

# Probability and random variables assignment

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1.1. If  $\tan^{-1}a + \tan^{-1}b + \tan^{-1}c = \pi$  then prove that  $a + b + c = abc$

**Solution:**

We know that  $\tan^{-1}x + \tan^{-1}y = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x+y}{1-xy}\right)$

$$\tan^{-1}a = \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \tan^{-1}b\right) + \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \tan^{-1}c\right)$$

$$\therefore \tan^{-1}a = \cot^{-1}b + \cot^{-1}c$$

$$= \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{b}\right) + \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{c}\right)$$

$$= \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c}}{1 - \frac{1}{bc}}\right)$$

$$\therefore a = \frac{\frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c}}{1 - \frac{1}{bc}}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{b+c}{bc}}{\frac{bc-1}{bc}}$$

$$= \frac{b+c}{bc-1}$$

Now, cross multiplying

$$a(bc-1) = b+c$$

$$\therefore abc - a = b + c$$

$$\therefore abc = a + b + c$$

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