

Inverse Trigonometric Functions



TOPIC 1

Trigonometric Functions & Their Inverses, Domain & Range of Inverse Trigonometric Functions, Principal Value of Inverse Trigonometric Functions, Intervals for Inverse Trigonometric Functions



- If $\alpha = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{3}{5}\right)$, $\beta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)$, where $0 < \alpha, \beta < \frac{\pi}{2}$, then $\alpha - \beta$ is equal to : **[April 8, 2019 (I)]**

(a) $\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{9}{5\sqrt{10}}\right)$ (b) $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{9}{5\sqrt{10}}\right)$
 (c) $\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{9}{14}\right)$ (d) $\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{9}{5\sqrt{10}}\right)$
- A value of x satisfying the equation $\sin[\cot^{-1}(1+x)] = \cos[\tan^{-1}x]$, is : **[Online April 9, 2017]**

(a) $-\frac{1}{2}$ (b) -1 (c) 0 (d) $\frac{1}{2}$
- The principal value of $\tan^{-1}\left(\cot\frac{43\pi}{4}\right)$ is: **[Online April 19, 2014]**

(a) $-\frac{3\pi}{4}$ (b) $\frac{3\pi}{4}$ (c) $-\frac{\pi}{4}$ (d) $\frac{\pi}{4}$
- The number of solutions of the equation, $\sin^{-1}x = 2 \tan^{-1}x$ (in principal values) is : **[Online April 22, 2013]**

(a) 1 (b) 4 (c) 2 (d) 3
- A value of $\tan^{-1}\left(\sin\left(\cos^{-1}\left(\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}\right)\right)\right)$ is **[Online May 19, 2012]**

(a) $\frac{\pi}{4}$ (b) $\frac{\pi}{2}$ (c) $\frac{\pi}{3}$ (d) $\frac{\pi}{6}$
- The largest interval lying in $\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ for which the function, $f(x) = 4^{-x^2} + \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{2} - 1\right) + \log(\cos x)$, is defined, is **[2007]**

(a) $\left[-\frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ (b) $\left[0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$
 (c) $[0, \pi]$ (d) $\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$
- The domain of the function $f(x) = \frac{\sin^{-1}(x-3)}{\sqrt{9-x^2}}$ is

(a) $[1, 2]$ (b) $[2, 3]$ **[2004]**
 (c) $[1, 2]$ (d) $[2, 3]$
- The trigonometric equation $\sin^{-1}x = 2 \sin^{-1}a$ has a solution for **[2003]**

(a) $|a| \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ (b) $\frac{1}{2} < |a| < \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$
 (c) all real values of a (d) $|a| < \frac{1}{2}$
- $\cot^{-1}(\sqrt{\cos \alpha}) - \tan^{-1}(\sqrt{\cos \alpha}) = x$, then $\sin x =$

(a) $\tan^2\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right)$ (b) $\cot^2\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right)$ **[2002]**
 (c) $\tan \alpha$ (d) $\cot\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right)$
- The domain of $\sin^{-1}[\log_3(x/3)]$ is **[2002]**

(a) $[1, 9]$ (b) $[-1, 9]$
 (c) $[-9, 1]$ (d) $[-9, -1]$

TOPIC 2
Properties of Inverse Trigonometric Functions, Infinite Series of Inverse Trigonometric Functions


11. $2\pi - \left(\sin^{-1} \frac{4}{5} + \sin^{-1} \frac{5}{13} + \sin^{-1} \frac{16}{65} \right)$ is equal to :

[Sep. 03, 2020 (I)]

- (a) $\frac{\pi}{2}$ (b) $\frac{5\pi}{4}$ (c) $\frac{3\pi}{2}$ (d) $\frac{7\pi}{4}$

12. If S is the sum of the first 10 terms of the series

$$\tan^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{3} \right) + \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{7} \right) + \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{13} \right) + \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{21} \right) + \dots,$$

then $\tan(S)$ is equal to:

