Solution

Section 3.5 – Inverse Trigonometric Functions

Exercise

Find the exact value of the expression whenever it is defined: $\sin^{-1}\left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)$

Solution

$$\sin^{-1}\left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right) = -\frac{\pi}{4}$$

Exercise

Find the exact value of the expression whenever it is defined: $\arccos\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)$

Solution

$$\arccos\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right) = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

Exercise

Find the exact value of the expression whenever it is defined: $\arctan\left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}\right)$

Solution

$$\arctan\left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}\right) = -\arctan\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}\right)$$
$$= -\frac{\pi}{6}$$

Exercise

Find the exact value of the expression whenever it is defined: $\sin\left(\arcsin\left(-\frac{3}{10}\right)\right)$

$$\alpha = \arcsin\left(-\frac{3}{10}\right)$$

$$\sin\alpha = -\frac{3}{10}$$

$$\sin\left(\arcsin\left(-\frac{3}{10}\right)\right) = -\frac{3}{10}$$

Find the exact value of the expression whenever it is defined: tan(arctan(14))

Solution

$$\frac{\tan(\arctan(14)) = 14}{}$$

Exercise

Find the exact value of the expression whenever it is defined: $\sin\left(\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)\right)$

Solution

$$\sin\left(\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)\right) = \frac{2}{3}$$

Exercise

Find the exact value of the expression whenever it is defined: $\cos^{-1}\left(\cos\left(\frac{5\pi}{6}\right)\right)$

Solution

$$\cos^{-1}\left(\cos\left(\frac{5\pi}{6}\right)\right) = \frac{5\pi}{6} \qquad 0 \le \frac{5\pi}{6} \le \pi$$

Exercise

Find the exact value of the expression whenever it is defined: $\tan^{-1}\left(\tan\left(-\frac{\pi}{6}\right)\right)$

Solution

$$\tan^{-1}\left(\tan\left(-\frac{\pi}{6}\right)\right) = -\frac{\pi}{6} \qquad -\frac{\pi}{2} \le -\frac{\pi}{6} \le \frac{\pi}{2}$$

Exercise

Find the exact value of the expression whenever it is defined: $\arcsin\left(\sin\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}\right)\right)$

$$\arcsin\left(\sin\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}\right)\right) = -\frac{\pi}{2}$$
 $-\frac{\pi}{2} \le -\frac{\pi}{2} \le \frac{\pi}{2}$

Find the exact value of the expression whenever it is defined: arccos(cos(0))

Solution

$$\arccos(\cos(0)) = 0$$
 $0 \le 0 \le \pi$

Exercise

Find the exact value of the expression whenever it is defined: $\tan^{-1}\left(\tan\left(-\frac{\pi}{4}\right)\right)$

Solution

$$\tan^{-1}\left(\tan\left(-\frac{\pi}{4}\right)\right) = -\frac{\pi}{4} \qquad -\frac{\pi}{2} \le -\frac{\pi}{4} \le \frac{\pi}{2}$$

Exercise

Find the exact value of the expression whenever it is defined: $\sin\left(\arcsin\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + \arccos 0\right)$

Solution

$$\sin\left(\arcsin\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + \arccos 0\right) = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{6} + 0\right)$$
$$= \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)$$
$$= \frac{1}{2}$$

Exercise

Find the exact value of the expression whenever it is defined: $\cos\left(\arctan\left(-\frac{3}{4}\right) - \arcsin\frac{4}{5}\right)$

$$\cos\left(\arctan\left(-\frac{3}{4}\right) - \arcsin\frac{4}{5}\right) = \cos\left(\alpha - \beta\right)$$
$$= \cos\alpha\cos\beta + \sin\alpha\sin\beta$$

$$\alpha = \arctan\left(-\frac{3}{4}\right)$$

$$\tan \alpha = -\frac{3}{4}$$

$$r = \sqrt{3^2 + 4^2} = 5$$

$$\sin \alpha = -\frac{3}{5}$$

$$\cos \alpha = \frac{4}{5}$$

$$\beta = \arcsin \frac{4}{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \beta = \frac{3}{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \beta = \frac{3}{5}$$

$$\cos\left(\arctan\left(-\frac{3}{4}\right) - \arcsin\frac{4}{5}\right) = \frac{4}{5}\frac{3}{5} + \left(-\frac{3}{5}\right)\frac{4}{5}$$
$$= 0$$

