

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**
- $y = \sin^{-1} x \Rightarrow x = \sin y$
 - $x = \sin y \Rightarrow y = \sin^{-1} x$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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:

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