

By Euler's formula:

$$e^{i\theta} = \cos(\theta) + i \sin(\theta)$$

$$e^{-i\theta} = \cos(\theta) - i \sin(\theta)$$

$$\therefore \cos(\theta) = \frac{e^{i\theta} + e^{-i\theta}}{2}$$

$$\sec(\theta) = \frac{1}{\cos(\theta)} = \frac{2}{e^{i\theta} + e^{-i\theta}}$$

$$\text{let } \sec(\theta) = x$$

$$x(e^{i\theta} + e^{-i\theta}) = 2$$

$$e^{i\theta} + e^{-i\theta} = \frac{2}{x}$$

$$(e^{i\theta})^2 + 1 = \frac{2}{x}e^{i\theta}$$

$$(e^{i\theta})^2 + \left(-\frac{2}{x}\right)e^{i\theta} + 1 = 0$$

$$e^{i\theta} = \frac{-\left(-\frac{2}{x}\right) \pm \sqrt{\left(-\frac{2}{x}\right)^2 - 4}}{2} = x^{-1} \pm \sqrt{x^{-2} - 1}$$

$$i\theta = \ln(x^{-1} \pm \sqrt{x^{-2} - 1})$$

$$\theta = -i \ln(x^{-1} \pm \sqrt{x^{-2} - 1})$$

$$\therefore \operatorname{arcsec}(\theta) = -i \ln(\theta^{-1} \pm \sqrt{\theta^{-2} - 1})$$