# Inverse Trigonometric **Functions**

#### 5.1 INVERSE FUNCTIONS

To learn the concept of inverse function, consider the following examples

(1) Let f be the function defined by f(x) = 2x - 3

i.e. 
$$y = f(x) = 2x - 3$$
,  $D_f = \mathbf{R}$  and  $R_f = \mathbf{R}$ ,

On expressing x in terms of y, we get  $x = \frac{y+3}{2}$ .

We observe that for each y in **R** there exists a unique x in **R** such that y = f(x) = 2x - 3. The rule which associates to each  $y \in R_f$ , a unique  $x \in D_f$  defines a new function (called 'f' inverse).

Note that the given function has the following two properties:

- (i) No two elements of  $D_f$  are associated to the same element in  $R_f$  i.e. f is one-one.
- (ii) For every  $y \in R_f$ , there exists a number x in  $D_f$  such that f(x) = y i.e f is onto.
- (2) Let f be the function defined by  $f(x) = x^2$  i.e.  $y = f(x) = x^2$ .

$$D_f = \mathbf{R}$$
 and  $R_f =$  the set of non-negative reals.

On expressing x in terms of y, we get  $x = \pm \sqrt{y}$ .

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We observe that corresponding to any y > 0, there are two values of x, therefore, (i) does not define *x* as a function of *y*. In fact, the function *f* is not one-one, and for this reason we cannot express x as a function of y.

From examples (1) and (2), we observe that only one-one functions have inverse functions. This leads to:

Let f be a one-one function with domain  $D_f$  and range  $R_f$  then a function  $g: R_f \to D_f$  defined by g(y) = x where f(x) = y is called **inverse** of f, denoted by  $f^{-1}$  (read as f inverse).

Thus, a function f is **inversible** (or **invertible**) iff f is one-one.

#### Remarks

**1.** Let a real function  $f: D_f \to R_f$ , where  $D_f = \text{domain of } f$  and  $R_f = \text{range of } f$ , be invertible, then  $f^{-1}: \mathbb{R}_f \to \mathbb{D}_f$  is given by  $f^{-1}(y) = x$  iff y = f(x) for all  $x \in \mathbb{D}_f$  and  $y \in R_f$ . Thus, the roles of x and y are just interchanged during the transition from f to  $f^{-1}$ 

In fact, graph of 
$$f = \{(x, y) : y = f(x), \text{ for all } x \in D_f\}$$
 and graph of  $f^{-1} = \{(y, x) : x = f^{-1}(y), \text{ for all } y \in R_f\}.$ 

Thus,  $(x, y) \in \text{graph of } f \text{ iff } (y, x) \in \text{graph of } f^{-1}$ 

The point (y, x) is the reflection of the point (x, y) in the line y = x, therefore, the graph of  $f^{-1}$  can be obtained from the graph of f by reflecting it through the line y = x.

**2.** It often happens that a given function *f* may not be one-one in the whole of its domain, but when we restrict it to a part of the domain, it may be so, *If a function is one-one on a part of its domain, it is said to be inversible on that part only.* If a function is inversible in several parts of its domain, it is said to have an inverse in each of these parts.

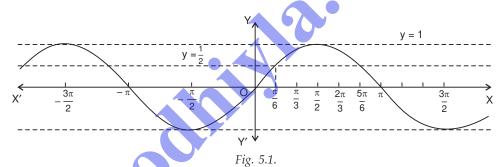
#### 5.2 INVERSE TRIGONOMETRIC FUNCTIONS

#### 1. Inverse sine function

Consider the sine function f defined by  $f(x) = \sin x$ ,  $D_f = \mathbb{R}$ ,  $R_f = [-1, 1]$ . Table for the graph of f:

x	 - π	$-\frac{5\pi}{6}$	$-\frac{2\pi}{3}$	$-\frac{\pi}{2}$	$-\frac{\pi}{3}$	$-\frac{\pi}{6}$	0	$\frac{\pi}{6}$	$\frac{\pi}{3}$	$\frac{\pi}{2}$	$\frac{2\pi}{3}$	$\frac{5\pi}{3}$	π	•••
y	 0	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$	-1	$-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$	1	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	

A portion of the graph is shown in fig. 5.1.



Note that the horizontal line  $y=\frac{1}{2}$  meets its graph in many points, so f is not one-one. But if we restrict the domain from  $-\frac{\pi}{2}$  to  $\frac{\pi}{2}$ , both inclusive, we observe that in this part of the domain f is one-one. Therefore, the function  $y=f(x)=\sin x$  with  $D_f=\left[-\frac{\pi}{2},\frac{\pi}{2}\right]$  and  $R_f=[-1,1]$  has an inverse function called the **inverse sine function** or the **arc sine function**, denoted by  $\sin^{-1}$ . Thus,

$$y = \sin^{-1} x \text{ iff } x = \sin y \text{ and } y \in \left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right].$$

It has the following properties:

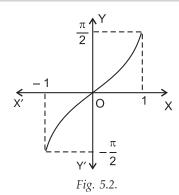
- (i) Domain of  $\sin^{-1} x$  is [-1, 1] and its range is  $\left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$ .
- (ii)  $\sin (\sin^{-1} x) = x$ , for  $x \in [-1, 1]$  i.e.  $|x| \le 1$ .

(iii)  $\sin^{-1}(\sin y) = y$ , for

$$y \in \left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right] i.e. \mid y \mid \leq \frac{\pi}{2}.$$

(*iv*) 
$$\sin^{-1}: [-1, 1] \rightarrow \left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$$

is strictly increasing and is one-one. The graph of  $\sin^{-1} x$  is shown in fig. 5.2.



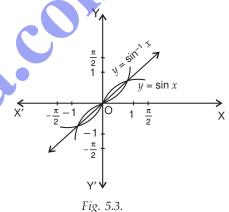
#### Remarks

**1.** Besides  $\left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$ , there exist other intervals where the sine function is one-one and hence has an inverse function but here  $\sin^{-1} x$  shall always mean the function

$$\sin^{-1}: [-1, 1] \rightarrow \left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$$

defined above (unless stated otherwise). The portion of the curve for which  $-\frac{\pi}{2} \le y \le \frac{\pi}{2}$  is known as the **principal value branch** of the function  $y = \sin^{-1} x$  and these values of y are known as the **principal values** of the function  $y = \sin^{-1} x$ .