Find the exact value of the expression whenever it is defined: $\tan\left(\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + \sin^{-1}\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)\right)$

Solution

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

Exercise

Find the exact value of the expression whenever it is defined: $\sin\left(2\arccos\left(-\frac{3}{5}\right)\right)$

Solution

$$\sin\left(2\arccos\left(-\frac{3}{5}\right)\right) = \sin 2\alpha$$

$$= 2\sin \alpha \cos \alpha$$

$$\alpha = \arccos\left(-\frac{3}{5}\right) \rightarrow \cos \alpha = -\frac{3}{5}$$

$$\sin \alpha = \frac{3}{5}$$

$$\sin\left(2\arccos\left(-\frac{3}{5}\right)\right) = 2\frac{3}{5}\left(-\frac{3}{5}\right)$$

$$= -\frac{18}{25}$$

Exercise

Find the exact value of the expression whenever it is defined: $\cos\left(2\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{15}{17}\right)\right)$

$$\cos\left(2\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{15}{17}\right)\right) = \cos 2\alpha$$
$$= 1 - 2\sin^2 \alpha$$

$$\alpha = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{15}{17}\right)$$

$$\frac{\sin \alpha = \frac{15}{17}}{\cos\left(2\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{15}{17}\right)\right)} = 1 - 2\left(\frac{15}{17}\right)^2$$

$$= 1 - \frac{450}{289}$$

$$= -\frac{161}{289}$$

Find the exact value of the expression whenever it is defined: $\tan\left(2\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)\right)$

$$\tan \tan \left(2 \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)\right) = \tan 2\alpha$$

$$\alpha = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)$$

$$\tan \alpha = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$\tan \left(2 \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)\right) = \frac{2 \tan \alpha}{1 - \tan^2 \alpha}$$

$$= \frac{2\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)}{1 - \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^2}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{3}{2}}{1 - \frac{9}{16}}$$

$$= \frac{3}{2} \frac{16}{7}$$

$$= \frac{24}{7}$$

Find the exact value of the expression whenever it is defined: $\cos\left(\frac{1}{2}\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{8}{15}\right)\right)$

Solution

$$\cos\left(\frac{1}{2}\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{8}{15}\right)\right) = \cos\left(\frac{1}{2}\alpha\right)$$

$$\alpha = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{8}{15}\right)$$

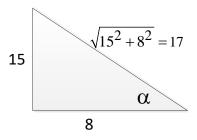
$$\tan\alpha = \frac{8}{15}$$

$$\cos\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}(1 + \cos\alpha)}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}\left(1 + \frac{8}{17}\right)}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{25}{34}}$$

$$= \frac{5}{\sqrt{34}} \qquad or \qquad \frac{5\sqrt{34}}{34}$$



Exercise

Evaluate without using a calculator: $\cos(\cos^{-1}\frac{3}{5})$

Solution

$$\cos\left(\cos^{-1}\frac{3}{5}\right) = \frac{3}{5}$$

Exercise

Evaluate without using a calculator: $\cos^{-1} \left(\cos \frac{7\pi}{6}\right)$

$$\cos^{-1}\left(\cos\frac{7\pi}{6}\right) = \cos^{-1}\left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)$$
$$= \frac{5\pi}{6}$$

Evaluate without using a calculator: $\tan\left(\cos^{-1}\frac{3}{5}\right)$

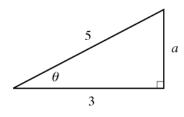
Solution

$$\tan\left(\cos^{-1}\frac{3}{5}\right)$$

$$5^{2} = 3^{2} + a^{2} \rightarrow \underline{a = 4}$$

$$\tan\left(\cos^{-1}\frac{3}{5}\right) = \tan\theta$$

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

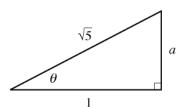


Exercise

Evaluate without using a calculator: $\sin \left(\cos^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}\right)$

