^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{4-x^2}} // \end{aligned}$$

**Question 19 (\*\*\*\*)**

Solve the following trigonometric equation.

$$\arctan 2x + \arctan x = \arctan 3, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

$$\boxed{\quad}, \quad x = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \arctan 2x + \arctan x &= \arctan 3 \\ \text{USING THE COMPOUND ANGLE FORMULA FOR TANGENTS} \\ \tan(A+B) &= \frac{\tan A + \tan B}{1 - \tan A \tan B} \\ \Rightarrow \tan[\arctan 2x + \arctan x] &= \tan(\arctan 3) \\ \Rightarrow \frac{\tan[\arctan 2x] + \tan[\arctan x]}{1 - \tan(\arctan 2x) \tan(\arctan x)} &= 3 \\ \Rightarrow \frac{2x + x}{1 - 2x^2} &= 3 \\ \Rightarrow 3x &= 3(1 - 2x^2) \\ \Rightarrow x &= 1 - 2x^2 \\ \Rightarrow 2x^2 + x - 1 &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow (2x-1)(x+1) &= 0 \\ x = &\begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} \\ -1 \end{cases} \\ \text{As } \arctan(-2) + \arctan(-1) < 0 & \arctan 3 > 0 \end{aligned}$$

**16**

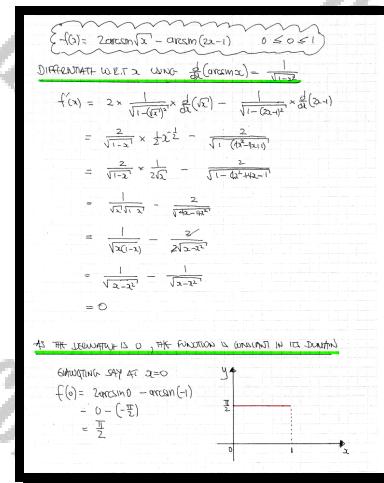
# **HARD QUESTIONS**

Question 1 (\*\*\*\*+)

$$f(x) = 2\arcsin \sqrt{x} - \arcsin(2x-1), \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1.$$

By considering  $f'(x)$  sketch the graph of  $f(x)$ .

NPV, graph



Question 2 (\*\*\*\*+)

$$\sin 3\theta \equiv 3 \sin \theta - 4 \sin^3 \theta.$$

- a) Prove the validity of the above trigonometric identity by considering the expansion of  $\sin(2\theta + \theta)$ .
- b) Hence or otherwise solve the equation

$$\arcsin x = 3 \arcsin \left(\frac{1}{3}\right).$$

$$x = \frac{23}{27}$$

**a) USING TRIGONOMETRIC IDENTITIES ON THE LHS**

$$\begin{aligned} \sin(3\beta) &\equiv \sin(2\beta + \theta) \\ &\equiv \sin 2\beta \cos \theta + \cos 2\beta \sin \theta \\ &\equiv (2\sin \theta \cos \theta) \cos \theta + (1 - 2\sin^2 \theta) \sin \theta \\ &\equiv 2\sin \theta \cos^2 \theta + \sin \theta - 2\sin^3 \theta \\ &\equiv 2\sin \theta (1 - \sin^2 \theta) + \sin \theta - 2\sin^3 \theta \\ &\equiv 2\sin \theta - 2\sin^3 \theta + \sin \theta - 2\sin^3 \theta \\ &\equiv 3\sin \theta - 4\sin^3 \theta \end{aligned}$$

-AS REQUIRES

**b) PROCEED AS FOLLOWS**

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \arcsin x &= 3 \arcsin \frac{1}{3} \\ \Rightarrow \sin(\arcsin x) &= \sin \left[ 3 \arcsin \frac{1}{3} \right] \\ \Rightarrow x &= \sin 3\beta \end{aligned}$$

with  $\beta = \arcsin \frac{1}{3}$   
 $\sin \beta = \frac{1}{3}$

**USING PART (a)**

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow x &= 3\sin \beta - 4\sin^3 \beta \\ \Rightarrow x &= 3 \times \frac{1}{3} - 4 \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^3 \\ \Rightarrow x &= 1 - \frac{4}{27} \\ \Rightarrow x &= \frac{23}{27} \end{aligned}$$

**ANSWER**

**Question 3    (\*\*\*\*+)**

Solve the following simultaneous equations

$$\arctan x + \arctan y = \arctan 8$$

$$x + y = 2.$$

$$x = \frac{1}{2}, y = \frac{3}{2}, \text{ in either order}$$

USING THE TAN COMPOUND IDENTITY

$$\tan(A+B) = \frac{\tan A + \tan B}{1 - \tan A \tan B}$$
$$\Rightarrow \tan(\arctan x + \arctan y) = \tan(\arctan 8)$$
$$\Rightarrow \frac{\tan(\arctan x) + \tan(\arctan y)}{1 - \tan(\arctan x) \tan(\arctan y)} = 8$$
$$\Rightarrow \frac{x + y}{1 - xy} = 8$$
$$\Rightarrow \frac{2}{1 - xy} = 8$$
$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{1 - xy} = 1 - 2y$$
$$\Rightarrow xy = \frac{3}{4}$$

COMBINING WITH  $x+y=2$

$$\Rightarrow xy + y^2 = 2y$$
$$\Rightarrow \frac{3}{4} + y^2 = 2y$$
$$\Rightarrow y^2 - 2y + \frac{3}{4} = 0$$
$$\Rightarrow 4y^2 - 8y + 3 = 0$$
$$\Rightarrow (2y-3)(2y-1)$$
$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{3}{2} \text{ or } \frac{1}{2}$$

(cancel  $y=1$ )

**Question 4** (\*\*\*\*+)

$$f(x) = \sec x, \quad 0 \leq x < \frac{\pi}{2} \cup \frac{\pi}{2} < x \leq \pi.$$

- a) Sketch in the same diagram the graphs of  $f(x)$  and  $f^{-1}(x) = \operatorname{arcsec} x$ .
- b) State the domain and range of  $f^{-1}(x) = \operatorname{arcsec} x$ .
- c) Show clearly that  $\operatorname{arcsec} x = \arccos\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$ .
- d) Show further that  $\frac{d}{dx}(\operatorname{arcsec} x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^4 - x^2}}$ .

 , domain:  $x \leq -1 \cup x \geq 1$ , range:  $0 \leq f^{-1}(x) \leq \pi, f^{-1}(x) \neq \frac{\pi}{2}$

a) Start by drawing  $\sec x$  from a cosine graph

Hence drawing  $f(x)$  and its inverse inverse

i) LOOKING AT THE GRAPH ABOVE FOR  $y = f^{-1}(x)$

DOMAIN:  $x \leq -1 \cup x \geq 1$   
 RANGE:  $0 \leq f^{-1}(x) \leq \pi, f^{-1}(x) \neq \frac{\pi}{2}$

ii) DIRECTLY FROM THE DEFINITION FOLLOWS

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow y &= \operatorname{arcsec} x \\ \Rightarrow \sec y &= x \\ \Rightarrow y &= \sec^{-1} x \\ \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} &= \sec^{-1} y \\ \Rightarrow \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 &= \sec^{-1} (\sec^{-1} x) \\ \Rightarrow \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 &= \sec^{-1} (\sec y) \\ \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} &= \sec y \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \sec y &= \frac{1}{x} \\ \Rightarrow y &= \arccos\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \\ \therefore \operatorname{arcsec} x &\equiv \arccos\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \end{aligned}$$

j) GRAB THE STANDARD RESULT + ANSWER OF PART (c)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx}(\operatorname{arcsec} x) &= \frac{d}{dx}(\arccos(\frac{1}{x})) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-(\frac{1}{x})^2}} \times \frac{1}{x^2} \\ &= -\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\frac{1}{x^2}}} \times \left(-\frac{1}{x^2}\right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{x^2-1}{x^2}}} \times \frac{1}{x^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{x^2-1}{x^2} \times x^2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2-1}} = \frac{1}{|x|\sqrt{x^2-1}} \end{aligned}$$

OR BY THE INVERSE RULE

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow y &= \operatorname{arcsec} x \\ \Rightarrow \sec y &= x \\ \Rightarrow y &= \sec^{-1} x \\ \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} &= \sec^{-1} y \\ \Rightarrow \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 &= \sec^{-1} (\sec^{-1} x) \\ \Rightarrow \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 &= \sec^{-1} (\sec y) \\ \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} &= \pm \sqrt{\sec^{-1} (\sec y)} \end{aligned}$$

REMEMBER TO TAKE THE  
CORRECT SIGN ON THE  
RIGHT DOMAIN (GRAPH)

**Question 5** (\*\*\*\*+)

Show clearly that

$$2 \arctan\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) + \arctan\left(\frac{12}{5}\right) = \pi.$$

V, [proof]

LET  $\theta = \arctan\frac{3}{2}$  AND  $\phi = \arctan\frac{12}{5}$

$$\tan\theta = \frac{3}{2} \quad \tan\phi = \frac{12}{5}$$

$$\sin\theta = \frac{3}{\sqrt{13}} \quad \sin\phi = \frac{12}{13}$$

$$\cos\theta = \frac{2}{\sqrt{13}} \quad \cos\phi = \frac{5}{13}$$

$$\psi = 2\theta + \phi$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos\psi = \cos(2\theta + \phi)$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos\psi = \cos 2\theta \cos \phi - \sin 2\theta \sin \phi$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos\psi = (2\cos^2\theta - 1)\cos\phi - (2\sin\theta\cos\theta)\sin\phi$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos\psi = (2 \cdot \frac{4}{13} - 1) \cdot \frac{5}{13} - (2 \cdot \frac{3}{\sqrt{13}} \cdot \frac{2}{\sqrt{13}}) \cdot \frac{12}{13}$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos\psi = -\frac{12}{13} \cdot \frac{5}{13} = -\frac{12}{13} \cdot \frac{12}{13} = -\frac{144}{169} = -\frac{144}{169}$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos\psi = -1$$

$$\Rightarrow \psi = \dots, -\pi, \pi, 3\pi, \dots$$

BTW  $\theta + \phi \in \text{III}, \text{IV}$

$$0 < 2\theta + \phi < \frac{3\pi}{2}$$

$$0 < \psi < \frac{3\pi}{2}$$

$$\therefore 2\theta + \phi = \pi$$

$$2\arctan\frac{3}{2} + \arctan\frac{12}{5} = \pi$$

As required

ALTERNATIVE BY COMPLEX NUMBERS

consider,

$$(2+3i)^2(S+12i) = (-5+12i)(S+12i) = (-5+12i)(S+12i) = -25-60i+60i-144 = -169$$

THUS

$$\arg[(2+3i)(S+12i)] = \arg(-169)$$

$$\arg(2+3i)^2 + \arg(S+12i) = \pi$$

$$2\arg(2+3i) + \arg(S+12i) = \pi$$

$$2\arctan\frac{3}{2} + \arctan\frac{12}{5} = \pi$$

As required

**Question 6** (\*\*\*\*+)

Show clearly that

$$\arctan x + \arctan\left(\frac{1-x}{1+x}\right) = \frac{\pi}{4}.$$

[proof]

LET  $\arctan x + \arctan\left(\frac{1-x}{1+x}\right) = \psi$

Hence

$$\tan[\arctan x + \arctan\left(\frac{1-x}{1+x}\right)] = \frac{\tan(\arctan x) + \tan(\arctan\left(\frac{1-x}{1+x}\right))}{1 - \tan(\arctan x)\tan(\arctan\left(\frac{1-x}{1+x}\right))}$$

$$= \frac{x + \frac{1-x}{1+x}}{1 - x \cdot \frac{1-x}{1+x}} = \dots \text{ multiply top & bottom by } (1+x), \dots$$

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

So  $\theta + \phi = \psi$

$$\Rightarrow \tan(\theta + \phi) = \tan\psi$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = \tan\psi$$

$$\Rightarrow \psi = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

Thus  $\arctan x + \arctan\left(\frac{1-x}{1+x}\right) = \frac{\pi}{4}$

**Question 7    (\*\*\*\*+)**

Solve the following trigonometric equation.

$$\arctan\left(\frac{x-5}{x-1}\right) + \arctan\left(\frac{x-4}{x-3}\right) = \frac{\pi}{4}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

$$x = 3 \quad \cup \quad x = 6$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{Let } \theta = \arctan\left(\frac{x-5}{x-1}\right) \text{ and } \phi = \arctan\left(\frac{x-4}{x-3}\right) \\
 & \Rightarrow \theta + \phi = \frac{\pi}{4} \\
 & \Rightarrow \tan(\theta + \phi) = \tan\frac{\pi}{4} \\
 & \Rightarrow \frac{\tan \theta + \tan \phi}{1 - \tan \theta \tan \phi} = 1 \\
 & \Rightarrow \frac{\frac{x-5}{x-1} + \frac{x-4}{x-3}}{1 - \frac{(x-5)(x-4)}{(x-1)(x-3)}} = 1 \\
 & \Rightarrow \frac{x-5}{x-1} + \frac{x-4}{x-3} = 1 - \frac{(x-5)(x-4)}{(x-1)(x-3)} \\
 & \text{MULTIPLY THROUGH BY } (x-1)(x-3) \\
 & (x-5)(x-3) + (x-4)(x-1) = (x-1)(x-3) - (x-5)(x-4) \\
 & x^2 - 8x + 15 + x^2 - 5x + 4 = x^2 - 4x + 3 - (x^2 - 9x + 20) \\
 & 2x^2 - 13x + 19 = 5x - 17 \\
 & 2x^2 - 18x + 36 = 0 \\
 & x^2 - 9x + 18 = 0 \\
 & (x-3)(x-6) = 0 \\
 & x = \begin{cases} 3 \\ 6 \end{cases} \quad \text{NOT } 6 \text{ OR } 3 \\
 & \arctan\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) + \arctan\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) = \frac{\pi}{4} \\
 & \arctan(-1) + \arctan(2) = -\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{\pi}{4}
 \end{aligned}$$

**Question 8** (\*\*\*\*+)

$$y = \arccos x, -1 \leq x \leq 1, 0 \leq y \leq \pi.$$

- a) By writing  $y = \arccos x$  as  $x = \cos y$ , show that

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}.$$

The curve  $C$  has equation

$$y = \arccos x - \frac{1}{2} \ln(1-x^2), x > 0.$$

- b) Show that the  $y$  coordinate of the stationary point of  $C$  is

$$\frac{1}{4}(\pi + \ln 4).$$

 , proof

a) PROCEEDED AS "ADVISED"

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow y &= \arccos x \\ \Rightarrow \cos y &= x \\ \Rightarrow x &= \cos y \\ \Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dy} &= -\sin y \\ \Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dy} &= -\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} &= -\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \end{aligned}$$

*As required*

$\sin^2 y + \cos^2 y = 1$   
 $\sin y = \pm \sqrt{1-x^2}$   
 $0 \leq y \leq \pi$ , so that  
 $\sin y$  cannot be a  
negative quantity

b) DIFFERENTIATING THE EQUATION OF THE CURVE

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow y &= \arccos x - \frac{1}{2} \ln(1-x^2) \\ \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} &= -\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} - \cancel{\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{1-x^2} \times (-2x)} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{x}{1-x^2} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{x-\sqrt{1-x^2}}{1-x^2} \end{aligned}$$

SOLVING FOR STATIONARY POINTS

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow x-\sqrt{1-x^2} &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow x &= \sqrt{1-x^2} \\ \Rightarrow x^2 &= 1-x^2 \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow 2x^2 = 1$   
 $\Rightarrow x^2 = \frac{1}{2}$   
 $\Rightarrow x = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$

$\Rightarrow x = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$  AS  $x = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$  DOES NOT SATISFY THE EQUATION  $x = \sqrt{1-x^2}$  - THIS IS A SQUARING SOLUTION

FINDING THE  $y$  COORDINATE

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow y &= \arccos x - \frac{1}{2} \ln(1-x^2) \\ \Rightarrow y &= \arccos(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}) - \frac{1}{2} \ln(1-\frac{1}{2}) \\ \Rightarrow y &= \frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{1}{2} \\ \Rightarrow y &= \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{1}{2} \ln 2 \\ \Rightarrow y &= \frac{1}{4} [\pi + 2 \ln 2] \\ \Rightarrow y &= \frac{1}{4} (\pi + \ln 4) \end{aligned}$$

*As required*

**Question 9** (\*\*\*\*+)

Solve the following trigonometric equation

$$\arcsin x + \arccos \frac{3}{5} = 2 \arctan \frac{3}{4}$$

$$\boxed{\quad}, \quad x = \frac{44}{125}$$

LET  $\theta = \arccos \frac{3}{5}$ . Then  $\theta = \arctan \frac{4}{3}$

TRANSFORM THE EQUATION

$$\begin{aligned} \arcsin x + \arccos \frac{3}{5} &= 2 \arctan \frac{3}{4} \\ \arcsin x + \theta &= 2\theta \\ \arcsin x &= 2\theta - \theta \\ \sin(\arcsin x) &= \sin(2\theta - \theta) \\ x &= \sin(2\theta - \theta) = \sin 2\theta \cos \theta - \cos 2\theta \sin \theta \end{aligned}$$

