

Inverse Trigonometric Function Notes PDF

For NDA Exam

Inverse Trigonometric Functions is a scoring topic from NDA exam point of view as every year **many questions are asked from this topic**. Every candidate should take care of not letting go easy marks from this topic. To revise effectively read and revise from the Inverse Trigonometric Functions. You can also **download Inverse Trigonometric Functions notes PDF** at end of the post.

Introduction

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,

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

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

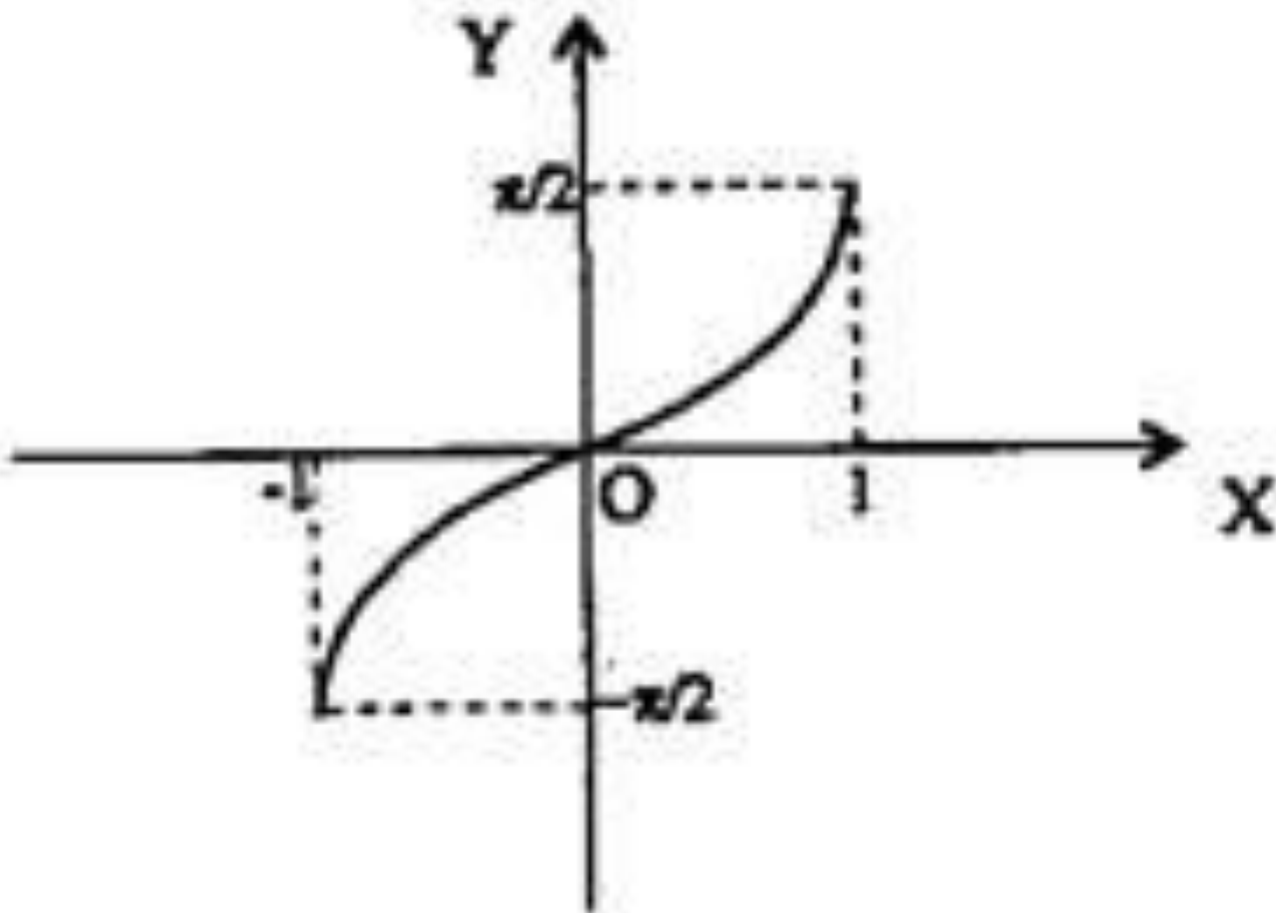
Rules for defined values of $\sin^{-1} x$, $\cos^{-1} x$