2. The graph of  $\sin^{-1}$  function can be obtained from the graph of the original function by interchanging the roles of x and y *i.e.* if (a, b) is a point on the graph of sine function, then (b, a) becomes the corresponding point on the graph of inverse sine function. The graph of sin-1 function is the mirror image along the line y = x of the corresponding original function. This can be visualised by looking the graphs of  $y = \sin x$  and  $y = \sin^{-1} x$  in the same axes as shown in fig. 5.3.



3. It may be noted that besides  $\left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$ , there exist other intervals such as  $\left[\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}\right]$ ,

 $\left[\frac{3\pi}{2}, \frac{5\pi}{2}\right], \left[-\frac{3\pi}{2}, -\frac{\pi}{2}\right]$  etc. where the sine function is one-one and hence has an inverse

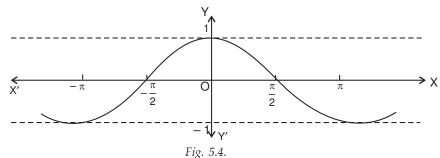
function. Thus, the range of other branches are  $\left[\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}\right], \left[\frac{3\pi}{2}, \frac{5\pi}{2}\right], \left[-\frac{3\pi}{2}, -\frac{\pi}{2}\right]$  etc.

#### 2. Inverse cosine function

Consider the cosine function f defined by

$$f(x) = \cos x$$
,  $D_f = \mathbf{R}$  and  $R_f = [-1, 1]$ .

A portion of the graph of  $\cos x$  is shown in fig. 5.4.



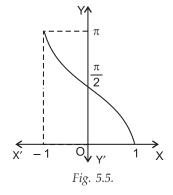
Clearly, f is not one-one but if we restrict the domain to  $[0, \pi]$ , f is one-one and so it has an inverse function called the **inverse cosine function** or the **arc cosine function**, denoted by  $\cos^{-1}$ . Thus,

 $y = cos^{-1} x \text{ iff } x = cos y \text{ and } y \in [0, \pi].$ 

It has the following properties:

- (i) Domain of  $\cos^{-1} x$  is [-1, 1] and its range is  $[0, \pi]$ .
- (ii)  $\cos(\cos^{-1} x) = x$ , for  $x \in [-1, 1]$  i.e.  $|x| \le 1$ .
- (iii)  $\cos^{-1}(\cos y) = y$ , for  $y \in [0, \pi]$ .
- (iv)  $\cos^{-1}: [-1, 1] \rightarrow [0, \pi]$  is strictly decreasing and is one-one.

The graph of  $\cos^{-1} x$  is shown in fig. 5.5.



The portion of the curve for which  $0 \le y \le \pi$  is known as the **principal value branch** of the function  $y = \cos^{-1} x$  and these values of y are known as the **principal values** of the function  $y = \cos^{-1} x$ .

**Remark.** Note that the range of other branches of  $\cos^{-1}x$  are  $[\pi, 2\pi]$ ,  $[2\pi, 3\pi]$ ,  $[-\pi, 0]$  etc.

#### 3. Inverse tangent function

Consider the tangent function f defined by  $f(x) = \tan x$ ,  $D_f = \mathbf{R}$  except odd multiples of  $\frac{\pi}{2}$  and  $R_f = \mathbf{R}$ .

A portion of the graph of tan *x* is shown in fig. 5.6.

Clearly, f is not one-one but if we restrict the domain to  $\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ , f is one-one and so it has an inverse function called the **inverse** tangent function or the arc tangent function, denoted by  $\tan^{-1}$ . Thus,

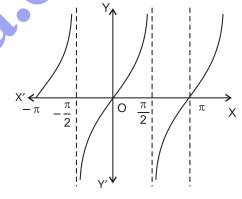


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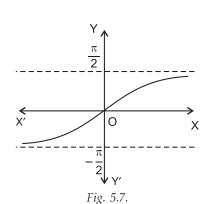
$$y = \tan^{-1} x$$
 iff  $x = \tan y$  and  $y \in \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ .

It has the following properties:

- (i) Domain of  $\tan^{-1} x$  is **R** and its range is  $\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ .
- (ii)  $tan(tan^{-1} x) = x$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .
- (iii)  $\tan^{-1} (\tan y) = y, y \in \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right).$
- (*iv*)  $\tan^{-1}: \mathbf{R} \to \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$  is strictly increasing and is one-one.

A portion of the graph of  $tan^{-1} x$  is shown in fig. 5.7.

The portion of the curve for which  $-\frac{\pi}{2} < y < \frac{\pi}{2}$  is known as the **principal value branch** of the function  $y = \tan^{-1} x$  and these values of y are known as the **principal values.** 



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#### 4. Inverse cotangent function

Consider the cotangent function f defined

by 
$$f(x) = \cot x$$
,  $D_f = \mathbf{R}$  except even

multiples of 
$$\frac{\pi}{2}$$
 and  $R_f = \mathbf{R}$ .

A portion of the graph of  $\cot x$  is shown is fig. 5.8.

Clearly, f is *not one-one* but if we restrict the domain to  $(0, \pi)$ , f is one-one and so it has an inverse function called **inverse cotangent function** or **arc cotangent function**, denoted by  $\cot^{-1}$ . Thus,

$$y = \cot^{-1} x \text{ iff } x = \cot y \text{ and } y \in (0, \pi).$$

It has the following properties:

- (i) Domain of cot  $^{-1}$  x is **R** and its range is  $(0, \pi)$ .
- (ii)  $\cot(\cot^{-1} x) = x$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .
- (iii)  $\cot^{-1}(\cot y) = y$ ,  $y \in (0, \pi)$ .
- (iv)  $\cot^{-1}: \mathbb{R} \to (0, \pi)$  is strictly decreasing and is one-one.

A portion of the graph of  $\cot^{-1} x$  is shown in fig. 5.9.

The portion of the curve for which  $0 < y < \pi$  is known as the **principal value branch** of the function  $y = \cot^{-1} x$  and these values of y are known as the **principal values**.

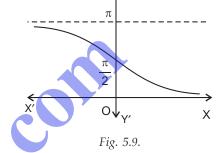


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## 5. Inverse secant function

Consider the function f defined by  $f(x) = \sec x$ ,

$$D_f = \mathbf{R}$$
 except odd multiples of  $\frac{\pi}{2}$  and

$$\mathbf{R}_f = (-\infty, -1] \, \cup \, [1, \, \infty).$$

A portion of the graph of  $\sec x$  is shown in fig. 5.10.

