

Inverse Trigonometry

INVERSE TRIGONOMETRIC FUNCTIONS

Section - 1

1.1 Definition :

If $\sin x = 1/2$, we can write one value of $x = \pi/6$.

If $\sin x = 1/3$, i.e. x is not a well known angle, then we can write $x = \sin^{-1}(1/3)$.

Similarly, $\cos x = t \Rightarrow x = \cos^{-1} t$.

$\tan x = t \Rightarrow x = \tan^{-1} t$.

1.2 Principal value branches of Inverse Trigonometric Functions

(i) $y = \sin^{-1} x \Rightarrow x = \sin y$

In $x = \sin y$, for one value of x , y can take infinite values.

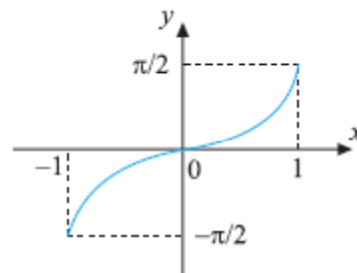
But if $y = \sin^{-1} x$ is a function, then y should possess only one value of y for every value of x . This means we should restrict the values which y can possess. The restricted set of values which y can possess is its principal value branch.

Here $-1 \leq \sin y \leq 1 \Rightarrow \frac{-\pi}{2} \leq y \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$

$\Rightarrow$ Domain: $x \in [-1, 1]$

Range: $y \in \left[\frac{-\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2} \right]$

Principal value branch of $\sin^{-1} x \equiv \frac{-\pi}{2} \leq y \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$



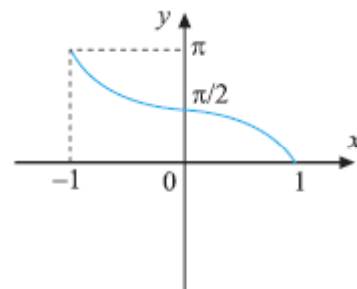
(ii) $y = \cos^{-1} x \Rightarrow x = \cos y$

Here $-1 \leq \cos y \leq 1 \Rightarrow 0 \leq y \leq \pi$

Domain: $x \in [-1, 1]$

Range: $y \in [0, \pi]$

Principal value branch of $\cos^{-1} x \equiv 0 \leq y \leq \pi$



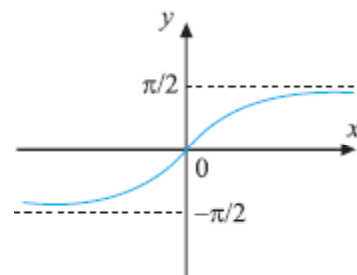
(iii) $y = \tan^{-1} x \Rightarrow x = \tan y$

Here $-\infty < \tan y < \infty \Rightarrow \frac{-\pi}{2} < y < \frac{\pi}{2}$

Domain: $x \in \mathbb{R}$

Range: $y \in \left(\frac{-\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2} \right)$

Principal value branch of $\tan^{-1} x \equiv \frac{-\pi}{2} < y < \frac{\pi}{2}$



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(iv) $y \equiv \sec^{-1} x \Rightarrow x = \sec y$

Here $|x| \geq 1$ and $0 \leq y \leq \pi, y \neq \frac{\pi}{2}$

Domain: $x \in (-\infty, -1] \cup [1, \infty)$

Range: $y \in [0, \pi] - \left\{ \frac{\pi}{2} \right\}$

Principal value branch of $\sec^{-1} x \equiv 0 \leq y \leq \pi, y \neq \pi/2$

(v) $y = \operatorname{cosec}^{-1} x \Rightarrow x = \operatorname{cosec} y$

Here $|x| \geq 1$ and $-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq y \leq \frac{\pi}{2}, y \neq 0$

Domain: $x \in (-\infty, -1] \cup [1, \infty)$

Range: $y \in \left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2} \right] - \{0\}$

Principal value branch of $\operatorname{cosec}^{-1} x \equiv -\frac{\pi}{2} \leq y \leq \frac{\pi}{2}, y \neq 0$

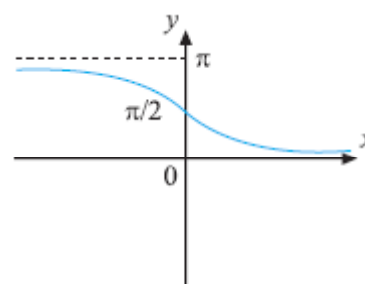
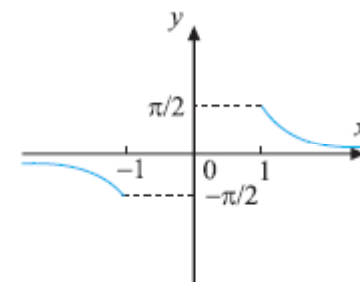
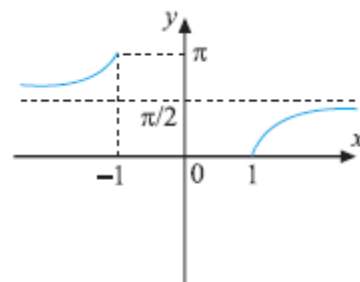
(vi) $y = \cot^{-1} x \Rightarrow x = \cot y$

Here $-\infty < \cot y < \infty \Rightarrow 0 < y < \pi$

Domain: $x \in \mathbb{R}$

Range: $y \in (0, \pi)$

Principal value branch of $\cot^{-1} x \equiv y \in (0, \pi)$



Summary table of Inverse Trigonometric Functions :

S.No.	Functions	Domain	Range
1.	$y = \sin^{-1} x$	$x \in [-1, 1]$	$y \in \left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2} \right]$
2.	$y = \cos^{-1} x$	$x \in [-1, 1]$	$y \in [0, \pi]$
3.	$y = \tan^{-1} x$	$x \in \mathbb{R}$	$y \in \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2} \right)$
4.	$y = \operatorname{cosec}^{-1} x$	$x \in (-\infty, -1] \cup [1, \infty)$	$y \in \left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2} \right] - \{0\}$
5.	$y = \sec^{-1} x$	$x \in (-\infty, -1] \cup [1, \infty)$	$y \in [0, \pi] - \left\{ \frac{\pi}{2} \right\}$
6.	$y = \cot^{-1} x$	$x \in \mathbb{R}$	$y \in (0, \pi)$

- Note the similarity in principal value branch of

$$y = \sin^{-1} x, y = \operatorname{cosec}^{-1} x, y = \tan^{-1} x \text{ and } y = \cos^{-1} x, y = \sec^{-1} x, y = \cot^{-1} x.$$

- Interval for allowed values of y is known as principal value branch of that inverse function.

Illustrating the Concept :

Find the principal value of

- (i) $\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$ (ii) $\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$ (iii) $\cos^{-1}\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$
 (iv) $\cos^{-1}\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)$ (v) $\sec^{-1}\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$ (vi) $\sec^{-1}(-2)$.

- (i) We know that $\sin^{-1} x$ denotes an angle in the interval $[-\pi/2, \pi/2]$ whose sine is x for $x \in [-1, 1]$.

$$\therefore \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \text{An angle in } \left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right] \text{ whose sine is } \frac{1}{2}$$

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

- (ii) $\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) = \text{An angle in } \left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right] \text{ whose sine is } \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$

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

- (iii) For any $x \in [-1, 1]$, $\cos^{-1} x$ represents an angle in $[0, \pi]$ whose cosine is x .

$$\therefore \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) = \text{An angle in } [0, \pi] \text{ whose cosine is } \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

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

- (iv) $\cos^{-1}\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) = \text{An angle in } [0, \pi] \text{ whose cosine is } -\frac{1}{2}$

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

(v) For any $x \in R - (-1, 1)$, $\sec^{-1} x$ represents an angle in $[0, \pi] - \left\{\frac{\pi}{2}\right\}$ whose secant is x .

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

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

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

$$\Rightarrow \sec^{-1}(-2) = \frac{2\pi}{3}.$$

Illustration - 1

$\tan^{-1}1 + \cos^{-1}\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) + \sin^{-1}\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)$ is equal to:

(A) $\frac{5\pi}{12}$

(B) $\frac{\pi}{2}$

(C) $\frac{3\pi}{4}$

(D) $\frac{5\pi}{6}$

SOLUTION : (C)

$$\text{As } \tan^{-1}1 = \frac{\pi}{4}, \cos^{-1}\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{2\pi}{3} \text{ and } \sin^{-1}\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) = -\frac{\pi}{6}$$

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

1.3 Properties of Inverse Trigonometric Functions

(A) $\sin^{-1}(-x) = -\sin^{-1}x$	for all	$x \in [-1, 1]$
$\cos^{-1}(-x) = \pi - \cos^{-1}x$	for all	$x \in [-1, 1]$
$\operatorname{cosec}^{-1}(-x) = -\operatorname{cosec}^{-1}x$	for all	$x \in (-\infty, -1] \cup [1, \infty)$
$\sec^{-1}(-x) = \pi - \sec^{-1}x$	for all	$x \in (-\infty, -1] \cup [1, \infty)$
$\tan^{-1}(-x) = -\tan^{-1}x$	for all	$x \in R$
$\cot^{-1}(-x) = \pi - \cot^{-1}x$	for all	$x \in R$

Proof :

I. Clearly, $-x \in [-1, 1]$ for all $x \in [-1, 1]$

$$\text{Let } \sin^{-1}(-x) = \theta$$

... (i)

Taking sine on both side

Then, $-x = \sin \theta$

$$\Rightarrow x = -\sin \theta \quad \Rightarrow x = \sin(-\theta)$$

$$\Rightarrow -\theta = \sin^{-1} x \quad [\text{as } x \in [-1, 1] \text{ and } -\theta \in [-\pi/2, \pi/2] \text{ for all } \theta \in [-\pi/2, \pi/2]]$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = -\sin^{-1} x \quad \dots \text{(ii)}$$

From (i) and (ii), we get :

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

II. Clearly, $-x \in [-1, 1]$ for all $x \in [-1, 1]$.

$$\text{Let } \cos^{-1}(-x) = \theta \quad \dots \text{(i)}$$

Then, $-x = \cos \theta$

$$\Rightarrow x = -\cos \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \cos(\pi - \theta)$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos^{-1} x = \pi - \theta \quad [\text{as } x \in [-1, 1] \text{ and } \pi - \theta \in [0, \pi], \text{ for all } \theta \in [0, \pi]]$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \pi - \cos^{-1} x \quad \dots \text{(ii)}$$

From (i) and (ii), we get :

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

Similarly, we can prove other results.

$$\text{(B) (i) } \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \operatorname{cosec}^{-1} x, \quad \text{for all } x \in (-\infty, -1] \cup [1, \infty)$$

$$\text{(ii) } \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \sec^{-1} x, \quad \text{for all } x \in (-\infty, -1] \cup [1, \infty)$$

$$\text{(iii) } \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \begin{cases} \cot^{-1} x & , \text{ for } x > 0 \\ -\pi + \cot^{-1} x & , \text{ for } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{(C) (i) } \sin^{-1} x + \cos^{-1} x = \frac{\pi}{2} \quad \text{for all } x \in [-1, 1]$$

$$\text{(ii) } \operatorname{cosec}^{-1} x + \sec^{-1} x = \frac{\pi}{2} \quad \text{for all } x \in (-\infty, -1] \cup [1, \infty)$$

$$\text{(iii) } \tan^{-1} x + \cot^{-1} x = \frac{\pi}{2} \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\text{(D) (i) } \sin^{-1} x = \cos^{-1} \sqrt{1-x^2} = \tan^{-1} \frac{x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} = \cot^{-1} \frac{\sqrt{1-x^2}}{x} = \sec^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \right) = \operatorname{cosec}^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{x} \right)$$

$(0 \leq x \leq 1) \quad (|x| < 1) \quad (0 > x \leq 1) \quad (0 \leq x < 1) \quad (|x| \leq 1) - \{0\}$

$$(ii) \quad \cos^{-1} x = \sin^{-1} \sqrt{1-x^2} = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{\sqrt{1-x^2}}{x} \right) = \cot^{-1} \left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \right) = \sec^{-1} \frac{1}{x} = \operatorname{cosec}^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \right)$$

$(0 \leq x \leq 1) \qquad (0 < x \leq 1) \qquad (|x| < 1) \qquad (|x| \leq 1) \qquad (0 \leq x < 1)$

$$(iii) \quad \tan^{-1} x = \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{1+x^2}} \right) = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{1+x^2}} \right) = \cot^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{x} \right) = \sec^{-1} \sqrt{1+x^2} = \operatorname{cosec}^{-1} \left(\frac{\sqrt{1+x^2}}{x} \right)$$

$(x \in R) \qquad (0 \leq x < \infty) \qquad (x > 0) \qquad (x \geq 0) \qquad (x \in R - \{0\})$

(E) (i) $\sin(\sin^{-1} x) = x \quad \forall x \in [-1, 1]$

(ii) $\cos(\cos^{-1} x) = x \quad \forall x \in [-1, 1]$

(iii) $\tan(\tan^{-1} x) = x \quad \forall x \in R$

(iv) $\operatorname{cosec}(\operatorname{cosec}^{-1} x) = x \quad \forall x \in (-\infty, -1] \cup [1, \infty)$

