



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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