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### Exercise 2.1

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Find the principal values of the following:

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

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

3.  $\operatorname{Cosec}^{-1}(2)$

4.  $\tan^{-1}(-\sqrt{3})$

5.  $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{-1}{2}\right)$

6.  $\tan^{-1}(-1)$

7.  $\sec^{-1}\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}\right)$

8.  $\cot^{-1}(\sqrt{3})$

9.  $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$

10.  $\operatorname{cosec}^{-1}(-\sqrt{2})$

**Solution 1:** Consider  $y = \sin^{-1}\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)$

Solve the above equation, we have

$$\sin y = -1/2$$

We know that  $\sin \pi/6 = 1/2$

So,  $\sin y = -\sin \pi/6$

$$\sin y = \sin\left(-\frac{\pi}{6}\right)$$



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Since range of principle value of  $\sin^{-1}$  is  $\left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$

Principle value of  $\sin^{-1}\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)$  is  $-\pi/6$ .

### Solution 2:

Let  $y = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)$

$\cos y = \cos \pi/6$  (as  $\cos \pi/6 = \sqrt{3}/2$ )

$y = \pi/6$

Since range of principle value of  $\cos^{-1}$  is  $[0, \pi]$

Therefore, Principle value of  $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)$  is  $\pi/6$

### Solution 3: $\operatorname{Cosec}^{-1}(2)$

Let  $y = \operatorname{Cosec}^{-1}(2)$

$\operatorname{Cosec} y = 2$

We know that,  $\operatorname{cosec} \pi/6 = 2$

So  $\operatorname{Cosec} y = \operatorname{cosec} \pi/6$

Since range of principle value of  $\operatorname{cosec}^{-1}$  is  $\left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$

Therefore, Principle value of  $\operatorname{Cosec}^{-1}(2)$  is  $\pi/6$ .

### Solution 4: $\tan^{-1}(-\sqrt{3})$

Let  $y = \tan^{-1}(-\sqrt{3})$



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$$\tan y = -\tan \pi/3$$

$$\text{or } \tan y = \tan (-\pi/3)$$

Since range of principle value of  $\tan^{-1}$  is  $\left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$

Therefore, Principle value of  $\tan^{-1}(-\sqrt{3})$  is  $-\pi/3$ .

**Solution 5:**  $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{-1}{2}\right)$

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

$$\cos y = -1/2$$

$$\cos y = -\cos \frac{\pi}{3}$$

$$\cos y = \cos(\pi - \pi/3) = \cos(2\pi/3)$$

Since principle value of  $\cos^{-1}$  is  $[0, \pi]$

Therefore, Principle value of  $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{-1}{2}\right)$  is  $2\pi/3$ .

**Solution 6:**  $\tan^{-1}(-1)$

$$\text{Let } y = \tan^{-1}(-1)$$

$$\tan(y) = -1$$

$$\tan y = -\tan \pi/4$$

$$\tan y = \tan\left(-\frac{\pi}{4}\right)$$

Since principle value of  $\tan^{-1}$  is  $\left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$

Therefore, Principle value of  $\tan^{-1}(-1)$  is  $-\pi/4$ .



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**Solution 7:**  $\sec^{-1}\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}\right)$

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

$$\sec y = 2/\sqrt{3}$$

$$\sec y = \sec \frac{\pi}{6}$$

Since principle value of  $\sec^{-1}$  is  $[0, \pi]$

Therefore, Principle value of  $\sec^{-1}\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}\right)$  is  $\pi/6$

**Solution 8:**  $\cot^{-1}(\sqrt{3})$

$$y = \cot^{-1}(\sqrt{3})$$

$$\cot y = \sqrt{3}$$

$$\cot y = \pi/6$$

Since principle value of  $\cot^{-1}$  is  $[0, \pi]$

Therefore, Principle value of  $\cot^{-1}(\sqrt{3})$  is  $\pi/6$ .

**Solution 9:**  $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$

$$\text{Let } y = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$$



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$$\cos y = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\cos y = -\cos \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\cos y = \cos \left( \pi - \frac{\pi}{4} \right) = \cos \frac{3\pi}{4}$$

Since principle value of  $\cos^{-1}$  is  $[0, \pi]$

Therefore, Principle value of  $\cos^{-1} \left( \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}} \right)$  is  $3\pi/4$ .