1. **$y = \sin^{-1} x$:**

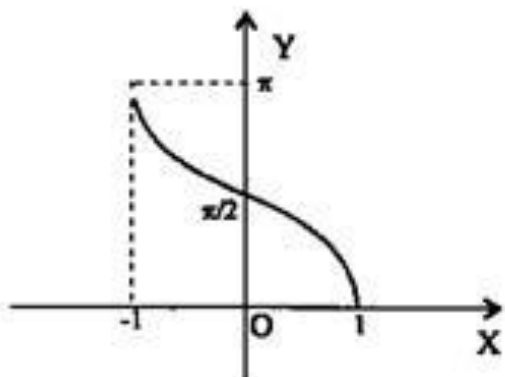
Domain: $x \in [-1, 1]$

Range (principal value branch of $\sin^{-1} x$)

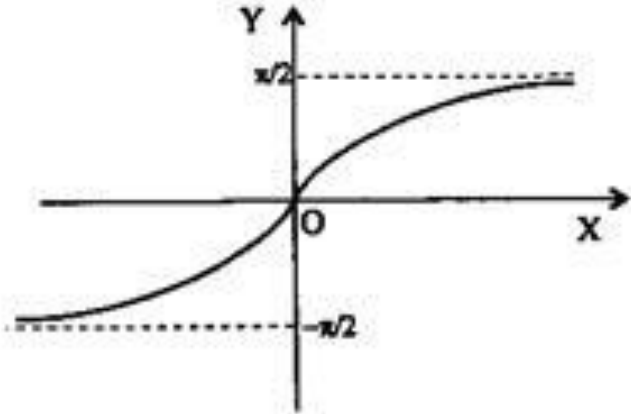
$y \in [-\pi/2, \pi/2]$



1. **$y = \cos^{-1} x$:**
 Domain: $x \in [-1, 1]$
 Range (principal value branch of $\cos^{-1} x$)
 $y \in [0, \pi]$



1. **$y = \tan^{-1} x$:**
 Domain: $x \in \mathbb{R}$
 Range (principal value branch of $\tan^{-1} x$)
 $y \in (-\pi/2, \pi/2)$

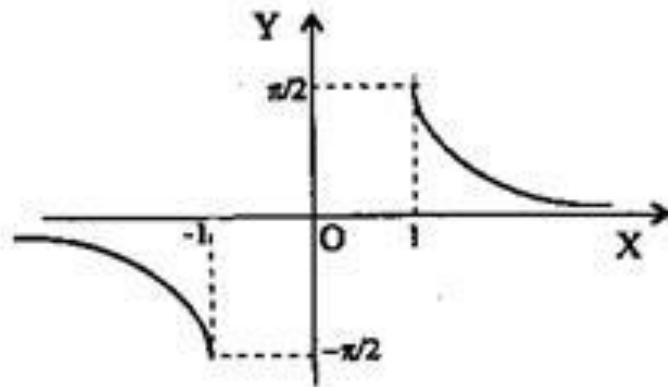


1. $y = \operatorname{cosec}^{-1} x$:

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

Range (principal value branch of $\operatorname{cosec}^{-1} x$)

$y \in [-\pi/2, 0) \cup (0, \pi/2]$

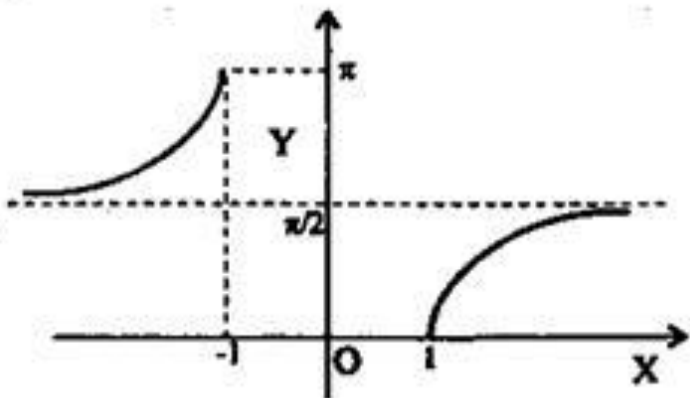


1. $y = \sec^{-1} x$:

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

Range (principal value branch of $\sec^{-1} x$)

$y \in [0, \pi/2) \cup (\pi/2, \pi]$



1. $y = \cot^{-1} x$:

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

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

Note the similarity in principal value branch of $\sin^{-1} x$, $\operatorname{cosec}^{-1} x$, $\tan^{-1} x$.

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

Important Results

Important Results (I):

- i. $\sin(\sin^{-1}x) = x$, $\cos(\cos^{-1}x) = x$,
- ii. $\sin^{-1} \sin \theta = \theta$, $\cos^{-1} \cos \theta = \theta$
 if θ allows the restrictions on y in the definition of corresponding inverse function.
 e.g. $\sin^{-1} \sin 2\pi/3 = 2\pi/3$ because $2\pi/3$ does not lie in the principal value branch of $\sin^{-1} x$.
 Hence $\sin^{-1} \sin 2\pi/3 = \sin^{-1} \sin(\pi - \pi/3) = \sin^{-1} \sin \pi/3 = \pi/3$.
- iii. $\sin^{-1}(-x) = -\sin^{-1}x$, $\cos^{-1}(-x) = \pi - \cos^{-1}x$
 $\operatorname{cosec}^{-1}(-x) = -\operatorname{cosec}^{-1}x$, $\sec^{-1}(-x) = \pi - \sec^{-1}x$
 $\tan^{-1}(-x) = -\tan^{-1}x$, $\cot^{-1}(-x) = \pi - \cot^{-1}x$

Important Results (II):

- i. If $x > 0, y > 0$ then

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

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

- ii. If $x > 0, y > 0$ then

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

- iii. If $x > 0$

$$\sin^{-1} x = \cos^{-1} \sqrt{1-x^2}, \quad \cos^{-1} x = \sin^{-1} x \sqrt{1-x^2}$$

$$\sin^{-1} x = \tan^{-1} \frac{x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}, \quad \cos^{-1} x = \tan^{-1} \frac{\sqrt{1-x^2}}{x}$$

$$\cot^{-1} x = \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{x}, \quad \sec^{-1} x = \cos^{-1} \frac{1}{x}, \quad \operatorname{cosec}^{-1} x = \sin^{-1} x \frac{1}{x}$$

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

$$\operatorname{cosec}^{-1} x + \sec^{-1} x = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\tan^{-1} x + \cot^{-1} x = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

iv.

Important Results (III):

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

$$2 \tan^{-1} x = \sin^{-1} \frac{2x}{1+x^2}; \quad -1 \leq x \leq 1$$

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

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

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

Results (IV):

$$\sin^{-1} x + \sin^{-1} y = \sin^{-1} \left[x\sqrt{1-y^2} + y\sqrt{1-x^2} \right], \text{ when } x \geq 0, y \geq 0, x^2 + y^2 \leq 1$$

$$\sin^{-1} x + \sin^{-1} y = \pi - \sin^{-1} \left[x\sqrt{1-y^2} + y\sqrt{1-x^2} \right], \text{ when } x \geq 0, y \geq 0, x^2 + y^2 > 1$$

Results (V):

$$\sin^{-1} x - \sin^{-1} y = \sin^{-1} \left[x\sqrt{1-y^2} - y\sqrt{1-x^2} \right], \quad 0 \leq y \leq x$$

Results (VI):

$$\cos^{-1} x + \cos^{-1} y = \cos^{-1} \left[xy - \sqrt{1-x^2} \sqrt{1-y^2} \right], \text{ where } x \geq 0, y \geq 0$$

$$\cos^{-1} x - \cos^{-1} y = \cos^{-1} \left[xy + \sqrt{1-x^2} \sqrt{1-y^2} \right], \text{ where } 0 \leq x, \leq y$$