[Sep. 05, 2020 (I)]

- (a) $\frac{5}{6}$ (b) $\frac{5}{11}$
(c) $-\frac{6}{5}$ (d) $\frac{10}{11}$

13. The value of $\sin^{-1} \left(\frac{12}{13} \right) - \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{3}{5} \right)$ is equal to :

[April 12, 2019 (I)]

- (a) $\pi - \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{63}{65} \right)$ (b) $\frac{\pi}{2} - \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{56}{65} \right)$
(c) $\frac{\pi}{2} - \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{9}{65} \right)$ (d) $\pi - \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{33}{65} \right)$

14. If $\cos^{-1} x - \cos^{-1} \frac{y}{2} = \alpha$, where $-1 \leq x \leq 1, -2 \leq y \leq 2$,

$x \leq \frac{y}{2}$, then for all $x, y, 4x^2 - 4xy \cos \alpha + y^2$ is equal to:

[April 10, 2019 (II)]

- (a) $4 \sin^2 \alpha$ (b) $2 \sin^2 \alpha$
(c) $4 \sin^2 \alpha - 2x^2 y^2$ (d) $4 \cos^2 \alpha + 2x^2 y^2$

15. Considering only the principal values of inverse functions,

$$\text{the set } A = \left\{ x \geq 0 : \tan^{-1}(2x) + \tan^{-1}(3x) = \frac{\pi}{4} \right\}$$

[Jan. 12, 2019 (I)]

- (a) contains two elements
(b) contains more than two elements
(c) is a singleton
(d) is an empty set

16. All x satisfying the inequality $(\cot^{-1} x)^2 - 7(\cot^{-1} x) + 10 > 0$, lie in the interval :

[Jan. 11, 2019 (II)]

- (a) $(-\infty, \cot 5) \cup (\cot 4, \cot 2)$

- (b) $(\cot 2, \infty)$

- (c) $(-\infty, \cot 5) \cup (\cot 2, \infty)$

- (d) $(\cot 5, \cot 4)$

17. The value of $\cot \left(\sum_{n=1}^{19} \cot^{-1} \left(1 + \sum_{p=1}^n 2p \right) \right)$ is:

[Jan. 10, 2019 (II)]

- (a) $\frac{21}{19}$ (b) $\frac{19}{21}$
(c) $\frac{22}{23}$ (d) $\frac{23}{22}$

18. If $x = \sin^{-1}(\sin 10)$ and $y = \cos^{-1}(\cos 10)$, then $y - x$ is equal to:

[Jan. 09, 2019 (II)]

- (a) 0 (b) 10 (c) 7π (d) π

19. If $\cos^{-1} \left(\frac{2}{3x} \right) + \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{3}{4x} \right) = \frac{\pi}{2} \left(x > \frac{3}{4} \right)$, then x is equal to:

[Jan. 09, 2019 (I)]

- (a) $\frac{\sqrt{145}}{12}$ (b) $\frac{\sqrt{145}}{10}$ (c) $\frac{\sqrt{146}}{12}$ (d) $\frac{\sqrt{145}}{11}$

20. The value of $\tan^{-1} \left[\frac{\sqrt{1+x^2} + \sqrt{1-x^2}}{\sqrt{1+x^2} - \sqrt{1-x^2}} \right], |x| < \frac{1}{2}, x \neq 0$,

is equal to

[Online April 8, 2017]

- (a) $\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{1}{2} \cos^{-1} x^2$ (b) $\frac{\pi}{4} + \cos^{-1} x^2$
(c) $\frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \cos^{-1} x^2$ (d) $\frac{\pi}{4} - \cos^{-1} x^2$

21. Let

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

where or $|x| < \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$. Then a value of y is :

[2015]

- (a) $\frac{3x - x^3}{1 + 3x^2}$ (b) $\frac{3x + x^3}{1 + 3x^2}$
(c) $\frac{3x - x^3}{1 - 3x^2}$ (d) $\frac{3x + x^3}{1 - 3x^2}$