**Solution 10.**  $\operatorname{cosec}^{-1}(-\sqrt{2})$

Let  $y = \operatorname{cosec}^{-1}(-\sqrt{2})$

$$\operatorname{cosec} y = -\sqrt{2}$$

$$\cos y = \cos \frac{-\pi}{4}$$

Since principle value of  $\operatorname{cosec}^{-1}$  is  $\left[ -\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2} \right]$

Therefore, Principle value of  $\operatorname{cosec}^{-1}(-\sqrt{2})$  is  $-\pi/4$

**Find the values of the following:**

11.  $\tan^{-1}(1) + \cos^{-1} \left( -\frac{1}{2} \right) + \sin^{-1} \left( -\frac{1}{2} \right)$

12.  $\cos^{-1} \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) + 2 \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)$



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13. If  $\sin^{-1} x = y$ , then

(A)  $0 \leq y \leq \pi$

(B)  $-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq y \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$

(C)  $0 < y < \pi$

(D)  $-\frac{\pi}{2} < y < \frac{\pi}{2}$

14.  $\tan^{-1}(\sqrt{3}) - \sec^{-1}(-2)$  is equal to

(A)  $\pi$

(B)  $-\pi/3$

(C)  $\pi/3$

(D)  $2\pi/3$

**Solution 11.**  $\tan^{-1}(1) + \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{-1}{2}\right) + \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{-1}{2}\right)$

$$= \tan^{-1} \tan \frac{\pi}{4} + \cos^{-1}\left(-\cos \frac{\pi}{3}\right) + \sin^{-1}\left(-\sin \frac{\pi}{6}\right)$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{4} + \cos^{-1}\left(\cos\left(\pi - \frac{\pi}{3}\right)\right) + \sin^{-1}\left(\sin\left(-\frac{\pi}{6}\right)\right)$$

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

$$= \frac{3\pi + 8\pi - 2\pi}{12}$$

$$= \frac{9\pi}{12} = \frac{3\pi}{4}$$



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### Solution 12:

$$\text{Let } \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = x. \text{ Then, } \cos x = \frac{1}{2} = \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)$$

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

$$\text{Let } \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = y. \text{ Then, } \sin y = \frac{1}{2} = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + 2\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) &= \frac{\pi}{3} + \frac{2\pi}{6} \\ &= \frac{\pi}{3} + \frac{\pi}{3} \\ &= \frac{2\pi}{3} \end{aligned}$$

**Solution 13:** Option (B) is correct.

Given  $\sin^{-1} x = y$ ,

The range of the principle value of  $\sin^{-1}$  is  $\left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$

Therefore,  $-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq y \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$

### Solution 14:

Option (B) is correct.

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

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

$$= \pi/3 - 2\pi/3 = -\pi/3$$



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**Prove the following**

1.

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

**Solution:**

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

(Use identity:  $\sin 3\theta = 3 \sin \theta - 4 \sin^3 \theta$  )

Let  $x = \sin \theta$  then

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

Now, RHS

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

$$= \sin^{-1}(3 \sin \theta - 4 \sin^3 \theta)$$

$$= \sin^{-1}(\sin 3\theta)$$

$$= 3\theta$$

$$= 3 \sin^{-1} x$$

$$= \text{LHS}$$

Hence Proved

2.

$$3 \cos^{-1} x = \cos^{-1}(4x^3 - 3x), x \in \left[\frac{1}{2}, 1\right]$$





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**Solution:**

$$3 \cos^{-1} x = \cos^{-1}(4x^3 - 3x), x \in \left[\frac{1}{2}, 1\right]$$

Using identity:  $\cos 3\theta = 4 \cos^3 \theta - 3 \cos \theta$

Put  $x = \cos \theta$

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

Therefore,  $\cos 3\theta = 4x^3 - 3x$

RHS:

$$\begin{aligned} & \cos^{-1}(4x^3 - 3x) \\ &= \cos^{-1}(\cos 3\theta) \end{aligned}$$

$$= 3\theta$$

$$= 3 \cos^{-1}(x)$$

= LHS

Hence Proved.

**3.**

$$\tan^{-1} \frac{2}{11} + \tan^{-1} \frac{7}{24} = \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{2}$$

**Solution:**

$$\tan^{-1} \frac{2}{11} + \tan^{-1} \frac{7}{24} = \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\tan^{-1} x + \tan^{-1} y = \tan^{-1} \frac{x+y}{1-xy}$$

Using identity:



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$$\text{LHS} = \tan^{-1} \frac{2}{11} + \tan^{-1} \frac{7}{24}$$

$$= \tan^{-1} \frac{\frac{2}{11} + \frac{7}{24}}{1 - \frac{2}{11} \times \frac{7}{24}}$$

$$= \tan^{-1} \frac{48+77}{264-14}$$

$$= \tan^{-1} (125/250)$$

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

$$= \text{RHS}$$

Hence Proved

4.

$$2 \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{2} + \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{7} = \tan^{-1} \frac{31}{17}$$