USING DOUBLE-ANGLE IDENTITIES  $\sin 2\theta = 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta$  &  $\cos 2\theta = 2\cos^2 \theta - 1$

$$\begin{aligned} x &= 2\sin \theta \cos \theta - \sin^2(2\theta - \theta) \\ &= 2 \cdot \frac{4}{5} \cdot \frac{3}{5} - \frac{3}{5} \cdot \left(2 \cdot \frac{3}{5} \cdot \frac{4}{5}\right) \\ &\rightarrow x = \frac{72}{125} - \frac{36}{125} \\ &\rightarrow x = \frac{36}{125} \end{aligned}$$

**Question 10** (\*\*\*\*+)

Find the solution of the equation

$$\arctan\left(\frac{1-x}{1+x}\right) = \frac{1}{2} \arctan x.$$

$$\boxed{\quad}, \quad x = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \arctan\left(\frac{1-x}{1+x}\right) &= \frac{1}{2} \arctan x \\ \Rightarrow 2 \arctan\left(\frac{1-x}{1+x}\right) &= \arctan x \\ \text{LET } \theta = \arctan\left(\frac{1-x}{1+x}\right) &\Rightarrow \tan \theta = \frac{1-x}{1+x} \\ \Rightarrow 2\theta &= \arctan x \\ \Rightarrow \tan 2\theta &= \tan(\arctan x) \\ \Rightarrow \frac{2 \tan \theta}{1 - \tan^2 \theta} &= x \\ 2 \cdot \frac{1-x}{1+x} &= x \\ 1 - \frac{(1-x)^2}{(1+x)^2} &= x \\ \frac{2(1-x)}{(1+x)^2} &= x \\ \text{MULTIPLY TOP AND BOTTOM OF THE FRACTION OF THE LHS BY } (1+x)^2 & \\ \Rightarrow \frac{2(1-x)(1+x)}{(1+x)^2(1-x)^2} &= x \\ \Rightarrow \frac{2(1-x^2)}{(1+x^2)(1-x^2)} &= x \\ \Rightarrow \frac{2(1-x^2)}{(1+x^2)(1-x^2)} &= x \\ \Rightarrow \frac{2(1-x^2)}{2x^2} &= x \\ \Rightarrow \frac{1-x^2}{x^2} &= x \\ \Rightarrow 1-x^2 &= 2x^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow 1 &= 3x^2 \\ \Rightarrow x^2 &= \frac{1}{3} \\ \therefore x &= \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} \quad / \sqrt{1} \\ &\quad \times \quad \times \\ &\quad \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} & \quad \sqrt{1} \\ \text{LHS} > 0 & \quad \text{RHS} < 0 \end{aligned}$$

**Question 11    (\*\*\*)+**

The functions  $f$  and  $g$  are defined by

$$f(x) \equiv 3\sin x, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, \quad -\frac{\pi}{2} \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$g(x) \equiv 6 - 3x^2, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

- a) Find an expression for  $f^{-1}g(x)$ .
- b) Determine the domain of  $f^{-1}g(x)$ .

$$\boxed{\quad}, \quad \boxed{f^{-1}g(x) = \arcsin(2 - x^2)}, \quad \boxed{-\sqrt{3} \leq x \leq -1 \text{ or } 1 \leq x \leq \sqrt{3}}$$

**a)**

$f(x) = 3\sin x \quad -\frac{\pi}{2} \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$	$g(x) = 6 - 3x^2 \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$
---	--

$\Rightarrow y = 3\sin x$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{y}{3} = \sin x$   
 $\Rightarrow x = \arcsin \frac{y}{3}$   
 $\therefore f^{-1}(x) = \arcsin \frac{x}{3}$

Now  $f^{-1}(g(x)) = f^{-1}(6 - 3x^2)$   
 $= \arcsin(6 - 3x^2)$   
 $= \arcsin(2 - x^2)$

**b)**

$f(x)$  has domain  $[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}]$  and range  $[-3, 3]$   
 $f'(x)$  has domain  $[-3, 3]$  and range  $[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}]$

$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{IN} & \boxed{g(x)} & \text{OUT} \\ \xrightarrow{\text{IN}} & g(x) = 6 - 3x^2 & \xrightarrow{\text{OUT}} \\ & \text{OUT} & \end{array}$

$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{IN} & \boxed{f^{-1}(x)} & \text{OUT} \\ \xrightarrow{\text{IN}} & f^{-1}(x) = \arcsin \frac{x}{3} & \xrightarrow{\text{OUT}} \\ & \text{OUT} & \end{array}$

$\begin{array}{l} \text{SOLVE } -3 \leq g(x) \leq 3 \\ \Rightarrow -3 \leq 6 - 3x^2 \leq 3 \\ \Rightarrow -9 \leq -3x^2 \leq -3 \\ \Rightarrow 1 \leq x^2 \leq 3 \\ \Rightarrow -\sqrt{3} \leq x \leq \sqrt{3} \end{array}$

$\begin{array}{c} \text{USING } \arcsin(2 - x^2) \\ -1 \leq 2 - x^2 \leq 1 \\ -3 \leq -x^2 \leq -1 \\ 1 \leq x^2 \leq 3 \end{array}$

$x^2 \geq 1 \Rightarrow x \geq 1 \text{ or } x \leq -1$

$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & -\sqrt{3} & -1 & 1 & \sqrt{3} & & \\ \leftarrow & \text{---} & \text{---} & \text{---} & \text{---} & \rightarrow & \\ & -\sqrt{3} \leq x \leq -1 & \text{OR} & 1 \leq x \leq \sqrt{3} & & & \end{array}$

**Question 12**   (\*\*\*)+

$$y = \arctan x, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

- a) By writing the above equation in the form  $x = g(y)$ , show that

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\arctan x) = \frac{1}{1+x^2}.$$

The function  $f$  is defined as

$$f(x) = \arctan \sqrt{x}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, \quad x \geq 0.$$

- b) Show further that

$$f''(x) = -\frac{1}{4}x^{-\frac{3}{2}}(3x+1)(x+1)^{-2}.$$

□, proof

a) Starting as suggested

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow y = \arctan x \\ &\Rightarrow \tan y = x \\ &\Rightarrow x = \tan y \\ \text{Differentiate w.r.t. } y & \\ \Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dy} &= \sec^2 y \\ \Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dy} &= 1 + \tan^2 y \\ \Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dy} &= 1 + x^2 \\ \Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dt} &= \frac{1}{1+x^2} \quad // \text{ as required} \end{aligned}$$

b)

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \arctan(x^{\frac{1}{2}}) \\ \Rightarrow f(x) &= \frac{1}{1+(x^{\frac{1}{2}})^2} \times \frac{1}{2}x^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{\frac{1}{2}x^{\frac{1}{2}}}{1+x} = \frac{1}{2}x^{\frac{1}{2}}(1+x)^{-1} \\ \text{Differentiate again via the product rule} & \\ \Rightarrow f'(x) &= -\frac{1}{2}x^{-\frac{1}{2}}(1+x)^{-1} + \frac{1}{2}x^{\frac{1}{2}} \times (-1)(1+x)^{-2} \\ \Rightarrow f'(x) &= -\frac{1}{2}x^{-\frac{1}{2}}(1+x)^{-1} - \frac{1}{2}x^{-\frac{1}{2}}(1+x)^{-2} \\ \Rightarrow f'(x) &= -\frac{1}{2}x^{-\frac{1}{2}}(1+x)^{-2} [1(1+x) + 2x] \\ \Rightarrow f'(x) &= -\frac{1}{2}x^{-\frac{1}{2}}(1+x)^{-2}(3x+1) \end{aligned}$$

// as required

Question 13    (\*\*\*)+

$$f(x) \equiv \arctan\left(\frac{\sin x}{\cos x - 1}\right), \quad 0 < x < 2\pi.$$

Show that  $f(x)$  represents a straight line segment.

V,   proof

By direct differentiation, applying the quotient rule in the chain

$$\begin{aligned}y &= f(x) = \arctan\left(\frac{\sin x}{\cos x - 1}\right) \\ \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{\sin x}{\cos x - 1}\right)^2} \times \frac{d}{dx}\left[\frac{\sin x}{\cos x - 1}\right] \\ \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{1}{1 + \frac{\sin^2 x}{(\cos x - 1)^2}} \times \frac{(\cos x - 1)(\cos x) - \sin x(-\sin x)}{(\cos x - 1)^2} \\ \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{1}{1 + \frac{\sin^2 x}{(\cos x - 1)^2}} \times \frac{\cos x - \cos x + \sin^2 x}{(\cos x - 1)^2} \\ \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{1}{1 + \frac{\sin^2 x}{(\cos x - 1)^2}} \times \frac{-\cos x}{(\cos x - 1)^2} \\ &\text{Multiply the fractions:} \\ \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{-\cos x}{(\cos x - 1)^2 + \sin^2 x} = \frac{-\cos x}{\cos^2 x - 2\cos x + 1 + \sin^2 x} \\ \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{-\cos x}{2 - 2\cos x} = \frac{-\cos x}{2(1 - \cos x)} = \frac{1}{2}\end{aligned}$$

f(x) has a constant gradient, i.e. independent of x, so a straight line segment

**Question 14** (\*\*\*)+

$$2 \arctan\left[\frac{1}{x-3}\right] + \arctan\left[\frac{1}{x+2}\right] = \arctan\left[\frac{31}{17}\right].$$

Show that  $x=5$  is one of the solutions of the above trigonometric equation, and find in exact surd form the other two solutions.

$$x = \frac{10 \pm 5\sqrt{190}}{31}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & 2 \arctan\left(\frac{1}{x-3}\right) + \arctan\left(\frac{1}{x+2}\right) = \arctan\left(\frac{31}{17}\right) \\ \Rightarrow & 2 \arctan\left(\frac{1}{x-3}\right) = \arctan\left(\frac{31}{17}\right) - \arctan\left(\frac{1}{x+2}\right) \\ \bullet & \text{ TAKING TANGENTS ON BOTH SIDES} \\ \Rightarrow & \frac{2 \left(\frac{1}{x-3}\right)}{1 - \left(\frac{1}{x-3}\right)^2} = \frac{\frac{31}{17} - \frac{1}{x+2}}{1 + \frac{31}{17} \times \frac{1}{x+2}} \\ \bullet & \text{TIDYING UP} \\ \Rightarrow & \frac{2(x-3)}{(2x-6)^2 - 1} = \frac{31(x+2) - 17}{17(x+2) + 31} \\ \Rightarrow & \frac{2x-6}{x^2 - 6x + 8} = \frac{31x + 45}{17x + 35} \\ \Rightarrow & (31x+45)(x^2 - 6x + 8) = (2x-6)(17x+35) \\ \Rightarrow & 31x^3 - 161x^2 + 248x + 360 = 34x^2 + 86x - 310 \\ \Rightarrow & 31x^3 - 195x^2 + 262x + 670 = 0 \\ \bullet & \text{ BY LONG DIVISION/FACTOR MANIPULATION} \\ \Rightarrow & 31x^2(x-5) - 203(x-5) - 150(1-x) = 0 \\ \Rightarrow & (x-5)(31x^2 - 203x - 150) = 0 \\ \text{Factor } x=5 & \quad \text{OR, BY QUADRATIC FORMULA } x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} \\ x = \frac{10 \pm 5\sqrt{190}}{31} & \end{aligned}$$

**Question 15** (\*\*\*\*+)

$$y = \arccos x, x \in \mathbb{R}, -1 \leq x \leq 1.$$

a) By writing the above equation in the form  $x = f(y)$ , show that

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\arccos x) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}.$$

A curve has equation

$$y = \arccos(1-x^2), x \in \mathbb{R}, 0 < x \leq \sqrt{2}.$$

b) Show further that

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{2x}{(2-x^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}}.$$

c) Show clearly that

$$16 \frac{d^3y}{dx^3} = 4x \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \left( \frac{dy}{dx} \right)^2 + (2+x^2) \left( \frac{dy}{dx} \right)^5.$$

□, proof

a) FOLLOWING THE SUGGESTION GIVEN

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow y = \arccos x \\ \Rightarrow \cos y = x \\ \Rightarrow x = \cos y \\ \Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dy} = -\sin y \\ \Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dy} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\cos^2 y}} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dy} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\cos^2 y}} \end{aligned}$$

But  $y = \arccos x$  is a strictly decreasing function

$\frac{dx}{dy} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\cos^2 y}}$  is required

CONTINUE WITH THIS "MORE GROUTY" CAN BE REWRITTEN AND USE THE CHAIN RULE INSTANT

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{2}{(2-x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}} & \Rightarrow \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} &= \frac{(2-x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}(-2-2x)(-x)}{(2-x^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \\ &= \frac{2}{(2-x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}} & \Rightarrow \frac{d^3y}{dx^3} &= \frac{2(2-x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{(2-x^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \\ &= \frac{2}{(2-x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}} & \Rightarrow \frac{d^4y}{dx^4} &= \frac{2}{(2-x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \end{aligned}$$

Differentiate again, resulting since  $\frac{d}{dx}(a \frac{dy}{dx}) = a \frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$  after reusing in steps

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} \left[ \frac{dy}{dx} \right] &= \frac{2}{(2-x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \times \frac{3}{2-x^2} = \frac{dy}{dx} \left( \frac{3}{2-x^2} \right) \\ \Rightarrow \frac{d}{dx} \left[ \frac{dy}{dx} \right] &= \frac{1}{dx} \left[ \frac{dy}{dx} \cdot \frac{3}{2-x^2} \right] \end{aligned}$$

Product with a constant as part of the product rule

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} &= \frac{dy}{dx} \cdot \frac{3}{2-x^2} + \frac{dy}{dx} \times \frac{3(2-x^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}}}{(2-x^2)^2} \\ &= \frac{dy}{dx} \cdot \frac{3}{2-x^2} + \frac{3}{2-x^2} + \frac{3(2-x^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}}}{(2-x^2)^2} \\ &= \frac{dy}{dx} \cdot \frac{3}{2-x^2} + \frac{3}{2-x^2} \left[ \frac{3}{(2-x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \right]^2 + \frac{3(2-x^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}}}{(2-x^2)^2} \\ &= \frac{dy}{dx} \cdot \frac{3}{2-x^2} + \frac{9}{4(2-x^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} + \frac{3(2-x^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}}}{(2-x^2)^2} \\ &= \frac{dy}{dx} \cdot \frac{3}{2-x^2} + \frac{9}{4(2-x^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} + \frac{3(2-x^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}}}{(2-x^2)^2} \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{d^3y}{dx^3} = \frac{dy}{dx} \cdot \frac{3}{2-x^2} \left( \frac{3}{2-x^2} \right)^2 + \frac{9}{4(2-x^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \cdot \frac{3}{2-x^2} + \frac{3(2-x^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}}}{(2-x^2)^2} \end{aligned}$$

Product with a constant as part of the product rule

ALTERNATIVE APPROACH FOR PART (C)

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \frac{d^3y}{dx^3} &= \frac{2x}{(2-x^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{d^3y}{dx^3} &= \frac{(2-x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}(2-2x)(2-x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{(2-x^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} = \frac{2(2-x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} + 6x(2-x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{(2-x^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{d^3y}{dx^3} &= \frac{2(2-x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}(2-x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} + 6x(2-x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{(2-x^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{d^3y}{dx^3} &= \frac{2(2+2x^2)}{(2-x^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} = \frac{4(2x^2+1)}{(2-x^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \\ \therefore 16 \frac{d^3y}{dx^3} &= 64(2x^2+1) \times \frac{1}{(2-x^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \end{aligned}$$

NOW BY VERIFICATION OF THE 2.4.5 NOTING THAT  $\frac{d}{dx} \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dx} \frac{d}{dx}$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow 16 \frac{d^3y}{dx^3} &= 64 \frac{dy}{dx} \left( \frac{dy}{dx} \right)' \frac{d}{dx} \\ \Rightarrow 16 \frac{d^3y}{dx^3} &= 64 \left[ \frac{dy}{dx} \left[ \left( \frac{dy}{dx} \right)^2 + (2+x^2) \left[ \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{dy}{dx} \right) \right] \right] \right]' \\ \Rightarrow 16 \frac{d^3y}{dx^3} &= \frac{64(2x^2+1)}{(2-x^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \times (2+x^2) \frac{3x}{(2-x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \\ \Rightarrow 16 \frac{d^3y}{dx^3} &= \frac{32x^2+16}{(2-x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}} + \frac{64(2x^2+1)}{(2-x^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \frac{3x^2}{(2-x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \\ \Rightarrow 16 \frac{d^3y}{dx^3} &= \frac{64x^2+16}{(2-x^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} + \frac{64(2x^2+1)}{(2-x^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \frac{3x^2}{(2-x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \\ \Rightarrow 16 \frac{d^3y}{dx^3} &= \frac{64(2x^2+1)}{(2-x^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \end{aligned}$$

AND THE RESULT IS VERIFIED

**Question 16** (\*\*\*)+

$$y = (2 + \sqrt{x})\sqrt{1-x} + \arcsin \sqrt{1-x}, \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1.$$

Show with detailed workings that

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\sqrt{1-x}}{\sqrt{x}-1}.$$

**V**, , **proof**

START BY DIFFERENTIATING  $(1-x)^{\frac{1}{2}}$  AS IT APPEARS TWICE

$$\frac{d}{dx}((1-x)^{\frac{1}{2}}) = \frac{1}{2}(1-x)^{-\frac{1}{2}}(-1) = -\frac{1}{2}(1-x)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