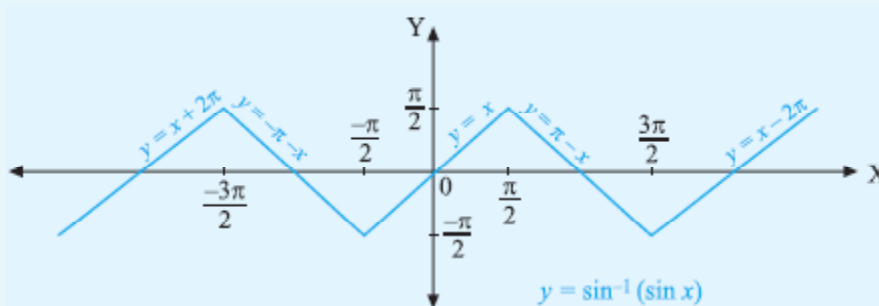
(v) $\sec(\sec^{-1} x) = x \quad \forall x \in (-\infty, -1] \cup [1, \infty)$

(vi) $\cot(\cot^{-1} x) = x \quad \forall x \in R$

(F) (i) $\sin^{-1}(\sin x) = x$ if $-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$

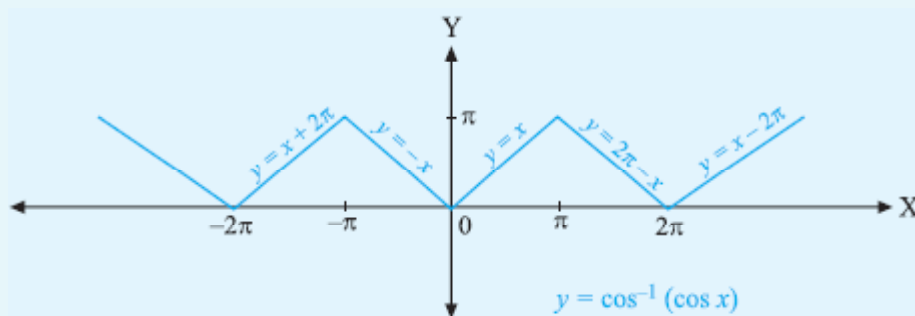
$$\text{But, if } x \notin \left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2} \right], \text{ then: } \sin^{-1}(\sin x) = \begin{cases} -\pi - x & ; \quad -\frac{3\pi}{2} \leq x \leq -\frac{\pi}{2} \\ x & ; \quad -\frac{\pi}{2} \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{2} \\ \pi - x & ; \quad \frac{\pi}{2} \leq x \leq \frac{3\pi}{2} \end{cases}$$

Now, As $y = \sin^{-1}(\sin x)$ is periodic function with period of 2π , to obtain the graph of $y = f(x)$ we draw the graph for one interval of length 2π and repeat for entire values of x .



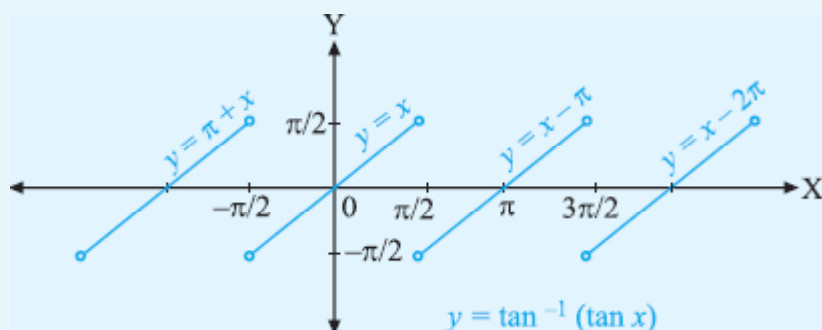
(ii) $\cos^{-1}(\cos x) = x$ if $0 \leq x \leq \pi$

$$\text{But if } x \notin [0, \pi] \text{ then } \cos^{-1}(\cos x) = \begin{cases} x & ; \quad 0 \leq x \leq \pi \\ 2\pi - x & ; \quad \pi \leq x \leq 2\pi \end{cases}$$



(iii) $\tan^{-1}(\tan x) = x$ if $-\frac{\pi}{2} < x < \frac{\pi}{2}$

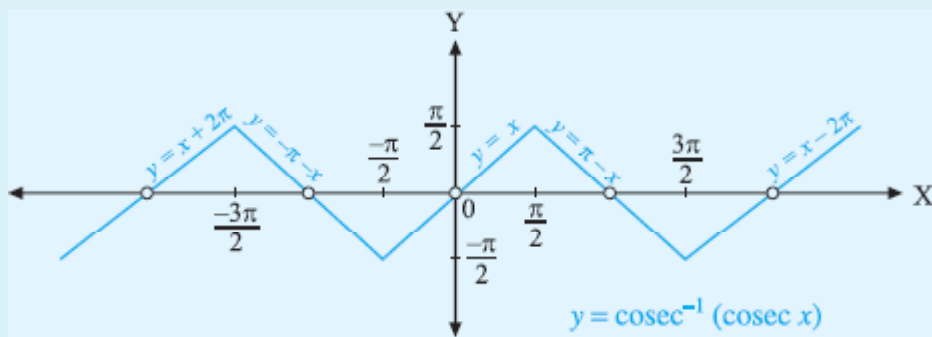
But if $x \notin \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ then $\tan^{-1}(\tan x) = \begin{cases} x & ; \quad -\frac{\pi}{2} < x < \frac{\pi}{2} \\ x - \pi & ; \quad \frac{\pi}{2} < x < \frac{3\pi}{2} \end{cases}$



(iv) $y = \operatorname{cosec}^{-1}(\operatorname{cosec} x) = \lambda$ if $-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{2} - \{0\}$

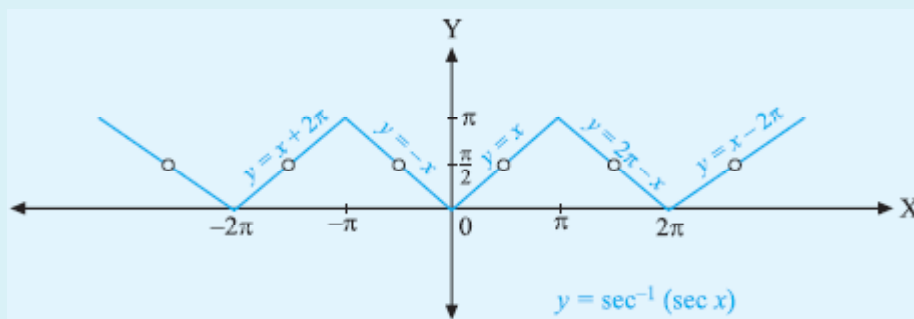
But if $x \notin \left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, 0\right) \cup \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$

then $\operatorname{cosec}^{-1}(\operatorname{cosec} x) = \begin{cases} x & ; \quad -\frac{\pi}{2} \leq x < 0 \quad \text{or} \quad 0 < x \leq \frac{\pi}{2} \\ \pi - x & ; \quad -\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \pi - x < 0 \quad \text{or} \quad 0 < \pi - x \leq \frac{\pi}{2} \end{cases}$



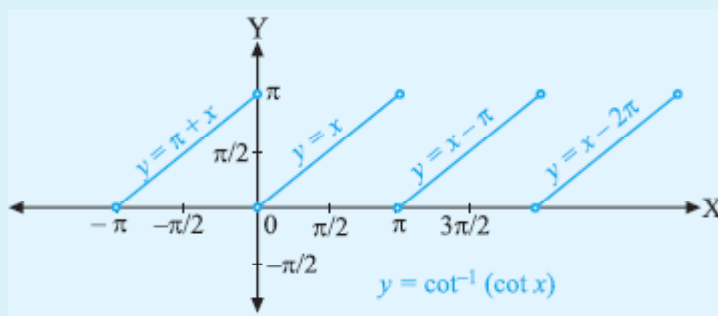
(v) $y = \sec^{-1}(\sec x) = x$ if $0 \leq x \leq \pi - \left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)$

But if $x \notin 0 \leq x \leq \pi - \left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ then $\sec^{-1}(\sec x) = \begin{cases} x & ; \quad x \in \left[0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \cup \left(\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi\right] \\ 2\pi - x & ; \quad 2\pi - x \in \left[0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \cup \left(\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi\right] \end{cases}$



(vi) $y = \cot^{-1}(\cot x) = x$ if $0 < x < \pi$

But if $x \notin 0 < x < \pi$ then $\cot^{-1}(\cot x) = \begin{cases} x + \pi & ; \quad -\pi < x < 0 \\ x & ; \quad 0 < x < \pi \\ x - \pi & ; \quad \pi < x < 2\pi \end{cases}$



Note : You are advised to learn these definitions as standard results which help in calculus.

Illustrating the Concept :

Evaluate the following :

(i) $\sin^{-1} \sin 4\pi/3$ (ii) $\cos^{-1} \cos 5\pi/4$ (iii) $\tan^{-1} \tan 2\pi/3$

(i) $4\pi/3$ does not lie in the principal value branch of $\sin^{-1}x$. Hence $\sin^{-1} \sin 4\pi/3 \neq 4\pi/3$.

$$\sin^{-1} \sin 4\pi/3 = \sin^{-1} \sin (\pi + \pi/3) = \sin^{-1} (\sin(-\pi/3))$$

$$= -\sin^{-1} \sin \pi/3 = -\pi/3 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \sin^{-1} \sin 4\pi/3 = -\pi/3.$$

(ii) $\cos^{-1} \cos 5\pi/4 = \cos^{-1} \cos (\pi + \pi/4)$

$$= \cos^{-1} (-\cos \pi/4) = \pi - \cos^{-1} \cos \pi/4 = \pi - \pi/4 = 3\pi/4.$$

(iii) $\tan^{-1} \tan 2\pi/3 = \tan^{-1} \tan (\pi - \pi/3)$

$$= \tan^{-1} (-\tan \pi/3) = -\tan^{-1} \tan \pi/3 = -\pi/3.$$

Illustration - 2 The value of $\sin[\cot^{-1}\{\cos(\tan^{-1}x)\}]$ is A_1 ($x > 0$) and the value of

$\cos[\tan^{-1}\{\sin(\cot^{-1}x)\}]$ is A_2 ($x > 0$) then relation between A_1 and A_2 is :

(A) $A_1 = A_2$ (B) $A_1 \neq A_2$ (C) $A_1 = 2A_2$ (D) $A_1 = -A_2$

SOLUTION : (A)

Consider A_1

We have, $\cos(\tan^{-1}x)$

Here $\tan^{-1}x$ is an angle whose cosine is taken so,

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \sin[\cot^{-1}\{\cos(\tan^{-1}x)\}] & \quad \left[\text{As } \tan^{-1}x = \cos^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+x^2}} \right] \\ &= \sin\left\{\cot^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+x^2}}\right\} = \sin\left\{\sin^{-1} \frac{\sqrt{1+x^2}}{\sqrt{2+x^2}}\right\} = \frac{\sqrt{1+x^2}}{\sqrt{2+x^2}} = \sqrt{\frac{x^2+1}{x^2+2}} \quad \text{..... (i)} \end{aligned}$$

Consider A_2

$$\text{We have, } \sin(\cot^{-1}x) = \sin\left\{\sin^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+x^2}}\right\} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+x^2}}$$

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

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

From (i) and (ii), $A_1 = A_2$

Illustration - 3

The simplest form of

$$\tan^{-1} \left\{ \sqrt{\frac{1-\cos x}{1+\cos x}} \right\}, -\pi < x < \pi, \text{ is :}$$

- (A) $-x/2$ (B) $x/2$ (C) x (D) None of these

SOLUTION : (AB)

$$\text{We have, } \tan^{-1} \left\{ \sqrt{\frac{1-\cos x}{1+\cos x}} \right\} = \tan^{-1} \left\{ \sqrt{\frac{2 \sin^2 \frac{x}{2}}{2 \cos^2 \frac{x}{2}}} \right\} = \tan^{-1} \left\{ \sqrt{\tan^2 \frac{x}{2}} \right\} = \tan^{-1} \left(\left| \tan \frac{x}{2} \right| \right)$$

$$= \begin{cases} \tan^{-1} \left(-\tan \frac{x}{2} \right) & \text{if } -\pi < x < 0 \\ \tan^{-1} \left(\tan \frac{x}{2} \right) & \text{if } 0 \leq x < \pi \end{cases} = \begin{cases} \tan^{-1} \left\{ \tan \left(-\frac{x}{2} \right) \right\} = -\frac{x}{2} & \text{if } -\pi < x < 0 \\ \tan^{-1} \left\{ \tan \frac{x}{2} \right\} = \frac{x}{2} & \text{if } 0 < x < \pi \end{cases}$$

Illustration - 4

The simplest form of

$$\tan^{-1} \left(\frac{\cos x}{1 + \sin x} \right), -\frac{\pi}{2} < x < \frac{\pi}{2}, \text{ is :}$$

- (A) $\frac{\pi}{2} - x$ (B) $\frac{\pi}{4} - x$ (C) $\frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{\pi}{2}$ (D) None of these

SOLUTION : (C)

$$\text{We have, } \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{\cos x}{1 + \sin x} \right) = \tan^{-1} \left\{ \frac{\cos^2 \frac{x}{2} - \sin^2 \frac{x}{2}}{\cos^2 \frac{x}{2} + \sin^2 \frac{x}{2} + 2 \sin \frac{x}{2} + \cos \frac{x}{2}} \right\}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \tan^{-1} \left\{ \frac{\left(\cos \frac{x}{2} - \sin \frac{x}{2} \right) \left(\cos \frac{x}{2} + \sin \frac{x}{2} \right)}{\left(\cos \frac{x}{2} + \sin \frac{x}{2} \right)^2} \right\} = \tan^{-1} \left\{ \frac{\cos \frac{x}{2} - \sin \frac{x}{2}}{\cos \frac{x}{2} + \sin \frac{x}{2}} \right\} \\
 &= \tan^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1 - \tan \frac{x}{2}}{1 + \tan \frac{x}{2}} \right\} = \tan^{-1} \left\{ \tan \left(\frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{x}{2} \right) \right\} \\
 &= \frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{x}{2} \quad \left[\text{As } -\frac{\pi}{2} < x < \frac{\pi}{2} \Rightarrow -\frac{\pi}{4} < -\frac{\pi}{2} < \frac{\pi}{4} \Rightarrow 0 < \frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{x}{2} < \frac{\pi}{2} \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