**Solution:**

Use identity:  $2 \tan^{-1} x = \tan^{-1} \frac{2x}{1-x^2}$

LHS

$$= 2 \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{2} + \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{7}$$

$$= \tan^{-1} \frac{2 \times \frac{1}{2}}{1 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2} + \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{7}$$



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$$= \tan^{-1}(4/3) + \tan^{-1}(1/7)$$

Again using identity:

$$\tan^{-1} x + \tan^{-1} y = \tan^{-1} \frac{x+y}{1-xy}$$

We have,

$$\tan^{-1} \frac{\frac{4}{3} + \frac{1}{7}}{1 - \frac{4}{3} \times \frac{1}{7}}$$

$$= \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{28+3}{21-4} \right)$$

$$= \tan^{-1} (31/17)$$

RHS

**Write the following functions in the simplest form:**

5.  $\tan^{-1} \frac{\sqrt{1+x^2}-1}{x}, x \neq 0$

**Solution:**

Let's say  $x = \tan \theta$  then  $\theta = \tan^{-1} x$

We get,

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



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$$\begin{aligned} &= \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\sec \theta - 1}{\tan \theta} \right) \\ &= \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{1 - \cos \theta}{\sin \theta} \right) \\ &= \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{2 \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2}}{2 \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \cos \frac{\theta}{2}} \right) \\ &= \tan^{-1} \left( \tan \frac{\theta}{2} \right) = \frac{\theta}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \tan^{-1} x \end{aligned}$$

This is simplest form of the function.

6.  $\tan^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 - 1}}, |x| > 1$

**Solution:**

Let us consider,  $x = \sec \theta$ , then  $\theta = \sec^{-1} x$

$$\begin{aligned} \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 - 1}} &= \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\sec^2 \theta - 1}} \\ &= \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\tan^2 \theta}} \\ &= \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{1}{\tan \theta} \right) \\ &= \tan^{-1}(\cot \theta) \\ &= \tan^{-1} \tan(\pi/2 - \theta) \\ &= (\pi/2 - \theta) \\ &= \pi/2 - \sec^{-1} x \end{aligned}$$

This is simplest form of the given function.



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7.  $\tan^{-1} \left( \sqrt{\frac{1-\cos x}{1+\cos x}} \right), 0 < x < \pi$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} \tan^{-1} \left( \sqrt{\frac{1-\cos x}{1+\cos x}} \right) &= \tan^{-1} \left( \sqrt{\frac{2 \sin^2 \frac{x}{2}}{2 \cos^2 \frac{x}{2}}} \right) \\ &= \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\sin \frac{x}{2}}{\cos \frac{x}{2}} \right) \\ &= \tan^{-1} \left( \tan \frac{x}{2} \right) = \frac{x}{2} \end{aligned}$$

8.  $\tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\cos x - \sin x}{\cos x + \sin x} \right), -\frac{\pi}{4} < x < \frac{3\pi}{4}$

**Solution:**

Divide numerator and denominator by  $\cos x$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\frac{\cos(x)}{\cos(x)} - \frac{\sin(x)}{\cos(x)}}{\frac{\cos(x)}{\cos(x)} + \frac{\sin(x)}{\cos(x)}} \right) \\ &= \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{1 - \frac{\sin(x)}{\cos(x)}}{1 + \frac{\sin(x)}{\cos(x)}} \right) \\ &= \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{1 - \tan x}{1 + \tan x} \right) \end{aligned}$$



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$$\tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\tan \frac{\pi}{4} - \tan x}{1 + \tan \frac{\pi}{4} \tan x} \right)$$

$$= \tan^{-1} \tan(\pi/4 - x)$$

$$= \pi/4 - x$$

9.  $\tan^{-1} \frac{x}{\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}}, |x| < a$

**Solution:**

Put  $x = a \sin \theta$ , which implies  $\sin \theta = x/a$  and  $\theta = \sin^{-1}(x/a)$

Substitute the values into given function, we get

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

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

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

$$= \tan^{-1}(\tan \theta)$$

$$= \theta$$

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

10.  $\tan^{-1} \left( \frac{3a^2x - x^3}{a^3 - 3ax^2} \right), a > 0; \frac{-a}{\sqrt{3}} < x < \frac{a}{\sqrt{3}}$

**Solution:**

After dividing numerator and denominator by  $a^3$  we have



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

Put  $x/a = \tan \theta$  and  $\theta = \tan^{-1}(x/a)$

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

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

$$= 3 \theta$$

$$= 3 \tan^{-1}(x/a)$$

Find the values of each of the following:

11.  $\tan^{-1} \left[ 2 \cos \left( 2 \sin^{-1} \frac{1}{2} \right) \right]$

**Solution:**

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

$$= \tan^{-1} \left[ 2 \cos \left( 2 \times \frac{\pi}{6} \right) \right]$$

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

$$= \tan^{-1}(2 \times 1/2)$$

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

$$= \tan^{-1} (\tan (\pi/4))$$

$$= \pi/4$$



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12.  $\cot (\tan^{-1} a + \cot^{-1} a)$

**Solution:**

$$\cot (\tan^{-1} a + \cot^{-1} a) = \cot \pi/2 = 0$$

Using identity:  $\tan^{-1} a + \cot^{-1} a = \pi/2$

13.

$$\tan \frac{1}{2} \left[ \sin^{-1} \frac{2x}{1+x^2} + \cos^{-1} \frac{1-y^2}{1+y^2} \right], |x| < 1, y > 0 \text{ and } xy < 1$$

**Solution:**

Put  $x = \tan \theta$  and  $y = \tan \Phi$ , we have

$$\tan \frac{1}{2} \left[ \sin^{-1} \frac{2 \tan \theta}{1 + \tan^2 \theta} + \cos^{-1} \frac{1 - \tan^2 \phi}{1 + \tan^2 \phi} \right]$$

$$= \tan \frac{1}{2} [\sin^{-1} \sin 2 \theta + \cos^{-1} \cos 2 \Phi]$$

$$= \tan (1/2) [2 \theta + 2 \Phi]$$

$$= \tan (\theta + \Phi)$$

$$= \frac{\tan \theta + \tan \phi}{1 - \tan \theta \tan \phi}$$

$$= (x+y) / (1-xy)$$

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

**Solution:**

We know that,  $\sin 90 \text{ degrees} = \sin \pi/2 = 1$

So, given equation turned as,

$$\sin^{-1} \frac{1}{5} + \cos^{-1} x = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\cos^{-1} x = \frac{\pi}{2} - \sin^{-1} \frac{1}{5}$$





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Using identity:  $\sin^{-1} t + \cos^{-1} t = \pi/2$

We have,  $\cos^{-1} x = \cos^{-1} \frac{1}{5}$

Which implies, the value of x is 1/5.

15. If  $\tan^{-1} \frac{x-1}{x-2} + \tan^{-1} \frac{x+1}{x+2} = \frac{\pi}{4}$ , then find the value of x.

**Solution:**

We have reduced the given equation using below identity:

$$\tan^{-1} x + \tan^{-1} y = \tan^{-1} \frac{x+y}{1-xy}$$

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

or

$$\tan^{-1} \frac{(x-1)(x+2) + (x+1)(x-2)}{(x-2)(x+2) - (x-1)(x+1)} = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

or

$$\tan^{-1} \frac{x^2 + 2x - x - 2 + x^2 - 2x + x - 2}{x^2 - 4 - (x^2 - 1)} = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\text{or } \frac{2x^2 - 4}{x^2 - 4 - x^2 + 1} = \tan\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)$$

$$\text{or } (2x^2 - 4)/-3 = 1$$

$$\text{or } 2x^2 = 1$$

$$\text{or } x = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

The value of x is either  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$  or  $-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$



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Find the values of each of the expressions in Exercises 16 to 18.

16.  $\sin^{-1}\left(\sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}\right)\right)$

**Solution:**

Given expression is  $\sin^{-1}\left(\sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}\right)\right)$

First split  $\frac{2\pi}{3}$  as  $\frac{(3\pi-\pi)}{3}$  or  $\pi - \frac{\pi}{3}$

After substituting in given we get,

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

Therefore, the value of  $\sin^{-1}\left(\sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}\right)\right)$  is  $\frac{\pi}{3}$

17.  $\tan^{-1}\left(\tan\left(\frac{3\pi}{4}\right)\right)$

**Solution:**

Given expression is  $\tan^{-1}\left(\tan\left(\frac{3\pi}{4}\right)\right)$

First split  $\frac{3\pi}{4}$  as  $\frac{(4\pi-\pi)}{4}$  or  $\pi - \frac{\pi}{4}$

After substituting in given we get,

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

The value of  $\tan^{-1}\left(\tan\left(\frac{3\pi}{4}\right)\right)$  is  $-\frac{\pi}{4}$

18.  $\tan\left(\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{3}{5}\right)\right) + \cot^{-1}\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)$

**Solution:**

Given expression is  $\tan\left(\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{3}{5}\right)\right) + \cot^{-1}\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)$

Putting,  $\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{3}{5}\right) = x$  and  $\cot^{-1}\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) = y$



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Or  $\sin(x) = 3/5$  and  $\cot y = 3/2$

Now,  $\sin(x) = 3/5 \Rightarrow \cos x = \sqrt{1 - \sin^2 x} = 4/5$  and  $\sec x = 5/4$

