

# M16600 Lecture Notes

## Section 6.6: Inverse Trigonometric Functions

■ **Section 6.6** exercises, page 481: #1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 12, 13, 22, 23, 25, 27, 31, 33, 59, 61, 65, 64, 67.

### GOALS

- Compute the values of the **inverse trigonometric functions**, e.g.,  $\sin^{-1}(\frac{1}{2})$ ,  $\cos^{-1}(0)$ ,  $\tan^{-1}(\sqrt{3})$ , etc.
- Compute or simplify expressions such as  $\tan(\sin^{-1}(\frac{1}{3}))$ ,  $\cos(\tan^{-1}x)$ , etc.
- Compute derivatives and integrals involving inverse trigonometric functions.

In this section, we explore the inverse functions of trigonometric functions. The functions  $\sin(x)$ ,  $\cos(x)$ ,  $\tan(x)$  are not one-to-one over their domains. However, if we restrict their domains, they will be one-to-one on the restricted domain. We then can find their inverse functions.

◇ **Inverse Sine Function.** Notation:  $\sin^{-1}(x)$  or  $\arcsin(x)$

$\sin \theta$  is one-to-one for  $-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$ . Thus, we have

$$\sin^{-1} x = \theta \iff \sin \theta = x \quad \text{for } -\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$$

**Note:**  $\sin^{-1} \neq \frac{1}{\sin x}$

*Example 1:* Evaluate (a)  $\sin^{-1}(\frac{1}{2})$  (b)  $\tan(\arcsin \frac{1}{3})$

(a)  $\sin^{-1}(\frac{1}{2}) = \frac{\pi}{6}$

(b)  $\tan(\arcsin \frac{1}{3}) = \tan(\sin^{-1}(\frac{1}{3}))$

Let  $\theta = \sin^{-1}(\frac{1}{3}) \Rightarrow \sin \theta = \frac{1}{3}$

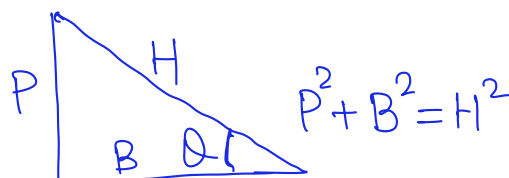
we want to find  $\tan \theta$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{P}{H} \quad \text{and} \quad \tan \theta = \frac{P}{B}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{P}{H} = \frac{1}{3} \Rightarrow \text{let } P=1, \text{ then } H=3$$

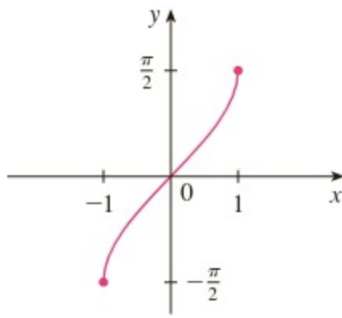
$$\frac{1}{\sin x} = \csc(x)$$

$\xrightarrow{\sin(x)}$	
0	0
$\frac{\pi}{6}$	$\frac{1}{2}$
$\frac{\pi}{4}$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$
$\frac{\pi}{3}$	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$
$\frac{\pi}{2}$	1
$\xleftarrow{\sin^{-1}(x)}$	



$$\Rightarrow 1^2 + B^2 = 3^2 \Rightarrow 1 + B^2 = 9 \Rightarrow B^2 = 9 - 1 = 8 \Rightarrow B = \sqrt{8}$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan \theta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{8}} \Rightarrow \tan \left( \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{1}{3} \right) \right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{8}} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}$$



**FIGURE 4**  
 $y = \sin^{-1} x = \arcsin x$

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

$$\sin^{-1}(\sin x) = x \quad \text{for } -\frac{\pi}{2} \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\sin(\sin^{-1} x) = x \quad \text{for } -1 \leq x \leq 1$$

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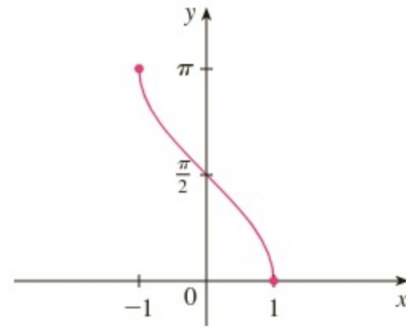
◇ **Inverse Cosine Function.** Notation:  $\cos^{-1}(x)$  or  $\arccos(x)$

$$\cos^{-1} x = \theta \iff \cos \theta = x \quad \text{for } 0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$$

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

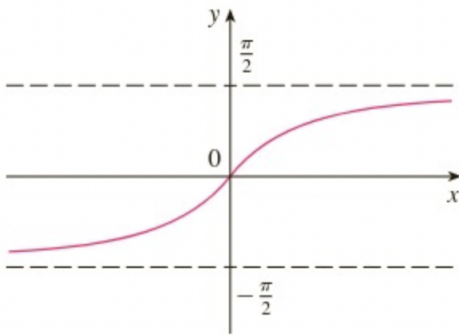
$$\cos^{-1}(\cos x) = x \quad \text{for } 0 \leq x \leq \pi$$

$$\cos(\cos^{-1} x) = x \quad \text{for } -1 \leq x \leq 1$$



◇ **Inverse Tangent Function.** Notation:  $\tan^{-1}(x)$  or  $\arctan(x)$

$$\tan^{-1} x = \theta \iff \tan \theta = x \quad \text{for } -\frac{\pi}{2} < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$$