22. If $f(x) = 2 \tan^{-1} x + \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{2x}{1+x^2} \right), x > 1$ then

$f(5)$ is equal to :

[Online April 10, 2015]

- (a) $\tan^{-1} \left(\frac{65}{156} \right)$ (b) $\frac{\pi}{2}$
(c) π (d) $4 \tan^{-1}(5)$

23. **Statement I:** The equation $(\sin^{-1}x)^3 + (\cos^{-1}x)^3 - a\pi^3 = 0$ has a solution for all $a \geq \frac{1}{32}$.

Statement II: For any $x \in \mathbb{R}$, $\sin^{-1}x + \cos^{-1}x = \frac{\pi}{2}$ and

$$0 \leq \left(\sin^{-1}x - \frac{\pi}{4} \right)^2 \leq \frac{9\pi^2}{16} \quad \text{[Online April 12, 2014]}$$

- (a) Both statements I and II are true.
 (b) Both statements I and II are false.
 (c) Statement I is true and statement II is false.
 (d) Statement I is false and statement II is true.
24. If x, y, z are in A.P. and $\tan^{-1}x, \tan^{-1}y$ and $\tan^{-1}z$ are also in A.P., then **[2013]**
- (a) $x = y = z$ (b) $2x = 3y = 6z$
 (c) $6x = 3y = 2z$ (d) $6x = 4y = 3z$
25. Let $x \in (0, 1)$. The set of all x such that $\sin^{-1}x > \cos^{-1}x$, is the interval: **[Online April 25, 2013]**

- (a) $\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right)$ (b) $\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 1 \right)$
 (c) $(0, 1)$ (d) $\left(0, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right)$

26. $S = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{n^2 + n + 1} \right) + \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{n^2 + 3n + 3} \right) + \dots$

$+ \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{1 + (n+19)(n+20)} \right)$, then $\tan S$ is equal to :

[Online April 23, 2013]

- (a) $\frac{20}{401 + 20n}$ (b) $\frac{n}{n^2 + 20n + 1}$
 (c) $\frac{20}{n^2 + 20n + 1}$ (d) $\frac{n}{401 + 20n}$
27. A value of x for which $\sin(\cot^{-1}(1+x)) = \cos(\tan^{-1}x)$, is **[Online April 9, 2013]**

- (a) $-\frac{1}{2}$ (b) 1 (c) 0 (d) $\frac{1}{2}$

28. If $\sin^{-1} \left(\frac{x}{5} \right) + \operatorname{cosec}^{-1} \left(\frac{5}{4} \right) = \frac{\pi}{2}$, then the values of x is **[2007]**
- (a) 4 (b) 5
 (c) 1 (d) 3

29. If $\cos^{-1}x - \cos^{-1} \frac{y}{2} = \alpha$, then $4x^2 - 4xy \cos \alpha + y^2$ is equal to **[2005]**

- (a) $2 \sin 2\alpha$ (b) 4
 (c) $4 \sin^2 \alpha$ (d) $-4 \sin^2 \alpha$



Hints & Solutions



1. (d) $\because \cos \alpha = \frac{3}{5}$, then $\sin \alpha = \frac{4}{5}$

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

$$\text{and } \tan \beta = \frac{1}{3}$$

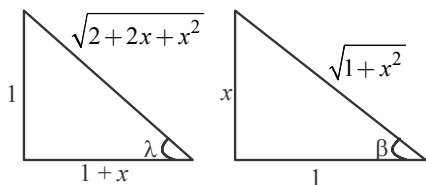
$$\because \tan(\alpha - \beta) = \frac{\tan \alpha - \tan \beta}{1 + \tan \alpha \tan \beta}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{4}{3} - \frac{1}{3}}{1 + \frac{4}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{3}} = \frac{\frac{3}{3}}{\frac{13}{9}} = \frac{9}{13}$$

$$\therefore \alpha - \beta = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{9}{13} \right) = \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{9}{5\sqrt{10}} \right)$$

$$= \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{13}{5\sqrt{10}} \right)$$