Clearly, f is not one-one but if we restrict the domain to  $\left[0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right] \cup \left(\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi\right]$ , f is one-one and so it has  $\chi' \leftarrow \frac{\pi}{2}$  an inverse function called **inverse secant function** or **arc secant function**, denoted by  $\sec^{-1}$ . Thus,

$$y = sec^{-1} x iff x = sec y and$$

$$y \in \left[0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \cup \left(\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi\right].$$

It has the following properties:

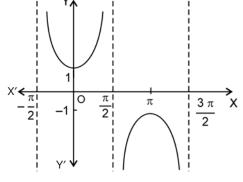


Fig. 5.10.

- (i) Domain of  $\sec^{-1} x$  is  $(-\infty, -1] \cup [1, \infty)$  and its range is  $\left[0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right] \cup \left(\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi\right]$ .
- (ii)  $\sec(\sec^{-1} x) = x$ , for  $|x| \ge 1$ .
- (iii)  $\sec^{-1}(\sec y) = y, y \in (0, \pi), y \neq \frac{\pi}{2}$ .
- (iv)  $\sec^{-1} x$  is strictly increasing (piecewise) and is one-one.

The portion of the curve for which  $0 \le y \le \pi$ ,  $y \ne \frac{\pi}{2}$ , is known as the **principal value** branch of the function  $y = \sec^{-1} x$  and these values of y are called the **principal values**.

### 6. Inverse cosecant function

Consider the function *f* defined by

$$f(x) = \operatorname{cosec} x$$
,  $D_f = \mathbf{R}$  except even multiples of  $\frac{\pi}{2}$  and  $R_f = (-\infty, -1] \cup [1, \infty)$ .

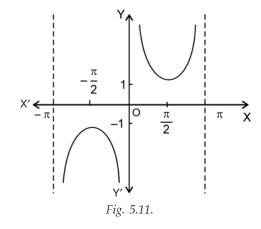
A portion of the graph of cosec *x* is shown in fig. 5.11.

Clearly, f is not one-one but if we restrict the domain to  $\left[-\frac{\pi}{2},0\right] \cup \left(0,\frac{\pi}{2}\right]$ , f is one-one and so it has an inverse function called **inverse cosecant function** or **arc cosecant function**, denoted by  $\operatorname{cosec}^{-1}$ . Thus,

$$y = cosec^{-1} x iff x = cosec y,$$

$$y \in \left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \theta\right] \cup \left(\theta, \frac{\pi}{2}\right].$$

It has the following properties:



- (i) Domain of  $\csc^{-1} x$  is  $(-\infty, -1] \cup [1, \infty)$  and its range is  $\left[ -\frac{\pi}{2}, 0 \right] \cup \left[ 0, \frac{\pi}{2} \right]$ .
- (ii) cosec (cosec<sup>-1</sup> x) = x, for  $|x| \ge 1$ .
- (iii)  $\operatorname{cosec}^{-1}(\operatorname{cosec} y) = y \; ; \; y \in \left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right], \; y \neq 0.$
- (iv)  $\csc^{-1} x$  is strictly decreasing (piecewise) and is one-one-

The portion of the curve for which  $-\frac{\pi}{2} \le y \le \frac{\pi}{2}$ ,  $y \ne 0$ , is known as the **principal value** branch of the function  $y = \csc^{-1} x$  and these values of y are known as **principal values**.

#### **5.3 SOME IMPORTANT RESULTS**

1. 
$$\sin^{-1} x + \cos^{-1} x = \frac{\pi}{2}, |x| \le 1.$$

**2.** 
$$tan^{-1} x + cot^{-1} x = \frac{\pi}{2}, x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

3. 
$$sec^{-1} x + cosec^{-1} x = \frac{\pi}{2}, |x| \ge 1.$$

**4.** 
$$tan^{-1} x + tan^{-1} y = tan^{-1} \left(\frac{x+y}{1-xy}\right), xy < 1.$$

5. 
$$tan^{-1} x - tan^{-1} y = tan^{-1} \left(\frac{x-y}{1+xy}\right), xy > -1.$$

**6.** (i) 
$$\sin^{-1} x = \cos^{-1} \sqrt{1 - x^2}$$
,  $0 \le x \le 1$ 

(ii) 
$$\cos^{-1} x = \sin^{-1} \sqrt{1 - x^2}$$
,  $0 \le x \le 1$ .

7. (i) 
$$tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}\right) = sin^{-1}x, |x| < 1$$

(ii) 
$$tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{1-x^2}}{x}\right) = cos^{-1} x, \ 0 < x \le 1.$$

8. 
$$\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{2x}{1+x^2}\right) = 2 \tan^{-1} x , |x| \le 1.$$

**9.** 
$$\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1-x^2}{1+x^2}\right) = 2 \tan^{-1} x, \ x \ge 0.$$

**10.** 
$$tan^{-1}\left(\frac{2x}{1-x^2}\right) = 2 tan^{-1} x, |x| < 1.$$

**11.** 
$$cosec^{-1} x = sin^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{x}\right), |x| \ge 1.$$

**12.** 
$$sec^{-1} x = cos^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{x}\right), |x| \ge 1.$$

13. 
$$\cot^{-1} x = \begin{cases} \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{x}, & x > 0 \\ \pi + \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{x}, & x < 0 \end{cases}$$

**14.** 
$$cos (sin^{-1} x) = sin (cos^{-1} x) = \sqrt{1 - x^2}, |x| \le 1.$$

**15.** (*i*) 
$$\sin^{-1}(-x) = -\sin^{-1}x$$
,  $|x| \le 1$ 

**15.** (i) 
$$\sin^{-1}(-x) = -\sin^{-1}x$$
,  $|x| \le 1$  (ii)  $\cos^{-1}(-x) = \pi - \cos^{-1}x$ ,  $|x| \le 1$  (iii)  $\tan^{-1}(-x) = -\tan^{-1}x$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  (iv)  $\cot^{-1}(-x) = \pi - \cot^{-1}x$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ 

(iii) 
$$tan^{-1}(-x) = -tan^{-1}x, x \in I$$

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

(v) 
$$\csc^{-1}(-x) = -\csc^{-1}x$$
,  $|x| \ge 1$  (vi)  $\sec^{-1}(-x) = \pi - \sec^{-1}x$ ,  $|x| \ge 1$ .