Solution

$$\sin\left(\cos^{-1}\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}\right)$$
$$\left(\sqrt{5}\right)^2 = 1^2 + a^2$$
$$a^2 = 5 - 1$$
$$\underline{a} = 2$$
$$\sin\left(\cos^{-1}\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}\right) = \sin\theta$$
$$= \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}$$



Exercise

Evaluate without using a calculator: $\cos\left(\sin^{-1}\frac{1}{2}\right)$

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

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

Evaluate without using a calculator: $\sin\left(\sin^{-1}\frac{3}{5}\right)$

Solution

$$\sin\left(\sin^{-1}\frac{3}{5}\right) = \frac{3}{5}$$

Exercise

Evaluate without using a calculator: $\cos\left(\tan^{-1}\frac{3}{4}\right)$

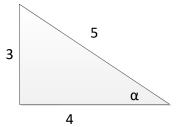
Solution

$$\alpha = \tan^{-1} \frac{3}{4}$$

$$\tan \alpha = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$r = \sqrt{3^2 + 4^2} = 5$$

$$\cos\left(\tan^{-1}\frac{3}{4}\right) = \frac{4}{5}$$

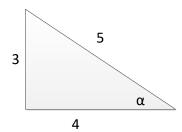


Exercise

Evaluate without using a calculator: $tan(sin^{-1}\frac{3}{5})$

$$\sin\alpha = \frac{3}{5}$$

$$\tan\left(\sin^{-1}\frac{3}{5}\right) = \frac{3}{4}$$



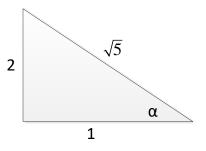
Evaluate without using a calculator: $\sec\left(\cos^{-1}\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}\right)$

Solution

$$\alpha = \cos^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$$

$$\cos \alpha = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$$

$$\sec \alpha = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}}$$



Exercise

Evaluate without using a calculator: $\cot\left(\tan^{-1}\frac{1}{2}\right)$

Solution

$$\alpha = \tan^{-1}\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\tan \alpha = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\cot \alpha = \frac{1}{\tan \alpha}$$

Exercise

Write an equivalent expression that involves x only for $\cos(\cos^{-1}x)$

$$\alpha = \cos^{-1} x$$

$$\cos \alpha = x$$

$$\cos\left(\cos^{-1}x\right) = \cos\alpha$$
$$= x$$

Write an equivalent expression that involves x only for $\tan(\cos^{-1}x)$

Solution

$$\alpha = \cos^{-1} x$$

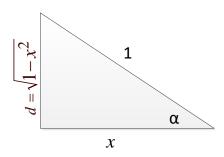
$$\cos \alpha = x = \frac{x}{1}$$

$$x^{2} + d^{2} = 1 \Rightarrow d^{2} = 1 - x^{2}$$

$$d = \sqrt{1 - x^{2}}$$

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

$$= \frac{\sqrt{1 - x^{2}}}{x}$$



Exercise

Write an equivalent expression that involves x only for $\csc\left(\sin^{-1}\frac{1}{x}\right)$

Solution

$$\alpha = \sin^{-1} \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\sin \alpha = \frac{1}{x}$$

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

$$= x$$

Exercise

Write the expression as an algebraic expression in x for x > 0: $\sin(\tan^{-1} x)$

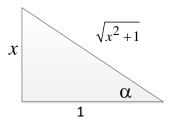
$$\sin\left(\tan^{-1}x\right) = \sin\alpha$$

$$\alpha = \tan^{-1}x$$

$$\tan\alpha = x$$

$$\sin\left(\tan^{-1}x\right) = \sin\alpha$$

$$= \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + 1}}$$



Write the expression as an algebraic expression in x for x > 0: $\sec\left(\sin^{-1}\frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2+4}}\right)$