DETERMINE X TO THE MINIMUM POWER

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{x}^{\frac{1}{2}}(1-x)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \frac{1}{2}(1-x)^{\frac{1}{2}}(2+\sqrt{x}) - \frac{1}{2}(1-x)^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-(1-x)^2}}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{x}^{\frac{1}{2}}(1-x)^{-\frac{1}{2}} - \frac{1}{2}(1-x)^{-\frac{1}{2}}(2+\sqrt{x}) - \frac{1}{2}(1-x)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \times 2^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

FACORIZING & TRYING UP

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2}(1-x)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left[ \sqrt{x}^{\frac{1}{2}}(1-x) - (2+\sqrt{x}) - x^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right]$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2}(1-x)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left[ \sqrt{x}^{\frac{1}{2}} - x^{\frac{1}{2}} - 2 - \sqrt{x}^{\frac{1}{2}} \right]$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2}(1-x)^{\frac{1}{2}} (-2 - 2x^{-\frac{1}{2}}) = -(1+2^{\frac{1}{2}})(1-x)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{1+2^{\frac{1}{2}}}{\sqrt{1-x}}$$

MULTIPLY THROUGH THE FRACTION BY THE SIGNED CONJUGATE OF THE NUMERATOR

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{(1+2^{\frac{1}{2}})(1-\sqrt{x})}{\sqrt{1-x}(1-\sqrt{x})} = -\frac{1-x}{\sqrt{1-x}(1-\sqrt{x})} = -\frac{\sqrt{1-x}^2}{1-x}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{1-x}}{\sqrt{x}-1}$$

As required

**36**

# **ENRICHMENT QUESTIONS**

**Question 1    (\*\*\*\*\*)**

Given the simultaneous equations

$$3\tan\theta + 4\tan\varphi = 8$$

$$\theta + \varphi = \frac{\pi}{2},$$

find the possible value of  $\tan\theta$  and the possible value of  $\tan\varphi$ .

$$[\tan\theta, \tan\varphi] = \left[2, \frac{1}{2}\right] = \left[\frac{2}{3}, \frac{3}{2}\right]$$

3\tan\theta + 4\tan\varphi = 8 \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \theta + \varphi = \frac{\pi}{2} \\ \tan\theta = \frac{1}{\tan\varphi} \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow 3\tan\theta + \frac{4}{\tan\theta} = 8

$$3\tan^2\theta + 4 = 8\tan\theta$$
$$3\tan^2\theta - 8\tan\theta + 4 = 0$$
$$(3\tan\theta - 2)(\tan\theta - 2) = 0$$
$$\tan\theta = 2 \quad \text{or} \quad \tan\theta = \frac{2}{3}$$
$$\tan\varphi = \frac{1}{2} \quad \text{or} \quad \tan\varphi = \frac{3}{2}$$

Hence either  $\tan\theta=2, \tan\varphi=\frac{1}{2}$   
or  $\tan\theta=\frac{2}{3}, \tan\varphi=\frac{3}{2}$

**Question 2 (\*\*\*\*\*)**

Simplify, showing all steps in the calculation, the expression

$$\arctan \frac{4}{3} + \arctan 2 - \arctan 3,$$

giving the answer in terms of  $\pi$ .

$$\boxed{\frac{\pi}{4}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \tan(A+B) &= \frac{\tan A + \tan B}{1 - \tan A \tan B} \quad \& \quad \tan(A-B) = \frac{\tan A - \tan B}{1 + \tan A \tan B} \\
 \therefore \tan(A+B-C) &= \frac{\tan A + \tan B - \tan C}{1 - \tan A \tan B + (\tan A + \tan B) \tan C} \\
 \text{USING TAN SPLIT BY } 1-\tan A \tan B \\
 \tan(A+B-C) &= \frac{\tan A + \tan B - \tan C - \tan A \tan B \tan C}{1 - \tan A \tan B + (\tan A + \tan B) \tan C} \\
 \tan(A+B-C) &= \frac{\tan A(1 - \tan B) - \tan C + \tan A \tan B \tan C}{1 - \tan A \tan B + \tan A + \tan B \tan C} \\
 \text{LET } A = \arctan \frac{4}{3} \Rightarrow \tan A = \frac{4}{3} \\
 B = \arctan 2 \Rightarrow \tan B = 2 \\
 C = \arctan 3 \Rightarrow \tan C = 3 \\
 \text{Hence } \tan(A+B-C) &= \frac{\frac{4}{3} + 2 - 3 + \frac{4}{3} \cdot 2 \cdot 3}{1 - \frac{4}{3} \cdot 2 + \frac{4}{3} \cdot 3 + 2 \cdot 3} = \frac{\frac{28}{3}}{23/3} = 1 \\
 \therefore A+B-C &= \arctan 1 \\
 A+B-C &= \frac{\pi}{4} \\
 \therefore \arctan \frac{4}{3} + \arctan 2 - \arctan 3 &= \frac{\pi}{4}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{ALTERNATIVE:} \\
 \frac{(3+4i)(1+2i)}{1+3i} &= \frac{3+6i+4i-8}{1+3i} = \frac{-5+10i}{1+3i} = \frac{(x+iy)((-5,i))}{(1+3i)(1-3i)} \\
 &= \frac{-5+i(-10i)+30}{10} = \frac{25+25i}{10} = \frac{5}{2} + \frac{5}{2}i \\
 \text{Hence} \\
 \arg\left(\frac{(3+4i)(1+2i)}{1+3i}\right) &= \arg\left(\frac{5}{2} + \frac{5}{2}i\right) \\
 \arg(3+4i) + \arg(1+2i) - \arg(1+3i) &= \arg\left(\frac{5}{2} + \frac{5}{2}i\right) \\
 \arctan \frac{4}{3} + \arctan 2 - \arctan 3 &= \arctan 1 \\
 \arctan \frac{4}{3} + \arctan 2 - \arctan 3 &= \frac{\pi}{4} \quad \text{as required}
 \end{aligned}$$

## Question 3 (\*\*\*\*\*)

$$y = \arctan x + \arctan\left(\frac{1-x}{1+x}\right), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Without simplifying the above expression, use differentiation to show that for all values of  $x$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 0.$$

proof

$$\begin{aligned}
 y &= \arctan x + \arctan\left(\frac{1-x}{1+x}\right) \\
 \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{1}{1+x^2} + \frac{1}{1+\left(\frac{1-x}{1+x}\right)^2} \times \frac{(1+x)(1)-(1-x)(-1)}{(1+x)^2} \\
 \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{1}{1+x^2} + \frac{1+(x-1)^2}{1+(1-x)^2} \times \frac{2(1-x)}{(1+x)^2} \\
 \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{1}{1+x^2} + \frac{2(x-1)^2}{(1+x)^2(1-x)} \\
 \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{1}{1+x^2} - \frac{2}{(1+x)^2(1-x)} \\
 \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{1}{1+x^2} - \frac{2}{(1+2x+x^2)(1-x)} \\
 \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{1}{1+x^2} - \frac{x^2}{x^2+2x+1} \\
 \frac{dy}{dx} &= 0 \quad \boxed{\text{As } 2x+1 \neq 0}
 \end{aligned}$$

**Question 4 (\*\*\*\*\*)**

A curve  $C$  has equation

$$y = e^{\arctan x}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

- a) Show, with detailed workings, that

$$\frac{d^3 y}{dx^3} = \frac{(6x^2 - 6x - 1)e^{\arctan x}}{(1+x^2)^3}.$$

- b) Deduce that  $C$  has a point of inflection, stating its coordinates.

,  $\left(\frac{1}{2}, e^{\arctan \frac{1}{2}}\right)$

OBTAIN THE 3RD ORDER DERIVATIVE

$$y = e^{\arctan x} \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = e^{\arctan x} \cdot \frac{1}{1+x^2}$$

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = \frac{e^{\arctan x} \cdot \arctan x \cdot \frac{1}{(1+x^2)^2} - e^{\arctan x} \cdot 2x}{(1+x^2)^3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = \frac{e^{\arctan x} (1-2x)}{(1+x^2)^2}$$

Now taking note is an arctan is similar with it is a "trig" product

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = (1-2x) e^{\arctan x} \cdot \frac{1}{(1+x^2)^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^3 y}{dx^3} &= \left[ \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{1}{(1+x^2)^2} \right) + \frac{d}{dx} (1-2x) + d(1-2x) \cdot \frac{1}{(1+x^2)^2} \right] \\ &= -2e^{\arctan x} \cdot \frac{1}{(1+x^2)^3} + (1-2x) e^{\arctan x} \cdot \frac{1}{(1+x^2)^2} + (1-2x) e^{\arctan x} \cdot \frac{1}{(1+x^2)^2} \cdot 4x \cdot (1+x^2)^{-3} \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{d^3 y}{dx^3} = -\frac{2e^{\arctan x}}{(1+x^2)^3} + \frac{(1-2x)e^{\arctan x}}{(1+x^2)^2} - \frac{4x(1-2x)e^{\arctan x}}{(1+x^2)^3} \end{aligned}$$

Factorise and try

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^3 y}{dx^3} = \frac{e^{\arctan x}}{(1+x^2)^3} \left[ -2(1+x^2)^2 + (1-2x) - 4x(1-2x) \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^3 y}{dx^3} = \frac{e^{\arctan x}}{(1+x^2)^3} \left[ -2-2x^2+1-2x-4x+8x^2 \right]$$

b) RELATE TO POINT OF INFLECTION

$$\frac{d^3 y}{dx^3} = \frac{e^{\arctan x} (6x^2 - 6x - 1)}{(1+x^2)^3} \quad \Rightarrow \text{REQUIR'D}$$

- $\frac{d^3 y}{dx^3} = 0 \quad \& \quad \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} \neq 0$
- $\Rightarrow \frac{e^{\arctan x} (1-2x)}{(1+x^2)^2} = 0$
- $\Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{2} \quad (\text{As } e^{\arctan x} > 0)$
- $\bullet \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = \frac{e^{\arctan x}}{(1+x^2)^2} \times (6x^2 - 6x - 1)$ 

$$= \frac{e^{\arctan \frac{1}{2}}}{\frac{25}{4}} \times \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} - 1 \right)$$

$$= \frac{16}{25} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \arctan \frac{1}{2} \times (-\frac{1}{2})$$

$$= -\frac{8}{25} \arctan \frac{1}{2} \neq 0$$

$\therefore \left(\frac{1}{2}, e^{\arctan \frac{1}{2}}\right)$  is a point of inflection

**Question 5 (\*\*\*\*\*)**

Solve the following trigonometric equation

$$\cos\left(\arcsin \frac{1}{4}\right) \sin(\arccos x) = \frac{1}{4}(4-x), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

$$x = \boxed{\frac{1}{4}}$$

**METHOD A**

ATTEMPT TO CREATE A SINE COMPOUND IDENTITY

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow \cos(\arcsin \frac{1}{4}) \sin(\arccos x) = \frac{1}{4}(4-x) \\ &\Rightarrow \cos(\arcsin \frac{1}{4}) \sin(\arccos x) = 1 - \frac{1}{4}x \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}x + \cos(\arcsin \frac{1}{4}) \sin(\arccos x) = 1 \\ &\text{Let } A = \arcsin \frac{1}{4}, \quad B = \arccos x \\ &\Rightarrow \sin(A) \cos(B) + \cos(A) \sin(B) = 1 \\ &\Rightarrow \sin(A) \cos(B) + \cos(A) \sin(B) = 1 \\ &\Rightarrow \arcsin \frac{1}{4} + \arccos x = \frac{\pi}{2} \pm 2k\pi, \quad k \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots\} \\ &\text{BT: } \arccos x \text{ ONLY DUTCH VALUES BETWEEN } 0 \text{ & } \pi \\ &\Rightarrow \arcsin \frac{1}{4} + \arccos x = \frac{\pi}{2} \\ &\Rightarrow \arccos x = \frac{\pi}{2} - \arcsin \frac{1}{4} \\ &\Rightarrow \cos(\arccos x) = \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \arcsin \frac{1}{4}\right) \\ &\Rightarrow x = \sin\left(\arcsin \frac{1}{4}\right) \quad \Rightarrow \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - B\right) = \sin B \\ &\Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{4} \end{aligned}$$

**METHOD B**

$$\cos\left(\arcsin \frac{1}{4}\right) \sin(\arccos x) = \frac{1}{4}(4-x)$$

$\arcsin \frac{1}{4} = \theta$   
 $\sin \theta = \frac{1}{4}$   
 $\cos \theta = \frac{\sqrt{15}}{4}$   
 $\cos(\arcsin \frac{1}{4}) = \frac{\sqrt{15}}{4}$

$\arccos x = \theta$   
 $\cos \theta = x$   
 $\sin \theta = \sqrt{1-x^2}$   
 $\sin(\arccos x) = \sqrt{1-x^2}$

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow \frac{\sqrt{15}}{4} \sqrt{1-x^2} = \frac{1}{4}(4-x) \\ &\Rightarrow \sqrt{15(1-x^2)} = 4-4x \\ &\Rightarrow 15(1-x^2) = (4-4x)^2 \\ &\Rightarrow 15 - 15x^2 = 16 - 32x + 16x^2 \\ &\Rightarrow 0 = 16x^2 - 32x + 1 \\ &\Rightarrow (4x-1)^2 = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow 4x-1 = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{4} \end{aligned}$$

SOLUTIONS INDEED SATISFY THE EQUATION  
BY SUBSTITUTION

**Question 6 (\*\*\*\*\*)**

Simplify, showing all steps in the calculation, the expression

$$\arctan 8 + \arctan 2 + \arctan \frac{2}{3},$$

giving the answer in terms of  $\pi$ .

• STARTING WITH THE COMPOUND ANGLE IDENTITY

$$\tan(A+B) = \frac{\tan A + \tan B}{1 - \tan A \tan B}$$

• EXPAND THE IDENTITY

$$\tan(A+B+C) = \tan((A+B)+C) = \frac{\tan(A+B) + \tan C}{1 - \tan(A+B)\tan C}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{\tan A + \tan B}{1 - \tan A \tan B} + \tan C}{1 - \frac{\tan A + \tan B}{1 - \tan A \tan B} \tan C}$$

NOTICE: FOR A DIVISION OF THE NUMERATOR BY  $1 - \tan A \tan B$

$$\frac{\tan A + \tan B + \tan C(1 - \tan A \tan B)}{1 - \tan A \tan B - (\tan A + \tan B) \tan C}$$

$$\tan(A+B+C) = \frac{\tan A + \tan B + \tan C - \tan A \tan B \tan C}{1 - \tan A \tan B - \tan B \tan C - \tan C \tan A}$$

• NOW LET:  $A = \arctan 8 \Rightarrow \tan A = 8$   
 $B = \arctan 2 \Rightarrow \tan B = 2$   
 $C = \arctan \frac{2}{3} \Rightarrow \tan C = \frac{2}{3}$

$$\Rightarrow \tan(A+B+C) = \frac{8+2+\frac{2}{3}-\frac{8 \cdot 2 \cdot \frac{2}{3}}{1-(8 \cdot 2)-(\frac{8 \cdot 2}{3})-(2 \cdot \frac{2}{3})}}{1-16-\frac{16}{3}-\frac{4}{3}}$$

$$= \frac{10+\frac{2}{3}-\frac{32}{3}}{1-16-\frac{16}{3}-\frac{4}{3}}$$

$$= \frac{30+2-32}{3-48-4} = 0$$

• INDEXING:  $A+B+C = 0 \Leftrightarrow \pi n, n=0,1,2,3,\dots$   
 $A+B+C = -2\pi, -\pi, 0, \pi, 2\pi, \dots$   
 $\arctan 8 + \arctan 2 + \arctan \frac{2}{3} = \dots -2\pi, -\pi, 0, \pi, 2\pi, \dots$   
 $\Leftrightarrow A, B, C \in \text{ARCCOT } 0 < A+B+C < \frac{3\pi}{2}$

$$\Leftrightarrow \arctan 8 + \arctan 2 + \arctan \frac{2}{3} = \pi$$

ALTERNATIVE BY COMPLEX NUMBERS

CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

$$z = (1+8i)(1+2i)(3+2i) = ((1+8i)(3+2i))(1+2i)$$

$$z = ((1+8i)(-1+8i))$$

$$z = -1+8i - 8i - 64 = -65$$

TAKING ARGUMENT IN THE FOLLOWING EXPRESSION

$$\Rightarrow ((1+8i)(1+2i)(3+2i)) = -65$$

$$\Rightarrow \arg((1+8i)(1+2i)(3+2i)) = \arg(-65)$$

$$\Rightarrow \arg(1+8i) + \arg(1+2i) + \arg(3+2i) = \arg(-65)$$

$$\Rightarrow \arctan(\frac{8}{1}) + \arctan(\frac{2}{1}) + \arctan(\frac{2}{3}) = \pi$$

$$\Rightarrow \arctan 8 + \arctan 2 + \arctan \frac{2}{3} = \pi$$

**Question 7 (\*\*\*\*\*)**

It is given that

$$y = \arcsin\left[\frac{\alpha + \cos x}{1 + \alpha \cos x}\right],$$

where  $\alpha$  is a constant.