$$(vi) \sec^{-1}(-x) = \pi - \sec^{-1}x, |x| \ge 1.$$

**16.** For suitable values of x and y

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

(ii) 
$$\sin^{-1} x - \sin^{-1} y = \sin^{-1} \left( x \sqrt{1 - y^2} - y \sqrt{1 - x^2} \right)$$

(iii) 
$$\cos^{-1} x + \cos^{-1} y = \cos^{-1} \left( xy - \sqrt{1 - x^2} \sqrt{1 - y^2} \right)$$

(iv) 
$$\cos^{-1} x - \cos^{-1} y = \cos^{-1} \left( xy + \sqrt{1 - x^2} \sqrt{1 - y^2} \right)$$

**Proof 1.** Let 
$$\sin^{-1} x = y \Rightarrow x = \sin y \Rightarrow x = \cos \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - y\right)$$

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

$$\Rightarrow \sin^{-1} x + \cos^{-1} x = \frac{\pi}{2}, |x| \le 1.$$

(It may be noted that when  $y = \sin^{-1}x$  and y is a principal value then  $-\frac{\pi}{2} \le y \le \frac{\pi}{2}$ 

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2} \ge -y \ge -\frac{\pi}{2} \Rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{\pi}{2} \ge \frac{\pi}{2} - y \ge \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \pi \ge \frac{\pi}{2} - y \ge 0 \Rightarrow 0 \le \frac{\pi}{2} - y \le \pi$$

$$\Rightarrow \pi \ge \frac{\pi}{2} - y \ge 0 \Rightarrow 0 \le \frac{\pi}{2} - y \le \pi$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2} - y$$
 is a principal value of  $\cos^{-1} x$ .)

2. Let 
$$\tan^{-1} x = y \Rightarrow x = \tan y \Rightarrow x = \cot \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - y\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \cot^{-1} x = \frac{\pi}{2} \quad y \Rightarrow \cot^{-1} x = \frac{\pi}{2} - \tan^{-1} x$$

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

3. Left as an exercise for the reader.

**4.** Let  $\tan^{-1} x = \alpha$  and  $\tan^{-1} y = \beta \implies x = \tan \alpha$  and  $y = \tan \beta$ .

Now tan 
$$(\alpha + \beta) = \frac{\tan \alpha + \tan \beta}{1 - \tan \alpha \tan \beta} = \frac{x + y}{1 - xy}$$

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

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

It may be noted that when  $\alpha = \tan^{-1} x$ ,  $\beta = \tan^{-1} y$ , then

$$-\,\frac{\pi}{2}<\alpha<\,\frac{\pi}{2},\,-\,\frac{\pi}{2}<\beta<\,\frac{\pi}{2}.$$

Given  $xy < 1 \Rightarrow \tan \alpha \tan \beta < 1 \Rightarrow \frac{\sin \alpha \sin \beta}{\cos \alpha \cos \beta} < 1$ 

But  $\cos \alpha \cos \beta > 0$  because  $-\frac{\pi}{2} < \alpha < \frac{\pi}{2} \Rightarrow \cos \alpha > 0$  and  $-\frac{\pi}{2} < \beta < \frac{\pi}{2} \Rightarrow \cos \beta > 0$ .

 $\therefore \sin \alpha \sin \beta < \cos \alpha \cos \beta \Rightarrow 0 < \cos \alpha \cos \beta - \sin \alpha \sin \beta$ 

$$\Rightarrow 0 < \cos(\alpha + \beta) \Rightarrow \cos(\alpha + \beta) > 0 \Rightarrow -\frac{\pi}{2} < \alpha + \beta < \frac{\pi}{2}$$

**Remark.** If x y > 1, then  $\tan^{-1} x + \tan^{-1} y = \pi + \tan^{-1} \frac{x + y}{1 - xy}$ .

5. Left as an exercise for the reader.

**6.** (i) Let 
$$\sin^{-1} x = y \Rightarrow x = \sin y$$
; as  $0 \le x \le 1$ ,  $0 \le y \le \frac{\pi}{2}$ 

$$\therefore \quad \sqrt{1-x^2} = \sqrt{1-\sin^2 y} = \sqrt{\cos^2 y} = |\cos y| = \cos y$$

 $(\because 0 \le y \le \frac{\pi}{2} \Rightarrow \cos y \ge 0 \Rightarrow |\cos y| = \cos y)$ 

$$\Rightarrow \qquad y = \cos^{-1}\sqrt{1-x^2} \qquad (\because 0 \le y \le \frac{\pi}{2})$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad \sin^{-1} x = \cos^{-1} \sqrt{1 - x^2} \,.$$

(ii) Let  $\cos^{-1} x = y \Rightarrow x = \cos y$ ; as  $0 \le x \le 1$ ,  $0 \le y \le \frac{\pi}{6}$ 

$$\therefore \quad \sqrt{1-x^2} = \sqrt{1-\cos^2 y} = \sqrt{\sin^2 y} = |\sin y| = \sin y$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad y = \sin^{-1}\sqrt{1 - x^2} \qquad (\because 0 \le y \le \frac{\pi}{2})$$

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

$$(ii) \text{ Let } \cos^{-x} x = y \Rightarrow x = \cos y, \text{ as } 0 \le x \le 1, 0 \le y \le \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\therefore \quad \sqrt{1 - x^2} = \sqrt{1 - \cos^2 y} = \sqrt{\sin^2 y} = |\sin y| = \sin y$$

$$(\because 0 \le y \le \frac{\pi}{2} \Rightarrow \sin y \ge 0 \Rightarrow |\sin y| = \sin y)$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad y = \sin^{-1} \sqrt{1 - x^2}$$

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

$$7. (i) \text{ Let } x = \sin y \Rightarrow y = \sin^{-1} x, \frac{\pi}{2} < y < \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$(\because |x| < 1)$$

$$\therefore \quad \sqrt{1 - x^2} = \sqrt{1 - \sin^2 y} = \sqrt{\cos^2 y} = |\cos y| = \cos y$$

$$(\because -\frac{\pi}{2} < y < \frac{\pi}{2} \Rightarrow \cos y > 0)$$

$$\therefore \quad \sqrt{1-x^2} = \sqrt{1-\sin^2 y} = \sqrt{\cos^2 y} = |\cos y| = \cos y \qquad \left(\because -\frac{\pi}{2} < y < \frac{\pi}{2} \Rightarrow \cos y > 0\right)$$