(using identities:  $\cos x = \sqrt{1 - \sin^2 x}$  and  $\sec x = 1/\cos x$ )

Again,  $\tan x = \sqrt{\sec^2 x - 1} = \sqrt{\frac{25}{16} - 1} = \frac{3}{4}$  and  $\tan y = 1/\cot(y) = 2/3$

Now, we can write given expression as,

$$\tan\left(\sin^{-1} \frac{3}{5} + \cot^{-1} \frac{3}{2}\right) = \tan(x + y)$$

$$= \frac{\tan x + \tan y}{1 - \tan x \tan y} = \frac{\frac{3}{4} + \frac{2}{3}}{1 - \frac{3}{4} \times \frac{2}{3}}$$

$$= 17/6$$

19.  $\cos^{-1}(\cos \frac{7\pi}{6})$  is equal to

- (A)  $7\pi/6$       (B)  $5\pi/6$       (C)  $\pi/3$       (D)  $\pi/6$

**Solution:**

Option (B) is correct.

Explanation:

$$\cos^{-1}(\cos \frac{7\pi}{6}) = \cos^{-1}(\cos (2\pi - \frac{7\pi}{6}))$$

(As  $\cos (2\pi - A) = \cos A$ )

$$\text{Now } 2\pi - \frac{7\pi}{6} = \frac{12\pi - 7\pi}{6} = \frac{5\pi}{6}$$



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20.  $\sin \left[ \frac{\pi}{3} - \sin^{-1} \left( -\frac{1}{2} \right) \right]$  is equal to

(A)  $\frac{1}{2}$  (B)  $\frac{1}{3}$  (C)  $\frac{1}{4}$  (D) 1

**Solution:**

Option (D) is correct

Explanation:

First solve for:  $\sin^{-1} \left( -\frac{1}{2} \right)$

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

$$= -\pi/6$$

Again,

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

$$= \sin \left[ \frac{\pi}{3} - \left( -\frac{\pi}{6} \right) \right]$$

$$= \sin \left[ \frac{\pi}{3} + \frac{\pi}{6} \right]$$

$$= \sin(\pi/2)$$

$$= 1$$



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21.  $\tan^{-1} \sqrt{3} - \cot^{-1} (-\sqrt{3})$  is equal to

- (A)  $\pi$       (B)  $-\pi/2$       (C) 0      (D)  $2\sqrt{3}$

**Solution:**

Option (B) is correct.

Explanation:

$\tan^{-1} \sqrt{3} - \cot^{-1} (-\sqrt{3})$  can be written as

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

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

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

$$= \frac{\pi}{3} - \frac{5\pi}{6}$$

$$= \frac{-3\pi}{6}$$

$$= -\pi/2$$



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### Miscellaneous Exercise

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Find the value of the following:

1.  $\cos^{-1}\left(\cos \frac{13\pi}{6}\right)$

**Solution:**

First solve for,  $\cos \frac{13\pi}{6} = \cos\left(2\pi + \frac{\pi}{6}\right) = \cos \frac{\pi}{6}$

Now:  $\cos^{-1}\left(\cos \frac{13\pi}{6}\right) = \cos^{-1}\left(\cos \frac{\pi}{6}\right) = \frac{\pi}{6} \in [0, \pi]$

[As  $\cos^{-1} \cos(x) = x$  if  $x \in [0, \pi]$  ]

So the value of  $\cos^{-1}\left(\cos \frac{13\pi}{6}\right)$  is  $\frac{\pi}{6}$

2.  $\tan^{-1}\left(\tan \frac{7\pi}{6}\right)$

**Solution:**

First solve for,  $\tan \frac{7\pi}{6} = \tan\left(\pi + \frac{\pi}{6}\right) = \tan \frac{\pi}{6}$

Now:  $\tan^{-1}\left(\tan \frac{7\pi}{6}\right) = \tan^{-1}\left(\tan \frac{\pi}{6}\right) = \frac{\pi}{6} \in (-\pi/2, \pi/2)$

[As  $\tan^{-1} \tan(x) = x$  if  $x \in (-\pi/2, \pi/2)$  ]

So the value of  $\tan^{-1}\left(\tan \frac{7\pi}{6}\right)$  is  $\frac{\pi}{6}$

3. Prove that  $2 \sin^{-1} \frac{3}{5} = \tan^{-1} \frac{24}{7}$

**Solution:**

**Step 1: Find the value of  $\cos x$  and  $\tan x$**

Let us consider  $\sin^{-1} \frac{3}{5} = x$ , then  $\sin x = 3/5$

So,  $\cos x = \sqrt{1 - \sin^2 x} = \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^2} = 4/5$



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$$\tan x = \sin x / \cos x = 3/4$$

Therefore,  $x = \tan^{-1}(3/4)$ , substitute the value of  $x$ ,

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

### Step 2: Solve LHS

$$2 \sin^{-1} \frac{3}{5} = 2 \tan^{-1} \frac{3}{4}$$

Using identity:  $2 \tan^{-1} x = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{2x}{1-x^2} \right)$ , we get

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

$$= \tan^{-1} (24/7)$$

$$= \text{RHS}$$

Hence Proved.