Show that

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{\sqrt{1-\alpha^2}}{1+\alpha \cos x}.$$

S.P., proof

We differentiate directly noting that  $\frac{d}{dx}(\arcsinx) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} \left[ \arcsin\left(\frac{\alpha + \cos x}{1 + \alpha \cos x}\right) \right] &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{\alpha + \cos x}{1 + \alpha \cos x}\right)^2}} \times \frac{d}{dx} \left[ \frac{\alpha + \cos x}{1 + \alpha \cos x} \right] \\ \text{Differentiate fully & tidy} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{(\alpha + \cos x)^2}{(1 + \alpha \cos x)^2}}} \times \frac{(1 + \alpha \cos x)(-\sin x) - (\alpha + \cos x)(-\alpha \sin x)}{(1 + \alpha \cos x)^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{(\alpha + \cos x)^2}{(1 + \alpha \cos x)^2}}} \times \frac{-\sin x - \alpha \cos x \sin x + \alpha^2 \sin x + \cos x \sin x}{(1 + \alpha \cos x)^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{(\alpha + \cos x)^2}{(1 + \alpha \cos x)^2}}} \times \frac{-\sin x - \sin x}{(1 + \alpha \cos x)^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{(\alpha + \cos x)^2 - (\alpha + \cos x)^2}{(1 + \alpha \cos x)^2}}} \times \frac{(-2\sin x)}{(1 + \alpha \cos x)^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \alpha \cos x + 2\cos x - \alpha^2 - 2\alpha \cos x - \cos^2 x}} \times \frac{(-2\sin x)}{(1 + \alpha \cos x)^2} \\ \text{Finishing off by multiplying through by} \\ &\leq \frac{1 + \alpha \cos x}{\sqrt{1 - \cos^2 x - \alpha^2 + \alpha \cos x}} \times \frac{(-2\sin x)}{(1 + \alpha \cos x)^2} \\ &\approx \frac{1}{\sqrt{(1 - \cos x) - \alpha^2(1 - \cos x)}} \times \frac{(-2\sin x)}{(1 + \alpha \cos x)^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{(1 - \cos x)(1 - \cos x)}} \times \frac{(-2\sin x)}{1 + \alpha \cos x} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{(1 - \cos x)^2}} \times \frac{-(-2\sin x)}{1 + \alpha \cos x} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \cos^2 x}} \times \frac{-(-2\sin x)}{1 + \alpha \cos x} \\ &= -\frac{1 - \cos^2 x}{(1 + \alpha \cos x)\sqrt{1 - \cos^2 x}} \\ &= -\frac{\sqrt{1 - \cos^2 x}}{1 + \alpha \cos x} \\ &\quad \text{As required} \end{aligned}$$

**Question 8    (\*\*\*\*\*)**

The functions  $f$  and  $g$  are defined by

$$f(x) \equiv \cos x, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, \quad 0 \leq x \leq \pi$$

$$g(x) \equiv 1 - x^2, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

- a) Solve the equation  $fg(x) = \frac{1}{2}$ .
- b) Determine the values of  $x$  for which  $f^{-1}g(x)$  is **not** defined.

$$x = \pm \sqrt{1 - \frac{\pi}{6}}, \quad x < -\sqrt{2} \text{ or } x > \sqrt{2}$$

(a)  $\frac{1}{2}g(x) = \frac{1}{2}(1-x^2) = \cos(1-x^2)$

$$\cos(1-x^2) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} 1-x^2 = \frac{\pi}{4} + 2k\pi \\ 1-x^2 = \frac{7\pi}{4} + 2k\pi \end{cases} \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} x^2 = 1 - \frac{\pi}{4} - 2k\pi \\ x^2 = 1 - \frac{7\pi}{4} - 2k\pi \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} x^2 = 1 - \frac{\pi}{4} - 2k\pi \\ x^2 = 1 - \frac{7\pi}{4} - 2k\pi \end{cases}$$

Missing steps here:

$$0 < 1-x^2 \leq \pi$$

$$-1 < x^2 < \pi-1$$

$$-1 < x^2 \leq 1$$

$$0 < x^2 \leq 1$$

$$-1 \leq x \leq 1$$

•  $x^2 = 1 - \frac{\pi}{4} - 2k\pi \Rightarrow x = \pm \sqrt{1 - \frac{\pi}{4} - 2k\pi}$   
Given,  $\sin^{-1}(x) \neq \text{value}$

•  $x^2 = 1 - \frac{7\pi}{4} - 2k\pi \Rightarrow x = \pm \sqrt{1 - \frac{7\pi}{4} - 2k\pi}$   
Given, No  $\sin^{-1}(x)$  is defined

•  $x = \pm \sqrt{1 - \frac{\pi}{4}}$

(b)  $f'(x) = -\sin x, \quad 0 \leq x \leq \pi$   
 $f''(x) = -\cos x, \quad 0 \leq x \leq \pi$   
 $f'''(x) = \dots$  Not fully worked

$\frac{d}{dx} \left[ g(x) \right] = \frac{d}{dx} \left[ 1 - x^2 \right] = -2x$   $\frac{d}{dx} \left[ g(x) \right] = -2x$   
 $\frac{d}{dx} \left[ f(g(x)) \right] = f'(g(x)) \cdot g'(x) = -\sin(g(x)) \cdot -2x = 2x \sin(g(x))$

Condition is valid if:

$$-1 \leq g(x) \leq 1$$

$$-1 \leq 1-x^2 \leq 1$$

$$-2 \leq x^2 \leq 0$$

$$0 \leq x^2 \leq 2$$

$$-\sqrt{2} \leq x \leq \sqrt{2}$$

∴  $\text{Not defined}$   
 $x < -\sqrt{2} \text{ or } x > \sqrt{2}$

**Question 9 (\*\*\*\*\*)**

The acute angles  $\theta$  and  $\varphi$  satisfy the following equations

$$2\cos\theta = \cos\varphi$$

$$2\sin\theta = 3\sin\varphi.$$

Show clearly that

$$\theta + \varphi = \pi - \arctan \sqrt{15}$$

□, proof

2cos $\theta$  = cos $\varphi$   
2sin $\theta$  = 3sin $\varphi$        $\theta, \varphi \in \text{acute}$

• START BY SQUARING & ADDING

$$\begin{aligned} 4\cos^2\theta &= \cos^2\varphi \\ 4\sin^2\theta &= 9\sin^2\varphi \end{aligned} \Rightarrow 4(\cos^2\theta + \sin^2\theta) = \cos^2\varphi + 9\sin^2\varphi$$

$$\begin{aligned} 4 &= \cos^2\varphi + 9\sin^2\varphi \\ 4 &= 1 - \sin^2\varphi + 9\sin^2\varphi \\ 3 &= 8\sin^2\varphi \\ \sin^2\varphi &= \frac{3}{8} \\ \sin\varphi &= \pm\sqrt{\frac{3}{8}} \\ (\varphi \text{ is acute}) \end{aligned}$$

• OBTAIN THE CORRESPONDING VALUE OF  $\varphi$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow 4\sin^2\varphi &= 9\sin^2\varphi \\ \Rightarrow 4\sin^2\varphi &= 9 \times \frac{3}{8} \\ \Rightarrow \sin^2\varphi &= \frac{27}{32} \\ \Rightarrow \sin\varphi &= \pm\sqrt{\frac{27}{32}} \quad (\varphi \text{ is acute}) \end{aligned}$$

• NEXT OBTAIN THE SQUAREROOT OF tan $\theta$  & tan $\varphi$

• USING THE TAN COMPOUND IDENTITY:

$$\begin{aligned} \tan(\theta + \varphi) &= \frac{\tan\theta + \tan\varphi}{1 - \tan\theta\tan\varphi} = \frac{\frac{\sqrt{15}}{4} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}}{1 - \frac{\sqrt{15}}{4}\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}} \\ &= \frac{\frac{4\sqrt{15} + 4\sqrt{3}}{16}}{1 - \frac{3\sqrt{5}}{16}} = \frac{\sqrt{15} + \sqrt{3}}{5 - 9} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{15}\sqrt{15} + \sqrt{3}\sqrt{3}}{-4} = \frac{3\sqrt{15} + \sqrt{15}}{-4} = \frac{4\sqrt{15}}{-4} \\ &\therefore \tan(\theta + \varphi) = -\sqrt{15} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta + \varphi = \arctan(-\sqrt{15}) \pm n\pi \quad n=0,1,2,3,\dots$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta + \varphi = -\arctan\sqrt{15} \pm n\pi$$

• BUT  $0 < \theta + \varphi < \pi$

$$\Rightarrow \theta + \varphi = -\arctan\sqrt{15} + \pi$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta + \varphi = \pi - \arctan\sqrt{15}$$

**Question 10** (\*\*\*\*\*)

Show clearly that

$$4 \operatorname{arccot} 2 + \arctan\left(\frac{24}{7}\right) = \pi.$$

, **proof**

$$\begin{aligned} 4 \operatorname{arccot} 2 + \arctan \frac{24}{7} &= \psi \\ 4\theta &= \psi \\ \Rightarrow 4\theta + \phi &= \psi \\ \Rightarrow \cos \psi &= \cos(4\theta + \phi) \\ \Rightarrow \cos \psi &= \cos 4\theta \cos \phi - \sin 4\theta \sin \phi \\ \Rightarrow \cos \psi &= [2(2\cot^2 1)^2 - 1] \cos \phi - [4 \cdot 2\cot 1 \cdot \sin 1] \sin \phi \\ \Rightarrow \cos \psi &= [2(2 \cdot \frac{3}{4})^2 - 1] \cos \phi - [4 \cdot \frac{3}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{2}] \sin \phi \\ \Rightarrow \cos \psi &= -\frac{41}{64} \cos \phi - \frac{3}{8} \sin \phi \\ \Rightarrow \cos \psi &= -1 \end{aligned}$$

$\psi = \dots -\pi, \pi, 3\pi, \dots$

But  $0 < \phi < \pi$ ,  $\tan \phi = \frac{24}{7} \Rightarrow 0 < 4\theta + \phi < 5\pi/2$

$\therefore \psi = \pi$

$\therefore 4 \operatorname{arccot} 2 + \arctan \frac{24}{7} = \pi$

Left:

$\theta = \operatorname{arccot} 2$   
 $\cot \theta = 2$   
 $\tan \theta = \frac{1}{2}$   
 $\sin \theta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$   
 $\cos \theta = \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}$

$\begin{array}{l} \text{Let } \theta = \operatorname{arccot} 2 \\ \cot \theta = 2 \\ \tan \theta = \frac{1}{2} \\ \sin \theta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \\ \cos \theta = \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \end{array}$

Right:

$\theta = \arctan \frac{24}{7}$   
 $\tan \theta = \frac{24}{7}$   
 $\sin \theta = \frac{24}{25}$   
 $\cos \theta = \frac{7}{25}$

$\begin{array}{l} \text{Let } \theta = \arctan \frac{24}{7} \\ \tan \theta = \frac{24}{7} \\ \sin \theta = \frac{24}{25} \\ \cos \theta = \frac{7}{25} \end{array}$

**ALTERNATIVE BY COMPLEX NUMBERS**

$$\begin{aligned} 4 \operatorname{arccot} 2 + \arctan \frac{24}{7} &= 4 \operatorname{arctan} \frac{1}{2} + \arctan \frac{24}{7} \\ \text{Consider } (2+i)^4 (7+24i) &= (2+4i)^2 (7+24i) = (3+4i)^2 (7+24i) \\ &= (3+4i)(-16)(7+24i) = (-7+24i)(16+32i) \\ &= -49 - 60i + 168i - 512 = -625 \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\arg[(2+i)^4 (7+24i)] = \arg(-625)$   
 $\arg(2+i)^4 + \arg(7+24i) = \pi$   
 $4\arg(2+i) + \arg(7+24i) = \pi$   
 $4\operatorname{arctan} \frac{1}{2} + \arctan \frac{24}{7} = \pi$

$4 \operatorname{arccot} 2 + \arctan \frac{24}{7} = \pi$

**Question 11** (\*\*\*\*\*)

Solve the following trigonometric equation

$$\arcsin 2x + \arccos x = \frac{5\pi}{6}.$$

$$S = \boxed{\frac{1}{2}}, \quad x = \boxed{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$\arcsin 2x + \arccos x = \frac{5\pi}{6}$

Let  $\theta = \arcsin 2x$  and  $\phi = \arccos x$ .

$\sin \theta = 2x$        $\cos \phi = x$

$\cos \theta = \sqrt{1-4x^2}$        $\sin \phi = \sqrt{1-x^2}$

Hence the above equation becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \theta + \phi &= \frac{5\pi}{6} \\ \sin(\theta + \phi) &= \sin \frac{5\pi}{6} \\ \sin \theta \cos \phi + \cos \theta \sin \phi &= \frac{1}{2} \\ (2x)\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-4x^2}}\right) + \left(\sqrt{1-4x^2}\right)\left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}\right) &= \frac{1}{2} \\ 2x^2 + \sqrt{(1-4x^2)(1-x^2)} &= \frac{1}{2} \\ 2x^2 + \sqrt{1-5x^2+4x^4} &= \frac{1}{2} \\ 4x^2 + 2\sqrt{4x^2-5x^2+1} &= 1 \\ 2\sqrt{4x^2-5x^2+1} &= 1-4x^2 \\ 4(4x^2-5x^2+1) &= (1-4x^2)^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 16x^4 - 20x^2 + 4 &= 16x^2 - 8x^2 + 1 \\ -20x^2 + 4 &= -8x^2 + 1 \\ -3 &= 12x^2 \\ x^2 &= \frac{1}{4} \\ x &= \sqrt{\frac{1}{4}} \end{aligned}$$

$\arcsin 1 + \arccos \frac{1}{2} = \frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{\pi}{3} = \frac{5\pi}{6}$

$\arcsin(-1) + \arccos(-\frac{1}{2}) = -\frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{2\pi}{3} = \frac{\pi}{6}$

**Question 12 (\*\*\*\*\*)**

Find the only finite solution of the equation

$$\arcsin\left(\frac{x}{x-1}\right) + 2\arctan\left(\frac{1}{x+1}\right) = \frac{\pi}{2}.$$

$$x = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \arcsin\left(\frac{x}{x-1}\right) + 2\arctan\left(\frac{1}{x+1}\right) &= \frac{\pi}{2} \\ \Rightarrow 2\arctan\left(\frac{1}{x+1}\right) &= \frac{\pi}{2} - \arcsin\left(\frac{x}{x-1}\right) \\ \Rightarrow \theta &= \frac{\pi}{2} - \phi \\ \Rightarrow \cos\theta &= \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \phi\right) \\ \Rightarrow 1 - 2\sin^2\theta &= \cos^2\phi - \sin^2\phi \\ \Rightarrow 1 - 2\left(\frac{1}{x^2+2x+2}\right)^2 &= \sin^2\phi \\ \Rightarrow 1 - \frac{2}{x^2+2x+2} &= \frac{x}{x-1} \\ \Rightarrow (2^2+2x+2)(x-1) - 2(x-1) &= x(x^2+2x+2) \\ \Rightarrow x^2+2x+2 &- 2x+2 = x^3+2x^2+x \\ \Rightarrow x^2+2x+2 &- 2x+2 = x^3+2x^2+x \\ \Rightarrow x^2 &\neq \infty \quad (\text{Finite solutions only}) \\ \Rightarrow 0 &= x^2+4x \\ \Rightarrow x(x+4) &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow x &= -4 \quad \times \quad \arcsin\left(\frac{4}{-4-1}\right) + 2\arctan\left(-\frac{1}{-4+1}\right) \neq \frac{\pi}{2} \\ \therefore x &= 0 \end{aligned}$$



**Question 13 (\*\*\*\*\*)**

Solve the trigonometric equation

$$2 \arctan(x-2) + \arcsin\left(\frac{1-x}{1+x}\right) = \frac{\pi}{2}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

$$\boxed{\phantom{00}}, \quad x = 4$$

**Firstly Rewrite the inverse trigonometric functions as angles**

BY PYTHAGOREAN THE HYPOTENUSE WILL BE  $\sqrt{(1-x)^2 + (1+x)^2} = \sqrt{2x}$

BY PYTHAGOREAN THE ADJACENT WILL BE  $\sqrt{(1-x)^2} = \sqrt{x}$

• Hence we may rewrite the equation as follows

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow 2\theta + \phi = \frac{\pi}{2} \\ &\Rightarrow 2\theta = \frac{\pi}{2} - \phi \end{aligned}$$

• Take the cosine of the equation, because of the R.H.S.