2. (a) $\sin[\cot^{-1}(1+x)] = \cos(\tan^{-1} x)$



Let; $\cot \lambda = 1 + x$

$\tan \beta = x$

$$\Rightarrow \sin \lambda = \cos \beta$$

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

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + 2x + 2 = x^2 + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -1/2$$

3. (c) Consider

$$\tan^{-1} \left[\cot \frac{43\pi}{4} \right] = \tan^{-1} \left[\cot \left(10\pi + \frac{3\pi}{4} \right) \right]$$

$$= \tan^{-1} \left[\cot \frac{3\pi}{4} \right] \quad [\because \cot(2n\pi + \theta) = \cot \theta]$$

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

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

4. (a) Given equation is
 $\sin^{-1} x = 2 \tan^{-1} x$

Now, this equation has only one solution.

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

$$\text{and RHS} = 2 \tan^{-1} 1 = 2 \times \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

Also, $x = 1$ gives angle value as $\frac{\pi}{4}$ and $\frac{5\pi}{4}$

$\frac{5\pi}{4}$ is outside the principal value.

5. (d) Consider $\tan^{-1} \left[\sin \left(\cos^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \right) \right]$

$$\text{Let } \cos^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} = \theta \Rightarrow \cos \theta = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin \theta = \sqrt{1 - \cos^2 \theta} = \sqrt{1 - \frac{2}{3}} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$\therefore \tan^{-1} \left[\sin \left(\cos^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \right) \right] = \tan^{-1} [\sin \theta]$$

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

6. (b) Given that

$$f(x) = 4^{-x^2} + \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{x}{2} - 1 \right) + \log(\cos x)$$

$$f(x) \text{ is defined if } -1 \leq \left(\frac{x}{2} - 1 \right) \leq 1 \text{ and } \cos x > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 \leq \frac{x}{2} \leq 2 \text{ and } -\frac{\pi}{2} < x < \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 \leq x \leq 4 \text{ and } -\frac{\pi}{2} < x < \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\therefore x \in \left[0, \frac{\pi}{2} \right)$$

7. (b) $f(x) = \frac{\sin^{-1}(x-3)}{\sqrt{9-x^2}}$ is defined

When $-1 \leq x-3 \leq 1 \Rightarrow 2 \leq x \leq 4$ (i)

and $9-x^2 > 0 \Rightarrow -3 < x < 3$ (ii)

from (i) and (ii),

we get $2 \leq x < 3 \therefore \text{Domain} = [2, 3)$

8. (a) Given that $\sin^{-1} x = 2 \sin^{-1} a$

We know that $-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \sin^{-1} x \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$

$\Rightarrow -\frac{\pi}{2} \leq 2 \sin^{-1} a \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$

$\Rightarrow -\frac{\pi}{4} \leq \sin^{-1} a \leq \frac{\pi}{4} \Rightarrow \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}} \leq a \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$

$\therefore |a| \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$

9. (a) Given that, $\cot^{-1}(\sqrt{\cos \alpha}) - \tan^{-1}(\sqrt{\cos \alpha}) = x$

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

$\Rightarrow \tan^{-1} \frac{\frac{1}{\sqrt{\cos \alpha}} - \sqrt{\cos \alpha}}{1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{\cos \alpha}} \cdot \sqrt{\cos \alpha}} = x$