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

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

(ii) Let 
$$x = \cos y \implies y = \cos^{-1} x$$
,  $0 \le y < \frac{\pi}{2}$  (:  $0 < x \le 1$ )

$$\therefore \quad \sqrt{1-x^2} = \sqrt{1-\cos^2 y} = \sqrt{\sin^2 y} = |\sin y| = \sin y \qquad (\because 0 \le y < \frac{\pi}{2} \implies \sin y \ge 0)$$

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

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

8. Let 
$$\tan^{-1} x = y \Rightarrow x = \tan y$$
; as  $|x| \le 1, -\frac{\pi}{4} \le y \le \frac{\pi}{4}$ .

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

$$(\because -\frac{\pi}{4} \le y \le \frac{\pi}{4} \Rightarrow -\frac{\pi}{2} \le 2y \le \frac{\pi}{2})$$

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

- **9.** Left as an exercise for the reader.
- **10.** On taking y = x in result 4, we get

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

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

11. Let 
$$\csc^{-1} x = y, -\frac{\pi}{2} \le y \le \frac{\pi}{2}, y \ne 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \csc y \Rightarrow \frac{1}{x} = \frac{1}{\csc y} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{x} = \sin y$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \sin^{-1} \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow$$
 cosec<sup>-1</sup>  $x = \sin^{-1} \frac{1}{x}$ ,  $|x| \ge 1$ .

**12.** Let 
$$\sec^{-1} x = y$$
,  $0 \le y \le \pi$ ,  $y \ne \frac{\pi}{2}$ 

$$\Rightarrow x = \sec y \Rightarrow \frac{1}{x} = \frac{1}{\sec y} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{x} = \cos y$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \cos^{-1} \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sec^{-1} x = \cos^{-1} \frac{1}{x}, |x| \ge 1.$$
When  $x > 0$ 

# 13. When x > 0

Let 
$$\cot^{-1} x = y$$
, as  $x > 0$ ,  $0 < y < \frac{\pi}{2}$ 

$$\Rightarrow x = \cot y \Rightarrow \frac{1}{x} = \frac{1}{\cot y} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{x} = \tan y$$

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

$$\Rightarrow \cot^{-1} x = \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{x}, x > 0.$$

#### When x < 0

Let 
$$\cot^{-1} x = y$$
, as  $x < 0$ ,  $\frac{\pi}{2} < y < \pi$ .

Now 
$$\frac{\pi}{2} < y < \pi \Rightarrow -\frac{\pi}{2} < y - \pi < 0$$
.

$$\cot^{-1} x = y \Rightarrow x = \cot y \Rightarrow \frac{1}{x} = \frac{1}{\cot y}$$

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

$$\Rightarrow y - \pi = \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \cot^{-1} x = \pi + \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{x}, x < 0.$$

$$(\because -\frac{\pi}{2} \le y \le \frac{\pi}{2}, y \ne 0)$$

$$(\because 0 \le y \le \pi, y \ne \frac{\pi}{2})$$

$$(\because 0 \le y \le \pi, \ y \ne \frac{\pi}{2})$$

$$(\because 0 < y < \frac{\pi}{})$$

$$(\because 0 < y < \frac{\pi}{2})$$

 $(\because -\frac{\pi}{2} < y - \pi < 0)$ 

**14.** Let  $\sin^{-1} x = y$ ,  $-\frac{\pi}{2} \le y \le \frac{\pi}{2} \Rightarrow x = \sin y$ ,  $-\frac{\pi}{2} \le y \le \frac{\pi}{2}$ .

Clearly for this value of y,  $\cos y \ge 0$ ,

$$\therefore \cos y = \sqrt{1 - \sin^2 y} = \sqrt{1 - x^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos(\sin^{-1} x) = \sqrt{1 - x^2} \qquad \dots (i)$$

Now, let  $\cos^{-1} x = t$ ,  $0 \le t \le \pi$ 

$$\Rightarrow x = \cos t, 0 \le t \le \pi.$$

Clearly, for this value of t,  $\sin t \ge 0$ ,

$$\therefore \sin t = \sqrt{1 - \cos^2 t} = \sqrt{1 - x^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin(\cos^{-1} x) = \sqrt{1 - x^2} \qquad \dots (ii)$$

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From (i) and (ii), we get

$$\cos (\sin^{-1} x) = \sin (\cos^{-1} x) = \sqrt{1 - x^2}, |x| \le 1.$$

**15.** (i) Let 
$$\sin^{-1} x = y \Rightarrow x = \sin y, -\frac{\pi}{2} \le y \le \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow -x = -\sin y, \ \frac{\pi}{2} \ge -y \ge -\frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow -x = \sin(-y), -\frac{\pi}{2} \le -y \le \frac{\pi}{2}$$

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

$$\Rightarrow \sin^{-1}(-x) = -\sin^{-1}x, |x| \le 1.$$

(ii) Let 
$$\cos^{-1} x = y \Rightarrow x = \cos y$$
,  $0 \le y \le \pi$ 

$$\Rightarrow -x = -\cos y, \ 0 \ge -y \ge -\pi \ i.e. \ \pi \ge \pi - y \ge 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -x = \cos(\pi - y) , 0 \le \pi - y \le \pi$$

$$\Rightarrow$$
 cos<sup>-1</sup>  $(-x) = \pi - y$ 

$$\Rightarrow \cos^{-1}(-x) = \pi - \cos^{-1}x, |x| \le 1.$$

(iii) The proofs of the other parts are left as exercises for the reader.

**16.** (*i*) Let 
$$\sin^{-1} x = \alpha$$
 and  $\sin^{-1} y = \beta$ 

$$\Rightarrow x = \sin \alpha \text{ and } y = \sin \beta$$

$$\therefore \cos \alpha = \sqrt{1 - \sin^2 \alpha} = \sqrt{1 - x^2}$$

and 
$$\cos \beta = \sqrt{1 - \sin^2 \beta} = \sqrt{1 - y^2}$$
.

Now,  $\sin (\alpha + \beta) = \sin \alpha \cos \beta + \cos \alpha \sin \beta$ 

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

$$\Rightarrow \alpha + \beta = \sin^{-1} \left(x\sqrt{1-y^2} + y\sqrt{1-x^2}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin^{-1} x + \sin^{-1} y = \sin^{-1} \left( x \sqrt{1 - y^2} + y \sqrt{1 - x^2} \right).$$

**Note.** Here  $|x| \le 1$ ,  $|y| \le 1$  if  $xy \le 0$  or if xy > 0 and  $x^2 + y^2 \le 1$ .

(ii) Left as an exercise for the reader.