**4. Prove that  $\sin^{-1} \frac{8}{17} + \sin^{-1} \frac{3}{5} = \tan^{-1} \frac{77}{36}$**

**Solution:**

Let  $\sin^{-1} \left( \frac{8}{17} \right) = x$  then  $\sin x = 8/17$

Again,  $\cos x = \sqrt{1 - \sin^2 x} = \sqrt{1 - \frac{64}{289}} = 15/17$

And  $\tan x = \sin x / \cos x = 8/15$

Again,

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



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$$\text{Again, } \cos y = \sqrt{1 - \sin^2 y} = \sqrt{1 - \frac{9}{25}} = 4/5$$

$$\text{And } \tan y = \sin y / \cos y = 3/4$$

Solve for  $\tan(x + y)$ , using below identity,

$$\tan(x + y) = \frac{\tan x + \tan y}{1 - \tan x \tan y}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{8}{15} + \frac{3}{4}}{1 - \frac{8}{15} \times \frac{3}{4}}$$

$$= \frac{32+45}{60-24}$$

$$= 77/36$$

This implies  $x + y = \tan^{-1}(77/36)$

Substituting the values back, we have

$$\sin^{-1} \frac{8}{17} + \sin^{-1} \frac{3}{5} = \tan^{-1} \frac{77}{36} \text{ (Proved)}$$

**5. Prove that  $\cos^{-1} \left(\frac{4}{5}\right) + \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{12}{13}\right) = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{33}{65}\right)$**

**Solution:**

$$\text{Let } \cos^{-1} \frac{4}{5} = \theta$$

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

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

$$= \sqrt{1 - \frac{16}{25}}$$

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

$$\text{Let } \cos^{-1} \frac{12}{13} = \phi$$

$$\cos \phi = \frac{12}{13}$$

$$\sin \phi = \sqrt{1 - \cos^2 \phi}$$

$$= \sqrt{1 - \frac{144}{169}}$$

$$= \frac{5}{13}$$





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Solve the expression, Using identity:  $\cos(\theta + \phi) = \cos\theta \cos\phi - \sin\theta \sin\phi$

$$= 4/5 \times 12/13 - 3/5 \times 5/13$$

$$= (48-15)/65$$

$$= 33/65$$

This implies  $\cos(\theta + \phi) = 33/65$

$$\text{or } \theta + \phi = \cos^{-1}(33/65)$$

Putting back the value of  $\theta$  and  $\phi$ , we get

$$\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{4}{5}\right) + \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{12}{13}\right) = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{33}{65}\right)$$

Hence Proved.

**6. Prove that  $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{12}{13}\right) + \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{3}{5}\right) = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{56}{65}\right)$**

**Solution:**

$\text{Let } \cos^{-1}\frac{12}{13} = \theta$	$\text{Let } \sin^{-1}\frac{3}{5} = \phi$
$\text{So } \cos\theta = \frac{12}{13}$	$\text{So } \sin\phi = \frac{3}{5}$
$\sin\theta = \sqrt{1 - \cos^2\theta}$	$\cos\phi = \sqrt{1 - \sin^2\phi}$
$= \sqrt{1 - \frac{144}{169}}$	$= \sqrt{1 - \frac{9}{25}}$
$= \frac{5}{13}$	$= \frac{4}{5}$

Solve the expression, Using identity:  $\sin(\theta + \phi) = \sin\theta \cos\phi + \cos\theta \sin\phi$

$$= 5/13 \times 4/5 + 12/13 \times 3/5$$

$$= (20+36)/65$$

$$= 56/65$$



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or  $\sin(\theta + \phi) = 56/65$

or  $\theta + \phi = \sin^{-1} 56/65$

Putting back the value of  $\theta$  and  $\phi$ , we get

$$\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{12}{13}\right) + \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{3}{5}\right) = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{56}{65}\right)$$

Hence Proved.

