

Chapter 2
Inverse Trigonometric Functions
Exercise 2.2

Q. 1

Prove the following:

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

Answer:

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

We have,

$$\text{R.H.S} = \sin^{-1} (3x - 4x^3) = \sin^{-1} (3 \sin \theta - 4 \sin^3 \theta)$$

Now, we know that,

$$\sin 3x = 3 \sin x - 4 \sin^3 x$$

Therefore,

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

$$= 3 \theta$$

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

$$= \text{L.H.S}$$

Hence Proved

Q. 2

Prove the following:

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

Answer:

Let $x = \cos \theta$

Then, $\cos^{-1} = \theta$

Now, R.H.S. = $\cos^{-1}(4x^3 - 3x)$

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

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

$$= 3\theta$$

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

$$= \text{L.H.S.}$$

Hence Proved

Q. 3

Prove the following:

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

Answer:

$$\text{L.H.S. } \tan^{-1} \frac{2}{11} + \tan^{-1} \frac{7}{24}$$

$$= \tan^{-1} \frac{\frac{2}{11} + \frac{7}{24}}{1 - \frac{2}{11} \cdot \frac{7}{24}} \quad \left[\because \tan^{-1} x + \tan^{-1} y = \tan^{-1} \frac{x+y}{1-xy} \right]$$

$$= \tan^{-1} \frac{\frac{48+77}{11 \times 24}}{\frac{11 \times 24 - 14}{11 \times 24}}$$

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

$$= \tan^{-1} \frac{125}{250}$$

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

$$= \text{R.H.S.}$$

Hence Proved.

Q. 4

Prove the following:

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

Answer:

$$\text{L.H.S.} = 2 \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{2} + \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{7}$$

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

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

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

$$= \tan^{-1} \frac{\frac{4}{3} + \frac{1}{7}}{1 - \frac{4}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{7}} \left[\text{since, } \tan^{-1} x + \tan^{-1} y = \tan^{-1} \frac{x+y}{1-xy} \right]$$

$$= \tan^{-1} \frac{\frac{28+3}{21}}{\frac{21-4}{21}}$$

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

$$= \text{R.H.S.}$$

Hence Proved.

Q. 5

Write the following functions in the simplest form:

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

Answer:

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

Now, Put $x = \tan \theta \Rightarrow \theta = \tan^{-1} x$

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

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

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

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

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

$$= \frac{\theta}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \tan^{-1} x$$

$$\text{Therefore, } \tan^{-1} \frac{\sqrt{1+x^2}-1}{x} = \frac{1}{2} \tan^{-1} x$$

Q. 6

Write the following functions in the simplest form:

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

Answer:

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

Let us take,

$$x = \operatorname{cosec} \theta \Rightarrow \theta = \operatorname{cosec}^{-1} x$$

[We have done this substitution on the bases of identity $\sec^2 \theta - 1 = \tan^2 \theta$]

$$\text{Therefore, } \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2-1}} = \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\operatorname{cosec}^2 \theta - 1}}$$

Now we know that, $\operatorname{cosec} 2\theta - 1 = \cot 2\theta$

Therefore,

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

Q. 7

Write the following functions in the simplest form:

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

Answer:

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

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

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

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

$$= \frac{x}{2}$$

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

Q. 8

Write the following functions in the simplest form:

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

Answer:

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

Dividing by $\cos x$,

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

$$= \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{1 - \tan x}{1 + \tan x} \right), \left[\because \frac{\sin x}{\cos x} = \tan x \right]$$

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

As we know $\tan(\pi/4) = 1$

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

$$= \frac{\pi}{4} - x$$

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

Q. 9

Write the following functions in the simplest form:

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

Answer:

$$\tan^{-1} \frac{x}{\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}}$$

We will solve this problem on the bases of the identity $1 - \sin 2\theta = \cos 2\theta$

So, for $a^2 - x^2$, we can substitute $x = a \sin \theta$ or $x = a \cos \theta$

Now, let us put $x = a \sin \theta$

$$= \frac{x}{a} = \sin \theta$$

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

Therefore,

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

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

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

Q. 10

Write the following functions in the simplest form:

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

Answer:

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

$$\text{Put } x = a \tan \theta \Rightarrow \frac{x}{a} = \tan \theta = \tan^{-1} \frac{x}{a}$$

Now,

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

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

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

$$= 3\theta$$

$$= 3 \tan^{-1} \frac{x}{a}$$

Q. 11

Find the values of each of the following:

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

Answer:

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

We will solve the inner bracket first.