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow \cos 2\theta = \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \phi\right) \\ &\Rightarrow 2\cos^2\theta - 1 = \sin\phi \\ &\Rightarrow 2\left(\frac{1}{2x+4x}\right) - 1 = \frac{1-x}{1+x} \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{2}{3x+4x} - 1 = \frac{1-x}{1+x} \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{2-3x-4x}{3x+4x} = \frac{1-x}{1+x} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow \frac{-x^2-4x-3}{3x+4x} = \frac{1-x}{1+x} \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{3x^2+4x+3}{3x+4x} = \frac{x-1}{3x+4x} \\ &\Rightarrow (3x+1)(3x+4x+3) = (x-1)(3x^2+4x+5) \\ &\Rightarrow 3x^2+12x+3 = 3x^3+7x^2+5x-3 \\ &\Rightarrow x^3+3x^2+3x+3 = x^3+4x^2-5 \\ &\Rightarrow x^2-3x^2-x+3 = x^2-5x+3 \\ &\quad (\text{3x=0 IS DEFINITELY NOT A SOLUTION OF THE ORIGINAL EQUATION}) \\ &\Rightarrow 2x^2-4x+3 = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow x^2-2x+\frac{3}{4} = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow (x-1)(x-4) = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow x = \boxed{1, 4} \end{aligned}$$

• Checking the solutions against the original

$\sin\theta = \frac{2}{\sqrt{7}}$   
 $\cos\theta = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{7}}$   
 $\sin\phi = \frac{2}{\sqrt{7}}$   
 $\cos\phi = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{7}}$

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow 2\arctan(-1) + \arcsin\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{7}}\right) = \frac{\pi}{2} \\ &\Rightarrow 2\arctan(-1) - \arcsin\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{7}}\right) = \frac{\pi}{2} \\ &\Rightarrow 2\theta - \phi = \frac{\pi}{2} \\ &\Rightarrow \cos(2\theta - \phi) = \cos\frac{\pi}{2} \\ &\Rightarrow \cos(2\theta)\cos\phi + \sin(2\theta)\sin\phi = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow [2\arctan(-1)]\cos\phi + 2\sin\theta\cos\phi\sin\phi = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow [2\arctan(-1)]\cos\phi + 2\sin\theta\cos\theta\sin\phi = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow [2(-\frac{\pi}{4})-1]\times\frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{7}} + 2\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{7}}\right)\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{7}}\right)\frac{2}{\sqrt{7}} = \cos\frac{\pi}{2} \\ &\Rightarrow -\frac{3}{2}\times\frac{1}{\sqrt{7}} + \frac{4}{7}\times\frac{2}{\sqrt{7}} = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow \cos\frac{\pi}{2} = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2} = \boxed{\frac{\pi}{2}} \\ &\text{IF } x=1 \\ &\Rightarrow 2\arctan(-1) + \arcsin(1) = 2\left(-\frac{\pi}{4}\right) + 0 = -\frac{\pi}{2} \\ &\therefore \text{ONLY SOLUTION IS } x=4 \end{aligned}$$

**Question 14 (\*\*\*\*\*)**

Use trigonometric algebra to fully simplify

$$\arctan \left[ \frac{\sqrt{1+\sin x} - \sqrt{1-\sin x}}{\sqrt{1+\sin x} + \sqrt{1-\sin x}} \right], \quad 0 < x < \frac{\pi}{4},$$

giving the final answer in terms of  $x$ .

,  $\frac{1}{2}x$

$\arctan \left[ \frac{\sqrt{1+\sin x} - \sqrt{1-\sin x}}{\sqrt{1+\sin x} + \sqrt{1-\sin x}} \right], \quad 0 < x < \frac{\pi}{4}$

• START BY CONSIDERING THE DENOMINATOR.

$$\dots = \arctan \left[ \frac{(\sqrt{1+\sin x})^2 - (\sqrt{1-\sin x})^2}{(\sqrt{1+\sin x})^2 + (\sqrt{1-\sin x})^2} \right]$$

$$= \arctan \left[ \frac{(1+\sin x) - 2\sqrt{1-\sin x}\sqrt{1+\sin x} + (1-\sin x)}{(1+\sin x)^2 - (1-\sin x)^2} \right]$$

$$= \arctan \left[ \frac{2 - 2\sqrt{1-\sin x}}{2\sin x} \right]$$

$$= \arctan \left[ \frac{1 - \sqrt{1-\sin x}}{\sin x} \right]$$

• This could possibly produce an argument in triangles if we use the double angle formulae.

$$\dots = \arctan \left[ \frac{1 - \sqrt{1 - 2\sin^2 \frac{x}{2}}}{2\sin \frac{x}{2} \cos \frac{x}{2}} \right]$$

$$= \arctan \left[ \frac{2\sin^2 \frac{x}{2}}{2\sin \frac{x}{2} \cos \frac{x}{2}} \right]$$

$$= \arctan \left[ \frac{\sin \frac{x}{2}}{\cos \frac{x}{2}} \right]$$

$$= \arctan (\tan \frac{x}{2})$$

$$= \frac{x}{2}$$

$\cos 2\theta = 1 - 2\sin^2 \theta$   
 $\cos 2\theta = 1 - 2\sin^2 \frac{x}{2}$   
 $2\sin \theta \cos \theta = 2\sin \theta \cos \frac{x}{2}$   
 $\sin \theta = \sin \frac{x}{2}$

**Question 15** (\*\*\*\*\*)

Use trigonometric algebra to solve the equation

$$\arctan x + 2 \operatorname{arccot} x = \frac{2\pi}{3}.$$

You may assume that  $\operatorname{arccot} x$  is the inverse function for the part of  $\cot x$  for which  $0 \leq x \leq \pi$ .

$\boxed{\quad}, \quad x = \sqrt{3}$

**arctan x + 2arccot x =  $\frac{2\pi}{3}$**

USING THE TRIGONOMETRIC IDENTITY  $\operatorname{arctan}\left(\frac{a}{b}\right) \equiv \operatorname{arccot}\left(\frac{b}{a}\right)$  WHICH IS A CONSEQUENCE OF THE DEFINITIONS, EASILY VERIFIABLE BY A RIGHT ANGLED TRIANGLE

$$\tan \phi = \frac{b}{a} \Rightarrow \phi = \operatorname{arctan} \frac{b}{a}$$

$$\operatorname{cot} \phi = \frac{1}{\tan \phi} = \frac{a}{b}$$

$$\operatorname{arccot} \frac{b}{a} = \phi \Rightarrow \phi = \operatorname{arccot} \frac{b}{a}$$

$$\Rightarrow \operatorname{arctan} x + 2 \operatorname{arccot} \frac{b}{a} = \frac{2\pi}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta + 2\phi = \psi$$

TAKING TANGENTS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE EQUATION

$$\Rightarrow \tan \left[ \operatorname{arctan} x + 2 \operatorname{arccot} \frac{b}{a} \right] = \tan \frac{2\pi}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan(\operatorname{arctan} x) + \tan(2 \operatorname{arccot} \frac{b}{a}) = -\sqrt{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x}{1 - x^2} + \frac{2 \cdot \frac{b}{a}}{1 - \left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^2} = -\sqrt{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x + 2 \cdot \frac{b^2}{a^2}}{1 - \frac{b^2}{a^2}} = -\sqrt{3}$$

APPLY THE TRIGONOMETRIC DOUBLE ANGLE IDENTITY  $\tan 2\phi = \frac{2 \tan \phi}{1 - \tan^2 \phi}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x + \frac{2 \tan(\operatorname{arccot} \frac{b}{a})}{1 - \tan^2(\operatorname{arccot} \frac{b}{a})}}{1 - \frac{\tan^2(\operatorname{arccot} \frac{b}{a})}{1 - \tan^2(\operatorname{arccot} \frac{b}{a})}} = -\sqrt{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x + \frac{\frac{2x}{\sqrt{3}}}{1 - \frac{x^2}{3}}}{1 - \frac{\frac{x^2}{3}}{1 - \frac{x^2}{3}}} = -\sqrt{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x + \frac{2x}{3}}{1 - \frac{x^2}{3x^2}} = -\sqrt{3}$$

MULTIPLY "TOP & BOTTOM" OF THE DOUBLE FRACTION BY  $1 - \frac{1}{3x^2}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x(-\frac{1}{3x^2}) + \frac{2x}{3}}{(1 - \frac{1}{3x^2}) - 2} = -\sqrt{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\frac{2 - \frac{1}{3x^2}}{3}}{1 - \frac{1}{3x^2} - 2} = -\sqrt{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2 + \frac{1}{3x^2}}{1 - \frac{1}{3x^2}} = -\sqrt{3}$$

MULTIPLY "TOP & BOTTOM" OF THE DOUBLE FRACTION BY  $x^2$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\frac{x^2 + x}{3}}{-x^2 - 1} = -\sqrt{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{x(x+1)}{3(x^2+1)} = -\sqrt{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \sqrt{3} \quad (2x+1) \neq 0$$

**Question 16** (\*\*\*\*\*)

Use trigonometric algebra to fully simplify

$$2 \arctan\left(\frac{1}{5}\right) + \arccos\left(\frac{7}{5\sqrt{2}}\right) + \arctan\left(\frac{1}{8}\right),$$

giving the final answer in terms of  $\pi$ .

,  $\frac{\pi}{4}$

2 arctan( $\frac{1}{5}$ ) + arccos( $\frac{7}{5\sqrt{2}}$ ) + 2 arctan( $\frac{1}{8}$ ) =  $\psi$

$\frac{20}{2d} = \psi$

WORKING WITH TANGENTS AS FOLLOWS:

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow 20 + x + 2\phi = \psi \\ &\Rightarrow 20 + 2\phi = \psi - x \\ &\Rightarrow \tan(20 + 2\phi) = \tan(\psi - x) \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{\tan 20 + \tan 2\phi}{1 - \tan 20 \tan 2\phi} = \frac{\tan \psi - \tan x}{1 - \tan \psi \tan x} \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{2\tan 20 + 2\tan 2\phi}{1 - 2\tan^2 20} = \frac{\tan \psi - \tan x}{1 - \tan \psi \tan x} \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{\frac{2}{5} + \frac{2\tan 2\phi}{1 - \tan^2 2\phi}}{1 - \frac{2\tan^2 20}{1 - \tan^2 20}} = \frac{\tan \psi - \tan x}{1 - \tan \psi \tan x} \end{aligned}$$

SUBSTITUTING VALUES IN

$$\frac{\frac{2}{5} + \frac{2}{\frac{16}{25}}}{1 - \frac{\frac{16}{25}}{1 - \frac{25}{49}}} = \frac{\tan \psi - \frac{1}{8}}{1 + \tan \psi \times \frac{1}{8}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow \frac{\frac{10}{25} + \frac{16}{49 - 1}}{1 - \frac{16}{25} \times \frac{16}{49 - 1}} = \frac{7\tan \psi - 1}{7 + \tan \psi} \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{\frac{5}{12} + \frac{16}{25}}{1 - \frac{5}{12} \times \frac{16}{25}} = \frac{7\tan \psi - 1}{7 + \tan \psi} \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{315 + 192}{725 - 80} = \frac{7\tan \psi - 1}{7 + \tan \psi} \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{3}{4} = \frac{7\tan \psi - 1}{7 + \tan \psi} \\ &\Rightarrow 21 + 7\tan \psi = 28\tan \psi - 4 \\ &\Rightarrow 25\tan \psi = 25 \\ &\Rightarrow \tan \psi = 1 \\ &\Rightarrow \psi = \frac{\pi}{4} // \end{aligned}$$

ALTERNATIVE BY COMPLEX NUMBERS

CONSIDER THE EXPRESSION

$$\begin{aligned} &(5+i)^2(7+i)(8+i)^2 \\ &= (25+10i-1)(7+i)(64+16i-1) \\ &= (24+10i)(7+i)(63+16i) \\ &= 2(2+i)(7+i)(63+16i) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 2(84+12i+35i-5)(63+16i) \\ &= 2(-7i+47i)(63+16i) \\ &= 2(-497i+124i+281i-72) \\ &= 2(422i+4225i) \\ &= 8450i(1+i) \end{aligned}$$

THUS

$$\begin{aligned} \arg[(5+i)^2(7+i)(8+i)^2] &= \arg[8450i(1+i)] \\ \arg(5+i)^2 + \arg(7i) + \arg(8+i)^2 &= \arg 8450 + \arg(1+i) \\ 2\arg(5+i) + \arg(7i) + 2\arg(8i) &= \arg 8450 + \arg(1+i) \\ 2\arctan\left(\frac{1}{5}\right) + \arctan\left(\frac{1}{7}\right) + 2\arctan\left(\frac{1}{8}\right) &= 0 + \arctan 1 \\ 2\arctan\frac{1}{5} + \arctan\frac{1}{7} + 2\arctan\frac{1}{8} &= \frac{\pi}{4} // \end{aligned}$$

Question 17 (\*\*\*\*\*)

$$f(x) = \arctan(3x) + \arcsin\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{9x^2+1}}\right), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Show, by a detailed method, that ...

a) ...  $f'(x) = 0$ .

b) ...  $\arctan(3x) + \arcsin\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{9x^2+1}}\right) \equiv k\pi$ , stating the value of the constant  $k$ .

,  $k = \frac{1}{2}$

(a) Let  $f(x) = \arctan(3x) + \arcsin\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{9x^2+1}}\right)$

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \arctan(3x) + \arcsin\left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-(9x^2+1)^2}}\right] \\ f'(x) &= \frac{3}{1+9x^2} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-(9x^2+1)^2}} \times \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-(9x^2+1)^2}}\right)' \\ f'(x) &= \frac{3}{1+9x^2} - \frac{9x}{\sqrt{1-(9x^2+1)^2}} \times \frac{1}{(9x^2+1)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \\ f'(x) &= \frac{3}{1+9x^2} - \frac{9x}{\sqrt{\frac{9(9x^2+1)}{1-(9x^2+1)^2}}} \times \frac{1}{(9x^2+1)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \\ f'(x) &= \frac{3}{1+9x^2} - \frac{9x}{\frac{3\sqrt{9x^2+1}}{\sqrt{1-(9x^2+1)^2}}} \times \frac{1}{(9x^2+1)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \\ f'(x) &= \frac{3}{1+9x^2} - 3\sqrt{9x^2+1} \times \frac{1}{(9x^2+1)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \\ f'(x) &= \frac{3}{1+9x^2} - \frac{3}{9x^2+1} \\ f'(x) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

(b)  $f(x) = \text{constant}$

$$\begin{aligned} f(0) &= \arctan 0 + \arcsin 1 = \frac{\pi}{2} \\ \therefore \arctan(3x) + \arcsin\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{9x^2+1}}\right) &= \frac{\pi}{2} \end{aligned}$$

**Question 18**

(\*\*\*\*\*)

It given that

$$\arctan x + \arctan y + \arctan z = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

Show that  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$  satisfy the relationship

$$xy + yz + zx = 1.$$

 , **proof**

• WORK IN STAGES

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow \arctan x + \arctan y = \frac{\pi}{2} \\ &\Rightarrow \theta + \phi = \frac{\pi}{2} \\ &\Rightarrow \tan(\theta + \phi) = \tan\frac{\pi}{2} \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{\tan\theta + \tan\phi}{1 - \tan\theta\tan\phi} = \tan\frac{\pi}{2} \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{x + y}{1 - xy} = \tan\frac{\pi}{2} \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{x + y}{1 - xy} = \infty \\ &\text{THUS} \\ &\quad \boxed{\arctan x + \arctan y = \arctan\left(\frac{x+y}{1-xy}\right)} \end{aligned}$$

• NOW USE THE IDENTITY IN THE BOX WITH THE ARCTAN

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow \arctan x + \arctan y + \arctan z = \frac{\pi}{2} \\ &\Rightarrow \arctan\left(\frac{x+y}{1-xy}\right) + \arctan z = \frac{\pi}{2} \\ &\Rightarrow \arctan\left[\frac{\left(\frac{x+y}{1-xy}\right) + z}{1 - \left(\frac{x+y}{1-xy}\right)z}\right] = \frac{\pi}{2} \\ &\quad \text{TAKING TANGENTS ON BOTH SIDES} \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{\frac{x+y}{1-xy} + z}{1 - z\left(\frac{x+y}{1-xy}\right)} = \infty \end{aligned}$$

• AS THE FRACTION IS INFINITE, THE DENOMINATOR MUST BE ZERO

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow 1 - z\left(\frac{x+y}{1-xy}\right) = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow 1 - \frac{zx + yz}{1-xy} = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow 1 - xy - (zx + yz) = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow 1 - xy - zx - yz = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow xy + yz + zx = 1 \end{aligned}$$

A EQUIVIO

**Question 19** (\*\*\*\*\*)

The positive solution of the quadratic equation  $x^2 - x - 1 = 0$  is denoted by  $\phi$ , and is commonly known as the golden section or golden number.

Solve the equation

$$x \cos\left(\frac{1}{2} \arctan 2\right) = \sqrt{\phi}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Give the answer in the form  $\sqrt[n]{m}$ , where  $m$  and  $n$  are positive integers.