**7. Prove that  $\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{63}{16}\right) = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{5}{13}\right) + \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{3}{5}\right)$**

**Solution:**

<p>Let <math>\sin^{-1}\frac{5}{13} = \theta</math></p> <p>so <math>\sin \theta = \frac{5}{13}</math></p> <p><math>\cos \theta = \sqrt{1 - \sin^2 \theta}</math></p> <p><math>= \sqrt{1 - \frac{25}{169}}</math></p> <p><math>= \frac{12}{13}</math></p> <p><math>\tan \theta = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} = \frac{5}{12}</math></p>	<p>Let <math>\cos^{-1}\frac{3}{5} = \phi</math></p> <p>so <math>\cos \phi = \frac{3}{5}</math></p> <p><math>\sin \phi = \sqrt{1 - \cos^2 \phi}</math></p> <p><math>= \sqrt{1 - \frac{9}{25}}</math></p> <p><math>= \frac{4}{5}</math></p> <p><math>\tan \phi = \frac{\sin \phi}{\cos \phi} = \frac{4}{3}</math></p>
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Solve the expression, Using identity:

$$\tan(\theta + \phi) = \frac{\tan \theta + \tan \phi}{1 - \tan \theta \tan \phi}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{5}{12} + \frac{4}{3}}{1 - \frac{5}{12} \times \frac{4}{3}}$$

= 63/16

$(\theta + \phi) = \tan^{-1}(63/16)$



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Putting back the value of  $\theta$  and  $\phi$ , we get

$$\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{63}{16}\right) = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{5}{13}\right) + \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{3}{5}\right)$$

Hence Proved.

**8. Prove that  $\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{5}\right) + \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{7}\right) + \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) + \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{8}\right) = \frac{\pi}{4}$**

**Solution:**

$$\text{LHS} = \left(\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{5}\right) + \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{7}\right)\right) + \left(\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) + \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{8}\right)\right)$$

Solve above expressions, using below identity:

$$\begin{aligned} \tan^{-1} x + \tan^{-1} y &= \tan^{-1} \frac{x+y}{1-xy} \\ &= \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{7}}{1 - \frac{1}{5} \times \frac{1}{7}}\right) + \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{8}}{1 - \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{1}{8}}\right) \end{aligned}$$

After simplifying, we have

$$= \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{6}{17}\right) + \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{11}{23}\right)$$

Again, applying the formula, we get

$$= \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\frac{6}{17} + \frac{11}{23}}{1 - \frac{6}{17} \times \frac{11}{23}}\right)$$

After simplifying,

$$= \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{325}{325}\right)$$

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

$$= \pi/4$$



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9. Prove that  $\tan^{-1} \sqrt{x} = \frac{1}{2} \cos^{-1} \frac{1-x}{1+x}$ ,  $x \in (0, 1)$

**Solution:**

Let  $\tan^{-1} \sqrt{x} = \theta$ , then  $\sqrt{x} = \tan \theta$

Squaring both the sides

$$\tan^2 \theta = x$$

Now, substitute the value of  $x$  in  $\frac{1}{2} \cos^{-1} \frac{1-x}{1+x}$ , we get

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

$$= \frac{1}{2} \cos^{-1} (\cos 2\theta)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (2\theta)$$

$$= \theta$$

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

10. Prove that  $\cot^{-1} \left( \frac{\sqrt{1+\sin x} + \sqrt{1-\sin x}}{\sqrt{1+\sin x} - \sqrt{1-\sin x}} \right) = \frac{x}{2}$ ,  $x \in (0, \pi/4)$

**Solution:**

We can write  $1 + \sin x$  as,

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

And

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

LHS:



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$$\begin{aligned} & \cot^{-1} \left( \frac{\sqrt{1+\sin x} + \sqrt{1-\sin x}}{\sqrt{1+\sin x} - \sqrt{1-\sin x}} \right) \\ &= \cot^{-1} \left[ \frac{\left( \cos \frac{x}{2} + \sin \frac{x}{2} \right) + \left( \cos \frac{x}{2} - \sin \frac{x}{2} \right)}{\left( \cos \frac{x}{2} + \sin \frac{x}{2} \right) - \left( \cos \frac{x}{2} - \sin \frac{x}{2} \right)} \right] \\ &= \cot^{-1} \left( \frac{2 \cos \left( \frac{x}{2} \right)}{2 \sin \left( \frac{x}{2} \right)} \right) \\ &= \cot^{-1} (\cot (x/2)) \\ &= x/2 \end{aligned}$$

11. Prove that  $\tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\sqrt{1+x} - \sqrt{1-x}}{\sqrt{1+x} + \sqrt{1-x}} \right) = \frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \cos^{-1} x$ ,  $-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \leq x \leq 1$   
[Hint: Put  $x = \cos 2\theta$ ]