Alternate solution :

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{We have, } \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{\cos x}{1 + \sin x} \right) &= \tan^{-1} \left\{ \frac{\sin \left(\frac{\pi}{2} + x \right)}{1 - \cos \left(\frac{\pi}{2} + x \right)} \right\} \\
 &= \tan^{-1} \left\{ \frac{2 \sin \left(\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{x}{2} \right) \cos \left(\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{x}{2} \right)}{2 \sin^2 \left(\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{x}{2} \right)} \right\} = \tan^{-1} \left\{ \cot \left(\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{x}{2} \right) \right\} \\
 &= \tan^{-1} \left\{ \tan \left\{ \frac{\pi}{2} - \left(\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{x}{2} \right) \right\} \right\} = \tan^{-1} \left\{ \tan \left(\frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{x}{2} \right) \right\} = \frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{x}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

Illustration - 5

The simplest form of

$$\tan^{-1} \left(\frac{\cos x - \sin x}{\cos x + \sin x} \right), \quad -\frac{\pi}{4} < x < \frac{\pi}{4}, \text{ is :}$$

- (A) $\frac{\pi}{4} - x$ (B) $\frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{x}{2}$ (C) $\pi - \frac{x}{2}$ (D) $\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{x}{2}$

SOLUTION : (A)

$$\text{we have, } \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{\cos x - \sin x}{\cos x + \sin x} \right) = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{1 - \tan x}{1 + \tan x} \right) = \tan^{-1} \left\{ \tan \left(\frac{\pi}{4} - x \right) \right\} = \frac{\pi}{4} - x$$

$$\left[\text{as } -\frac{\pi}{4} < x < \frac{\pi}{4} \Rightarrow 0 < \frac{\pi}{4} - x < \frac{\pi}{2} \right]$$

Illustration - 6 The simplest form of

$$\tan^{-1} \left\{ \frac{x}{\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}} \right\}, \quad -a < x < a, \text{ is :}$$

- (A) $\sin^{-1} \frac{x}{a}$ (B) $\frac{1}{a} \sin^{-1} \frac{x}{a}$ (C) $\sin a$ (D) None of these

SOLUTION : (A)

IMPORTANT NOTE :

In order to simplify trigonometrical expressions involving inverse trigonometrical functions, following substitutions are very helpful :

Experssion	Substitution
$a^2 + x^2$	$x = a \tan \theta$ or, $x = a \cot \theta$
$a^2 - x^2$	$x = a \sin \theta$ or, $x = a \cos \theta$
$x^2 - a^2$	$x = a \sec \theta$ or, $x = a \operatorname{cosec} \theta$
$\sqrt{\frac{a-x}{a+x}}$ or, $\sqrt{\frac{a+x}{a-x}}$	$x = a \cos 2\theta$
$\sqrt{\frac{a^2 - x^2}{a^2 + x^2}}$ or, $\sqrt{\frac{a^2 + x^2}{a^2 - x^2}}$	$x^2 = a^2 \cos 2\theta$

Substituting $x = a \sin \theta$, we have $\tan^{-1} \left\{ \frac{x}{\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}} \right\} = \tan^{-1} \left\{ \frac{a \sin \theta}{\sqrt{a^2 - a^2 \sin^2 \theta}} \right\}$

$$= \tan^{-1} \left\{ \frac{a \sin \theta}{a \cos \theta} \right\} = \tan^{-1} (\tan \theta) = \theta = \sin^{-1} \frac{x}{a} \quad \left[\text{as } x = a \sin \theta \Rightarrow \sin \theta = \frac{x}{a} \Rightarrow \theta = \sin^{-1} \frac{x}{a} \right]$$

Illustration - 7 The simplest form of

$$\tan^{-1} \left\{ \sqrt{\frac{a-x}{a+x}} \right\}, -a < x < a$$

- (A) $\cos^{-1} \frac{x}{a}$ (B) $\frac{1}{2} \cos^{-1} \frac{x}{a}$ (C) $\frac{1}{2} \sin^{-1} \frac{x}{a}$ (D) None of these

SOLUTION : (B)

Substituting $x = a \cos \theta$, we have

$$\tan^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{a-x}{a+x}} = \tan^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{a-a \cos \theta}{a+a \cos \theta}} = \tan^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{1-\cos \theta}{1+\cos \theta}}$$

$$= \tan^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{2 \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2}}{2 \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2}}} = \tan^{-1} \left(\left| \tan \frac{\theta}{2} \right| \right)$$

$$= \tan^{-1} \left(\tan \frac{\theta}{2} \right) \quad \left[as -a < x < a \Rightarrow 0 < \theta < \pi \Rightarrow 0 < \frac{\theta}{2} < \frac{\pi}{2} \right]$$

$$= \frac{\theta}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \cos^{-1} \frac{x}{a} \quad \left[as x = a \cos \theta \Rightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{x}{a} \Rightarrow \theta = \cos^{-1} \frac{x}{a} \right]$$

Illustration - 8

The value of $\sin^{-1} (\sin 10) + \sin^{-1} (\sin 5)$ is :

- (A) $\pi - 15$ (B) $\pi + 15$ (C) $\pi + 5$ (D) $\pi - 5$

SOLUTION : (D)

We know that $\sin^{-1} (\sin \theta) = \theta$, if $-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$.

Here, $\theta = 10$ radians which is in radian but does not lie between $-\frac{\pi}{2}$ and $\frac{\pi}{2}$.

But, $3\pi - \theta$ i.e. $3\pi - 10$ lies between $-\frac{\pi}{2}$ and $\frac{\pi}{2}$.

Also, $\sin (3\pi - 10) = \sin 10$.

$\therefore \sin^{-1} (\sin 10) = \sin^{-1} (\sin (3\pi - 10)) = 3\pi - 10$.

Here, $\theta = 5$ radians.

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Clearly, it does not lie between $-\frac{\pi}{2}$ and $\frac{\pi}{2}$.

But, $2\pi - 5$ and $5 - 2\pi$ both lie between $-\frac{\pi}{2}$ and $\frac{\pi}{2}$ such that

$$\sin(5 - 2\pi) = \sin(-(2\pi - 5)) = -\sin(2\pi - 5) = -(-\sin 5) = \sin 5$$

$$\therefore \sin^{-1}(\sin 5) = \sin^{-1}(\sin(5 - 2\pi)) = 5 - 2\pi.$$

$$\text{Thus } \sin^{-1}(\sin 10) = \sin^{-1}(\sin 5)$$

$$= (3\pi - 10) + (5 - 2\pi) = \pi - 5$$

Illustration - 9

The value of $\cos^{-1}(\cos 10) - \tan^{-1}\{\tan(-6)\}$ is :

- (A) $\pi - 4$ (B) $2\pi - 4$ (C) $\pi + 16$ (D) $2\pi - 16$

SOLUTION : (B)

We know that $\cos^{-1}(\cos \theta) = \theta$, if $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$.

Here, $\theta = 10$ radians.

Clearly, it does not lie between 0 and π . However, $(4\pi - 10)$ lies between 0 and π such that

$$\cos(4\pi - 10) = \cos 10.$$

$$\therefore \cos^{-1}(\cos 10) = \cos^{-1}(\cos(4\pi - 10)) = 4\pi - 10$$

We know that $\tan^{-1}(\tan \theta) = \theta$, if $-\frac{\pi}{2} < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$.

Here, $\theta = -6$ radians which does not lie between $-\frac{\pi}{2}$ and $\frac{\pi}{2}$.

Also, we find that $2\pi - 6$ lies between $-\frac{\pi}{2}$ and $\frac{\pi}{2}$ such that

$$\tan(2\pi - 6) = -\tan 6 = \tan(-6)$$

$$\therefore \tan^{-1}\{\tan(-6)\} = \tan^{-1}\{\tan(2\pi - 6)\} = 2\pi - 6$$

$$\text{Thus } \cos^{-1}(\cos 10) - \tan^{-1}\{\tan(-6)\}$$

$$= (4\pi - 10) - (2\pi - 6) = 2\pi - 4$$

Illustration - 10 The simplest form of

$$\tan^{-1} \left\{ \frac{\sqrt{1+\cos x} + \sqrt{1-\cos x}}{\sqrt{1+\cos x} - \sqrt{1-\cos x}} \right\}, 0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2}, \text{ is :}$$

- (A) $\frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{x}{2}$ (B) $\frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{x}{2}$ (C) $\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{x}{2}$ (D) None of these

SOLUTION : (C)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{We have, } \tan^{-1} \left\{ \frac{\sqrt{1+\cos x} + \sqrt{1-\cos x}}{\sqrt{1+\cos x} - \sqrt{1-\cos x}} \right\} &= \tan^{-1} \left\{ \frac{\sqrt{2 \cos^2 \frac{x}{2}} + \sqrt{2 \sin^2 \frac{x}{2}}}{\sqrt{2 \cos^2 \frac{x}{2}} - \sqrt{2 \sin^2 \frac{x}{2}}} \right\} \\ &= \tan^{-1} \left\{ \frac{\cos \frac{x}{2} + \sin \frac{x}{2}}{\cos \frac{x}{2} - \sin \frac{x}{2}} \right\} \quad \left[\text{as } 0 < \frac{x}{2} < \frac{\pi}{4} \therefore \cos \frac{x}{2} > 0, \sin \frac{x}{2} > 0 \right] \\ &= \tan^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1 + \tan \frac{x}{2}}{1 - \tan \frac{x}{2}} \right\} = \tan^{-1} \left\{ \tan \left(\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{x}{2} \right) \right\} \\ &= \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{x}{2} \quad \left[\text{as } 0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2} \therefore \frac{\pi}{4} < \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{x}{2} < \frac{\pi}{2} \right] \end{aligned}$$

Illustration - 11 The simplest form of

$$\cot^{-1} \left\{ \frac{\sqrt{1+\sin x} + \sqrt{1-\sin x}}{\sqrt{1+\sin x} - \sqrt{1-\sin x}} \right\}, 0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2}, \text{ is :}$$

- (A) $\frac{x}{2}$ (B) $-\frac{x}{2}$ (C) x (D) $-x$

SOLUTION : (A)

$$\text{We have, } \cot^{-1} \left\{ \frac{\sqrt{1+\sin x} + \sqrt{1-\sin x}}{\sqrt{1+\sin x} - \sqrt{1-\sin x}} \right\} = \cot^{-1} \left\{ \frac{\sqrt{\left(\cos \frac{x}{2} + \sin \frac{x}{2} \right)^2} + \sqrt{\left(\cos \frac{x}{2} - \sin \frac{x}{2} \right)^2}}{\sqrt{\left(\cos \frac{x}{2} + \sin \frac{x}{2} \right)^2} - \sqrt{\left(\cos \frac{x}{2} - \sin \frac{x}{2} \right)^2}} \right\}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left[\text{as } \left(\cos \frac{x}{2} \pm \sin \frac{x}{2} \right)^2 = \sin^2 \frac{x}{2} + \cos^2 \frac{x}{2} \cos^2 \frac{\pi}{2} \pm 2 \sin \frac{x}{2} \cos \frac{x}{2} = 1 \pm \sin x \right] \\
 & = \cot^{-1} \left\{ \frac{\left| \cos \frac{x}{2} + \sin \frac{x}{2} \right| + \left| \cos \frac{x}{2} - \sin \frac{x}{2} \right|}{\left| \cos \frac{x}{2} + \sin \frac{x}{2} \right| - \left| \cos \frac{x}{2} - \sin \frac{x}{2} \right|} \right\} \quad \left[\text{as } \sqrt{x^2} = |x| \right] \\
 & = \cot^{-1} \left\{ \frac{\left(\cos \frac{x}{2} + \sin \frac{x}{2} \right) + \left(\cos \frac{x}{2} - \sin \frac{x}{2} \right)}{\left(\cos \frac{x}{2} + \sin \frac{x}{2} \right) - \left(\cos \frac{x}{2} - \sin \frac{x}{2} \right)} \right\} \quad \left[\text{as } 0 < \frac{x}{2} < \frac{\pi}{4} \therefore \cos \frac{x}{2} > \sin \frac{x}{2} \right] \\
 & = \cot^{-1} \left(\cot \frac{x}{2} \right) = \frac{x}{2} \quad \left[\text{as } 0 < \frac{x}{2} < \frac{\pi}{4} \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

Illustration - 12 The simplest form of

$$\tan^{-1} \left\{ \frac{\sqrt{1+x} + \sqrt{1-x}}{\sqrt{1+x} - \sqrt{1-x}} \right\}, \quad 0 < x < 1, \text{ is :}$$

- (A) $\frac{1}{2} \cos^{-1} x$ (B) $\pi - \frac{1}{2} \cos^{-1} x$ (C) $\frac{\pi}{2} - \cos^{-1} x$ (D) $\frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \cos^{-1} x$

SOLUTION : (D)