(iii) Let 
$$\cos^{-1} x = \alpha$$
 and  $\cos^{-1} y = \beta$ 

$$\Rightarrow x = \cos \alpha \text{ and } y = \cos \beta.$$

$$\therefore \sin \alpha = \sqrt{1 - \cos^2 \alpha} = \sqrt{1 - x^2}$$

and 
$$\sin \beta = \sqrt{1 - \cos^2 \beta} = \sqrt{1 - y^2}$$
.

Now,  $\cos (\alpha + \beta) = \cos \alpha \cos \beta - \sin \alpha \sin \beta$ 

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

$$\Rightarrow \alpha + \beta = \cos^{-1} \left( xy - \sqrt{1 - x^2} \sqrt{1 - y^2} \right)$$

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

(iv) Left as an exercise for the reader.

### **ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES**

**Example 1.** Find the principal values of:

(i) 
$$cos^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)$$
 (ii)  $cot^{-1}\left(\sqrt{3}\right)$  (iii)  $cosec^{-1}\left(\sqrt{2}\right)$ .

**Solution.** (i) Let 
$$\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) = x$$
,  $0 \le x \le \pi$ 

$$\Rightarrow \cos x = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \Rightarrow \cos x = \cos \frac{\pi}{6}$$

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

(ii) Let 
$$\cot^{-1}(\sqrt{3}) = x$$
,  $0 < x < \pi$ 

$$\Rightarrow$$
  $\cot x = \sqrt{3} \Rightarrow \cot x = \cot \frac{\pi}{6}$ 

$$\Rightarrow$$
  $x = \frac{\pi}{6} \Rightarrow \cot^{-1}(\sqrt{3}) = \frac{\pi}{6}$ 

(iii) Let 
$$\csc^{-1}(\sqrt{2}) = x, -\frac{\pi}{2} \le x \le \frac{\pi}{2}, x \ne 0$$

$$\Rightarrow$$
 cosec  $x = \sqrt{2} \Rightarrow$  cosec  $x =$  cosec  $\frac{\pi}{4}$ 

$$\Rightarrow$$
  $x = \frac{\pi}{4} \Rightarrow \csc^{-1}(\sqrt{2}) = \frac{\pi}{4}$ 

(ii) Let 
$$\cot^{-1}(\sqrt{3}) = x$$
,  $0 < x < \pi$   

$$\Rightarrow \cot x = \sqrt{3} \Rightarrow \cot x = \cot \frac{\pi}{6}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{\pi}{6} \Rightarrow \cot^{-1}(\sqrt{3}) = \frac{\pi}{6}.$$
(iii) Let  $\csc^{-1}(\sqrt{2}) = x$ ,  $-\frac{\pi}{2} \le x \le \frac{\pi}{2}$ ,  $x \ne 0$ 

$$\Rightarrow \csc x = \sqrt{2} \Rightarrow \csc x = \csc \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{\pi}{4} \Rightarrow \csc^{-1}(\sqrt{2}) = \frac{\pi}{4}.$$
Example 2. Find the principal values of:
(i)  $\sin^{-1}\left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)$  (ii)  $\sec^{-1}(-2)$  (iii)  $\cot^{-1}(-1)$ .

**Solution.** (*i*) Let 
$$\sin^{-1}\left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) = x, -\frac{\pi}{2} \le x \le \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin x = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \Rightarrow \sin x = -\sin \frac{\pi}{3} \Rightarrow \sin x = \sin \left(-\frac{\pi}{3}\right)$$

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

Alternative method

$$\sin^{-1}\left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) = -\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) \qquad (\because \sin^{-1}\left(-x\right) = -\sin^{-1}x)$$

Let 
$$\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) = x, -\frac{\pi}{2} \le x \le \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin x = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \Rightarrow \sin x = \sin \frac{\pi}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad x = \frac{\pi}{3} \Rightarrow \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) = \frac{\pi}{3}.$$

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

(ii) 
$$\sec^{-1}(-2) = \pi - \sec^{-1} 2$$

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

Let 
$$\sec^{-1} 2 = x$$
,  $0 \le x \le \pi$ ,  $x \ne \frac{\pi}{2}$ 

$$\Rightarrow$$
  $\sec x = 2 \Rightarrow \sec x = \sec \frac{\pi}{3}$ 

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{\pi}{3} \Rightarrow \sec^{-1} x = \frac{\pi}{3}.$$

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

(iii) 
$$\cot^{-1}(-1) = -\cot^{-1}1$$

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

Let 
$$\cot^{-1} 1 = x$$
,  $0 < x < \pi$ 

$$\Rightarrow$$
  $\cot x = 1 \Rightarrow \cot x = \cot \frac{\pi}{4}$ 

$$\Rightarrow \qquad x = \frac{\pi}{4} \Rightarrow \cot^{-1} 1 = \frac{\pi}{4}.$$

$$\therefore \quad \cot^{-1} (-1) = \pi - \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{3\pi}{4}.$$

**Example 3.** Find the principal values of:

(i) 
$$\sin^{-1}\left(\sin\frac{3\pi}{5}\right)$$

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

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$$\sin^{-1}\left(\sin\frac{3\pi}{5}\right)$$
 (ii)  $\cos^{-1}\left(\cos\frac{7\pi}{6}\right)$  (iii)  $\tan^{-1}\left(\tan\frac{6\pi}{7}\right)$ 

 $\sin y = \sin \frac{3\pi}{5} \Rightarrow \sin y = \sin \left(\pi - \frac{2\pi}{5}\right)$   $\Rightarrow \sin y = \sin \frac{2\pi}{5}, -\frac{\pi}{2} \le y \le \frac{\pi}{2}$   $\Rightarrow y = \frac{2\pi}{5} \Rightarrow \sin^{-1} \left(\sin \frac{3\pi}{5}\right) = \frac{2\pi}{5}.$ (ii) Let  $\cos^{-1} \left(\cos \frac{7\pi}{5}\right)$ 

$$\Rightarrow \sin y = \sin \frac{3\pi}{5} \Rightarrow \sin y = \sin \left(\pi - \frac{2\pi}{5}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow$$
  $\sin y = \sin \frac{2\pi}{5}, -\frac{\pi}{2} \le y \le \frac{\pi}{2}$ 

$$\Rightarrow$$
  $y = \frac{2\pi}{5} \Rightarrow \sin^{-1}\left(\sin\frac{3\pi}{5}\right) = \frac{2\pi}{5}$ 