$\Rightarrow \tan^{-1} \frac{1 - \cos \alpha}{2\sqrt{\cos \alpha}} = x$

$\Rightarrow \tan x = \frac{1 - \cos \alpha}{2\sqrt{\cos \alpha}}$

$\Rightarrow \cot x = \frac{2\sqrt{\cos \alpha}}{1 - \cos \alpha} = \frac{B}{P}$

$P = (1 - \cos \alpha)$ and $B = 2\sqrt{\cos \alpha}$

$H = \sqrt{P^2 + B^2} = 1 + \cos \alpha$

$\Rightarrow \sin x = \frac{1 - \cos \alpha}{1 + \cos \alpha} = \frac{1 - (1 - 2 \sin^2 \alpha / 2)}{1 + 2 \cos^2 \alpha / 2 - 1}$

or $\sin x = \tan^2 \frac{\alpha}{2}$

10. (a) $f(x) = \sin^{-1}\left(\log_3\left(\frac{x}{3}\right)\right)$

We know that domain of $\sin^{-1} x$ is $x \in [-1, 1]$

$\therefore -1 \leq \log_3\left(\frac{x}{3}\right) \leq 1 \Rightarrow 3^{-1} \leq \frac{x}{3} \leq 3^1$

$\Rightarrow 1 \leq x \leq 9$ or $x \in [1, 9]$

11. (c) $2\pi - \left(\sin^{-1} \frac{4}{5} + \sin^{-1} \frac{5}{13} + \sin^{-1} \frac{16}{65}\right)$

$= 2\pi - \left(\tan^{-1} \frac{4}{3} + \tan^{-1} \frac{5}{12} + \tan^{-1} \frac{16}{63}\right)$

$\left[\because \sin^{-1} \frac{4}{5} = \tan^{-1} \frac{4}{3}\right]$

$= 2\pi - \left\{\tan^{-1} \left(\frac{\frac{4}{3} + \frac{5}{12}}{1 - \frac{4}{3} \cdot \frac{5}{12}}\right) + \tan^{-1} \frac{16}{63}\right\}$

$= 2\pi - \left(\tan^{-1} \frac{63}{16} + \tan^{-1} \frac{16}{63}\right)$

$= 2\pi - \left(\tan^{-1} \frac{63}{16} + \cot^{-1} \frac{63}{16}\right)$

$= 2\pi - \frac{\pi}{2} = \frac{3\pi}{2}$

12. (a) $S = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) + \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{7} + \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{13} + \dots$ upto 10 terms

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

$+ \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{4-3}{1+3 \cdot 4}\right) + \dots + \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{11-10}{1+11 \cdot 10}\right)$

$= (\tan^{-1} 2 - \tan^{-1} 1) + (\tan^{-1} 3 - \tan^{-1} 2) +$

$(\tan^{-1} 4 - \tan^{-1} 3) + \dots + (\tan^{-1} 11 - \tan^{-1} 10)$

$= \tan^{-1} 11 - \tan^{-1} 1 = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{11-1}{1+11 \cdot 1}\right) = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{5}{6}\right)$

$\therefore \tan(S) = \frac{5}{6}$

13. (b) $-\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{3}{5}\right) + \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{12}{13}\right) = -\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{3}{5} \times \frac{5}{13} - \frac{12}{13} \times \frac{4}{5}\right)$
 $(\because xy \in 0 \text{ and } x^2 + y^2 = 1)$

$\left[\because \sin^{-1} x - \sin^{-1} y = \sin^{-1}\{x\sqrt{1-y^2} - y\sqrt{1-x^2}\}\right]$

$= \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{-33}{65}\right) = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{33}{65}\right)$

$= \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{56}{65}\right) = \frac{\pi}{2} - \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{56}{65}\right)$

14. (a) Given, $\cos^{-1} x - \cos^{-1} \frac{y}{2} = \alpha$

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

$$\Rightarrow \frac{xy}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{1-x^2} \sqrt{4-y^2}}{2} = \cos \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow xy + \sqrt{1-x^2} \sqrt{4-y^2} = 2 \cos \alpha$$

$$\Rightarrow (xy - 2 \cos \alpha)^2 = (1-x^2)(4-y^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 y^2 + 4 \cos^2 \alpha - 4xy \cos \alpha = 4 - y^2 - 4x^2 + x^2 y^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 4x^2 - 4xy \cos \alpha + y^2 = 4 \sin^2 \alpha$$