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{Putting } x = \cos 2\theta, \text{ we have } \tan^{-1} \left\{ \frac{\sqrt{1+\cos 2\theta} + \sqrt{1-\cos 2\theta}}{\sqrt{1+\cos 2\theta} - \sqrt{1-\cos 2\theta}} \right\} \\
 & = \tan^{-1} \left\{ \frac{\sqrt{2\cos^2 \theta} + \sqrt{2\sin^2 \theta}}{\sqrt{2\cos^2 \theta} - \sqrt{2\sin^2 \theta}} \right\} = \tan^{-1} \left\{ \frac{\cos \theta + \sin \theta}{\cos \theta - \sin \theta} \right\} \\
 & \quad \left[\text{as } 0 < x < 1 \Rightarrow 0 < \cos 2\theta < 1 \Rightarrow 0 < 2\theta < \frac{\pi}{2} \Rightarrow 0 < \theta < \frac{\pi}{4} \text{ and } \cos \theta > 0, \sin \theta > 0 \right] \\
 & = \tan^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1 - \tan \theta}{1 + \tan \theta} \right\} = \tan^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1 - \tan \theta}{1 + \tan \theta} \right\} = \tan^{-1} \left\{ \tan \left(\frac{\pi}{4} - \theta \right) \right\} \\
 & = \frac{\pi}{4} - \theta \quad \left[\text{as } 0 < \theta < \frac{\pi}{4} \Rightarrow 0 < \frac{\pi}{4} - \theta < \frac{\pi}{4} \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \cos^{-1} x$$

$$\left[\text{as } \cos 2\theta = x \therefore 2\theta = \cos^{-1} x \Rightarrow \theta = \frac{1}{2} \cos^{-1} x \right]$$

Illustration - 13

The simplest form of

$$\tan^{-1} \left\{ \frac{\sqrt{1+x^2} + \sqrt{1-x^2}}{\sqrt{1+x^2} - \sqrt{1-x^2}} \right\} = -1 < x < 1, \text{ is :}$$

- (A) $\frac{\pi}{2} + \cos^{-1} x^2$ (B) $\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{1}{2} \cos^{-1} x^2$ (C) $\frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \cos^{-1} x^2$ (D) None of these

SOLUTION : (B)

$$\text{Putting } x^2 = \cos 2\theta, \text{ we have } \tan^{-1} \left\{ \frac{\sqrt{1+\cos 2\theta} + \sqrt{1-\cos 2\theta}}{\sqrt{1+\cos 2\theta} - \sqrt{1-\cos 2\theta}} \right\}$$

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

$$= \frac{\pi}{4} + \theta \quad \left[\text{as } -1 < x < 1 \Rightarrow 0 < x^2 < 1 \Rightarrow 0 < 2\theta < \frac{\pi}{2} \Rightarrow 0 < \theta < \frac{\pi}{4} \right]$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{1}{2} \cos^{-1} x^2 \quad \left[\text{as } x^2 = \cos 2\theta \Rightarrow 2\theta = \cos^{-1} x^2 \right]$$

Illustration - 14

The simplest form of

$$\sin^{-1} \left(\frac{\sin x + \cos x}{\sqrt{2}} \right), \text{ when } -\frac{\pi}{4} < x < \frac{\pi}{4}, \text{ is :}$$

- (A) $x + \frac{\pi}{4}$ (B) $x - \frac{\pi}{4}$ (C) x (D) None of these

SOLUTION : (A)

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

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \sin^{-1} \left(\sin x \cos \frac{\pi}{4} + \cos x \cos \frac{\pi}{4} \right) \\
 &= \sin^{-1} \left\{ \sin \left(x + \frac{\pi}{4} \right) \right\} = x + \frac{\pi}{4} \quad \left[\text{as } \frac{-\pi}{4} < x < \frac{\pi}{4} \Rightarrow 0 < x + \frac{\pi}{4} < \frac{\pi}{2} \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

Illustration - 15 The simplest form of

$$\cos^{-1} \left(\frac{\sin x + \cos x}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \text{ when } \frac{\pi}{4} < x < \frac{5\pi}{4}, \text{ is:}$$

- (A) $x + \frac{\pi}{4}$ (B) $x - \frac{\pi}{4}$ (C) $-x$ (D) x

SOLUTION : (B)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{\sin x + \cos x}{\sqrt{2}} \right) &= \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sin x + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cos x \right) \\
 &= \cos^{-1} \left(\sin x \sin \frac{\pi}{4} + \cos x \cos \frac{\pi}{4} \right) \\
 &= \cos^{-1} \left\{ \cos \left(x - \frac{\pi}{4} \right) \right\} = x - \frac{\pi}{4} \quad \left[\text{as } \frac{\pi}{4} < x < \frac{5\pi}{4} \Rightarrow 0 < x - \frac{\pi}{4} < \pi \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

Illustration - 16 The value of $\sec^2 (\tan^{-1} 2) + \operatorname{cosec}^2 (\cot^{-1} 3)$, is :

- (A) 5 (B) 10 (C) 15 (D) 20

SOLUTION : (C)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{We have, } &\sec^2 (\tan^{-1} 2) + \operatorname{cosec}^2 (\cot^{-1} 3) \\
 &= \left\{ \sec (\tan^{-1} 2) \right\}^2 + \left\{ \operatorname{cosec} (\cot^{-1} 3) \right\}^2 \\
 &= \left\{ \sec \left(\tan^{-1} \frac{2}{1} \right) \right\}^2 + \left\{ \operatorname{cosec} \left(\cot^{-1} \frac{3}{1} \right) \right\}^2 \\
 &= \left\{ \sec (\sec^{-1} \sqrt{5}) \right\}^2 + \left\{ \operatorname{cosec} (\operatorname{cosec}^{-1} \sqrt{10}) \right\}^2 = (\sqrt{5})^2 + (\sqrt{10})^2 = 15
 \end{aligned}$$

Illustration - 17

If $a > b > c > 0$, then $\cot^{-1}\left(\frac{ab+1}{a-b}\right) + \cot^{-1}\left(\frac{bc+1}{b-c}\right) + \cot^{-1}\left(\frac{ca+1}{c-a}\right)$ is equal to :

- (A) 0 (B) π (C) $-\pi$ (D) None of these

SOLUTION : (B)

We know that

$$\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \begin{cases} \cot^{-1} x & , \text{ for } x > 0 \\ -\pi + \cot^{-1} x & , \text{ for } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \cot^{-1} x = \begin{cases} \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{x} & , \text{ for } x > 0 \\ \pi + \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{x} & , \text{ for } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \cot^{-1}\left(\frac{ab+1}{a-b}\right) + \cot^{-1}\left(\frac{bc+1}{b-c}\right) + \cot^{-1}\left(\frac{ca+1}{c-a}\right) \\ = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{a-b}{1+ab}\right) + \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{b-c}{1+bc}\right) + \pi + \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{c-a}{1+ca}\right) \\ = \tan^{-1} a - \tan^{-1} b + \tan^{-1} b - \tan^{-1} c + \pi + \tan^{-1} c - \tan^{-1} a \\ = \pi. \end{aligned}$$

$$(A) \quad (i) \quad \tan^{-1} x + \tan^{-1} y = \begin{cases} \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{x+y}{1-xy} \right) & \text{if } xy < 1 \\ \pi + \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{x+y}{1-xy} \right) & \text{if } x > 0, y > 0 \text{ and } xy > 1 \\ -\pi + \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{x+y}{1-xy} \right) & \text{if } x < 0, y < 0 \text{ and } xy > 1 \end{cases}$$

$$(ii) \quad \tan^{-1} x - \tan^{-1} y = \begin{cases} \tan^{-1} \frac{x-y}{1+xy} & \text{if } xy > -1 \\ \pi + \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{x-y}{1+xy} \right) & \text{if } x > 0, y < 0 \text{ and } xy < -1 \\ -\pi + \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{x-y}{1+xy} \right) & \text{if } x < 0, y > 0 \text{ and } xy < -1 \end{cases}$$

$$(B) \quad (i) \quad \sin^{-1} x + \sin^{-1} y = \begin{cases} \sin^{-1} \{x\sqrt{1-y^2} + y\sqrt{1-x^2}\} & \text{if } -1 \leq x, y \leq 1 \text{ and } x^2 + y^2 \leq 1 \\ & \text{or} \\ & \text{if } xy < 0 \text{ and } x^2 + y^2 > 1 \\ \pi - \sin^{-1} \{x\sqrt{1-y^2} + y\sqrt{1-x^2}\} & \text{if } 0 < x, y \leq 1 \text{ and } x^2 + y^2 > 1 \\ -\pi - \sin^{-1} \{x\sqrt{1-y^2} + y\sqrt{1-x^2}\} & \text{if } -1 \leq x, y < 0 \text{ and } x^2 + y^2 > 1 \end{cases}$$

$$(ii) \quad \sin^{-1} x - \sin^{-1} y = \begin{cases} \sin^{-1} \{x\sqrt{1-y^2} - y\sqrt{1-x^2}\} & \text{if } -1 \leq x, y \leq 1 \text{ and } x^2 + y^2 \leq 1 \\ & \text{or} \\ & \text{if } xy > 0 \text{ and } x^2 + y^2 > 1 \\ \pi - \sin^{-1} \{x\sqrt{1-y^2} - y\sqrt{1-x^2}\} & \text{if } 0 < x \leq 1, -1 < y \leq 0 \text{ and } x^2 + y^2 > 1 \\ -\pi - \sin^{-1} \{x\sqrt{1-y^2} - y\sqrt{1-x^2}\} & \text{if } -1 \leq x < 0, 0 < y \leq 1 \text{ and } x^2 + y^2 > 1 \end{cases}$$

$$(C) \quad (i) \quad \cos^{-1} x + \cos^{-1} y = \begin{cases} \cos^{-1} \{xy - \sqrt{1-x^2}\sqrt{1-y^2}\} & \text{if } -1 \leq x, y \leq 1 \text{ and } x+y \geq 0 \\ 2\pi - \cos^{-1} \{xy - \sqrt{1-x^2}\sqrt{1-y^2}\} & \text{if } -1 \leq x, y \leq 1 \text{ and } x+y \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$(ii) \quad \cos^{-1} x - \cos^{-1} y = \begin{cases} \cos^{-1} \left\{ xy + \sqrt{1-x^2} \sqrt{1-y^2} \right\} & \text{if } -1 \leq x, y \leq 1 \text{ and } x \leq y \\ -\cos^{-1} \left\{ xy + \sqrt{1-x^2} \sqrt{1-y^2} \right\} & \text{if } -1 \leq y \leq 0, 0 < x \leq 1 \text{ and } x \geq y \end{cases}$$

Illustrating the Concept :

(i) Prove that : $\tan^{-1} \frac{2}{11} + \tan^{-1} \frac{7}{24} = \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{2}$

We have, $\tan^{-1} \frac{2}{11} + \tan^{-1} \frac{7}{24}$

$$= \tan^{-1} \left\{ \frac{\frac{2}{11} + \frac{7}{24}}{1 - \frac{2}{11} \times \frac{7}{24}} \right\} \quad \left[\text{As } \tan^{-1} x + \tan^{-1} y = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{x+y}{1-xy} \right), \text{ if } xy < 1 \right]$$

$$= \tan^{-1} \left\{ \frac{48+77}{264-14} \right\} = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{125}{250} \right) = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)$$

(ii) Prove that : $\tan^{-1} x + \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{2x}{1-x^2} \right) = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{3x-x^3}{1-3x^2} \right)$
 $(x \in \mathbb{R}) \quad (|x| < 1) \quad \left(|x| < \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right)$

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

$$= \tan^{-1} \left\{ \frac{x + \frac{2x}{1-x^2}}{1 - \frac{2x^2}{1-x^2}} \right\} \quad \left[\text{As } \tan^{-1} x + \tan^{-1} y = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{x+y}{1-xy} \right), \text{ if } xy < 1 \right]$$

$$= \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{x - x^3 + 2x}{1 - x^2 - 2x^2} \right) = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{3x - x^3}{1 - 3x^2} \right), \left(|x| < \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right)$$

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Illustration - 18

The value of $\sin^{-1}\frac{12}{13} + \cos^{-1}\frac{4}{5} + \tan^{-1}\frac{63}{16}$ is :

- (A) 0 (B) $-\pi$ (C) π (D) None of these

SOLUTION : (C)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{We have, } & \sin^{-1}\frac{12}{13} + \cos^{-1}\frac{4}{5} + \tan^{-1}\frac{63}{16} \\
 &= \tan^{-1}\frac{12}{5} + \tan^{-1}\frac{3}{4} + \tan^{-1}\frac{63}{13} \quad \left[\text{As } \sin^{-1}\frac{12}{13} = \tan^{-1}\frac{12}{5} \text{ and } \cos^{-1}\frac{4}{5} = \tan^{-1}\frac{3}{4} \right] \\
 &= \pi + \tan^{-1}\left\{ \frac{\frac{12}{5} + \frac{3}{4}}{1 - \frac{12}{5} \times \frac{3}{4}} \right\} + \tan^{-1}\frac{63}{16} \quad \left[\text{As } \tan^{-1}x + \tan^{-1}y = \pi + \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x+y}{1-xy}\right), \text{ if } xy > 1 \right] \\
 &= \pi + \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{63}{-16}\right) + \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{63}{16}\right) \\
 &= \pi - \tan^{-1}\frac{63}{16} + \tan^{-1}\frac{63}{16} \quad [\text{As } \tan^{-1}(-x) = -\tan^{-1}x] \\
 &= \pi
 \end{aligned}$$

Illustration - 19

The value of $\cos^{-1}\frac{12}{13} + \sin^{-1}\frac{3}{5}$ is :

- (A) $\sin^{-1}\frac{56}{65}$ (B) $\sin^{-1}\frac{12}{13}$ (C) 0 (D) None of these