V,  ,  $x = \sqrt[4]{5}$

(USING A SUBSTITUTION)  $\theta = \frac{1}{2} \arctan 2$

$\Rightarrow 2\theta = \arctan 2$ $\Rightarrow \tan 2\theta = 2$ $\Rightarrow \tan^2 2\theta = 4$ $\Rightarrow 1 + \tan^2 2\theta = 5$ $\Rightarrow \sec^2 2\theta = 5$ $\Rightarrow \sec 2\theta = \sqrt{5}$ $\Rightarrow \sec 2\theta = +\sqrt{5}$ $\Rightarrow \cos 2\theta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$	$\Rightarrow 2\cos^2 \theta - 1 = \frac{1}{5}$ $\Rightarrow 2\cos^2 \theta = 1 + \frac{1}{5}$ $\Rightarrow 2\cos^2 \theta = 1 + \frac{\sqrt{5}}{5}$ $\Rightarrow 2\cos^2 \theta = \frac{\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{5}}{5}$ $\Rightarrow \cos^2 \theta = \frac{\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{5}}{10}$ $\Rightarrow \cos \theta = +\sqrt{\frac{\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{5}}{10}}$
---	---

Thus  $\cos \theta = \cos\left(\frac{1}{2} \arctan 2\right) = \sqrt{\frac{\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{5}}{10}}$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{N} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{5}}{10}} = \sqrt{N} \cdot \sqrt{\phi} \quad \boxed{\phi = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \text{ since } \cos \theta = \sqrt{1-\phi^2}=0}$$

MINIMISE THE SURD NOW

$$\Delta = \sqrt{\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \cdot \sqrt{N}} = \sqrt{\frac{N + N\sqrt{5}}{2 + \sqrt{5}}} = \sqrt{\frac{N(1+\sqrt{5})}{2 + \sqrt{5}}} = \sqrt{N\sqrt{5}}$$

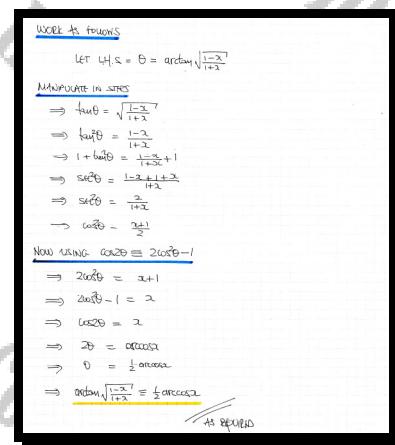
$$\Delta = \sqrt[4]{N^2} \quad \boxed{N=5, \Delta=4}$$

**Question 20 (\*\*\*\*\*)**

Prove that if  $|x| \leq 1$

$$\arctan\left[\sqrt{\frac{1-x}{1+x}}\right] \equiv \frac{1}{2}\arccos x.$$

V, , proof



**Question 21** (\*\*\*\*\*)

Use a trigonometric algebra to solve the following equation

$$(\arctan x)^2 + (\operatorname{arccot} x)^2 = \frac{5\pi^2}{8}.$$

You may assume that  $y = \operatorname{arccot} x$  is the inverse function of  $y = \cot x$ ,  $0 \leq x \leq \pi$

,  $x = -1$

$$(\arctan x)^2 + (\operatorname{arccot} x)^2 = \frac{5\pi^2}{8}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta^2 + \phi^2 = \frac{5\pi^2}{8}$$

looking at the diagram opposite

$$\Rightarrow \theta^2 + \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta\right)^2 = \frac{5\pi^2}{8}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta^2 + \frac{\pi^2}{4} - \pi\theta + \theta^2 = \frac{5\pi^2}{8}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\theta^2 - \pi\theta - \frac{3\pi^2}{8} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 16\theta^2 - 8\pi\theta - 3\pi^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (4\theta + 3\pi)(4\theta - \pi) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \begin{cases} -\frac{3\pi}{4} \\ \frac{\pi}{4} \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \operatorname{arctan} x = \begin{cases} -\frac{3\pi}{4} \\ \frac{\pi}{4} \end{cases} \quad -\frac{\pi}{2} < \operatorname{arctan} x \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \tan(-\frac{3\pi}{4})$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -1$$

**NOTE:**

LET  $\theta = \arctan x$   
 $\tan \theta = x$

$\cot \theta = \operatorname{arccot} x$   
 $\operatorname{cosec} \theta = \frac{1}{x}$   
 $\theta + \phi = \frac{\pi}{2}$

**Question 22** (\*\*\*\*\*)

Solve the following trigonometric equation

$$\arctan\left[x \cos\left(2\arcsin\frac{1}{x}\right)\right] = \frac{1}{4}\pi.$$

,  $x = -1, x = 2$

arctan(xcos(2arcsin(1/x))) = pi/4

• TAKING TANGENT ON BOTH SIDES OF THE EQUATION  
 $\Rightarrow \tan(\arctan(x\cos(\frac{1}{x}))) = 1$   
 $\Rightarrow \tan(x\cos(\frac{1}{x})) = \frac{1}{x}$   
 $\Rightarrow 2\arcsin\frac{1}{x} = \arctan\frac{1}{x} + 2n\pi, n=0,1,2,\dots$   
 $\Rightarrow 2\arcsin\frac{1}{x} = \left(\frac{\pi}{4} - \arcsin\frac{1}{x}\right) + 2n\pi$

arcsin + arccos = pi/2

$\Rightarrow 2\arcsin\frac{1}{x} = \sqrt{\frac{\pi^2}{16} + \arcsin^2\frac{1}{x}} + 2n\pi$

• DEAL WITH EACH POSSIBILITY SEPARATELY

$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} 2\arcsin\frac{1}{x} = \frac{\pi}{2} + 2n\pi \\ 2\arcsin\frac{1}{x} = -\frac{\pi}{2} + 2n\pi \end{cases}$

$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} \arcsin\frac{1}{x} = \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{n\pi}{2} \\ \arcsin\frac{1}{x} = -\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{n\pi}{2} \end{cases}$

• BUT THE ARCSINE FUNCTION IS SECOND QUADRANT, i.e.  $-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \arcsin A \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$   
 -HENCE WE OBTAIN

$\arcsin\frac{1}{x} = \frac{\pi}{4}$	$\arcsin\frac{1}{x} = -\frac{\pi}{4}$
$\frac{1}{x} = \sin\frac{\pi}{4}$	$\frac{1}{x} = \sin(-\frac{\pi}{4})$
$\frac{1}{x} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$	$\frac{1}{x} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$
$x = \sqrt{2}$	$x = -\sqrt{2}$

**Question 23 (\*\*\*\*\*)**

On a clearly labelled set of axes, draw a detailed sketch of the graph of

$$y = (\arcsin x)^2 \arccos x, -1 \leq x \leq 1.$$

, graph

$y = (\arcsin x)^2 \arccos x, -1 \leq x \leq 1$

- THE GRAPH CLEARLY EXISTS FOR  $-1 \leq x \leq 1$
- $y|_{x=0} = (\arcsin 0)^2 \arccos 0 = \left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)^2 \times 0 = 0$
- $y|_{x=-1} = [\arcsin(-1)]^2 \arccos(-1) = \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}\right)^2 \pi = \frac{\pi^3}{4}$
- NEXT LOOK FOR STATIONARY POINTS – REWRITE Y FOR SIMPLICITY  
 $y = (\arcsin x)^2 \arccos x$   
 $y = (\arcsin x)^2 \left[\frac{\pi}{2} - \arccos x\right]$   
 $y = \frac{1}{2}\pi(\arccos x)^2 - (\arcsin x)^3$   
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2}(\arccos x) \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} - 3(\arcsin x)^2 \cdot \frac{1}{(1-x^2)}$   
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\arccos x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \left[ \frac{\pi}{2} - 3(\arcsin x) \right]$
- SOLVING FOR ZERO WE OBTAIN  
 $\frac{\arccos x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} = 0$   
 $x = 0$   
 $y|_0 = (\arcsin 0)^2 \arccos(0)$   
 $y|_0 = 0$

COLLECTING SOME OF THESE POINTS

x	y	DESCRIPTION
-1	$\frac{\pi^3}{4}$	ACTUAL MAXIMUM (END POINT)
0	0	LOCAL STATIONARY MAXIMUM
$\frac{\pi}{2}$	$\frac{\pi^3}{4}$	LOCAL STATIONARY MINIMUM
1	0	ACTUAL MINIMUM (END POINT)

THE VALUE OF THESE POINTS IS DETERMINED BY THE ORIGINAL STATE AS Y IS CONTINUOUS

- Finally the curve can be sketched

**Question 24 (\*\*\*\*\*)**

Solve the following trigonometric equation

$$\sin[\arccot(x+1)] = \cos(\arctan x).$$

You may assume that  $y = \arccot x$  is the inverse function for  $y = \cot x$ ,  $0 \leq x \leq \pi$ .

$$\boxed{\quad}, \quad x = -\frac{1}{2}$$

<p><math>\sin(\arccot(x+1)) = \cos(\arctan x)</math></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• USING THE IDENTITY <math>\cos A \equiv \sin(\frac{\pi}{2} - A)</math></li> <li><math>\Rightarrow \sin[\arccot(x+1)] = \sin[\frac{\pi}{2} - \arctan x]</math></li> </ul> <p>• NOW THERE ARE TWO POSSIBILITIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><math>\rightarrow \arccot(x+1) = \frac{\pi}{2} - \arctan x</math>      <math>\left  \begin{array}{l} \text{---} \\ \Rightarrow \arccot(x+1) = \frac{\pi}{2} + \arctan x \\ \Rightarrow \arccot(x+1) - \arctan x = \frac{\pi}{2} \end{array} \right.</math></li> <li><math>\rightarrow \arctan(\frac{1}{x+1}) + \arctan x = \frac{\pi}{2}</math>      <math>\left  \begin{array}{l} \text{---} \\ \Rightarrow \arctan(\frac{1}{x+1}) - \arctan x = \frac{\pi}{2} \end{array} \right.</math></li> </ul> <p>• NOW USING THE IDENTITY <math>\arctan A \equiv \tan(\frac{\pi}{2} - A)</math></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><math>\rightarrow \arctan(\frac{1}{x+1}) + \arctan x = \frac{\pi}{2}</math>      <math>\left  \begin{array}{l} \text{---} \\ \Rightarrow \arctan(\frac{1}{x+1}) - \arctan x = \frac{\pi}{2} \end{array} \right.</math></li> </ul> <p>• TAKING TANGENTS ON BOTH SIDES IN EACH OF THE TWO EQUATIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><math>\rightarrow \tan[\arctan(\frac{1}{x+1}) + \arctan x] = \tan \frac{\pi}{2}</math>      <math>\left  \begin{array}{l} \text{---} \\ \Rightarrow \tan[\arctan(\frac{1}{x+1}) - \arctan x] = \tan \frac{\pi}{2} \end{array} \right.</math></li> <li><math>\rightarrow \frac{\frac{1}{x+1} + x}{1 - \frac{1}{x+1} \cdot x} = \infty</math>      <math>\left  \begin{array}{l} \text{---} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{\frac{1}{x+1} - x}{1 + \frac{1}{x+1} \cdot x} = \infty \end{array} \right.</math></li> <li><math>\rightarrow \frac{1 + x^2 + x}{x + 1 - x^2} = \infty</math>      <math>\left  \begin{array}{l} \text{---} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{1 - x^2 - x}{x + 1 + x^2} = \infty \end{array} \right.</math></li> <li><math>\rightarrow 1 + x^2 + x = \infty</math>      <math>\left  \begin{array}{l} \text{---} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{1 - x^2 - x}{2x + 1} = \infty \end{array} \right.</math></li> <li><math>\rightarrow x^2 + x + 1 = \infty</math>      <math>\left  \begin{array}{l} \text{---} \\ \Rightarrow 2x + 1 = 0 \end{array} \right.</math></li> <li>BUZZFEE <math>x = \pm \infty</math>      <math>\left  \begin{array}{l} \text{---} \\ \Rightarrow x = -\frac{1}{2} \end{array} \right.</math></li> </ul>
--

**Question 25** (\*\*\*\*\*)

Prove that if  $|x| \leq 1$

$$\tan\left[\frac{1}{2}\arcsin x\right] \equiv \frac{1-\sqrt{1-x^2}}{x}.$$

$\blacksquare$ ,  $\square$ , proof

Proceed as follows - let  $\theta = \frac{1}{2}\arcsin x$ ,  $0 < \theta < 1$

$$\Rightarrow \tan(\arcsin x) \equiv \tan\theta, \tan\theta > 0$$

Now we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \arcsin x &= 2\theta \\ \Rightarrow \sin(2\theta) &= x \\ \Rightarrow \sin 2\theta &= 2 \\ \Rightarrow \sin^2 2\theta &= 4 \\ \Rightarrow 1 - \sin^2 2\theta &= 1 - x^2 \\ \Rightarrow \cos^2 2\theta &= 1 - x^2 \\ \Rightarrow \sec^2 2\theta &= \frac{1}{1-x^2} \\ \Rightarrow \sec 2\theta - 1 &= \frac{1}{1-x^2} - 1 \\ \Rightarrow \tan^2 2\theta &= \frac{1-(1-x^2)}{1-x^2} \\ \Rightarrow \tan 2\theta &= \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \\ \Rightarrow \tan 2\theta &= \pm \frac{x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \\ \Rightarrow \tan\theta &= A \\ \text{where } A &= \frac{x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} > 0 \end{aligned}$$

SOLVE THE QUADRATIC FOR  $\tan\theta$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow 2\tan\theta &= 1 - \tan^2\theta \\ \Rightarrow \tan^2\theta + 2\tan\theta - 1 &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow \tan\theta = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{4+4A^2}}{2A} \\ \Rightarrow \tan\theta &= \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{4+A^2}}{2A} \\ \Rightarrow \tan\theta &= \frac{-2 \pm 2\sqrt{1+A^2}}{2A} \\ \Rightarrow \tan\theta &= \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1+A^2}}{A} \\ \text{Now } A > 0 \text{ so } \tan\theta > 0 \\ \Rightarrow \tan\theta &= \frac{-1+\sqrt{1+A^2}}{A} \\ \Rightarrow \tan\theta &= \frac{-1+\sqrt{1+\frac{1}{1-x^2}}}{\frac{x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}} \\ \Rightarrow \tan\theta &= \frac{-1+\sqrt{1+\frac{1}{1-x^2}}}{\frac{\sqrt{1-x^2}}{1-x^2}} \\ \Rightarrow \tan\theta &= \frac{-1+\sqrt{\frac{1+x^2}{1-x^2}}}{\frac{1}{1-x^2}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan\theta = \frac{-1+\sqrt{1-x^2}}{x}$$

MULTIPLY TOP & BOTTOM BY  $\sqrt{1-x^2}$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \tan(\arcsin x) &= \frac{-1+\sqrt{1-x^2}}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \\ \Rightarrow \tan(\arcsin x) &= \frac{1-\sqrt{1-x^2}}{x} \\ \text{As required} \end{aligned}$$

**Question 26** (\*\*\*\*\*)

It is given that

$$(\arcsin x)^3 + (\arccos x)^3 = k\pi^3, |x| \leq 1,$$

for some constant  $k$ .

- a) Show that a necessary but not sufficient condition for the above equation to have solutions is that

$$k \geq \frac{1}{32}.$$

- b) Solve the equation given that it only has one solution.

- c) Given instead that that  $k = \frac{7}{96}$ , find the two solutions of the equation, giving the answers in the form  $x = \sin(a\pi)$ , where  $a \in \mathbb{Q}$ .

$$\boxed{\quad}, \boxed{x = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}}, \boxed{x = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{12}\right)}, \boxed{x = \sin\left(\frac{5\pi}{12}\right)}$$

a)  $(\arcsin x)^3 + (\arccos x)^3 = k\pi^3$

Using the identity  $\arcsin x + \arccos x = \frac{\pi}{2}$

$$(\arcsin x)^3 + \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \arcsin x\right)^3 = k\pi^3$$

$$(\arcsin x)^3 + \frac{\pi^3}{8} - \frac{3\pi^2}{4}(\arcsin x) + \frac{27}{16}(\arcsin x)^3 - (\arcsin x)^3 = k\pi^3$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{27}{16}(\arcsin x)^3 - \frac{3\pi^2}{4}(\arcsin x) + \frac{\pi^3}{8} - k\pi^3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3}{2}(\arcsin x)^3 - \frac{3\pi^2}{4}(\arcsin x) + \frac{\pi^3}{16} - k\pi^3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3}{2}(\arcsin x)^3 - \frac{3\pi^2}{4}(\arcsin x) + \frac{7\pi^3}{12}(-18k) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (\arcsin x)^3 - \frac{\pi^2}{8}(\arcsin x) + \frac{7\pi^3}{12}(1-18k) = 0$$

For real solutions,  $b^2 - 4ac \geq 0$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\pi^2}{4} - 4k \times \frac{7\pi^3}{12}(1-18k) \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{3}(1-18k) \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{18}{3}k \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 3 - 4 + 32k \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 32k \geq 1$$

$$\Rightarrow k \geq \frac{1}{32}$$

This condition is necessary but not sufficient as  $k \geq \frac{1}{32}$  may produce solutions such as  $|\arcsin x| > 1$  which do not exist due to the reals

b) If there is only 1 solution  $\rightarrow k = \frac{1}{32}$

$$(\arcsin x)^3 - \frac{\pi^2}{8}(\arcsin x) + \frac{7\pi^3}{12}(1-8 \times \frac{1}{32}) = 0$$

$$(\arcsin x)^3 - \frac{\pi^2}{8}(\arcsin x) + \frac{7\pi^3}{12}(1-\frac{1}{4}) = 0$$

$$(\arcsin x)^3 - \frac{\pi^2}{8}(\arcsin x) + \frac{21\pi^3}{48} = 0$$

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

$$\Rightarrow \arcsin x = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{12}\right)$$

Final if  $k < \frac{1}{32}$

$$(\arcsin x)^3 - \frac{\pi^2}{8}(\arcsin x) + \frac{7\pi^3}{12}(1-8 \times \frac{k}{32}) = 0$$

$$(\arcsin x)^3 - \frac{\pi^2}{8}(\arcsin x) + \frac{7\pi^3}{12}(1-\frac{k}{4}) = 0$$

$$(\arcsin x)^3 - \frac{\pi^2}{8}(\arcsin x) + \frac{21\pi^3}{48}(1-\frac{k}{4}) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[ \arcsin x - \frac{\pi}{4} \right]^3 - \frac{\pi^2}{16} + \frac{21\pi^3}{144} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[ \arcsin x - \frac{\pi}{4} \right]^3 = \frac{21\pi^3}{144} - \frac{\pi^2}{16}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[ \arcsin x - \frac{\pi}{4} \right]^3 = \frac{21\pi^3}{144}$$

$$\Rightarrow \arcsin x - \frac{\pi}{4} = \sqrt[3]{\frac{21\pi^3}{144}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \arcsin x = \sqrt[3]{\frac{21\pi^3}{144}} + \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{7\pi}{12}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \sin\left(\frac{7\pi}{12}\right)$$

**Question 27 (\*\*\*\*\*)**

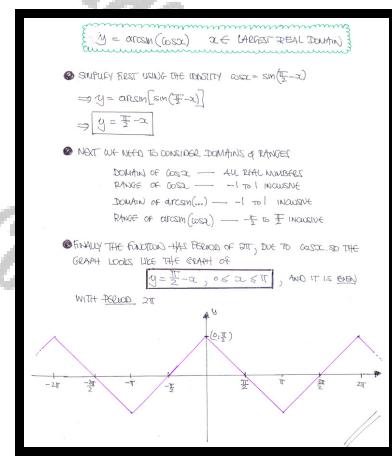
Sketch the graph of

$$f(x) = \arcsin(\cos x),$$

in the largest domain that the function is defined.

