



Inverse Trigonometric Functions Ex 4.1 Q1.

Let  $\tan^{-1}(-\sqrt{3}) = y$ . Then,  $\tan y = -\sqrt{3} = -\tan \frac{\pi}{3} = \tan\left(-\frac{\pi}{3}\right)$ .

We know that the range of the principal value branch of  $\tan^{-1}$  is

$\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$  and  $\tan\left(-\frac{\pi}{3}\right)$  is  $-\sqrt{3}$ .

Therefore, the principal value of  $\tan^{-1}(\sqrt{3})$  is  $-\frac{\pi}{3}$ .

**Concept Insight:**

The range for  $\tan^{-1}$  is same as  $\sin^{-1}$  except that it is an open interval, as  $\tan(-\pi/2)$  and  $\tan(\pi/2)$  are not defined. So the method of finding principal value is same as  $\sin^{-1}$  given in the first problem. Also note that  $\tan(-x) = -\tan x$ .

Let  $\cos^{-1}\left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) = y$ . Then,  $\cos y = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = -\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \cos\left(\pi - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \cos\left(\frac{3\pi}{4}\right)$ .

We know that the range of the principal value branch of  $\cos^{-1}$  is

$[0, \pi]$  and  $\cos\left(\frac{3\pi}{4}\right) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$

Therefore, the principal value of  $\cos^{-1}\left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$  is  $\frac{3\pi}{4}$ .

Let  $\operatorname{cosec}^{-1}(-\sqrt{2}) = y$ . Then,  $\operatorname{cosec} y = -\sqrt{2} = -\operatorname{cosec}\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \operatorname{cosec}\left(-\frac{\pi}{4}\right)$ .

We know that the range of the principal value branch of

$\operatorname{cosec}^{-1}$  is  $\left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right] - \{0\}$  and  $\operatorname{cosec}\left(-\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = -\sqrt{2}$ .

Therefore, the principal value of  $\operatorname{cosec}^{-1}(-\sqrt{2})$  is  $-\frac{\pi}{4}$ .

We know that for any  $x \in [-1, 1]$ ,  $\cos^{-1} x$  represents angle in  $[0, \pi]$

$\cos^{-1}\left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)$  = an angle in  $[0, \pi]$  whose cosine is  $\left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)$

$$= \pi - \frac{\pi}{6} = \frac{5\pi}{6}$$

$$\therefore \cos^{-1}\left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) = \frac{5\pi}{6}$$

We know that, for any  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\tan^{-1} x$  represents an angle in  $\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$  whose tangent is  $x$ .

So,

$$\begin{aligned} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right) &= \text{An angle in } \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \text{ whose tangent is } \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ &= \frac{\pi}{6} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right) = \frac{\pi}{6}$$

We know that, for  $x \in R$ ,  $\sec^{-1}x$  represents an angle in  $[0, \pi] - \left\{\frac{\pi}{2}\right\}$ .

$\sec^{-1}(-\sqrt{2})$  = An angle in  $[0, \pi] - \left\{\frac{\pi}{2}\right\}$  whose secant is  $(-\sqrt{2})$

$$= \pi - \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$= \frac{3\pi}{4}$$

$$\sec^{-1}(-\sqrt{2}) = \frac{3\pi}{4}.$$

We know that, for any  $x \in R$ ,  $\cot^{-1}x$  represents an angle in  $(0, \pi)$

$\cot^{-1}(-\sqrt{3})$  = An angle in  $(0, \pi)$  whose cotangent is  $(-\sqrt{3})$

$$= \pi - \frac{\pi}{6}$$

$$= \frac{5\pi}{6}$$

$$\therefore \cot^{-1}(-\sqrt{3}) = \frac{5\pi}{6}.$$

We know that, for any  $x \in R$ ,  $\sec^{-1}x$  represents an angle in  $[0, \pi] - \left\{\frac{\pi}{2}\right\}$ .

$\sec^{-1}(2)$  = An angle in  $[0, \pi] - \left\{\frac{\pi}{2}\right\}$  whose secant is 2

$$= \frac{\pi}{3}$$

$$\therefore \sec^{-1}(2) = \frac{\pi}{3}.$$

We know that, for any  $x \in R$ ,  $\operatorname{cosec}^{-1}x$  is an angle in  $\left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, 0\right) \cup \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$

$\operatorname{cosec}^{-1}\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}\right)$  = An angle in  $\left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, 0\right) \cup \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$  whose cosecant is  $\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}\right)$

$$= \frac{\pi}{3}$$

$$\therefore \operatorname{cosec}^{-1}\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}\right) = \frac{\pi}{3}.$$

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