SOLUTION : (A)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{We have, } & \cos^{-1}\frac{12}{13} + \sin^{-1}\frac{3}{5} \\
 &= \sin^{-1}\frac{5}{13} + \sin^{-1}\frac{3}{5} \quad \left[\text{As } \cos^{-1}\frac{12}{13} = \sin^{-1}\frac{5}{13} \right] \\
 &= \sin^{-1}\left\{ \frac{5}{13} \times \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^2} + \frac{3}{5} \times \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{5}{13}\right)^2} \right\} = \sin^{-1}\left\{ \frac{5}{13} \times \frac{4}{5} + \frac{3}{5} \times \frac{12}{13} \right\} = \sin^{-1}\frac{56}{65}
 \end{aligned}$$

Illustration - 20

The value of $\sin^{-1} \frac{3}{5} - \sin^{-1} \frac{8}{17}$ is :

- (A) $\cos^{-1} \frac{60}{85}$ (B) $\cos^{-1} \frac{24}{85}$ (C) $\cos^{-1} \frac{84}{85}$ (D) None of these

SOLUTION : (C)

We have, $\sin^{-1} \frac{3}{5} - \sin^{-1} \frac{8}{17}$

$$= \cos^{-1} \frac{4}{5} - \cos^{-1} \frac{15}{17}$$

$$\left[\text{As } \sin^{-1} \frac{3}{5} = \cos^{-1} \frac{4}{5}, \sin^{-1} \frac{8}{17} = \cos^{-1} \frac{15}{17} \right]$$

$$= \cos^{-1} \left\{ \frac{4}{5} \times \frac{15}{17} + \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^2} \times \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{15}{17}\right)^2} \right\} = \cos^{-1} \left\{ \frac{4}{5} \times \frac{15}{17} + \frac{3}{5} \times \frac{8}{17} \right\} = \cos^{-1} \left\{ \frac{60}{85} + \frac{24}{85} \right\} = \cos^{-1} \frac{84}{85}$$

Illustration - 21

The value of $\tan^{-1} \frac{1}{2} + \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{5} + \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{8}$ is :

- (A) 0 (B) 1 (C) π (D) $\pi / 4$

SOLUTION : (D)

$$\tan^{-1} \frac{1}{2} + \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{5} + \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{8}$$

$$= \left\{ \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{2} + \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{5} \right\} + \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{8}$$

$$= \tan^{-1} \left\{ \frac{\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{5}}{1 - \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{5}} \right\} + \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{8}$$

$$\left[\text{As } \tan^{-1} x + \tan^{-1} y = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{x+y}{1-xy} \right), \text{ if } xy < 1 \right]$$

$$= \tan^{-1} \frac{7}{9} + \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{8} = \tan^{-1} \left\{ \frac{\frac{7}{9} + \frac{1}{8}}{1 - \frac{7}{9} \times \frac{1}{8}} \right\} = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{65}{65} \right) = \tan^{-1} 1 = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

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Illustration - 22

The value of $\tan^{-1}\frac{1}{5} + \tan^{-1}\frac{1}{7} + \tan^{-1}\frac{1}{3} + \tan^{-1}\frac{1}{8}$ is :

- (A) $\pi / 4$ (B) π (C) 1 (D) 0

SOLUTION : (A)

$$\begin{aligned}\tan^{-1}\frac{1}{5} + \tan^{-1}\frac{1}{7} + \tan^{-1}\frac{1}{3} + \tan^{-1}\frac{1}{8} &= \left(\tan^{-1}\frac{1}{5} + \tan^{-1}\frac{1}{7}\right) + \left(\tan^{-1}\frac{1}{3} + \tan^{-1}\frac{1}{8}\right) \\&= \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{7}}{1 - \frac{1}{5} \times \frac{1}{7}}\right) + \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{8}}{1 - \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{1}{8}}\right) \quad \left[\text{As } \tan^{-1}x + \tan^{-1}y = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x+y}{1-xy}\right), \text{ if } xy < 1 \right] \\&= \tan^{-1}\frac{6}{17} + \tan^{-1}\frac{11}{23} = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\frac{6}{17} + \frac{11}{23}}{1 - \frac{6}{17} \times \frac{11}{23}}\right) = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{325}{325}\right) = \tan^{-1}1 = \frac{\pi}{4}\end{aligned}$$

Illustration - 23

The value of $\sin^{-1}\frac{3}{5} + \sin^{-1}\frac{8}{17}$ is equal to :

- (A) $\sin^{-1}\frac{15}{17}$ (B) $\sin^{-1}\frac{77}{85}$ (C) 0 (D) None of these

SOLUTION : (B)

$$\begin{aligned}\sin^{-1}\frac{3}{5} + \sin^{-1}\frac{8}{17} \\&= \sin^{-1}\left\{\frac{3}{5}\sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{8}{17}\right)^2} + \frac{8}{17}\sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^2}\right\} \quad [\text{Using, } \sin^{-1}x + \sin^{-1}y = \sin^{-1}\{x\sqrt{1-y^2} + y\sqrt{1-x^2}\}, \text{ if } -1 \leq x, y \leq 1 \text{ and } x^2 + y^2 \leq 1] \\&= \sin^{-1}\left\{\frac{3}{5}\sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{8}{17}\right)^2} + \frac{8}{17}\sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^2}\right\} = \sin^{-1}\left\{\frac{3}{5} \times \frac{15}{17} + \frac{8}{17} \times \frac{4}{5}\right\} = \sin^{-1}\frac{77}{85}\end{aligned}$$

Illustration - 24

The value of $\sin^{-1}\frac{3}{5} + \cos^{-1}\frac{12}{13}$ is equal to :

- (A) $\cos^{-1}\frac{33}{65}$ (B) $\cos^{-1}\frac{56}{65}$ (C) 1 (D) None of these

SOLUTION : (A)

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sin^{-1} \frac{3}{5} + \cos^{-1} \frac{12}{13} \\
 &= \sin^{-1} \frac{3}{5} + \sin^{-1} \frac{5}{13} \quad \left[\text{As } \cos^{-1} x = \sin^{-1} \sqrt{1-x^2} \right] \\
 & \quad \left[\text{Using, } \sin^{-1} x + \sin^{-1} y = \sin^{-1} \left\{ x\sqrt{1-y^2} + y\sqrt{1-x^2} \right\}, \text{ if } -1 \leq x, y \leq 1 \text{ and } x^2 + y^2 \leq 1 \right] \\
 &= \sin^{-1} \left\{ \frac{3}{5} \times \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{5}{13} \right)^2} + \frac{5}{13} \times \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{3}{5} \right)^2} \right\} \\
 &= \sin^{-1} \left\{ \frac{3}{5} \times \frac{12}{13} + \frac{5}{13} \times \frac{4}{5} \right\} = \sin^{-1} \frac{56}{65} = \cos^{-1} \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{56}{65} \right)^2} = \cos^{-1} \frac{33}{65}
 \end{aligned}$$

MORE ILLUSTRATIONS**Section - 3****Illustration - 25** Sketch the graph for :

(i) $\sin^{-1} \left(\frac{2x}{1+x^2} \right)$

(ii) $\cos^{-1} \left(\frac{1-x^2}{1+x^2} \right)$

(iii) $\tan^{-1} \left(\frac{2x}{1-x^2} \right)$

(iv) $\tan^{-1} \left(\frac{3x-x^3}{1-3x^2} \right)$

(v) $\sin^{-1} (3x - 4x^3)$

(vi) $\cos^{-1} (4x^3 - 3x)$.

SOLUTION :

As we know, all the above mentioned six curves are non-periodic, but have restricted domain and range.

So, we shall first define each curve for its domain and range and then sketch these curves.

(i) Sketch for $y = \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{2x}{1+x^2} \right)$

Here, for domain $\left| \frac{2x}{1+x^2} \right| \leq 1$

$$\Rightarrow 2|x| \leq 1 + x^2 \quad [\text{as } 1 + x^2 > 0 \text{ for all } x]$$

$$\Rightarrow |x|^2 - 2|x| + 1 \geq 0 \quad [\text{as } x^2 = |x^2|]$$

$$\Rightarrow (|x| - 1)^2 \geq 0 \quad \Rightarrow x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

For Range : $y = \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{2x}{1+x^2} \right)$

$$\Rightarrow y \in \left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2} \right] \quad \left[\text{as } y = \sin^{-1} \theta \Rightarrow y \in \left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2} \right] \right]$$

Defining the curve :

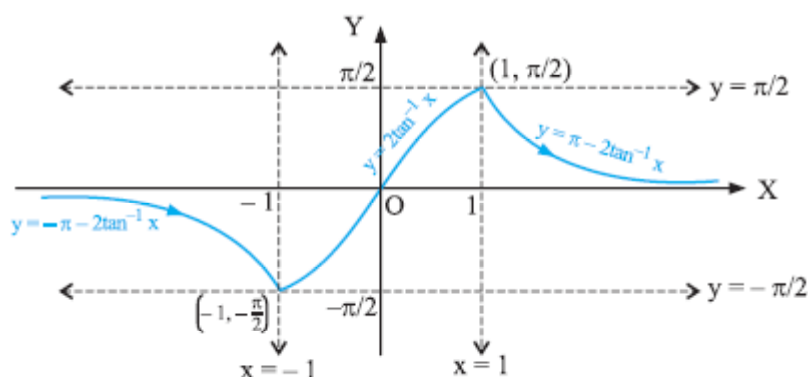
Let, $x = \tan \theta$

$$\Rightarrow y = \sin^{-1}(\sin 2\theta) = \begin{cases} \pi - 2\theta & ; 2\theta > \frac{\pi}{2} \\ 2\theta & ; -\frac{\pi}{2} \leq 2\theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2} \\ -\pi - 2\theta & ; 2\theta < -\frac{\pi}{2} \end{cases} \quad [\text{see property 1.3 F(i)}]$$

$$\text{or } y = \begin{cases} \pi - 2 \tan^{-1} x & ; \tan^{-1} x > \frac{\pi}{4} \\ 2 \tan^{-1} x & ; -\frac{\pi}{4} \leq \tan^{-1} x \leq \frac{\pi}{4} \\ -\pi - 2 \tan^{-1} x & ; \tan^{-1} x < -\frac{\pi}{4} \end{cases} \quad [\text{as } \tan \theta = x \Rightarrow \theta = \tan^{-1} x]$$

$$\text{or } y = \begin{cases} \pi - 2 \tan^{-1} x & ; x > 1 \\ 2 \tan^{-1} x & ; -1 \leq x \leq 1 \\ -\pi - 2 \tan^{-1} x & ; x < -1 \end{cases} \quad \dots \text{(i)}$$

Thus, $y = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{2x}{1+x^2}\right)$ is defined for $x \in R$, where $y \in \left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$, so the graph for Eq. (i) could be shown in Fig.



Thus, the graph for $y = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{2x}{1+x^2}\right)$.

(ii) Sketch for $y = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1-x^2}{1+x^2}\right)$

Here, for domain $\left|\frac{1-x^2}{1+x^2}\right| \leq 1$

$$\Rightarrow |1-x^2| \leq 1+x^2 \quad [\text{as } 1+x^2 > 0, \forall x \in R]$$

which is true for all x ; as $1+x^2 \geq 1-x^2$

$$\therefore x \in R$$

$$\text{For range : } y = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1-x^2}{1+x^2}\right) \Rightarrow y \in [0, \pi)$$

Define the curve :

Let, $x = \tan \theta$

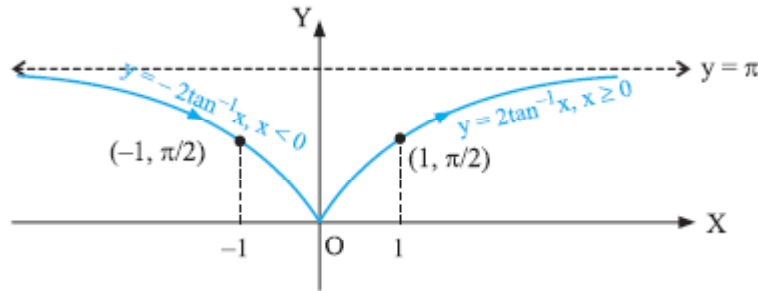
$$\therefore y = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1-\tan^2 \theta}{1+\tan^2 \theta}\right) = \cos^{-1}(\cos 2\theta)$$

$$= \begin{cases} 2\theta & ; \quad 2\theta \geq 0 \\ -2\theta & ; \quad 2\theta < 0 \end{cases}$$

[see property 1.3 F(ii)]

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} 2 \tan^{-1} x & ; \tan^{-1} x \geq 0 \\ -2 \tan^{-1} x & ; \tan^{-1} x < 0 \end{cases} \quad [\text{as } \tan \theta = x \Rightarrow \theta = \tan^{-1} x]$$

So, the graph of $y = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{1-x^2}{1+x^2} \right) = \begin{cases} 2 \tan^{-1} x & ; x \geq 0 \\ -2 \tan^{-1} x & ; x < 0 \end{cases}$ is shown as :



Thus, the graph for $y = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{1-x^2}{1+x^2} \right) = \begin{cases} 2 \tan^{-1} x & ; x \geq 0 \\ -2 \tan^{-1} x & ; x < 0 \end{cases}$.