Solution

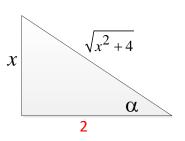
$$\alpha = \sin^{-1} \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + 4}}$$

$$\sin \alpha = \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + 4}}$$

$$\sqrt{\left(\sqrt{x^2 + 4}\right)^2 - x^2} = \sqrt{x^2 + 4 - x^2} = \sqrt{4} = 2$$

$$\sec \left(\sin^{-1} \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + 4}}\right) = \frac{1}{\cos \alpha}$$

$$= \frac{2}{\sqrt{x^2 + 4}}$$



Exercise

Write the expression as an algebraic expression in x for x > 0: $\cot \left(\sin^{-1} \frac{\sqrt{x^2 - 9}}{x} \right)$

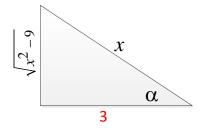
Solution

$$\alpha = \sin^{-1} \frac{\sqrt{x^2 - 9}}{x}$$

$$\sin \alpha = \frac{\sqrt{x^2 - 9}}{x}$$

$$\cot \left(\sin^{-1} \frac{\sqrt{x^2 - 9}}{x} \right) = \cot \alpha$$

$$= \frac{3}{\sqrt{x^2 - 9}}$$

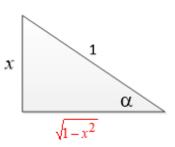


Exercise

Write the expression as an algebraic expression in x for x > 0: $\sin(2\sin^{-1}x)$

$$\alpha = \sin^{-1} x$$
$$\sin \alpha = x$$

$$\sin\left(2\sin^{-1}x\right) = \sin 2\alpha$$
$$= 2\sin \alpha \cos \alpha$$
$$= 2x\sqrt{1-x^2}$$



Write the expression as an algebraic expression in x for x > 0: $\cos(2\tan^{-1}x)$

Solution

$$\alpha = \tan^{-1} x$$

$$\tan \alpha = x$$

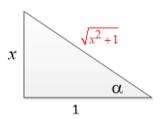
$$\cos \left(2 \tan^{-1} x\right) = \cos \left(2\alpha\right)$$

$$= 2\cos^{2} \alpha - 1$$

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

$$= \frac{2}{x^{2} + 1} - 1$$

$$= \frac{-x^{2} + 1}{x^{2} + 1}$$



Exercise

Write the expression as an algebraic expression in x for x > 0: $\cos\left(\frac{1}{2}\arccos x\right)$

$$\alpha = \arccos x$$

$$\cos \alpha = x$$

$$\cos \left(\frac{1}{2}\arccos x\right) = \cos\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right)$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{1 + \cos \alpha}{2}}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{1 + x}{2}}$$

Write the expression as an algebraic expression in x for x > 0: $\tan\left(\frac{1}{2}\cos^{-1}\frac{1}{x}\right)$

Solution

$$\alpha = \cos^{-1} \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\cos \alpha = \frac{1}{x}$$

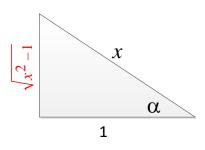
$$\tan \left(\frac{1}{2}\cos^{-1} \frac{1}{x}\right) = \tan \left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right)$$

$$= \frac{1 - \cos \alpha}{\sin \alpha}$$

$$= \frac{1 - \frac{1}{x}}{\frac{\sqrt{x^2 - 1}}{x}}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{x - 1}{\sqrt{x^2 - 1}}}{x}$$

$$= \frac{x - 1}{\sqrt{x^2 - 1}}$$



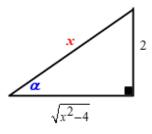
Exercise

Write the expression as an algebraic expression in x: $\sec\left(\tan^{-1}\frac{2}{\sqrt{x^2-4}}\right)$ x>0

$$\tan \alpha = \frac{2}{\sqrt{x^2 - 4}}$$

$$\sec \left(\tan^{-1} \frac{2}{\sqrt{x^2 - 4}} \right) = \sec \alpha$$

$$= \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 - 4}}$$



Write the expression as an algebraic expression in x:

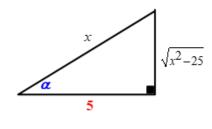
$$\sec\left(\sin^{-1}\frac{\sqrt{x^2-25}}{x}\right) \quad x > 0$$

Solution

$$\sin \alpha = \frac{\sqrt{x^2 - 25}}{x}$$

$$\sec \left(\sin^{-1} \frac{\sqrt{x^2 - 25}}{x} \right) = \sec \alpha$$

$$= \frac{x}{5}$$



Exercise

Write the expression as an algebraic expression in x:

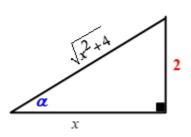
$$\sin\left(\cos^{-1}\frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2+4}}\right) \quad x > 0$$

Solution

$$\cos \alpha = \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + 4}}$$

$$\sin \left(\cos^{-1} \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + 4}} \right) = \sin \alpha$$

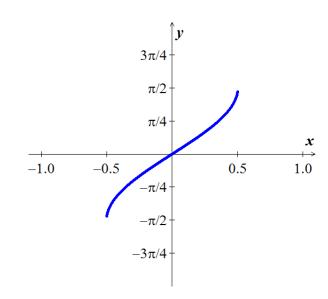
$$= \frac{2}{\sqrt{x^2 + 4}}$$



Exercise

Sketch he graph of the equation: $y = \sin^{-1} 2x$

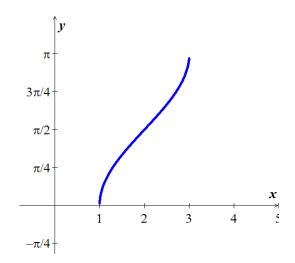
$$-\frac{\pi}{2} \le y \le \frac{\pi}{2} \quad and \quad -1 \le 2x \le 1$$
$$-\frac{1}{2} \le x \le \frac{1}{2}$$



Sketch he graph of the equation: $y = \sin^{-1}(x-2) + \frac{\pi}{2}$

Solution

$$-\frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{\pi}{2} \le y \le \frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{\pi}{2} \quad and \quad -1 \le x - 2 \le 1$$
$$0 \le y \le \pi \quad and \quad 1 \le x \le 3$$

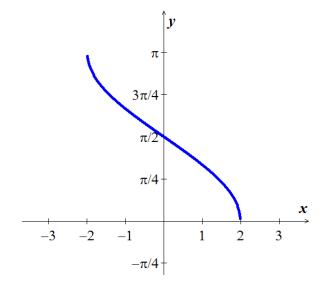


Exercise

Sketch he graph of the equation: $y = \cos^{-1} \frac{1}{2}x$

Solution

$$0 \le y \le \pi$$
 and $-1 \le \frac{1}{2}x \le 1$
 $-2 \le x \le 2$



Exercise

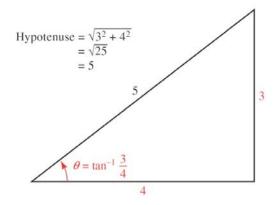
Evaluate $\sin\left(\tan^{-1}\frac{3}{4}\right)$ without using a calculator

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \frac{3}{4}$$

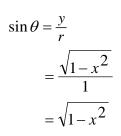
$$\tan \theta = \frac{3}{4} \rightarrow 0^{\circ} < \theta < 90^{\circ}$$

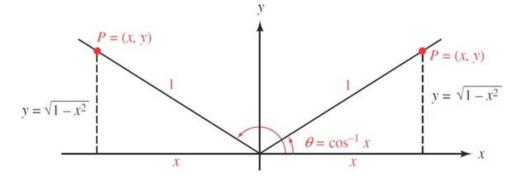
$$\sin \left(\tan^{-1} \frac{3}{4} \right) = \sin \theta$$

$$= \frac{3}{5}$$



Evaluate $\sin(\cos^{-1} x)$ as an equivalent expression in x only





$$\sin(\cos^{-1} x) = \sin \theta$$
$$= \sqrt{1 - x^2}$$