(ii) Let 
$$\cos^{-1}\left(\cos\frac{7\pi}{6}\right) = y$$
,  $0 \le y \le \pi$ 

$$\Rightarrow$$
  $\cos y = \cos \frac{7\pi}{6} \Rightarrow \cos y = \cos \left(2\pi - \frac{5\pi}{6}\right)$ 

$$\Rightarrow \quad \cos y = \cos \frac{5\pi}{6}, \ 0 \le y \le \pi$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{5\pi}{6} \Rightarrow \cos^{-1}\left(\cos\frac{7\pi}{6}\right) = \frac{5\pi}{6}$$

(iii) Let 
$$\tan^{-1} \left( \tan \frac{6\pi}{7} \right) = y, -\frac{\pi}{2} < y < \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow$$
  $\tan y = \tan \frac{6\pi}{7} \Rightarrow \tan y = \tan \left(\pi - \frac{\pi}{7}\right)$ 

$$\Rightarrow \tan y = -\tan \frac{\pi}{7} = \tan \left(-\frac{\pi}{7}\right), -\frac{\pi}{2} < y < \frac{\pi}{2}$$

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

**Example 4.** Show that  $\sin^{-1} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + 2 \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{2\pi}{3}$ .

**Solution.** Let 
$$\sin^{-1} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = \alpha, -\frac{\pi}{2} \le \alpha \le \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow$$
  $\sin \alpha = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = \sin \frac{\pi}{3} \Rightarrow \alpha = \frac{\pi}{3}$ .

**Example 33.** If  $\sin^{-1} x + \sin^{-1} y + \sin^{-1} z = \pi$ , prove that :

(i) 
$$x^2 - y^2 - z^2 + 2yz \sqrt{1 - x^2} = 0$$
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(ii) 
$$x^4 + y^4 + z^4 + 4x^2y^2z^2 = 2(x^2y^2 + y^2z^2 + z^2x^2)$$
.

**Solution.** (*i*) Given  $\sin^{-1} x + \sin^{-1} y + \sin^{-1} z = \pi$ 

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

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

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

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

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

$$\Rightarrow \quad x \sqrt{1 - y^2} = z - y \sqrt{1 - x^2}.$$

Squaring both sides, we get

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

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

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - y^2 - z^2 + 2yz\sqrt{1 - x^2} = 0.$$

Squaring both sides, we get
$$x^{2} (1 - y^{2}) = z^{2} + y^{2} (1 - x^{2}) - 2yz \sqrt{1 - x^{2}}$$

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

$$\Rightarrow x^{2} - y^{2} - z^{2} + 2yz \sqrt{1 - x^{2}} = 0.$$
(ii) From part (i), we get  $x^{2} - y^{2} - z^{2} = -2yz \sqrt{1 - x^{2}}$ .

Squaring both sides, we get

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

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

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

## EXERCISE 5.1

- 1. Find the principal values of :
  - (i)  $\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$  (ii)  $\cos^{-1}\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)$
- (iii)  $\cot^{-1}\left(-\sqrt{3}\right)$

- (*iv*)  $\tan^{-1} \left( -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right)$
- (v)  $\csc^{-1}(-2)$  (vi)  $\sec^{-1}(\frac{2}{\sqrt{2}})$ .
- **2.** Evaluate the following :
- (i)  $\sin^{-1}\left(\sin\frac{5\pi}{6}\right)$  (ii)  $\tan^{-1}\left(\sin\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}\right)\right)$  (iii)  $\tan^{-1}\left(\tan\left(\frac{3\pi}{4}\right)\right)$

- (iv) cot  $(\tan^{-1} \sqrt{3})$  (v)  $\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{6} \sin^{-1}\left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)\right)$  (vi)  $\cos\left(\cos^{-1}\left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) + \frac{\pi}{6}\right)$ .
- 3. Show that:
  - (i)  $\tan^{-1}\left(\tan\frac{5\pi}{6}\right) \neq \frac{5\pi}{6}$ . What is its value?
  - (ii)  $\cos^{-1}\left(\cos\left(-\frac{\pi}{6}\right)\right) \neq -\frac{\pi}{6}$ . What is its value?
  - (iii)  $\sin^{-1}\left(\sin\frac{2\pi}{3}\right) \neq \frac{2\pi}{3}$ . What is its value?

4. Using principal values, prove the following:

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

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

(iii) 
$$\tan^{-1}(-1) + \cos^{-1}(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}) = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

(iv) 
$$\csc^{-1}(-1) + \cot^{-1}\left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right) = \frac{\pi}{6}$$
.

**5.** Evaluate the following

(i) 
$$\tan \left(\cos^{-1}\frac{8}{17}\right)$$

(ii) 
$$\cos \left(\sin^{-1}\left(-\frac{3}{5}\right)\right)$$

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$$\tan\left(\cos^{-1}\frac{8}{17}\right)$$
 (ii)  $\cos\left(\sin^{-1}\left(-\frac{3}{5}\right)\right)$  (iii)  $\csc\left(\cos^{-1}\left(-\frac{12}{13}\right)\right)$ 

**6.** Evaluate the following :

(i) 
$$\sin\left(\frac{1}{2}\cos^{-1}\frac{4}{5}\right)$$

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$$\sin \left(\frac{1}{2}\cos^{-1}\frac{4}{5}\right)$$
 (ii)  $\tan^{-1}\left(2\cos\left(2\sin^{-1}\frac{1}{2}\right)\right)$ .

7. Prove the following:

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

(ii) 
$$\csc^{-1} \frac{1}{x} = \sec^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} = \cot^{-1} \frac{\sqrt{1-x^2}}{x}$$
.

- 8. Prove that  $tan^{-1} x + cot^{-1} (x + 1) = tan^{-1} (x^2 + x + 1)$
- **9.** Prove the following (for suitable values of x, y):

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

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

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

(v) 
$$\tan^{-1} \frac{x + \sqrt{x}}{1 - x^{3/2}} = \tan^{-1} x + \tan^{-1} \sqrt{x}$$
 (vi)  $\tan^{-1} \sqrt{x} = \frac{1}{2} \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{1 - x}{1 + x} \right)$ .