(iii) Sketch for $y = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{2x}{1-x^2} \right)$

Here, for domain $\frac{2x}{1-x^2} \in \mathbb{R}$ except ; $1-x^2 = 0$

i.e., $x \neq \pm 1$

or $x \in \mathbb{R} - \{1, -1\}$

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

$$\Rightarrow y \in \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2} \right) \quad \left[\text{as } y = \tan^{-1} \theta \Rightarrow y \in \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2} \right) \right]$$

Defining the curve

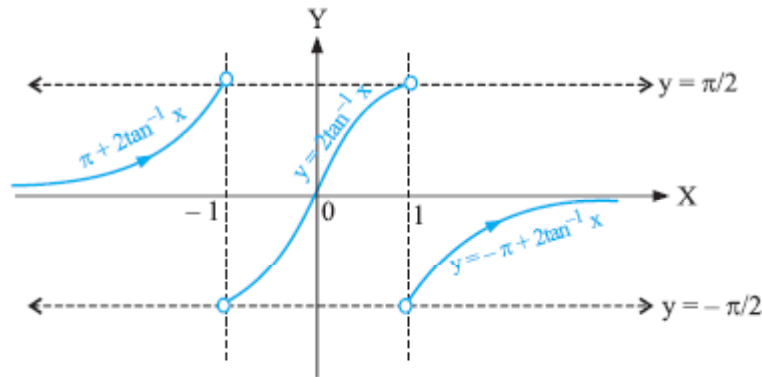
Let $x = \tan \theta$

$$\Rightarrow y = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{2 \tan \theta}{1 - \tan^2 \theta} \right) = \tan^{-1} (\tan 2\theta) = \begin{cases} \pi + 2\theta & ; 2\theta < \frac{-\pi}{2} \\ 2\theta & ; -\frac{\pi}{2} < 2\theta < \frac{\pi}{2} \\ -\pi + 2\theta & ; 2\theta > \frac{\pi}{2} \end{cases} \text{ [see property 1.3 F(iii)]}$$

$$= \begin{cases} \pi + 2 \tan^{-1} x & ; \tan^{-1} x < -\frac{\pi}{4} \\ 2 \tan^{-1} x & ; -\frac{\pi}{4} < \tan^{-1} x < \frac{\pi}{4} \\ -\pi + 2 \tan^{-1} x & ; \tan^{-1} x > \frac{\pi}{4} \end{cases} \quad [\text{as } \tan \theta = x \Rightarrow \theta = \tan^{-1} x]$$

$$= \begin{cases} \pi + 2 \tan^{-1} x & ; x < -1 \\ 2 \tan^{-1} x & ; -1 < x < 1 \\ -\pi + 2 \tan^{-1} x & ; x > 1 \end{cases}$$

So, the graph of ; $y = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{2x}{1-x^2} \right) = \begin{cases} \pi + 2 \tan^{-1} x & ; x < -1 \\ 2 \tan^{-1} x & ; -1 < x < 1 \\ -\pi + 2 \tan^{-1} x & ; x > 1 \end{cases}$ is shown as ;



Thus, the graph for $y = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{2x}{1-x^2} \right) = \begin{cases} \pi + 2 \tan^{-1} x & ; x < -1 \\ 2 \tan^{-1} x & ; -1 < x < 1 \\ -\pi + 2 \tan^{-1} x & ; x > 1 \end{cases}$

(iv) Sketch for $y = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{3x - x^3}{1 - 3x^2} \right)$. Here, for domain $y = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{3x - x^3}{1 - 3x^2} \right)$

$$\Rightarrow x \in \mathbb{R} \text{ except } 1 - 3x^2 = 0 \Rightarrow x \neq \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \quad \therefore x \in \mathbb{R} - \left\{ \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right\}$$

$$\text{For range : } y = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{3x - x^3}{1 - 3x^2} \right) \Rightarrow y \in \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2} \right) \quad \left[\text{as } y = \tan^{-1} \theta \Rightarrow y \in \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2} \right) \right]$$

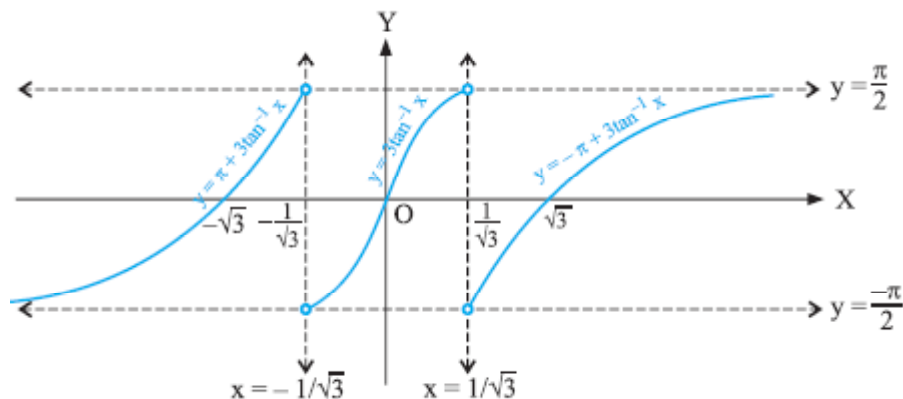
Defining the curve :

Let $x = \tan \theta$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow y = \tan^{-1}(\tan 3\theta) &= \begin{cases} \pi + 3\theta & ; 3\theta < -\frac{\pi}{2} \\ 3\theta & ; -\frac{\pi}{2} < 3\theta < \frac{\pi}{2} \\ -\pi + 3\theta & ; 3\theta > \frac{\pi}{2} \end{cases} = \begin{cases} \pi + 3 \tan^{-1} x & ; \tan^{-1} x < -\frac{\pi}{6} \\ 3 \tan^{-1} x & ; -\frac{\pi}{6} < \tan^{-1} x < \frac{\pi}{6} \\ -\pi + 3 \tan^{-1} x & ; \tan^{-1} x > \frac{\pi}{6} \end{cases} \\ &= \begin{cases} \pi + 3 \tan^{-1} x & ; x < -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ 3 \tan^{-1} x & ; -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} < x < \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ -\pi + 3 \tan^{-1} x & ; x > \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

So, the graph of ;

$$y = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{3x - x^3}{1 - 3x^2} \right) = \begin{cases} \pi + 3 \tan^{-1} x & ; x < -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ 3 \tan^{-1} x & ; -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} < x < \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ -\pi + 3 \tan^{-1} x & ; x > \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{cases}$$



(v) Sketch curve $y = \sin^{-1}(3x - 4x^3)$

For domain $y = \sin^{-1}(3x - 4x^3) \Rightarrow x \in [-1, 1]$

For range $y = \sin^{-1}(3x - 4x^3) \Rightarrow y \in \left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$

Defining the curve :

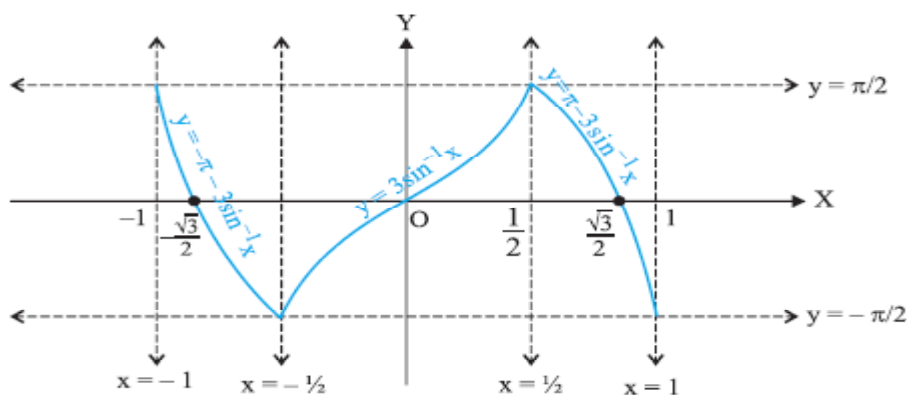
Let $x = \sin \theta$,

$$\Rightarrow y = \sin^{-1}(\sin 3\theta) = \begin{cases} \pi - 3\theta & ; \frac{\pi}{2} \leq 3\theta \leq \frac{3\pi}{2} \\ 3\theta & ; -\frac{\pi}{2} \leq 3\theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2} \\ -\pi - 3\theta & ; -\frac{3\pi}{2} \leq 3\theta \leq -\frac{\pi}{2} \end{cases}$$

$$= \begin{cases} \pi - 3\sin^{-1}x & ; \frac{\pi}{6} \leq \sin^{-1}x \leq \frac{\pi}{2} \\ 3\sin^{-1}x & ; -\frac{\pi}{6} \leq \sin^{-1}x \leq \frac{\pi}{6} \\ -\pi - 3\sin^{-1}x & ; -\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \sin^{-1}x \leq -\frac{\pi}{6} \end{cases}$$

$$\therefore y = \sin^{-1}(3x - 4x^3) = \begin{cases} \pi - 3\sin^{-1}x & ; \frac{1}{2} \leq x \leq 1 \\ 3\sin^{-1}x & ; -\frac{1}{2} \leq x \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ -\pi - 3\sin^{-1}x & ; -1 \leq x \leq -\frac{1}{2} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{So the graph of } y = \sin^{-1}(3x - 4x^3) = \begin{cases} \pi - 3 \sin^{-1} x & ; \frac{1}{2} \leq x \leq 1 \\ 3 \sin^{-1} x & ; -\frac{1}{2} \leq x \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ -\pi - 3 \sin^{-1} x & ; -1 \leq x \leq -\frac{1}{2} \end{cases}$$



(vi) Sketch the curve $y = \cos^{-1}(4x^3 - 3x)$

Here, domain $\in [-1, 1]$

range $y \in [0, \pi]$

Defining the curve :

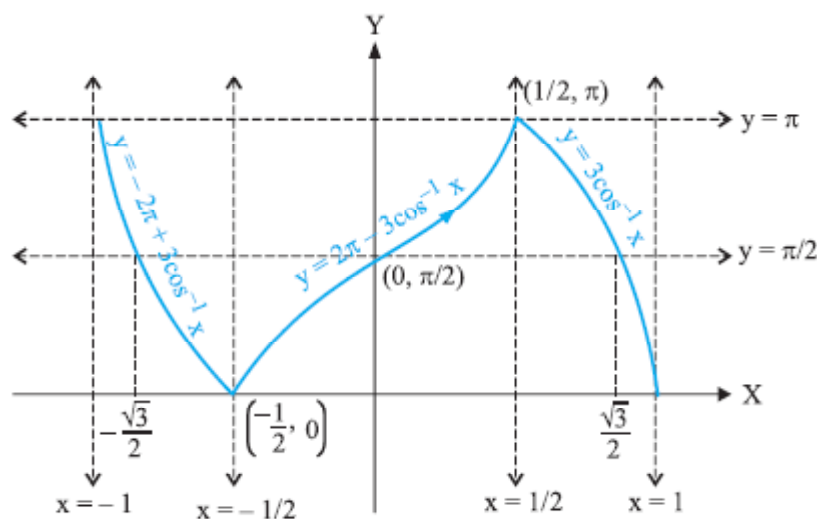
Let $x = \cos \theta$

$$\Rightarrow y = \cos^{-1}(\cos 3\theta) = \begin{cases} 2\pi - 3\theta & ; \pi \leq 3\theta \leq 2\pi \\ 3\theta & ; 0 \leq 3\theta \leq \pi \\ -2\pi + 3\theta & ; 2\pi \leq 3\theta \leq 3\pi \end{cases} = \begin{cases} 2\pi - 3 \cos^{-1} x & ; \frac{\pi}{3} \leq \cos^{-1} x \leq \frac{2\pi}{3} \\ 3 \cos^{-1} x & ; 0 \leq \cos^{-1} x \leq \frac{\pi}{3} \\ -2\pi + 3 \cos^{-1} x & ; \frac{2\pi}{3} \leq \cos^{-1} x \leq \pi \end{cases}$$

$$= \begin{cases} 2\pi - 3\cos^{-1}x & ; -\frac{1}{2} \leq x \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ 3\cos^{-1}x & ; \frac{1}{2} \leq x \leq 1 \\ -2\pi + 3\cos^{-1}x & ; -1 \leq x \leq -\frac{1}{2} \end{cases}$$

[as If $0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{3} \Rightarrow \cos \frac{\pi}{3} \leq \cos \theta \leq \cos 0$ or $\frac{1}{2} \leq \cos \theta \leq 1$. Here, the interval changed since, $\cos x$ is decreasing in $[0, \pi]$]

So, the graph of ; $y = \cos^{-1}(4x^3 - 3x) = \begin{cases} 2\pi - 3\cos^{-1}x & ; -\frac{1}{2} \leq x \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ 3\cos^{-1}x & ; \frac{1}{2} \leq x \leq 1 \\ -2\pi + 3\cos^{-1}x & ; -1 \leq x \leq -\frac{1}{2} \end{cases}$ is shown as;



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Illustration - 26

The value of $2 \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{2} + \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{7}$ is :

- (A) $\tan^{-1} \frac{31}{17}$ (B) $\tan^{-1} \frac{4}{3}$ (C) 1 (D) 0

SOLUTION : (A)

$$\begin{aligned} & 2 \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{2} + \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{7} \\ &= \tan^{-1} \left\{ \frac{2 \times \frac{1}{2}}{1 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2} \right\} + \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{7} \quad \left[\text{As } 2 \tan^{-1} x = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{2x}{1-x^2} \right), \text{ if } -1 < x < 1 \right] \\ &= \tan^{-1} \frac{4}{3} + \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{7} = \tan^{-1} \left\{ \frac{\frac{4}{3} + \frac{1}{7}}{1 - \frac{4}{3} \times \frac{1}{7}} \right\} = \tan^{-1} \frac{31}{17} \end{aligned}$$

Illustration - 27

If $\sin \left(\sin^{-1} \frac{1}{5} + \cos^{-1} x \right) = 1$, then find the value of x is.