So, we will first find the principal value of $\sin^{-1} \frac{1}{2}$

We know that, $\sin^{-1} \frac{1}{2} = \frac{\pi}{6}$

Therefore,

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

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

$$= \tan^{-1} \left[2 \times \frac{1}{2} \right] \left[\text{since, } \cos \left(\frac{\pi}{3} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \right]$$

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

$$= \pi/4$$

Hence,

$$\text{The value of } \tan^{-1} \left[2\cos \left(2\sin^{-1} \frac{1}{2} \right) \right] = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

Q. 12

Find the values of each of the following:

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

Answer:

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

$$= \cot\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right), \left[\because \tan^{-1}x + \cot^{-1}y = \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$$

$$= 0$$

Hence, the value of $\cot(\tan^{-1}a + \cot^{-1}a) = 0$

Q. 13

Find the values of each of the following:

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

Answer:

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

We will solve this problem by expressing $\sin 2\theta$ and $\cos 2\theta$ in terms of $\tan \theta$

Now let us put, $x = \tan \theta$. Then we will have,

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

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

Now again, Let's put, $y = \tan \phi$. Then we will have,

$$\phi = \tan^{-1}y$$

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

Now,

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

$$= \tan \frac{1}{2} [2 \tan^{-1} x + 2 \tan^{-1} y]$$

$$= \tan [\tan^{-1} x + \tan^{-1} y]$$

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

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

Hence, the value of

$$\tan \frac{1}{2} \left[\sin^{-1} \frac{2x}{1+x^2} + \cos^{-1} \frac{1-y^2}{1+y^2} \right] = \frac{x+y}{1-xy}$$

Q. 14

Find the values of each of the following:

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

Answer:

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

On comparing the co-efficient on both sides we get,

$$= x = \frac{1}{5}$$

Q. 15

Find the values of each of the expression

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

Answer:

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

(For $\sin^{-1} (\sin x)$ type of problem we have to always check whether the angle is in the principal range or not. This angle must be in the principal range $\left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$

$$\text{So here, } \frac{2\pi}{3} \notin \left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$$

Now, $\sin^{-1} \left(\sin \frac{2\pi}{3} \right)$ can be written as,

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

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

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

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

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

Q. 16

Find the values of each of the expression

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

Answer:

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

(For $\tan^{-1} (\tan x)$ type of problem we have to always check whether the angle is in the principal range or not. This angle must be in the principal range. $\left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$)

$$\text{So here, } \frac{3\pi}{4} \notin \left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$$

Now, $\tan^{-1} \left(\tan \frac{3\pi}{4} \right)$ can be written as,

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

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

$$= -\tan^{-1} \left(\tan \frac{\pi}{4} \right) \text{ where } -\frac{\pi}{4} \in \left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2} \right], [\text{since, } \tan(\pi - x) = -\tan x]$$

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

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

Q. 17

Find the values of each of the expression

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

Answer:

Let $\sin^{-1} \left(\frac{3}{5} \right) = y$ so $\sin y = \frac{3}{5}$ and $y \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2} \right)$, so all ratio of y are positive and

$$\text{Hence, } \cos y = \frac{4}{5} \text{ and } \tan y = \frac{3}{4}, \text{ so } \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{3}{4} \right) = y$$

Also,

$$\cot^{-1} \left(\frac{3}{2} \right) = \tan^{-1} \frac{2}{3} \text{ as } \cot^{-1} x = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{x} \right)$$

$$\text{So, } \tan \left(\sin^{-1} \frac{3}{5} + \cot^{-1} \frac{3}{2} \right)$$

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

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

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

$$\text{Hence, } \tan \left(\sin^{-1} \frac{3}{5} + \cot^{-1} \frac{3}{2} \right) = \frac{17}{6}$$

Q. 18

Find the values of each of the expression

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

A. $\frac{7\pi}{6}$

B. $\frac{5\pi}{6}$

C. $\frac{\pi}{6}$

D. $\frac{\pi}{3}$

Answer:

$$\cos^{-1} \left(\cos \frac{7\pi}{6} \right)$$

(For $\cos^{-1}(\cos x)$ type of problem we have to always check whether the angle is in the principal range or not. This angle must be in the principal range. $\left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2} \right]$)

So here,

$$\frac{7\pi}{6} \notin [0, \pi]$$

Now, $\cos^{-1} \left(\cos \frac{7\pi}{6} \right)$ can be written as,

$$\cos^{-1} \left(\cos \frac{7\pi}{6} \right)$$

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

$$= -\cos^{-1}\left(\cos\frac{\pi}{6}\right) \text{ where } -\frac{\pi}{6} \in \left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right], [\text{since, } \cos(\pi + x) = -\cos x]$$

$$= \pi - \cos^{-1}\left(\cos\frac{\pi}{6}\right) \text{ as } \cos^{-1}(-x) = \pi - \cos^{-1}x$$

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

$$\text{Hence, } \cos\left(\cos\frac{7\pi}{6}\right) = \frac{5\pi}{6}.$$

Q. 19

Find the values of each of the expression

$$\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{3} - \sin^{-1}\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)\right) \text{ is equal to}$$

A. $\frac{1}{2}$

B. $\frac{1}{3}$

C. $\frac{1}{4}$

D. 1

Answer:

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

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

We all know that the principal value branch of $\sin^{-1}$ is $\left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$

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

$$\text{Therefore, } \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{3} - \sin^{-1}\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)\right) = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{3} + \frac{\pi}{6}\right) = \sin\left(\frac{3\pi}{6}\right) = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 1$$

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

Q. 20

Find the values of each of the expression

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

is equal to

A. π

B. $-\frac{\pi}{2}$

C. 0

D. $2\sqrt{3}$

Answer:

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

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

$$= \tan^{-1} \sqrt{3} + \cot^{-1} \sqrt{3} - \pi$$

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

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