$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \tan^{-1}(x) = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \tan^{-1}(x) = -\frac{\pi}{2}$$

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

$x$	$\tan x$
0	0
$\frac{\pi}{6}$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$
$\frac{\pi}{4}$	1
$\frac{\pi}{3}$	$\sqrt{3}$
$\frac{\pi}{2}$	$\infty$

$\longleftarrow \tan^{-1}$

**Example 2:** Evaluate (a)  $\cos^{-1}(-1)$  and (b)  $\arctan(\sqrt{3})$ .

$$\cos^{-1}(-1) = \pi - \cos^{-1}(1) = \pi - 0 = \pi$$

$$\tan^{-1}(\sqrt{3}) = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

Example 3: Simplify the expression  $\cos(\tan^{-1}(x))$

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

try to do as HW.

$$\Rightarrow \tan \theta = \frac{x}{1} = \frac{P}{B}$$

want to find  $\cos \theta = \frac{B}{H}$

$$P=x, B=1$$

$$\Rightarrow H^2 = x^2 + 1^2$$

$$\Rightarrow H = \sqrt{x^2 + 1}$$

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

### Derivative and Integral Formulas Involving Inverse Trigonometric Functions

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

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

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

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

$$\int \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx = \tan^{-1}(x) + C$$

Example 4: Differentiate

(a)  $H(x) = 2 \tan^{-1}(x) + \arcsin(2x^2) + \cos^{-1}(\tan x)$

$$H'(x) = \frac{d}{dx}(2 \tan^{-1}(x)) + \frac{d}{dx}(\sin^{-1}(2x^2)) + \frac{d}{dx}(\cos^{-1}(\tan x))$$

$$= \frac{2}{1+x^2} + \frac{d}{dz}(\sin^{-1}(z)) \frac{dz}{dx} + \frac{d}{dy}(\cos^{-1}(y)) \frac{dy}{dx}$$

where  $z = 2x^2 \Rightarrow \frac{dz}{dx} = 4x$

$y = \tan x \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \sec^2 x$

(b)  $f(x) = x \arctan(\sqrt{x})$

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{-1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx &= \cos^{-1} x + C \\ &= \frac{\pi}{2} - \sin^{-1} x + C \\ &= -\sin^{-1} x + \frac{\pi}{2} + C \end{aligned}$$

$$-1 \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx = -\sin^{-1} x + C'$$

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

$$\Rightarrow C' = C + \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\frac{2}{1+x^2} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-z^2}} \cdot (4x) + \frac{-1}{\sqrt{1-y^2}} \sec^2 x$$

$$= \frac{2}{1+x^2} + \frac{4x}{\sqrt{1-4x^4}} - \frac{\sec^2 x}{\sqrt{1-\tan^2 x}}$$

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$$f(x) = x \tan^{-1}(\sqrt{x}) \Rightarrow f'(x) = (x)' \tan^{-1} \sqrt{x} + x (\tan^{-1} \sqrt{x})'$$

$$= \tan^{-1} \sqrt{x} + x (\tan^{-1} \sqrt{x})'$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} (\tan^{-1}(\sqrt{x})) = \frac{d}{dz} (\tan^{-1}(z)) \frac{dz}{dx} = \frac{1}{1+z^2} \quad \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} = \frac{1}{1+(\sqrt{x})^2} \cdot \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}$$

Let  $z = \sqrt{x} \longrightarrow x^{\frac{1}{2}} \xrightarrow{\frac{d}{dx}} \frac{1}{2} x^{\frac{1}{2}-1} = \left(\frac{1}{1+x}\right) \left(\frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}\right)$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dz}{dx} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = \tan^{-1} \sqrt{x} + x \left(\frac{1}{1+x}\right) \left(\frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}\right)$$

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

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


$$x = (\sqrt{x})^2$$

Example 5: Evaluate

$$(a) \int \frac{1}{15\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx = \frac{1}{15} \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx = \frac{1}{15} \sin^{-1}(x) + C$$

$$(b) \int \frac{3}{1+x^2} dx = 3 \int \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx = 3 \tan^{-1}(x) + C$$

$$(c) \int \frac{\sec^2 x}{\sqrt{1-\tan^2 x}} dx \quad \text{let } u = \tan x \Rightarrow \frac{du}{dx} = \sec^2 x$$

$$= \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\tan^2 x}} (\sec^2 x dx) \quad \Rightarrow du = \sec^2 x dx$$


$$= \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-u^2}} du = \sin^{-1}(u) + C = \sin^{-1}(\tan x) + C$$

(d)  $\int_0^1 \frac{x}{1+x^4} dx$ . **Note:** Evaluate all expressions into real numbers for your final answer.

$$= \int_0^1 \frac{x}{1+(x^2)^2} dx$$

$$\text{let } u = x^2 \Rightarrow \frac{du}{dx} = 2x$$

$$\Rightarrow du = 2x dx$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} du = \underbrace{x dx}$$

$$= \int_0^1 \frac{1}{1+(x^2)^2} \underbrace{x dx}$$

$$= \int_{0^2}^{1^2} \frac{1}{1+u^2} \frac{1}{2} du$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 \frac{1}{1+u^2} du = \frac{1}{2} \tan^{-1}(u) \Big|_0^1$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \tan^{-1}(1) - \tan^{-1}(0) \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{\pi}{4} - 0 \right] = \frac{\pi}{8}$$