Indicate the coordinates of any intersections with the axes, and the coordinates of the cusps of the curve.

,  graph



## Question 28 (\*\*\*\*\*)

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

Differentiate  $y$  with respect to  $\arcsin\left(\frac{2x}{1+x^2}\right)$ , fully simplifying the answer.

[1]

Let  $y = \arctan\left(\frac{2x}{1-x^2}\right), |x| < 1$  and  $u = \arcsin\left(\frac{2x}{1+x^2}\right)$

We require  $\frac{dy}{du}$  which by the chain rule is  $\frac{dy}{du} = \frac{dy}{dx} \times \frac{dx}{du}$

•  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{2x}{1-x^2}\right)^2} \times \frac{(1-x^2)x^2 - 2x(2x)}{(1-x^2)^2}$

$$= \frac{(1-x^2)^2}{(1-x^2)^2 + 4x^2} \times \frac{2-2x^2+4x^2}{(1-x^2)^2}$$

$$= \frac{2+2x^2}{1-2x^2+4x^2+4x^2} = \frac{2(1+x^2)}{1+2x^2+4x^2} = \frac{2(1+x^2)}{(1+x^2)^2} = \frac{2}{1+x^2}$$

•  $\frac{du}{dx} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{2x}{1+x^2}\right)^2}} \times \frac{(1+x^2)x^2 - 2x(2x)}{(1+x^2)^2}$

$$= \frac{1+x^2}{\sqrt{(1+x^2)^2 - 4x^2}} \times \frac{2+x^2-4x^2}{(1+x^2)^2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2+2x^2+1-4x^2}} \times \frac{2-2x^2}{1+x^2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2x^2+1}} \times \frac{2(1-x^2)}{1+x^2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(1-x^2)^2}} \times \frac{2(1-x^2)}{1+x^2}$$

$$= \frac{2(1-x^2)}{|x^2-1|(1+x^2)} \stackrel{\text{[red]}}{=} \frac{2(1-x^2)}{(1-x^2)(1+x^2)} = \frac{2}{1+x^2}$$

Hence  $\frac{dy}{du} = \frac{2}{1+x^2} \times \frac{1-x^2}{2x} = 1$

THIS HAPPENS BECAUSE

$\sin \theta = \frac{1-x^2}{\sqrt{2x^2+1}}$

**Question 29 (\*\*\*\*\*)**

Differentiate  $\arctan\left[\frac{\sqrt{1-x^2}}{x}\right]$  with respect to  $\arccos\left[2x\sqrt{1-x^2}\right]$ , and hence sketch the graph of the resulting gradient function.

$$[-\frac{1}{2}\operatorname{sign}(x)]$$

Let  $y = \arctan\left[\frac{\sqrt{1-x^2}}{x}\right]$ ,  $x \neq 0$ , and  $u = \arccos\left[2x\sqrt{1-x^2}\right]$

Start by looking for any simplifications

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

$\frac{\sqrt{1-x^2}}{x}$

$x^2 + (\sqrt{1-x^2})^2 = c^2$   
 $x^2 + 1 - x^2 = c^2$   
 $c^2 = 1$   
 $c = \pm 1$

$\therefore \cos y = \frac{x}{c}$   
 $y = \arccos\frac{x}{c}$

$\cos u = \frac{2x\sqrt{1-x^2}}{1}$

$\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$

$b^2 + (2x\sqrt{1-x^2})^2 = 1$   
 $b^2 + 4x^2(1-x^2) = 1$   
 $b^2 = (-4x^2)(1-x^2)$   
 $b^2 = (-4x^2) + 4x^2$   
 $b^2 = 4x^2 - 4x^2 + 1$   
 $b^2 = (2x^2 - 1)^2$   
 $b = |2x^2 - 1|$   
 $b = \sqrt{|2x^2 - 1|}$   
 $b < 1$

$\therefore \cos u = \frac{2x^2 - 1}{1}$   
 $u = \arccos(2x^2 - 1)$

Differentiating with respect to  $u$

- $y = \arccos u$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{du} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-u^2}}$
- $u = \arccos(2x^2 - 1)$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{du}{dx} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-(2x^2-1)^2}} \times 4x$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{4x}{\sqrt{1-4x^2+4x^2-1}}$

$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\frac{4x}{\sqrt{4x^2-4x^2}}} {\sqrt{4x^2-4x^2}} = \frac{4x}{\sqrt{4x^2(1-x^2)}} = \frac{4x}{\sqrt{4x^2(1-x^2)}}$

$= \frac{4x}{|2x|\sqrt{1-x^2}} = \frac{2x}{|x|\sqrt{1-x^2}} = \frac{2\operatorname{sign}(x)}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$

NOTE THAT  $\frac{|x|}{x} = \frac{x}{|x|} = \operatorname{sign}(x)$  &  $\operatorname{sign}(x) = \frac{1}{\sin(\pi x)}$

Factorise using  $\operatorname{sign}(x)$

$\frac{d}{d(x)} \arccos\left[\frac{\sqrt{1-x^2}}{x}\right] = \frac{d}{d(u)} \arccos(u) = \frac{du}{dx} - \frac{du}{dx} \times \frac{du}{dx}$   
 $= -\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \times \frac{1}{2\operatorname{sign}(x)}$   
 $= -\frac{1}{2\operatorname{sign}(x)} = -\frac{1}{2}\operatorname{sign}(x)$

AND THE SPECIAL FEATURES

**Question 30 (\*\*\*\*\*)**

It is given that

$$\arctan 2 + \arctan A + \arctan B = \pi.$$

It is further given that  $A$  and  $B$  are distinct positive real numbers other than unity.

Determine a pair of possible values for  $A$  and  $B$ .

,  &

AS THE PROBLEM IS NOT UNIQUE, LET  $A=5$

$$\arctan 2 + \arctan 5 + \arctan B = \pi$$

USING COMPLEX NUMBERS

$$(1+2i)(1+5i) = 1+5i+2i-10 = -9+7i$$

WE EXPAND

$$(1+2i)(1+5i) z = \text{NEGATIVE REAL NUMBER (SAY } -1\text{ AT THIS STAGE)}$$
$$\Rightarrow (1+2i)(1+5i) z = -1$$
$$\Rightarrow (-4+7i)z = -1$$
$$\Rightarrow (-4+7i)z = -1$$
$$z = \frac{1}{-4+7i}$$
$$z = \frac{9+7i}{85+49}$$
$$z = \frac{9+7i}{134}$$

SO FAR WE GET

$$\Rightarrow (1+2i)(1+5i)\left(\frac{9+7i}{134}\right) = -1$$
$$\Rightarrow (1+2i)(1+5i)(9+7i) = -134$$
$$\Rightarrow \arg[(1+2i)(1+5i)(9+7i)] \approx -130$$
$$\Rightarrow \arg(1+2i) + \arg(1+5i) + \arg(9+7i) \approx \arg(-130)$$
$$\Rightarrow \arctan 2 + \arctan 5 + \arctan \frac{9+7i}{134} = \pi$$

**Question 31 (\*\*\*\*\*)**

By sketching the graph of the integrand, or otherwise, determine the maximum value of the following function

$$F(a,b) \equiv \int_a^b 2 \arcsin \sqrt{x+2} - \arcsin(2x+3) \, dx.$$

, proof

$y = 2\arcsin \sqrt{x+2} - \arcsin(2x+3)$

We need to maximise the definite integral - we must sketch first  
THE INTEGRAND AREA

$0 \leq \sqrt{x+2} \leq 1$   
 $0 \leq 2x+3 \leq 1$   
 $-2 \leq x \leq -1$

AS BOTH INEQUALITIES AGREE THE MAX DOMAIN IS  $-2 \leq x \leq -1$

INTEGRATION LOOKS DAIRYING SO WE MAY OPT TO SKETCH, AS SUGGESTED

when  $x=-2$        $y = 2\arcsin 0 - \arcsin(-1) = -(\frac{\pi}{2}) = -\frac{\pi}{2}$   
 when  $x=-1$        $y = 2\arcsin 1 - \arcsin 1 = 2\frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi}{2} = \frac{\pi}{2}$

THIS MAY SUGGEST THAT THE FUNCTION MAY BE CONSTANT

PROCEED BY DIFFERENTIATION

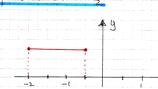
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= 2 \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-(2x+3)^2}} \times \frac{d}{dx}(2x+3) - \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-(2x+3)^2}} \times \frac{d}{dx}(2x+3) \\ &= 2x \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-(2x+3)^2}} \times \frac{d}{dx}[(2x+3)^2] - \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-(2x+3)^2}} \times 2 \\ &= \frac{2}{\sqrt{2x+1}} \times \frac{1}{2}(2x+3)^{\frac{1}{2}} - \frac{2}{\sqrt{-8x-12-8}} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2x+1} \sqrt{2x+3}} - \frac{2}{\sqrt{4(x+2)(x+3)}} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2x+1)(2x+3)}} - \frac{2}{\sqrt{4(x+2)(x+3)}} \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4(x+2)(x+3)}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{-8x-12-8}}$

$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$  so  $y$  is constant at  $\frac{\pi}{2}$

$\therefore y = \frac{\pi}{2} - 2 \leq x \leq -1$

HENCE THE AREA IS  $\frac{\pi}{2}$



$$\therefore \left[ \int_a^b 2 \arcsin \sqrt{x+2} - \arcsin(2x+3) \, dx \right]_{\max} = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

**Question 32 (\*\*\*\*\*)**

If  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ , simplify fully

$$\arcsin(2x-1) - 2\arcsin\sqrt{x}.$$

$\boxed{\text{V}}$ ,  $\boxed{\quad}$ ,  $\boxed{-\frac{1}{2}\pi}$

Part (a) to follow

Let  $\theta = \arcsin(2x-1)$   
 $-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$

$$\sin\theta = 2x-1$$

$$\cos\theta = \sqrt{1-(2x-1)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{1-4x^2+4x^2-1}$$

$$= \sqrt{4x^2}$$

$$= 2x$$

Let  $\phi = \arcsin\sqrt{x}$   
 $0 \leq \phi \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$

$$\sin\phi = \sqrt{x}$$

$$\cos\phi = \sqrt{1-x}$$

New manipulation and substitution with "arcise"

$$\theta - 2\phi = \psi$$

$$\sin(\theta-2\phi) = \sin\psi$$

$$\sin(\cos\phi - \cos(2x-1)\sin\phi) = \sin\psi$$

$$\sin((2x-1)\cos\phi - \cos(2x-1)\sin\phi) = \sin\psi$$

Substituting the unknowns above

$$\sin\psi = (2x-1)[(1-x)-2] - 2\sqrt{x-x^2}(2\sqrt{x}-x)$$

$$\sin\psi = (2x-1)(1-x) - 4\sqrt{x-x^2}\sqrt{x-x^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin\psi = -(2x-1)(2x-1) + (2x-2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin\psi = -(2x-1)^2 + 4x-4x^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin\psi = -(4x^2-4x+1) - 4x+4x^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin\psi = \frac{4x^2-4x-1-4x+4x^2}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin\psi = -1$$

$\therefore \psi = \dots -\frac{\pi}{2}, -\frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{\pi}{2}, \dots$

$\theta-2\phi = \dots -\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{4}, \dots$

SEE PREVIOUS PAGE

$\therefore \arcsin(2x-1) - 2\arcsin\sqrt{x} = -\frac{\pi}{2}$

**Question 33 (\*\*\*\*\*)**

Prove that for all  $x$  such that  $-1 \leq x \leq 1$

$$\arccos x + \arccos \left[ \frac{1}{2} \left( x + \sqrt{3-3x^2} \right) \right] = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

 , proof

•  $\arccos x + \arccos \left( \frac{x+\sqrt{3-3x^2}}{2} \right) = \frac{\pi}{3}$

• LET  $\theta = \arccos x$   
 $\cos \theta = x$   
 $\sin \theta = \sqrt{1-x^2}$

• LET  $\phi = \arccos \left( \frac{x+\sqrt{3-3x^2}}{2} \right)$   
 $\cos \phi = \frac{x+\sqrt{3-3x^2}}{2}$

• WE NEED TO FIND THE EXACT VALUE OF  $\sin \phi$  SO WE USE PYTHAGORAS IN THE "SECOND" TRIANGLE TO FIND  $y$   
 $\rightarrow y = \sqrt{4 - (x + \sqrt{3-3x^2})^2}$   
 $\rightarrow y = \sqrt{4 - (x^2 + 2x\sqrt{3-3x^2} + 3 - 3x^2)}$   
 $\rightarrow y = \sqrt{4 - x^2 - 2x\sqrt{3-3x^2} + 3 - 3x^2}$   
 $\rightarrow y = \sqrt{1 + 2x^2 - 2x\sqrt{3-3x^2}}$

• ATTEMPTING TO SQUARE ROOT THE ARGUMENT OF THE RADICAL BY INSPECTION  
 $\rightarrow 1 + 2x^2 - 2x\sqrt{3-3x^2} \equiv (Ax + \sqrt{1-x^2})^2$   
 EXPAND AND COMPARE COEFFICIENTS  
 $\rightarrow 1 + 2x^2 - 2Ax^2\sqrt{1-x^2} \equiv Ax^2 + 2Ax\sqrt{1-x^2} + 1 - x^2$   
 $\rightarrow 1 + 2x^2 - 2Ax^2\sqrt{1-x^2} \equiv (Ax^2)^2 + 2Ax\sqrt{1-x^2} + 1 - x^2$

• THIS EASILY WORKS IF  $A = \sqrt{2}$   
 $\rightarrow y = \sqrt{3}x + \sqrt{1-x^2}$   
 $\Rightarrow \sin \phi = \frac{y}{2}$   
 $\Rightarrow \sin \phi = \frac{\sqrt{3}x + \sqrt{1-x^2}}{2}$

• RETURNING TO THE ORIGINAL EXPRESSION AND REWRITE AS FOLLOWS  
 $\arccos x + \arccos \left( \frac{x+\sqrt{3-3x^2}}{2} \right) = \psi$   
 $\rightarrow \theta + \phi = \psi$   
 $\rightarrow \cos(\theta + \phi) = \cos \psi$   
 $\rightarrow \cos \theta \cos \phi - \sin \theta \sin \phi = \cos \psi$   
 $\rightarrow \left[ \frac{x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \right] \left[ \frac{\sqrt{3}x + \sqrt{1-x^2}}{2} \right] - \sqrt{1-x^2} \left[ \frac{\sqrt{3}x - \sqrt{1-x^2}}{2} \right] = \cos \psi$   
 $\rightarrow \frac{x^2 + 2x\sqrt{3-3x^2}}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}x^2 - \sqrt{1-x^2}}{2} + \frac{(1-x^2)}{2} = \cos \psi$   
 $\rightarrow \frac{2x^2 + 1 - x^2}{2} = \cos \psi$   
 $\rightarrow \cos \psi = \frac{1}{2}$   
 $\rightarrow \psi = \frac{\pi}{3}$   
 $\therefore \arccos x + \arccos \left( \frac{x+\sqrt{3-3x^2}}{2} \right) = \frac{\pi}{3}$

**Question 34 (\*\*\*\*\*)**

Find, in exact surd form, the only real solution of the following trigonometric equation

$$\arcsin(2x-1) - \arccos x = \frac{\pi}{6}.$$

The rejection of any additional solutions must be fully justified.

