



Inverse Trigonometric Functions Ex 4.1 Q2.

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

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

$$\text{Let } \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = y. \text{ Then, } \sin y = \frac{1}{2} = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right).$$

$$\therefore \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{\pi}{6}$$

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

$$\therefore \sin^{-1}\frac{1}{2} = \frac{\pi}{6}$$

$$\therefore \tan^{-1}\left[2\cos\left(2\sin^{-1}\frac{1}{2}\right)\right] = \tan^{-1}\left[2\cos\left(2 \times \frac{\pi}{6}\right)\right]$$

$$= \tan^{-1}\left[2\cos\frac{\pi}{3}\right] = \tan^{-1}\left[2 \times \frac{1}{2}\right]$$

$$= \tan^{-1}1 = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

**Concept Insight:**

Solve the innermost bracket first, so first find the principal value of  $\sin^{-1}(1/2)$

$$\text{Let } \tan^{-1}(1) = x. \text{ Then, } \tan x = 1 = \tan\frac{\pi}{4}.$$

$$\therefore \tan^{-1}(1) = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

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

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

$$\text{Let } \sin^{-1}\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) = z. \text{ Then, } \sin z = -\frac{1}{2} = -\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) = \sin\left(-\frac{\pi}{6}\right).$$

$$\therefore \sin^{-1}\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) = -\frac{\pi}{6}$$

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

$$= \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{2\pi}{3} - \frac{\pi}{6}$$

$$= \frac{3\pi + 8\pi - 2\pi}{12} = \frac{9\pi}{12} = \frac{3\pi}{4}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned}\sec^{-1}(-2) &= \text{An angle in } [0, \pi] - \left\{\frac{\pi}{2}\right\} \text{ whose secant is } (-2) \\ &= \pi - \frac{\pi}{3} \\ &= \frac{2\pi}{3}\end{aligned}$$

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

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned}&\tan^{-1} \sqrt{3} - \sec^{-1}(-2) + \operatorname{cosec}^{-1} \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \\ &= \frac{\pi}{3} - \frac{2\pi}{3} + \frac{\pi}{3} \\ &= 0\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \tan^{-1} \sqrt{3} - \sec^{-1}(-\sqrt{2}) + \operatorname{cosec}^{-1}\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}\right) = 0$$

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