- (A) 0 (B) 1 (C) $\frac{1}{5}$ (D) $\frac{2}{5}$

SOLUTION : (C)

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{We have, } \sin \left(\sin^{-1} \frac{1}{5} + \cos^{-1} x \right) = 1 \\ & \Rightarrow \sin^{-1} \frac{1}{5} + \cos^{-1} x = \sin^{-1} 1 \\ & \Rightarrow \sin^{-1} \frac{1}{5} + \cos^{-1} x = \frac{\pi}{2} \\ & \Rightarrow \cos^{-1} x = \frac{\pi}{2} - \sin^{-1} \frac{1}{5} \\ & \Rightarrow \cos^{-1} x = \cos^{-1} \frac{1}{5} \quad \left[\text{As } \sin^{-1} \frac{1}{5} + \cos^{-1} \frac{1}{5} = \frac{\pi}{2} \right] \\ & \Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{5} \end{aligned}$$

Illustration - 28

The value of x which satisfies $\tan^{-1} \frac{x-1}{x-2} + \tan^{-1} \frac{x+1}{x+2} = \frac{\pi}{4}$ is :

- (A) $x = 0$ (B) $x = 1$ (C) $x = \pm 1$ (D) $x = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$

SOLUTION : (D)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{We have, } \tan^{-1} \frac{x-1}{x-2} + \tan^{-1} \frac{x+1}{x+2} &= \frac{\pi}{4} \Rightarrow \tan^{-1} \frac{x-1}{x-2} = \tan^{-1} \frac{x+2-x-1}{x+2+x+1} \\ \Rightarrow \tan^{-1} \frac{x-1}{x-2} + \tan^{-1} \frac{x+1}{x+2} &= \tan^{-1} 1 \Rightarrow \tan^{-1} \frac{x-1}{x-2} = \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{2x+3} \Rightarrow \frac{x-1}{x-2} = \frac{1}{2x+3} \\ \Rightarrow \tan^{-1} \frac{x-1}{x-2} &= \tan^{-1} 1 - \tan^{-1} \frac{x+1}{x+2} \Rightarrow 2x^2 + x - 3 = x - 2 \\ &\Rightarrow 2x^2 - 1 = 0 \\ \Rightarrow \tan^{-1} \frac{x-1}{x-2} &= \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{1 - \frac{x+1}{x+2}}{1 + \frac{x+1}{x+2}} \right) \Rightarrow x = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{aligned}$$

Illustration - 29

The value of x which satisfies $\tan^{-1} 2x + \tan^{-1} 3x = \frac{\pi}{4}$ is :

- (A) $x = 1$ (B) $x = \frac{1}{3}$ (C) $x = \frac{1}{6}$ (D) None of these

SOLUTION : (C)

We have, $\tan^{-1} 2x + \tan^{-1} 3x = \frac{\pi}{4}$

$$\Rightarrow \tan^{-1} \left\{ \frac{2x+3x}{1-2x \times 3x} \right\} = \tan^{-1} 1, \text{ if } 6x^2 < 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{5x}{1-6x^2} = 1, \quad \text{if } 6x^2 < 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 6x^2 + 5x - 1 = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad x^2 < \frac{1}{6}$$

$$\Rightarrow (6x-1)(x+1) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} < x < \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -1, \frac{1}{6} \quad \text{and} \quad -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} < x < \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{6}$$

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Illustration - 30

The value of x which satisfies $2 \tan^{-1}(\cos x) = \tan^{-1}(2 \operatorname{cosec} x)$ is :

- (A) $x = n\pi$ (B) $x = \frac{\pi}{3} + n\pi$ (C) $x = \frac{\pi}{4} + n\pi$ (D) None of these

SOLUTION : (C)

We have, $2 \tan^{-1}(\cos x) = \tan^{-1}(2 \operatorname{cosec} x)$

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

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2 \cos x}{\sin^2 x} = 2 \operatorname{cosec} x \quad \Rightarrow \quad \cos x \sin x = \sin^2 x \quad \Rightarrow \quad (\cos x - \sin x) \sin x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos x = \sin x, (\sin x \neq 0) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \tan x = 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad x = \frac{\pi}{4} + n\pi$$

Illustration - 31

The value of x which $\tan^{-1}\sqrt{x^2 + x} + \sin^{-1}\sqrt{x^2 + x + 1} = \frac{\pi}{2}$ is :

- (A) $x = 1$ (B) $x = 0, -1$ (C) $x = 2$ (D) None of these

SOLUTION : (B)

This equation holds, if

$$x^2 + x \geq 0 \quad \text{and} \quad 0 \leq x^2 + x + 1 \leq 1$$

Now, $x^2 + x \geq 0 \quad \text{and} \quad 0 \leq x^2 + x + 1 \leq 1$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + x \geq 0 \quad \text{and} \quad x^2 + x + 1 \leq 0 \quad [\text{as } x^2 + x + 1 > 0 \text{ for all } x]$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + x \geq 0 \quad \text{and} \quad x^2 + x \leq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 0, -1$$

Clearly, both these values satisfy the given equation.

Hence, $x = 0, -1$ are the solutions of the given equation

Illustration - 32 If $x = \operatorname{cosec} [\tan^{-1} \{\cos (\cot^{-1} (\sec (\sin^{-1} a)))\}]$ and,

$y = \sec [\cot^{-1} \{\sin (\tan^{-1} (\operatorname{cosec} (\cos^{-1} a)))\}]$. Find relation between x and y .

(A) $x = -y$

(B) $x = 2y$

(C) $x = 3y$

(D) $x = y$

SOLUTION : (D)

We have, $x = \operatorname{cosec} [\tan^{-1} \{\cos (\cot^{-1} (\sec (\sin^{-1} a)))\}]$

$$= \operatorname{cosec} \left[\tan^{-1} \left\{ \cos \left(\cot^{-1} \left(\sec \left(\sec^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-a^2}} \right) \right) \right) \right\} \right] \quad \left[\text{as } \sin^{-1} a = \sec^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-a^2}} \right]$$

$$= \operatorname{cosec} \left[\tan^{-1} \left\{ \cos \left(\cot^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-a^2}} \right) \right\} \right]$$

$$= \operatorname{cosec} \left[\tan^{-1} \left\{ \cos \left(\cos^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2-a^2}} \right) \right\} \right] \quad \left[\text{as } \cot^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-a^2}} = \cos^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2-a^2}} \right]$$

$$= \operatorname{cosec} \left(\tan^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2-a^2}} \right) = \operatorname{cosec} \left(\operatorname{cosec}^{-1} \sqrt{3-a^2} \right) = \sqrt{3-a^2}$$

and, $y = \sec [\cot^{-1} \{\sin (\tan^{-1} (\operatorname{cosec} (\cos^{-1} a)))\}]$

$$= \sec \left[\cot^{-1} \left\{ \sin \left(\tan^{-1} \left(\operatorname{cosec} \left(\operatorname{cosec}^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-a^2}} \right) \right) \right) \right\} \right] \quad \left[\text{as } \cos^{-1} a = \operatorname{cosec}^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-a^2}} \right]$$

$$= \sec \left[\cot^{-1} \left\{ \sin \left(\tan^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-a^2}} \right) \right\} \right]$$

$$= \sec \left[\cot^{-1} \left\{ \sin \left(\sin^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2-a^2}} \right) \right\} \right] \quad \left[\text{as } \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-a^2}} = \sin^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2-a^2}} \right]$$

$$= \sec \left(\cot^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2-a}} \right) = \sec \left(\sec^{-1} \sqrt{3-a^2} \right) = \sqrt{3-a^2}$$

$$\therefore x = y \sqrt{3-a^2}.$$

Illustrating the Concept :

- (i) If $\cos^{-1} \frac{x}{a} + \cos^{-1} \frac{y}{b} = \alpha$, then prove that $\frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{2xy}{ab} \cos \alpha + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = \sin^2 \alpha$.
- (ii) If $\cos^{-1} x + \cos^{-1} y + \cos^{-1} z = \pi$, then prove that $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 2xyz = 1$.
- (iii) If $\sin^{-1} x + \sin^{-1} y + \sin^{-1} z = \pi$, then prove that

$$(a) \quad x\sqrt{1-x^2} + y\sqrt{1-y^2} + z\sqrt{1-z^2} = 2xyz$$

$$(b) \quad x^4 + y^4 + z^4 + 4x^2 y^2 z^2 = 2(x^2 y^2 + y^2 z^2 + z^2 x^2)$$

- (i) We have, $\cos^{-1} \frac{x}{a} + \cos^{-1} \frac{y}{b} = \alpha$

$$\Rightarrow \cos^{-1} \left\{ \frac{xy}{ab} - \sqrt{1-\frac{x^2}{a^2}} \sqrt{1-\frac{y^2}{b^2}} \right\} = \alpha \Rightarrow \frac{xy}{ab} - \sqrt{1-\frac{x^2}{a^2}} \sqrt{1-\frac{y^2}{b^2}} = \cos \alpha$$

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

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x^2 y^2}{a^2 b^2} - \frac{2xy}{ab} \cos \alpha + \cos^2 \alpha = 1 - \frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{x^2 y^2}{a^2 b^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} - \frac{2xy}{ab} \cos \alpha = 1 - \cos^2 \alpha$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} - \frac{2xy}{ab} \cos \alpha = \sin^2 \alpha$$

- (ii) We have, $\cos^{-1} x + \cos^{-1} y + \cos^{-1} z = \pi$

$$\Rightarrow \cos^{-1} x + \cos^{-1} y = \pi - \cos^{-1} z$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos^{-1} x + \cos^{-1} y = \cos^{-1} (-z)$$

$$[\text{as } \cos^{-1} (-z) = \pi - \cos^{-1} z]$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\Rightarrow \quad & \cos^{-1} \left\{ xy - \sqrt{1-x^2} \sqrt{1-y^2} \right\} = \cos^{-1}(-z) \\
\Rightarrow \quad & xy - \sqrt{1-x^2} \sqrt{1-y^2} = -z \\
\Rightarrow \quad & (xy + z)^2 = (1-x^2)(1-y^2) \\
\Rightarrow \quad & x^2 y^2 + z^2 + 2xyz = 1 - x^2 - y^2 + x^2 y^2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 2xyz = 1
\end{aligned}$$

(iii) (a) Let $\sin^{-1} x = A$, $\sin^{-1} y = B$ and $\sin^{-1} z = C$. Then,

$$x = \sin A, y = \sin B \text{ and } z = \sin C$$

$$\text{We have, } \sin^{-1} x + \sin^{-1} y + \sin^{-1} z = \pi$$

$$\Rightarrow A + B + C = \pi$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin 2A + \sin 2B + \sin 2C = 4 \sin A \sin B \sin C$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \sin A \cos A + 2 \sin B \cos B + 2 \sin C \cos C = 4 \sin A \sin B \sin C$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin A \sqrt{1-\sin^2 A} + \sin B \sqrt{1-\sin^2 B} + \sin C \sqrt{1-\sin^2 C} = 2 \sin A \sin B \sin C$$

$$\Rightarrow x\sqrt{1-x^2} + y\sqrt{1-y^2} + z\sqrt{1-z^2} = 2xyz$$

(b) We have, $\sin^{-1} x + \sin^{-1} y + \sin^{-1} z = \pi$

$$\Rightarrow \sin^{-1} x + \sin^{-1} y = \pi - \sin^{-1} z$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos(\sin^{-1} x + \sin^{-1} y) = \cos(\pi - \sin^{-1} z)$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos(\sin^{-1} x) \cos(\sin^{-1} y) - \sin(\sin^{-1} x) \sin(\sin^{-1} y) = -\cos(\sin^{-1} z)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{1-x^2} \sqrt{1-y^2} - xy = -\sqrt{1-z^2} \quad \left[\text{as } \cos(\sin^{-1} x) = \cos(\cos^{-1} \sqrt{1-x^2}) = \sqrt{1-x^2} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{(1-x^2)(1-y^2)} = xy - \sqrt{1-z^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 - x^2 - y^2 + x^2 y^2 = x^2 y^2 + 1 - z^2 - 2xy\sqrt{1-z^2} \quad [\text{On squaring both sides}]$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 - z^2 = 2xy\sqrt{1-z^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow (x^2 + y^2 - z^2)^2 = 4x^2 y^2 (1 - z^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow x^4 + y^4 + z^4 + 4x^2 y^2 z^2 = 2(x^2 y^2 + y^2 z^2 + z^2 x^2)$$

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Illustration - 33

The sum of roots of the equation $\sin^{-1} \frac{3x}{5} + \sin^{-1} \frac{4x}{5} = \sin^{-1} x$ is :

- (A) 1 (B) -1 (C) 0 (D) None of these

SOLUTION : (C)

We have, $\sin^{-1} \frac{3x}{5} + \sin^{-1} \frac{4x}{5} = \sin^{-1} x$

$$\Rightarrow \sin^{-1} \left\{ \frac{3x}{5} \sqrt{1 - \frac{16x^2}{25}} + \frac{4x}{5} \sqrt{1 - \frac{9x^2}{25}} \right\} = \sin^{-1} x$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3x}{5} \sqrt{1 - \frac{16x^2}{25}} + \frac{4x}{5} \sqrt{1 - \frac{9x^2}{25}} = x$$

$$\Rightarrow 3x\sqrt{25 - 16x^2} + 4x\sqrt{25 - 9x^2} = 25x$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 0 \quad \text{or,} \quad 3\sqrt{25 - 16x^2} + 4\sqrt{25 - 9x^2} = 25$$

$$\text{Now, } 3\sqrt{25 - 16x^2} + 4\sqrt{25 - 9x^2} = 25$$

$$\Rightarrow 4\sqrt{25 - 9x^2} = 25 - 3\sqrt{25 - 16x^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 16(25 - 9x^2) = 625 + 9(25 - 16x^2) - 150\sqrt{25 - 16x^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 150\sqrt{25 - 16x^2} = 450 \Rightarrow 25 - 16x^2 = 9 \Rightarrow x = \pm 1$$

Hence, $x = 0, 1, -1$ are roots of the given equation.