$$\boxed{\quad}, \quad x = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{6}\sqrt{6}$$

$$\arcsin(2x-1) - \arccos x = \frac{\pi}{6}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \arcsin(2x-1) &= \frac{\pi}{6} + \arccos x \\ \Rightarrow \arcsin(2x-1) &= \frac{\pi}{6} + \arccos x \\ \Rightarrow \sin[\arcsin(2x-1)] &= \sin\left[\frac{\pi}{6} + \arccos x\right] \\ \Rightarrow 2x-1 &\approx \sin\frac{\pi}{6} \cos(\arccos x) + \cos\frac{\pi}{6} \sin(\arccos x) \\ \Rightarrow 2x-1 &= \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\sin(\arccos x) \\ \Rightarrow 4x-2 &= x + \sqrt{3}\sin(\arccos x) \\ \Rightarrow 3x-2 &= \sqrt{3}\sin(\arccos x) \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\theta = \arccos x$   
 $\cos\theta = x$   
 $\cos^2\theta = x^2$   
 $1 - \cos^2\theta = 1 - x^2$   
 $\sin^2\theta = 1 - x^2$   
 $\sin^2(\arccos x) = 1 - x^2$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow (3x-2)^2 &= 3\sin^2(\arccos x) \\ \Rightarrow 9x^2 - 12x + 4 &= 3(1-x^2) \\ \Rightarrow 9x^2 - 12x + 4 &= 3 - 3x^2 \\ \Rightarrow 12x^2 - 12x + 1 &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow 4x^2 - 4x + \frac{1}{3} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Now we need to check these solutions (but to square)

$$21 \neq 6\sqrt{6} \quad \text{erroneous} \quad (\sqrt{6})^2 \neq 2 \times 3 \times \sqrt{2} + (\sqrt{2})^2$$

$$a^2 \neq 2 \times 3 \times \sqrt{2} + (\sqrt{2})^2$$

\* By inspection (it works in the first case if  $a=1$ )

$$21 \neq 6\sqrt{6} = (\sqrt{3})^2 + 2\sqrt{2} \cdot 3\sqrt{2} + (\sqrt{2})^2$$

\* As both will be positive

$$21 \neq 6\sqrt{6} = (3\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{2})^2$$

\* Hence



Now we can take tangents in each of the two cases

$$\begin{aligned} \tan(\theta + \phi) &= \tan\phi & \tan(\theta - \phi) &= \tan\phi \\ \frac{\tan\theta + \tan\phi}{1 - \tan\theta\tan\phi} &= \tan\phi & \frac{\tan\theta - \tan\phi}{1 + \tan\theta\tan\phi} &= \tan\phi \\ \frac{3\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{2}}{3\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{2}} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}} &= \tan\phi & \frac{3\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{2}}{3\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{2}} - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}} &= \tan\phi \\ 1 + \frac{3\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{2}}{3\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{2}} &= \tan\phi & 1 + \frac{3\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{2}}{3\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{2}} &= \tan\phi \\ \frac{3\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{2} + \sqrt{2}(3 + \sqrt{2})}{3\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{2}} &= \tan\phi & \frac{3\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{2} - \sqrt{2}(3 - \sqrt{2})}{3\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{2}} &= \tan\phi \\ \frac{3\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{2} + 3\sqrt{2} + 2}{3\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{2}} &= \tan\phi & \frac{3\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{2} - 3\sqrt{2} + 2}{3\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{2}} &= \tan\phi \end{aligned}$$

$$4x^2 - 4x + 1 - \frac{1}{3} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (2x-1)^2 = \frac{4}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x-1 = \pm \sqrt{\frac{4}{3}}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x = 1 \pm \frac{\sqrt{4}}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{2} \pm \frac{\sqrt{1}}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{1}}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{1}}{\sqrt{3}} \end{cases}$$

Now we need to check these solutions (but to square)

$$\arcsin\left(2\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{1}}{\sqrt{3}}\right) - 1\right) + \arccos\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{1}}{\sqrt{3}}\right) \approx \varphi$$

$$\arcsin\left(2\left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{1}}{\sqrt{3}}\right) - 1\right) + \arccos\left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{1}}{\sqrt{3}}\right) \approx \varphi$$

$$\arccos\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{1}}{\sqrt{3}}\right) \pm \arccos\left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{1}}{\sqrt{3}}\right) \approx \varphi$$



$$\tan\phi = \frac{6\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{2} + \sqrt{12}}{3 + 6\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{12} - 6}$$

$$\tan\phi = \frac{6\sqrt{2} - 2\sqrt{2}}{2\sqrt{12} - 3}$$

$$\tan\phi = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3}$$

$$\therefore \varphi \neq \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{1}}{\sqrt{3}}$$

is NOT a solution

$$\tan\phi = \frac{3\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{2} - \sqrt{12}}{3 - 3\sqrt{2} + 6 + \sqrt{12}}$$

$$\tan\phi = \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{9}$$

$$\tan\phi = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3}$$

$$\therefore \varphi = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

∴ only solution is

$$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{1}}{\sqrt{3}}$$

Created by T. Madas

**Question 35** (\*\*\*\*\*)

By considering the trigonometric identity for  $\tan(A - B)$ , with  $A = \arctan(n+1)$  and  $B = \arctan(n)$ , sum the following series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \arctan\left(\frac{1}{n^2+n+1}\right).$$

You may assume the series converges.

,  $\frac{\pi}{4}$

• CONSIDER THE COMPOUND ANGLE IDENTITY FOR  $\tan(A-B)$

$$\tan(A-B) = \frac{\tan A - \tan B}{1 + \tan A \tan B}$$

$$\tan[\arctan(n+1) - \arctan n] = \frac{\tan[\arctan(n+1)] - \tan[\arctan n]}{1 + \tan[\arctan(n+1)] \tan[\arctan n]}$$

$$\tan[\arctan(n+1) - \arctan n] = \frac{(n+1) - n}{1 + (n+1)n}$$

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

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

• SINCE THE SUMMATION NOW BECOMES

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

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \arctan(n+1) - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \arctan n$$

• WHICH NOW GIVES IN A MEANINGFUL SENSE

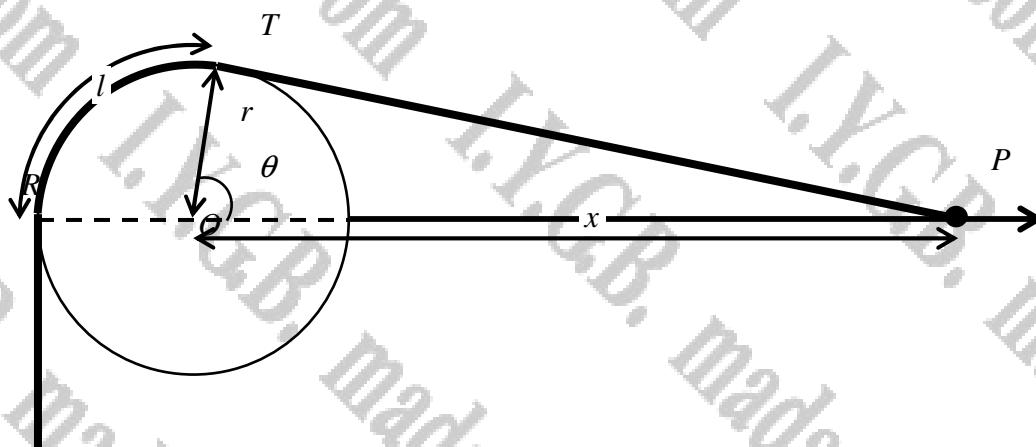
$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \sum_{n=1}^k \arctan(n+1) - \sum_{n=1}^k \arctan n \right]$$

$$= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \arctan(k+1) - \arctan 1 \right]$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{4}$$

## Question 36 (\*\*\*\*\*)



A circular wheel of radius  $r$  and centre at the origin  $O$  of a positive  $x$  axis. A particle  $P$  is constrained to move on the positive  $x$  axis, so that the distance  $OP$  is  $x$ . The particle is connected to a taut cable which runs over the wheel and hangs vertically down on the other side of the wheel as shown in the figure above. The section of the cable  $RT$ , which is in contact with the wheel has length  $l$ . The section of the cable  $TP$  is a straight line.

- a) Given that the angle  $TOP = \theta$  show that

$$\frac{dl}{dx} = -\frac{r^2}{x\sqrt{x^2 - r^2}}.$$

Let  $s = l + |TP|$  and suppose that  $P$  is moving in the positive  $x$  direction with constant speed 2 units per unit time.

- b) Find the rate at which  $s$  is increasing when  $P$  is at a distance  $2r$  from  $O$ .

SL,  $\sqrt{3}$

**a) LOOKING AT THE DIAGRAM BELOW**

- $\frac{x}{r} = \cos\theta \Rightarrow \theta = \arccos\frac{x}{r}$
- $l = (r-x)\pi = \pi r - \pi \cos(\frac{\pi}{2}\theta)$

Differentiating w.r.t  $x$ , noting that  $\pi$  is a constant:

$$\frac{dl}{dx} = 0 - r \times \frac{-1}{\sqrt{1-\frac{x^2}{r^2}}} \times \frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{x}{r}\right) = \frac{r}{\sqrt{r^2-x^2}} \times \frac{-x^2}{x^2-r^2}$$

$$= -\frac{r^2}{x^2-r^2} \times \frac{1}{x} = -\frac{r^2}{x(x^2-r^2)} \quad (\text{as } x > 0)$$

**b) NOW USE THE LENGTH OF THE CABLE RTP**

$$s = l + TP = \left[\pi r - \pi \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\theta\right)\right] + x \sin\theta$$

$$s = \pi r - \pi \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\theta\right) + 2x \sin\left(\arccos\left(\frac{x}{r}\right)\right)$$

Differentiate again w.r.t  $x$ , & note  $\theta = \arccos(\frac{x}{r})$  of part (a)

$$\frac{ds}{dx} = \frac{-r^2}{x^2-r^2} + [x \sin\left(\arccos\left(\frac{x}{r}\right)\right) + 2x \cos\left(\arccos\left(\frac{x}{r}\right)\right) \times \frac{1}{r} \sin\left(\arccos\left(\frac{x}{r}\right)\right)]$$

$$\frac{ds}{dx} = \frac{-r^2}{x^2-r^2} + \sin\left(\arccos\left(\frac{x}{r}\right)\right) + r \frac{1}{r} \sin\left(\arccos\left(\frac{x}{r}\right)\right)$$

$$\frac{ds}{dx} = \frac{-r^2}{x^2-r^2} + \sin\left(\arccos\left(\frac{x}{r}\right)\right) + r \frac{1}{r} \sin\left(\arccos\left(\frac{x}{r}\right)\right)$$

$$\frac{ds}{dx} = \frac{-r^2}{x^2-r^2} + \sin\left(\arccos\left(\frac{x}{r}\right)\right) + \frac{1}{r} \sin\left(\arccos\left(\frac{x}{r}\right)\right)$$

Finally, differentiating the particle speed  $\frac{ds}{dt} = 2$

$$\frac{ds}{dt} = \frac{ds}{dx} \times \frac{dx}{dt}$$

$$\frac{ds}{dt} = \sin\left(\arccos\left(\frac{x}{r}\right)\right) \times 2$$

$$\frac{ds}{dt} = \frac{\sin\left(\arccos\left(\frac{2r}{2r}\right)\right)}{2r-2r} \times 2$$

$$\frac{ds}{dt} = \left(\sin\frac{\pi}{2}\right) \times 2$$

$$\frac{ds}{dt} = 2 \times \sqrt{3} \quad \text{UNITS OF LENGTH PER UNIT TIME.}$$

**Question 37** (\*\*\*\*\*)

Prove that if  $0 < x < 1$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left[ \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \arctan \left[ \frac{1 + 2 \tan \left( \frac{1}{2} \arcsin x \right)}{\sqrt{3}} \right] \right] \equiv \frac{1}{(2+x)\sqrt{1-x^2}}.$$

V,  $\boxed{\quad}$ , proof

LOOKING AT THE EXPRESSION

$$y = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \arctan \left[ \frac{2 \tan \left( \frac{1}{2} \arcsin x \right) + 1}{\sqrt{3}} \right], \quad 0 < x < 1$$

IT MIGHT BE MORE SENSIBLE TO MANIPULATE  $\tan(\arcsin x)$  FIRST

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \theta &= \frac{1}{2} \arcsin x, \\ \Rightarrow 2\theta &= \arcsin x, \\ \Rightarrow \sin 2\theta &= x, \\ \Rightarrow \sin^2 2\theta &= x^2, \\ \Rightarrow 1 - \sin^2 2\theta &= 1 - x^2, \\ \Rightarrow \cos^2 2\theta &= 1 - x^2, \\ \Rightarrow \sec^2 2\theta &= \frac{1}{1-x^2}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \sec^2 2\theta - 1 &= \frac{1}{1-x^2} - 1 \\ \Rightarrow \tan^2 2\theta &= \frac{-x^2}{1-x^2}, \\ \Rightarrow \tan 2\theta &= \pm \frac{x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}, \quad (\text{A} > 0) \end{aligned}$$

USING THE COMPOUND ANGLE IDENTITY FOR  $\tan(\theta \pm \phi)$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \frac{\tan \theta}{1 - \tan \theta} &= 1, \\ \Rightarrow 2 \tan \theta &= 1 - \tan^2 \theta, \\ \Rightarrow \tan \theta + 2 \tan \theta - 1 &= 0, \\ \Rightarrow \tan \theta + \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{1+4x^2}}{2x} &= 0, \\ \Rightarrow \tan \theta &= \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{1+4x^2}}{2x}, \\ \Rightarrow \tan \theta &= \frac{-1 + \sqrt{1+x^2}}{x}. \quad (\text{A} > 0; \tan \theta > 0) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \tan \theta &= \frac{-1 + \sqrt{1 + \frac{x^2}{1-x^2}}}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \\ \Rightarrow \tan \theta &= \frac{-1 + \frac{\sqrt{1-x^2+x^2}}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} = \frac{-1 + \frac{x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \\ \Rightarrow \tan \theta &= \frac{-\sqrt{1-x^2} + 1}{x}, \\ \Rightarrow \tan \left( \frac{1}{2} \arcsin x \right) &= \frac{1 - \sqrt{1-x^2}}{x}. \end{aligned}$$

NOW WE CAN ATTEMPT A DIFFERENTIATION

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} \left[ \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \arctan \left[ \frac{2 \tan \left( \frac{1}{2} \arcsin x \right) + 1}{\sqrt{3}} \right] \right] \\ = \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \arctan \left[ \frac{\frac{2}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} - \frac{2x\sqrt{1-x^2}}{x^2+1}}{\sqrt{3}} + 1 \right] \right) \\ = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \times \frac{1}{\left( \frac{2}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} - \frac{2x\sqrt{1-x^2}}{x^2+1} \right)^2 + 1} \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \frac{d}{dx} \left[ \frac{2}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} - \frac{2x\sqrt{1-x^2}}{x^2+1} \right] \\ = \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{3}{\left( \frac{2}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} - \frac{2x\sqrt{1-x^2}}{x^2+1} \right)^2 + 3} \times \left[ -\frac{2}{x^2} - \frac{2\sqrt{1-x^2} \cdot 2(1-x^2)}{2(x^2+1)^2} \right] \\ = \frac{2}{\left( \frac{2}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} - \frac{2x\sqrt{1-x^2}}{x^2+1} \right)^2 + 3} \times \left[ -\frac{2}{x^2} + \frac{2x^2\sqrt{1-x^2}^2 + 2(1-x^2)^2}{2x(x^2+1)^2} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{2}{\left( \frac{2}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} - \frac{2(1-x^2)^2}{x^2+1} \right)^2 + 3} \times \left[ -\frac{2}{x^2} + \frac{2x^2 + 2(1-x^2)^2}{2x(1-x^2)^2} \right] \\ &= \frac{2}{\left( \frac{2}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} - \frac{2(1-x^2)^2}{x^2+1} \right)^2 + 3} \times \left[ -\frac{2}{x^2} + \frac{2}{x^2(1-x^2)^2} \right] \\ &= \frac{4}{\left( \frac{2}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} - \frac{2(1-x^2)^2}{x^2+1} \right)^2 + 3} \times \left( -\frac{1}{x^2} - \frac{1}{(1-x^2)^2} \right) \\ &= \frac{4}{2x \left( \frac{2}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} - \frac{2(1-x^2)^2}{x^2+1} \right)^2 + 3x^2} \times \frac{1 - (1-x^2)^2}{(1-x^2)^2} \\ &= \frac{4}{2x \left( \frac{2}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} - \frac{2(1-x^2)^2}{x^2+1} \right)^2 + 3x^2} \times \frac{1 - (1-x^2)^2}{(1-x^2)^2} \\ &\quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 4 + (-1-x^2) + x^2 - 2(1-x^2)^2 + (1-4(1-x^2)^2) + 3x^2 \\ \downarrow 4 + 4x^2 - 4x^2 - 4x^4 + x^4 - 4(1-x^2)^2 + 3x^2 \\ \downarrow 8 + 4x^2 - 8(1-x^2)^2 - 4(1-x^2)^2 + 3x^2 \\ \downarrow (8+4x^2) - (8-8x^2)(1-x^2)^2 \\ \downarrow (8+4x^2)(1-(1-x^2)^2) \\ \downarrow 4(2x+2)(1-(1-x^2)^2) \end{array} \right\} \\ &= \frac{4(2x+2)(1-(1-x^2)^2)}{(1-x^2)^2} \times \frac{1 - (1-x^2)^2}{(1-x^2)^2} = \frac{4(2x+2)}{(1-x^2)^2} = \frac{1}{(2x+2)(1-x^2)} \quad \text{as required} \end{aligned}$$