15. (c) Consider, $\tan^{-1}(2x) + \tan^{-1}(3x) = \frac{\pi}{4}$

$$\Rightarrow \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{5x}{1-6x^2} \right) = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{5x}{1-6x^2} = 1 \Rightarrow 5x = 1 - 6x^2$$

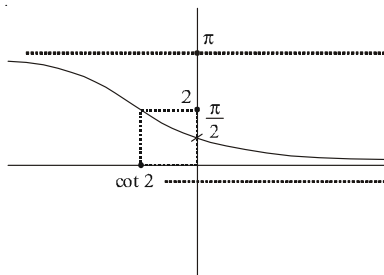
$$\Rightarrow 6x^2 + 5x - 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (6x-1)(x+1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{6} \text{ (as } x \geq 0)$$

Therefore, A is a singleton set.

16. (b)



$$(\cot^{-1} x)^2 - 7(\cot^{-1} x) + 10 > 0$$

$$(\cot^{-1} x - 5)(\cot^{-1} x - 2) > 0$$

$$\cot^{-1} x \in (-\infty, 2) \cup (5, \infty) \quad \dots (1)$$

But $\cot^{-1} x$ lies in $(0, \pi)$

Now, from equation (1)

$$\cot^{-1} x \in (0, 2)$$

Now, it is clear from the graph

$$x \in (\cot 2, \infty)$$

17. (a) $\cot \left(\sum_{n=1}^{19} \cot^{-1} \left(1 + \sum_{p=1}^n 2p \right) \right)$

$$= \cot \left(\sum_{n=1}^{19} \cot^{-1} (1 + n(n+1)) \right)$$

$$= \cot \left(\sum_{n=1}^{19} \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{(n+1)-n}{1+(n+1)n} \right) \right)$$

$$\left[\cot^{-1} x = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{x} \right) : \text{for } x > 0 \right]$$

$$= \cot \left(\sum_{n=1}^{19} (\tan^{-1}(n+1) - \tan^{-1} n) \right)$$

$$= \cot(\tan^{-1} 20 - \tan^{-1} 1)$$

$$= \cot \left(\tan^{-1} \left(\frac{20-1}{1+20 \times 1} \right) \right)$$

$$= \cot \left(\tan^{-1} \left(\frac{19}{21} \right) \right) = \cot \cot^{-1} \left(\frac{21}{19} \right) = \frac{21}{19}$$

18. (d) $x = \sin^{-1}(\sin 10)$

$$\Rightarrow x = 3\pi - 10 \quad \begin{cases} 3\pi - \frac{\pi}{2} < 10 < 3\pi + \frac{\pi}{2} \\ \Rightarrow 3\pi - x = 10 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{and } y = \cos^{-1}(\cos 10) \quad \begin{cases} 3\pi < 10 < 4\pi \\ \Rightarrow 4\pi - x = 10 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = 4\pi - 10$$

$$\therefore y - x = (4\pi - 10) - (3\pi - 10) = \pi$$

19. (a) $\cos^{-1} \left(\frac{2}{3x} \right) + \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{3}{4x} \right) = \frac{\pi}{2}; \left(x > \frac{3}{4} \right)$

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

$$\Rightarrow \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{2}{3x} \right) = \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{3}{4x} \right) \left[\because \sin^{-1} x + \cos^{-1} x = \frac{\pi}{2} \right]$$

$$\text{Put } \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{3}{4x} \right) = \theta \Rightarrow \sin \theta = \frac{3}{4x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \theta = \sqrt{1 - \sin^2 \theta} = \sqrt{1 - \frac{9}{16x^2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{\sqrt{16x^2 - 9}}{4x} \right)$$

$$\therefore \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{2}{3x} \right) = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{\sqrt{16x^2 - 9}}{4x} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2}{3x} = \frac{\sqrt{16x^2 - 9}}{4x} \Rightarrow x^2 = \frac{64 + 81}{9 \times 16} \Rightarrow x = \pm \sqrt{\frac{145}{144}}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{\sqrt{145}}{12} \quad \left(\because x > \frac{3}{4} \right)$$