**Hint.** (vi) Put  $\sqrt{x} = \tan y$ .

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

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

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

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

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

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

(vi) 
$$\sec^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2x^2-1}\right)$$

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

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

$$(ix) \cos^{-1}(2x^2-1)$$

$$(x) \cos^{-1}(1-2x^2)$$

(*xi*) 
$$\cos^{-1} \left( \sqrt{1 - x^2} \right)$$

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

(*xiii*) 
$$\cot^{-1} \left( \sqrt{1 + x^2} - x \right)$$

$$(xiv) \sin^{-1} \left( x \sqrt{1 - y^2} + y \sqrt{1 - x^2} \right).$$

**Hint.** (*vii*) Put  $\sqrt{x} = \tan y$ .

## **ANSWERS**

#### EXERCISE 5.1

1. (i) 
$$\frac{\pi}{4}$$

(ii) 
$$\frac{2\pi}{3}$$

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$$\frac{\pi}{4}$$
 (ii)  $\frac{2\pi}{3}$  (iii)  $\frac{5\pi}{6}$  (iv)  $-\frac{\pi}{6}$ 

$$(iv) - \frac{\pi}{6}$$

$$(v) - \frac{\pi}{6}$$

$$(v) - \frac{\pi}{6} \qquad (vi) \quad \frac{\pi}{6}.$$

2. (i) 
$$\frac{1}{4}$$

$$(ii) - \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$(iii) - \frac{\pi}{4}$$

2. (i) 
$$\frac{\pi}{6}$$
 (ii)  $-\frac{\pi}{4}$  (iii)  $-\frac{\pi}{4}$  (iv)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$   
3. (i)  $-\frac{\pi}{6}$  (ii)  $\frac{\pi}{6}$  (iii)  $\frac{\pi}{3}$ . 5. (i)  $\frac{15}{8}$ 

3. 
$$(i) - \frac{\pi}{6}$$

(ii) 
$$\frac{\tau}{\epsilon}$$

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

5. (i) 
$$\frac{15}{8}$$

(ii) 
$$\frac{4}{5}$$

(v) 1 (vi) -1.  
(ii) 
$$\frac{4}{5}$$
 (iii)  $\frac{13}{5}$ .

6. (i) 
$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{10}}$$
 (ii)  $\frac{\pi}{4}$ 

(ii) 
$$\frac{\pi}{4}$$

**10.** (i) 
$$\frac{x}{2}$$
 (ii)  $\frac{\pi}{4} - x$  (iii)  $\frac{x}{2}$  (iv)  $\frac{\pi}{2} - \sec^{-1} x$  (v)  $2 \tan^{-1} \sqrt{x}$ 

(iv) 
$$\frac{\pi}{2}$$
 - sec

(v) 2 tan<sup>-1</sup> 
$$\sqrt{x}$$

(vii) 
$$tan^{-1} \sqrt{x}$$

(viii) 
$$\frac{1}{2} \cos^{-1} z$$

(vi) 
$$2 \cos^{-1} x$$
 (vii)  $\tan^{-1} \sqrt{x}$  (viii)  $\frac{1}{2} \cos^{-1} x$  (ix)  $2 \cos^{-1} x$  (x)  $2 \sin^{-1} x$ 

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

(xii) 3 tan<sup>-1</sup> 
$$\frac{x}{a}$$

(xi) 
$$\sin^{-1} x$$
 (xii)  $3 \tan^{-1} \frac{x}{a}$  (xiii)  $\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{1}{2} \tan^{-1} x$  (xiv)  $\sin^{-1} x + \sin^{-1} y$ .

$$(xiv) \sin^{-1} x + \sin^{-1} y$$
.

**11.** (i) 
$$\frac{x+y}{1-xy}$$
. **16.** (i)  $\frac{17}{6}$  (ii)  $\frac{33}{65}$ .

**16.** (i) 
$$\frac{17}{6}$$

(ii) 
$$\frac{33}{65}$$

18. (i) 
$$\frac{1}{4}$$

(ii) 
$$\frac{1}{3}$$

**18.** (i) 
$$\frac{1}{4}$$
 (ii)  $\frac{1}{3}$  (iii)  $0, \pm \frac{1}{2}$  (iv) 17

$$(v) - \frac{1}{12}$$

**19.** (i) 
$$\pm \frac{4\sqrt{5}}{9}$$
 (ii)  $\frac{a+b}{1-ab}$ .

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

3. (i) 
$$\frac{\sqrt{5}}{3}$$

$$(ii) - \frac{1}{2}.$$

4. 
$$\frac{4}{3}$$
.

19. (i) 
$$\pm \frac{\pi}{9}$$
 (ii)  $\frac{1}{1-ab}$ .

EXERCISE 5.2

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

3. (i)  $\frac{\sqrt{5}}{3}$  (ii)  $-\frac{1}{2}$ .

4.  $\frac{4}{3}$ .

5.  $n\pi, n\pi + \frac{\pi}{4}$ , where  $n \in \mathbf{I}$ .

**6.** 
$$x = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$
,  $y = 0$ 

2. 
$$\frac{\pi}{3}$$
. 3. (i)  $\frac{\sqrt{5}}{3}$  (ii)  $-\frac{1}{2}$ . 4.  $\frac{4}{3}$ . 5.  $n\pi$ ,  $n\pi + \frac{\pi}{4}$ , where 6.  $x = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ ,  $y = 0$ . 7.  $x = 1$ ,  $y = 2$ ;  $x = 2$ ,  $y = 7$ .

1.  $-\frac{\sqrt{24}}{5}$ . 6. (i)  $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$  (ii)  $\pm \frac{2}{3}$  (iii)  $\frac{1}{2}$  (iv)  $1$ ,  $-\frac{1}{6}$  (v)  $0$ ,  $\pm \frac{1}{2}$  (vi)  $2$ . 8.  $x = ab$ . 9.  $\frac{\pi}{4}$ .

1. 
$$-\frac{\sqrt{24}}{5}$$

6. (i) 
$$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$(ii)\pm\frac{2}{3}$$

(iii) 
$$\frac{1}{2}$$

(*iv*) 1, 
$$-\frac{1}{6}$$

(v) 
$$0, \pm \frac{1}{2}$$

8. 
$$x = a b$$

9. 
$$\frac{\pi}{4}$$