



Study of Properties of inverse trigonometric functions

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Abstract : Inverse of a function ‘ f ’ exists, if the function is one-one and onto, Since trigonometric functions are many-one over their domains, we restrict their domains and co-domains in order to make them one-one and onto and then find their inverse.

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Domains And Ranges

The domains and ranges (principal value branches) of inverse trigonometric functions are given below

Functions	Domain	Range (Principal value branches)
$y = \sin^{-1}x$	$[-1,1]$	$\frac{-\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}$
$y = \cos^{-1}x$	$[-1,1]$	$[0,\pi]$
$y = \operatorname{cosec}^{-1}x$	$\mathbf{R} - (-1,1)$	$\frac{-\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2} - \{0\}$
$y = \sec^{-1}x$	$\mathbf{R} - (-1,1)$	$[0,\pi] - \frac{\pi}{2}$
$y = \tan^{-1}x$	\mathbf{R}	$\frac{-\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}$
$y = \cot^{-1}x$	\mathbf{R}	$(0,\pi)$

The Definition of Inverse trig functions can be seen as the following formulas. Each is the inverse of their respective trigonometric function. Also, each inverse trig function also has a unique domain and range that make them one-to-one functions.

- Inverse Sine function= $\arcsin x$
- Inverse Cosine Function= $\arccos x$



- Inverse Tangent Function= arctanx
- Inverse Secant Function= arcsecx
- Inverse Cotangent Function= arccotx
- Inverse Cosecant Function= arccscx

Properties of inverse trigonometric functions :

1.	$\sin^{-1}(\sin x) = x$:	$x \in \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$
	$\cos^{-1}(\cos x) = x$:	$x \in [0, \pi]$
	$\tan^{-1}(\tan x) = x$:	$x \in \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$
	$\cot^{-1}(\cot x) = x$:	$x \in (0, \pi)$
	$\sec^{-1}(\sec x) = x$:	$x \in [0, \pi] - \frac{\pi}{2}$
	$\operatorname{cosec}^{-1}(\operatorname{cosec} x) = x$:	$x \in \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right) - \{0\}$
2.	$\sin(\sin^{-1} x) = x$:	$x \in [-1, 1]$
	$\cos(\cos^{-1} x) = x$:	$x \in [-1, 1]$
	$\tan(\tan^{-1} x) = x$:	$x \in \mathbf{R}$
	$\cot(\cot^{-1} x) = x$:	$x \in \mathbf{R}$
	$\sec(\sec^{-1} x) = x$:	$x \in \mathbf{R} - (-1, 1)$
	$\operatorname{cosec}(\operatorname{cosec}^{-1} x) = x$:	$x \in \mathbf{R} - (-1, 1)$



$$3. \quad \sin^{-1} \frac{1}{x} \quad \operatorname{cosec}^{-1}x \quad : \quad x \in \mathbf{R} - (-1,1)$$

$$\cos^{-1} \frac{1}{x} \quad \sec^{-1}x \quad : \quad x \in \mathbf{R} - (-1,1)$$

$$\tan^{-1} \frac{1}{x} \quad \cot^{-1}x \quad : \quad x > 0$$

$$= -\pi + \cot^{-1}x \quad : \quad x < 0$$

$$4. \quad \sin^{-1}(-x) = -\sin^{-1}x \quad : \quad x \in [-1,1]$$

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

$$\tan^{-1}(-x) = -\tan^{-1}x \quad : \quad x \in \mathbf{R}$$

$$\cot^{-1}(-x) = \pi - \cot^{-1}x \quad : \quad x \in \mathbf{R}$$

$$\sec^{-1}(-x) = \pi - \sec^{-1}x \quad : \quad x \in \mathbf{R} - (-1,1)$$

$$\operatorname{cosec}^{-1}(-x) = -\operatorname{cosec}^{-1}x \quad : \quad x \in \mathbf{R} - (-1,1)$$

$$5. \quad \sin^{-1}x + \cos^{-1}x = \frac{\pi}{2} \quad : \quad x \in [-1,1]$$

$$\tan^{-1}x + \cot^{-1}x = \frac{\pi}{2} \quad : \quad x \in \mathbf{R}$$

$$\sec^{-1}x + \operatorname{cosec}^{-1}x = \frac{\pi}{2} \quad : \quad x \in \mathbf{R} - [-1,1]$$



$$6. \quad \tan^{-1}x + \tan^{-1}y = \tan^{-1} \frac{x + y}{1 - xy} \quad : \quad xy < 1$$

$$\tan^{-1}x - \tan^{-1}y = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{x - y}{1 + xy} \right); xy > -1$$



$$7. \quad 2\tan^{-1}x = \sin^{-1} \frac{2x}{1-x^2} \quad : \quad -1 \leq x \leq 1$$

$$2\tan^{-1}x = \cos^{-1} \frac{1-x^2}{1+x^2} \quad : \quad x \geq 0$$

$$2\tan^{-1}x = \tan^{-1} \frac{2x}{1-x^2} \quad : \quad -1 < x < 1$$

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