20. (a) Let $x^2 = \cos 2\theta$; $\Rightarrow \theta = \frac{1}{2} \cos^{-1} x^2$

$$\Rightarrow \tan^{-1} \left[\frac{\sqrt{1+x^2}}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} - \frac{\sqrt{1-x^2}}{\sqrt{1+x^2}} \right] = \left[\frac{\sqrt{1+\cos 2\theta} + \sqrt{1-\cos 2\theta}}{\sqrt{1+\cos 2\theta} - \sqrt{1-\cos 2\theta}} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan^{-1} \left[\frac{1+\tan \theta}{1-\tan \theta} \right] = \tan^{-1} \left[\tan \left(\frac{\pi}{4} + \theta \right) \right] = \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{1}{2} \cos^{-1} x^2$$

21. (c) Given that, $\tan^{-1} y = \tan^{-1} x + \tan^{-1} \left[\frac{2x}{1-x^2} \right]$

$$= \tan^{-1} x + 2 \tan^{-1} x = 3 \tan^{-1} x$$

$$\tan^{-1} y = \tan^{-1} \left[\frac{3x - x^3}{1 - 3x^2} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{3x - x^3}{1 - 3x^2}$$

22. (c) $f(x) = 2 \tan^{-1} x + \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{2x}{1+x^2} \right)$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = 2 \tan^{-1} x + \pi - 2 \tan^{-1} x$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = \pi$$

$$\Rightarrow f(5) = \pi$$

23. (a) $\sin^{-1} x \in \left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2} \right]$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{3\pi}{4} \leq \left(\sin^{-1} x - \frac{\pi}{4} \right) \leq \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$0 \leq \left(\sin^{-1} x - \frac{\pi}{4} \right)^2 \leq \frac{9}{16} \pi^2 \quad \dots (1)$$

Statement II is true

$$(\sin^{-1} x)^3 + (\cos^{-1} x)^3 = a\pi^3$$

$$\Rightarrow (\sin^{-1} x + \cos^{-1} x) [(\sin^{-1} x + \cos^{-1} x)^2 - 3\sin^{-1} x \cos^{-1} x] = a\pi^3$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\pi^2}{4} - 3\sin^{-1} x \cos^{-1} x = 2a\pi^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin^{-1} x \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \sin^{-1} x \right) = \frac{\pi^2}{12} (1 - 8a)$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\sin^{-1} x - \frac{\pi}{4} \right)^2 = \frac{\pi^2}{12} (8a - 1) + \frac{\pi^2}{16}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\sin^{-1} x - \frac{\pi}{4} \right)^2 = \frac{\pi^2}{48} (32a - 1)$$

Putting this value in equation (1)

$$0 \leq \frac{\pi^2}{48} (32a - 1) \leq \frac{9}{16} \pi^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 \leq 32a - 1 \leq 27$$

$$\frac{1}{32} \leq a \leq \frac{7}{8}$$

Statement-I is also true

24. (a) Since, x, y, z are in A.P.

$$\therefore 2y = x + z$$

Also, we have

$$2 \tan^{-1} y = \tan^{-1} x + \tan^{-1} (z)$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{2y}{1-y^2} \right) = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{x+z}{1-xz} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x+z}{1-y^2} = \frac{x+z}{1-xz} \quad (\because 2y = x+z)$$

$$\Rightarrow y^2 = xz \text{ or } x+z=0 \Rightarrow x=y=z=0$$

25. (b) Given $\sin^{-1} x > \cos^{-1} x$ where $x \in (0, 1)$

$$\Rightarrow \sin^{-1} x > \frac{\pi}{2} - \sin^{-1} x$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \sin^{-1} x > \frac{\pi}{2} \Rightarrow \sin^{-1} x > \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow x > \sin \frac{\pi}{4} \Rightarrow x > \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

Maximum value of $\sin^{-1} x$ is $\frac{\pi}{2}$

So, maximum value of x is 1. So, $x \in \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 1 \right)$.

