

**CBSE Class 12 Mathematics**  
**Chapter-02**  
**Inverse Trigonometric Functions**

- The domains and ranges (principal value branches) of inverse trigonometric functions are given in the following table:

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

- $\sin^{-1} x$  should not be confused with  $(\sin x)^{-1}$ . In fact  $(\sin x)^{-1} = \frac{1}{\sin x}$  And similarly for other trigonometric functions.
- The value of an inverse trigonometric functions which lies in its principal value branch is called the principal value of that inverse trigonometric functions.
- For suitable values of domain, we have**
  - $y = \sin^{-1} x \Rightarrow x = \sin y$
  - $x = \sin y \Rightarrow y = \sin^{-1} x$

$$\bullet \sin (\sin^{-1} x) = x$$

$$\bullet \sin^{-1} (\sin x) = x$$

$$\bullet \sin^{-1} \frac{1}{x} = \operatorname{cosec}^{-1} x$$

$$\bullet \cos^{-1} (-x) = \pi - \cos^{-1} x$$

$$\bullet \cos^{-1} \frac{1}{x} = \sec^{-1} x$$

$$\bullet \cot^{-1}(-x) = \pi - \cot^{-1} x$$

$$\bullet \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{x} = \cot^{-1} x$$

$$\cot^{-1} \frac{1}{x} = \tan^{-1} x$$

$$\operatorname{cosec}^{-1} \frac{1}{x} = \sin^{-1} x$$

$$\bullet \sec^{-1}(-x) = \pi - \sec^{-1} x$$

$$\sec^{-1} \frac{1}{x} = \cos^{-1} x$$

$$\bullet \sin^{-1} (-x) = -\sin^{-1} x$$

$$\bullet \tan^{-1} (-x) = -\tan^{-1} x$$

$$\bullet \tan^{-1} x + \cot^{-1} x = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\bullet \operatorname{cosec}^{-1} (-x) = -\operatorname{cosec}^{-1} x$$

$$\bullet \operatorname{cosec}^{-1} x + \sec^{-1} x = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\bullet \sin^{-1} x + \cos^{-1} x = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\sin^{-1} x + \sin^{-1} y = \sin^{-1} \left( x\sqrt{1-y^2} + y\sqrt{1-x^2} \right)$$

$$\cos^{-1} x + \cos^{-1} y = \cos^{-1} \left( xy - \sqrt{1-x^2}\sqrt{1-y^2} \right)$$

$$\bullet \tan^{-1} x + \tan^{-1} y = \tan^{-1} \frac{x+y}{1-xy}$$

$$\bullet \tan^{-1} x - \tan^{-1} y = \tan^{-1} \frac{x-y}{1+xy}$$

$$\tan^{-1} x + \tan^{-1} y + \tan^{-1} z = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{x+y+z-xyz}{1-xy-yz-zx} \right)$$

$$2\sin^{-1} x = \sin^{-1} \left( 2x\sqrt{1-x^2} \right)$$

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

$$\bullet 2\tan^{-1} x = \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{2x}{1+x^2} \right) = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{1-x^2}{1+x^2} \right) = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{2x}{1-x^2} \right)$$

$$3\sin^{-1} x = \sin^{-1} (3x - 4x^3)$$

$$3\cos^{-1} x = \cos^{-1} (4x^3 - 3x)$$

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

**Conversion:**

$$\bullet \sin^{-1} x = \cos^{-1} \sqrt{1-x^2} = \tan^{-1} \frac{x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} = \cot^{-1} \frac{\sqrt{1-x^2}}{x} = \sec^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} = \operatorname{cosec}^{-1} \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\bullet \cos^{-1} x = \sin^{-1} \sqrt{1-x^2} = \tan^{-1} \frac{\sqrt{1-x^2}}{x} = \cot^{-1} \frac{x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} = \sec^{-1} \frac{1}{x} = \operatorname{cosec}^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

$$\bullet \tan^{-1} x = \sin^{-1} \frac{x}{\sqrt{1+x^2}} = \cos^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+x^2}} = \sec^{-1} \sqrt{1+x^2} = \operatorname{cosec}^{-1} \sqrt{1+x^2}$$

$$\operatorname{cosec}^{-1} \frac{\sqrt{1+x^2}}{x} = \cot^{-1} \frac{1}{x}$$

- $\cot^{-1} x = \sin^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+x^2}} = \cos^{-1} \frac{x}{\sqrt{1+x^2}} = \sec^{-1} \frac{1}{x} = \sec^{-1} \frac{\sqrt{1+x^2}}{x} = \operatorname{cosec}^{-1} \sqrt{1+x^2}$
- $\sec^{-1} x = \tan^{-1} \frac{\sqrt{x^2-1}}{1} = \cot^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2-1}} = \sin^{-1} \frac{\sqrt{x^2-1}}{x} = \cos^{-1} \frac{1}{x} = \operatorname{cosec}^{-1} \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2-1}}$
- $\operatorname{cosec}^{-1} x = \sin^{-1} \frac{1}{x} = \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2-1}} = \cot^{-1} \sqrt{x^2-1} = \sec^{-1} \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2-1}} = \cos^{-1} \frac{\sqrt{x^2-1}}{x}$

**Some other properties of Inverse Trigonometric Function:**

- $\tan^{-1} \frac{x}{\sqrt{a^2-x^2}} = \sin^{-1} \frac{x}{a}$
- $\cot^{-1} \frac{x}{\sqrt{a^2-x^2}} = \cos^{-1} \frac{x}{a}$
- $\tan^{-1} \frac{a}{\sqrt{x^2-a^2}} = \operatorname{cosec}^{-1} \frac{x}{a}$
- $\cot^{-1} \frac{a}{\sqrt{x^2-a^2}} = \sec^{-1} \frac{x}{a}$