Illustration - 34

The value of x which satisfies $\sin^{-1}(1 - x) - 2\sin^{-1} x = \frac{\pi}{2}$ is :

- (A) $x = 1$ (B) $x = \frac{1}{2}$ (C) $x = 0$ (D) None of these

SOLUTION : (C)

We have, $\sin^{-1}(1 - x) - 2\sin^{-1} x = \frac{\pi}{2}$

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

$$\begin{aligned}
\Rightarrow 1 - x &= \sin(\pi/2 + 2 \sin^{-1} x) \\
\Rightarrow 1 - x &= \cos(2 \sin^{-1} x) \\
\Rightarrow 1 - x &= \cos\{\cos^{-1}(1 - 2x^2)\} & [\text{as } 2 \sin^{-1} x = \cos^{-1}(1 - 2x^2)] \\
\Rightarrow 1 - x &= (1 - 2x^2) \quad \Rightarrow \quad x = 2x^2 \\
\Rightarrow x(2x - 1) &= 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad x = 0, \frac{1}{2}
\end{aligned}$$

For, $x = \frac{1}{2}$, we have LHS = $\sin^{-1}(1 - x) - 2 \sin^{-1} x$

$$= \sin^{-1} \frac{1}{2} - 2 \sin^{-1} \frac{1}{2} = -\sin^{-1} \frac{1}{2} = -\frac{\pi}{6} \neq \text{R.H.S.}$$

So, $x = 1/2$ is not a root of the given equation.

Clearly, $x = 0$ satisfies the equation. Hence, $x = 0$ is a root of the given equation.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

1. Domain and Range (Principle value branch) of inverse Trigonometric Functions

S. No.	Functions	Deomain	Range
1.	$y = \sin^{-1} x$	$x \in [-1, 1]$	$y \in \left[\frac{-\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2} \right]$
2.	$y = \cos^{-1} x$	$x \in [-1, 1]$	$y \in [0, \pi]$
3.	$y = \tan^{-1} x$	$x \in \mathbb{R}$	$y \in \left(\frac{-\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2} \right)$
4.	$y = \operatorname{cosec}^{-1} x$	$x \in (-\infty, -1] \cup [1, \infty)$	$y \in \left[\frac{-\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2} \right] - \{0\}$
5.	$y = \sec^{-1} x$	$x \in (-\infty, -1] \cup [1, \infty)$	$y \in [0, \pi] - \left\{ \frac{\pi}{2} \right\}$
6.	$y = \cot^{-1} x$	$x \in \mathbb{R}$	$y \in (0, \pi)$

2. Property of inverse Trigonometric Function

(A) $\sin^{-1}(-x) = -\sin^{-1}x$ for all $x \in [-1, 1]$

$\cos^{-1}(-x) = \pi - \cos^{-1}x$ for all $x \in [-1, 1]$

$\operatorname{cosec}^{-1}(-x) = -\operatorname{cosec}^{-1}x$ for all $x \in (-\infty, -1] \cup [1, \infty)$

$\tan^{-1}(-x) = -\tan^{-1}x$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$

$\cot^{-1}(-x) = \pi - \cot^{-1}x$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$

(B) (i) $\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \operatorname{cosec}^{-1}x$, for all $x \in (-\infty, -1] \cup [1, \infty)$

(ii) $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \sec^{-1}x$, for all $x \in (-\infty, -1] \cup [1, \infty)$

(iii) $\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \begin{cases} \cot^{-1}x & , \quad \text{for } x > 0 \\ -\pi + \cot^{-1}x & , \quad \text{for } x < 0 \end{cases}$

(C) $\sin^{-1}x + \cos^{-1}x = \frac{\pi}{2}$ for all $x \in [-1, 1]$

$\operatorname{cosec}^{-1}x + \sec^{-1}x = \frac{\pi}{2}$ for all $x \in (-\infty, -1] \cup [1, \infty)$

$\tan^{-1}x + \cot^{-1}x = \frac{\pi}{2}$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$

(D) (i) $\sin^{-1}x = \cos^{-1}\sqrt{1-x^2} = \tan^{-1}\frac{x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} = \cot^{-1}\frac{\sqrt{1-x^2}}{x} = \sec^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}\right) = \operatorname{cosec}^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$
 $(0 \leq x \leq 1) \quad (|x| < 1) \quad (0 < x \leq 1) \quad (0 \leq x < 1) \quad (|x| \leq 1) - \{0\}$

(ii) $\cos^{-1}x = \sin^{-1}\sqrt{1-x^2} = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{1-x^2}}{x}\right) = \cot^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}\right) = \sec^{-1}\frac{1}{x} = \operatorname{cosec}^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}\right)$
 $(0 \leq x \leq 1) \quad (0 \leq x < 1) \quad (|x| < 1) \quad (|x| \leq 1) \quad (0 \leq x < 1)$

$$(iii) \tan^{-1} x = \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{1+x^2}} \right) = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{1+x^2}} \right) = \cot^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{x} \right) = \sec^{-1} \sqrt{1+x^2} = \operatorname{cosec}^{-1} \left(\frac{\sqrt{1+x^2}}{x} \right)$$

$(x \in \mathbb{R}) \qquad (0 \leq x < \infty) \qquad (x > 0) \qquad (x \geq 0) \qquad (x \in \mathbb{R} - \{0\})$

(E) (i) $\sin(\sin^{-1} x) = x \quad \forall x \in [-1, 1]$

(ii) $\cos(\cos^{-1} x) = x \quad \forall x \in [-1, 1]$

(iii) $\tan(\tan^{-1} x) = x \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$

(iv) $\operatorname{cosec}(\operatorname{cosec}^{-1} x) = x \quad \forall x \in (-\infty, -1] \cup [1, \infty)$

(v) $\sec(\sec^{-1} x) = x \quad \forall x \in (-\infty, -1] \cup [1, \infty)$

(vi) $\cot(\cot^{-1} x) = x \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$

(F) (i) $\sin^{-1}(\sin x) = \begin{cases} -\pi - x & ; \quad -\frac{3\pi}{2} \leq x \leq -\frac{\pi}{2} \\ x & ; \quad -\frac{\pi}{2} \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{2} \\ \pi - x & ; \quad \frac{\pi}{2} \leq x \leq \frac{3\pi}{2} \end{cases}$

(ii) $\cos^{-1}(\cos x) = \begin{cases} x & ; \quad 0 \leq x \leq \pi \\ 2\pi - x & ; \quad \pi \leq x \leq 2\pi \end{cases}$

(iii) $\tan^{-1}(\tan x) = \begin{cases} x & ; \quad -\frac{\pi}{2} < x < \frac{\pi}{2} \\ x - \pi & ; \quad \frac{\pi}{2} < x < \frac{3\pi}{2} \end{cases}$

(iv) $\operatorname{cosec}^{-1}(\operatorname{cosec} x) = \begin{cases} x & ; \quad -\frac{\pi}{2} \leq x < 0 \quad \text{or} \quad 0 < x \leq \frac{\pi}{2} \\ \pi - x & ; \quad -\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \pi - x < 0 \quad \text{or} \quad 0 < \pi - x \leq \frac{\pi}{2} \end{cases}$

(v) $\sec^{-1}(\sec x) = \begin{cases} x & ; \quad x \in \left[0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \cup \left(\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi\right] \\ 2\pi - x & ; \quad 2\pi - x \in \left[0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \cup \left(\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi\right] \end{cases}$

$$(vi) \quad \cot^{-1}(\cot x) = \begin{cases} x + \pi & ; & -\pi < x < 0 \\ x & ; & 0 < x < \pi \\ x - \pi & ; & \pi < x < 2\pi \end{cases}$$

3. Important Results

$$(A) \quad (i) \quad \tan^{-1} x + \tan^{-1} y = \begin{cases} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x+y}{1-xy}\right) & \text{if } xy < 1 \\ \pi + \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x+y}{1-xy}\right) & \text{if } x > 0, y > 0 \text{ and } xy > 1 \\ -\pi + \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x+y}{1-xy}\right) & \text{if } x < 0, y < 0 \text{ and } xy > 1 \end{cases}$$

$$(ii) \quad \tan^{-1} x - \tan^{-1} y = \begin{cases} \tan^{-1}\frac{x-y}{1-xy} & \text{if } xy < 1 \\ \pi + \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x-y}{1-xy}\right) & \text{if } x > 0, y < 0 \text{ and } xy < -1 \\ -\pi + \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x-y}{1-xy}\right) & \text{if } x < 0, y > 0 \text{ and } xy < -1 \end{cases}$$

$$(B) \quad (i) \quad \sin^{-1} x + \sin^{-1} y = \begin{cases} \sin^{-1}\left\{x\sqrt{1-y^2} + y\sqrt{1-x^2}\right\} & \text{if } -1 \leq x, y \leq 1 \text{ and } x^2 + y^2 \leq 1 \\ \text{or} \\ \pi - \sin^{-1}\left\{x\sqrt{1-y^2} + y\sqrt{1-x^2}\right\} & \text{if } xy < 0 \text{ and } x^2 + y^2 > 1 \\ \pi - \sin^{-1}\left\{x\sqrt{1-y^2} + y\sqrt{1-x^2}\right\} & \text{if } 0 < x, y \leq 1 \text{ and } x^2 + y^2 > 1 \\ -\pi - \sin^{-1}\left\{x\sqrt{1-y^2} + y\sqrt{1-x^2}\right\} & \text{if } -1 \leq x, y \leq 0 \text{ and } x^2 + y^2 > 1 \end{cases}$$

$$(ii) \sin^{-1} x - \sin^{-1} y = \begin{cases} \sin^{-1} \left\{ x\sqrt{1-y^2} - y\sqrt{1-x^2} \right\} & \text{if } -1 \leq x, y \leq 1 \text{ and } x^2 + y^2 \leq 1 \\ \text{or} & \text{if } xy > 0 \text{ and } x^2 + y^2 > 1 \\ \pi - \sin^{-1} \left\{ x\sqrt{1-y^2} - y\sqrt{1-x^2} \right\} & \text{if } 0 < x \leq 1, -1 < y \leq 0 \text{ and } x^2 + y^2 > 1 \\ -\pi - \sin^{-1} \left\{ x\sqrt{1-y^2} - y\sqrt{1-x^2} \right\} & \text{if } -1 \leq x \leq 0, 0 < y \leq 1 \text{ and } x^2 + y^2 > 1 \end{cases}$$

$$(C) (i) \cos^{-1} x + \cos^{-1} y = \begin{cases} \cos^{-1} \left\{ xy - \sqrt{1-x^2} \sqrt{1-y^2} \right\} & \text{if } -1 \leq x, y \leq 1 \text{ and } x + y \geq 0 \\ 2\pi - \cos^{-1} \left\{ xy - \sqrt{1-x^2} \sqrt{1-y^2} \right\} & \text{if } -1 \leq x, y \leq 1 \text{ and } x + y \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$(ii) \cos^{-1} x - \cos^{-1} y = \begin{cases} \cos^{-1} \left\{ xy - \sqrt{1-x^2} \sqrt{1-y^2} \right\} & \text{if } -1 \leq x, y \leq 1 \text{ and } x \leq y \\ -\cos^{-1} \left\{ xy - \sqrt{1-x^2} \sqrt{1-y^2} \right\} & \text{if } -1 \leq y \leq 0, 0 < x \leq 1 \text{ and } x \geq y \end{cases}$$

$$(D) (i) y = \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{2x}{1+x^2} \right) \begin{cases} \pi - 2 \tan^{-1} x & ; & x > 1 \\ 2 \tan^{-1} x & ; & -1 \leq x \leq 1 \\ -\pi - 2 \tan^{-1} x & ; & x < -1 \end{cases}$$

$$(ii) y = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{1-x^2}{1+x^2} \right) \begin{cases} 2 \tan^{-1} x & ; & x \geq 0 \\ -2 \tan^{-1} x & ; & x < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$(iii) y = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{2x}{1-x^2} \right) \begin{cases} \pi + 2 \tan^{-1} x & ; & x < -1 \\ 2 \tan^{-1} x & ; & -1 < x < 1 \\ -\pi + 2 \tan^{-1} x & ; & x > 1 \end{cases}$$

$$(iv) \quad y = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{3x - x^3}{1 - 3x^2} \right) = \begin{cases} \pi + 3 \tan^{-1} x & ; \quad x < -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ 3 \tan^{-1} x & ; \quad -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} < x < \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ -\pi + 3 \tan^{-1} x & ; \quad x > \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{cases}$$

$$(v) \quad y = \sin^{-1}(3x - 4x^3) = \begin{cases} \pi - 3 \sin^{-1} x & ; \quad \frac{1}{2} \leq x \leq 1 \\ 3 \sin^{-1} x & ; \quad -\frac{1}{2} \leq x \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ -\pi - 3 \sin^{-1} x & ; \quad -1 \leq x \leq -\frac{1}{2} \end{cases}$$

$$(vi) \quad y = \cos^{-1}(4x^3 - 3x) = \begin{cases} 2\pi - 3 \cos^{-1} x & ; \quad -\frac{1}{2} \leq x \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ 3 \cos^{-1} x & ; \quad \frac{1}{2} \leq x \leq 1 \\ -2\pi + 3 \cos^{-1} x & ; \quad -1 \leq x \leq -\frac{1}{2} \end{cases}$$