26. (c) We know that,

$$\tan^{-1} \frac{1}{1+2} + \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{1+2 \times 3} + \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{1+3 \times 4} + \dots +$$

$$\tan^{-1} \frac{1}{1+(n-1)n} + \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{1+n(n+1)} + \dots +$$

$$\tan^{-1} \frac{1}{1+(n+19)(n+20)} = \tan^{-1} \frac{n+19}{n+21}$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan^{-1} \frac{n-1}{n+1} + \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{1+n(n+1)}$$

$$+ \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{1+(n+1)(n+2)} + \dots + \frac{1}{1+(n+19)(n+20)}$$

$$= \tan^{-1} \frac{n+19}{n+21}$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{1+n(n+1)} + \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{1+(n+1)(n+2)} + \dots +$$

$$\frac{1}{1+(n+19)(n+20)} = \tan^{-1} \frac{n+19}{n+21} - \tan^{-1} \frac{n-1}{n+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{n^2+n+1} \right) + \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{n^2+3n+3} \right) + \dots +$$

$$\tan^{-1} \frac{1}{1+(n+19)(n+20)}$$

$$= \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{\frac{n+19}{n+21} - \frac{n-1}{n+1}}{1 + \frac{n+19}{n+21} \times \frac{n-1}{n+1}} \right) = \tan^{-1} \frac{20}{n^2+20n+1} = S$$

$$\therefore \tan^{-1} S = \frac{20}{n^2+20n+1}$$

27. (a) $\sin(\cot^{-1}(1+x)) = \cos(\tan^{-1}x)$
 $\Rightarrow \operatorname{cosec}^2(\cot^{-1}(1+x)) = \sec^2(\tan^{-1}x)$
 $\Rightarrow 1 + [\cot(\cot^{-1}(1+x))]^2 = 1 + [\tan(\tan^{-1}x)]^2$
 $\Rightarrow (1+x)^2 = x^2 \Rightarrow x = -\frac{1}{2}$

28. (d) $\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{5}\right) + \operatorname{cosec}^{-1}\left(\frac{5}{4}\right) = \frac{\pi}{2}$
 $\Rightarrow \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{5}\right) = \frac{\pi}{2} - \operatorname{cosec}^{-1}\left(\frac{5}{4}\right)$

$$\Rightarrow \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{5}\right) = \frac{\pi}{2} - \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{4}{5}\right)$$

$$[\because \sin^{-1}x + \cos^{-1}x = \pi/2]$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{5}\right) = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{4}{5}\right)$$

$$\sin^{-1} \frac{x}{5} = \sin^{-1} \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^2} \quad \left[\because \cos^{-1}x = \sin^{-1}\sqrt{1-x^2} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin^{-1} \frac{x}{5} = \sin^{-1} \frac{3}{5} \Rightarrow \frac{x}{5} = \frac{3}{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 3$$

29. (c) $\cos^{-1}x - \cos^{-1}\frac{y}{2} = \alpha$

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

$$\Rightarrow \cos^{-1}\left\{ \frac{xy + \sqrt{4-y^2-4x^2+x^2y^2}}{2} \right\} = \alpha$$

$$\Rightarrow xy + \sqrt{4-y^2-4x^2+x^2y^2} = 2\cos\alpha$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{4-y^2-4x^2+x^2y^2} = 2\cos\alpha - xy$$

Squaring both sides, we get

$$\Rightarrow 4 - y^2 - 4x^2 + x^2y^2 = 4\cos^2\alpha + x^2y^2 - 4xy\cos\alpha$$

$$\Rightarrow 4x^2 + y^2 - 4xy\cos\alpha = 4\sin^2\alpha$$