**Solution:**

$$\text{Put } x = \cos 2\theta \quad \text{so, } \theta = \frac{1}{2} \cos^{-1} x$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS} &= \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\sqrt{1+x} - \sqrt{1-x}}{\sqrt{1+x} + \sqrt{1-x}} \right) \\ &= \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\sqrt{1+\cos 2\theta} - \sqrt{1-\cos 2\theta}}{\sqrt{1+\cos 2\theta} + \sqrt{1-\cos 2\theta}} \right) \\ &= \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\sqrt{2 \cos^2 \theta} - \sqrt{2 \sin^2 \theta}}{\sqrt{2 \cos^2 \theta} + \sqrt{2 \sin^2 \theta}} \right) \\ &= \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\sqrt{2} \cos \theta - \sqrt{2} \sin \theta}{\sqrt{2} \cos \theta + \sqrt{2} \sin \theta} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Divide each term by  $\sqrt{2} \cos \theta$



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$$\begin{aligned} &= \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{1 - \tan \theta}{1 + \tan \theta} \right) \\ &= \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\tan \frac{\pi}{4} - \tan \theta}{1 + \tan \frac{\pi}{4} \tan \theta} \right) \\ &= \tan^{-1} \tan \left( \frac{\pi}{4} - \theta \right) \\ &= \frac{\pi}{4} - \theta \\ &= \frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \cos^{-1} x \end{aligned}$$

= RHS

Hence proved

12. Prove that  $\frac{9\pi}{8} - \frac{9}{4} \sin^{-1} \frac{1}{3} = \frac{9}{4} \sin^{-1} \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3}$

**Solution:**

$$\text{LHS} = \frac{9\pi}{8} - \frac{9}{4} \sin^{-1} \frac{1}{3}$$

$$= \frac{9}{4} \left( \frac{\pi}{2} - \sin^{-1} \frac{1}{3} \right)$$

$$= \frac{9}{4} \cos^{-1} \frac{1}{3}$$

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(Using identity:  $\sin^{-1} \theta + \cos^{-1} \theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$ .)

Let  $\theta = \cos^{-1} (1/3)$ , so  $\cos \theta = 1/3$

As

$$\sin \theta = \sqrt{1 - \cos^2 \theta} = \sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{9}} = \sqrt{\frac{8}{9}} = \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3}$$



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Using equation (1),  $\frac{9}{4} \sin^{-1} \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3}$

Which is right hand side of the expression.

**Solve the following equations:**

**13.  $2 \tan^{-1}(\cos x) = \tan^{-1}(2 \operatorname{cosec} x)$**

**Solution:**

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

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

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

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

$$\operatorname{Cot} x = 1$$

$$x = \pi/4$$

**14. Solve  $\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1-x}{1+x}\right) = \frac{1}{2} \tan^{-1} x, (x > 0)$**

**Solution:**

$$\text{Put } x = \tan \theta$$

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

This implies



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

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

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

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

$$\pi/4 - \theta = \theta/2$$

$$\text{or } 3\theta/2 = \pi/4$$

$$\theta = \pi/6$$

Therefore,  $x = \tan \theta = \tan \pi/6 = 1/\sqrt{3}$

15.  $\sin(\tan^{-1} x), |x| < 1$  is equal to

(A)  $\frac{x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$       (B)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$

(C)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{1+x^2}}$       (D)  $\frac{x}{\sqrt{1+x^2}}$

**Solution:**

Option (D) is correct.

Explanation:

Let  $\theta = \tan^{-1} x$  so,  $x = \tan \theta$

Again, Let's say





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

This implies,

$$\sin(\tan^{-1} x) = \frac{1}{\operatorname{cosec} \theta} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \cot^2 \theta}}$$

$$\text{Put } \cot \theta = \frac{1}{\tan \theta} = \frac{1}{x}$$

Which shows,

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

16.  $\sin^{-1}(1-x) - 2 \sin^{-1} x = \frac{\pi}{2}$  then x is equal to

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

**Solution:**

Option (C) is correct.

**Explanation:**

$$\text{Put } \sin^{-1} x = \theta \quad \text{So, } x = \sin \theta$$

Now,

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



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

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

$$1-x = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} + 2\theta\right)$$

$$1-x = \cos 2\theta$$

$$1-x = 1-2x^2$$

(As  $x = \sin \theta$ )

After simplifying, we get

$$x(2x - 1) = 0$$

$$x = 0 \text{ or } 2x - 1 = 0$$

$$x = 0 \text{ or } x = \frac{1}{2}$$

Equation is not true for  $x = \frac{1}{2}$ . So the answer is  $x = 0$ .

17.  $\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) - \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x-y}{x+y}\right)$  is equal to

(A)  $\pi/2$

(B)  $\pi/3$

(C)  $\pi/4$

(D)  $-3\pi/4$

**Solution:**

Option (C) is correct.

**Explanation:**

Given expression can be written as,



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

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

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

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

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

$$= \pi/4$$