

Inverse trigonometric functions

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important identities from trig

1. $1 + \cos(\theta) = 2\cos^2\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)$, $\cos(\theta) = 2\cos^2\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) - 1$
2. $1 - \cos(\theta) = 2\sin^2\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)$, $\cos(\theta) = 2\sin^2\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) + 1$
3. $\sqrt{1 + \sin(\theta)} = \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) + \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)$
4. Remember **to use the right triangle to convert one inverse trigonometric function to another**. This can sometimes make it a lot easier to solve an equation.
5. General values
 - a. $\sin(\theta) = \sin(\alpha) \Rightarrow \theta = n\pi + (-1)^n \alpha$
 - b. $\cos(\theta) = \cos(\alpha) \Rightarrow \theta = 2n\pi \pm \alpha$
 - c. $\tan(\theta) = \tan(\alpha) \Rightarrow \theta = n\pi \pm \alpha$

basics

Standard ranges used from respective graphs. The inverse trigonometric relations are functions only when we take a certain range. Then they become one-one and onto functions.

$f(x)$	domain	range
$\arcsin(x)$	$[-1, 1]$	$\left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$
$\csc^{-1}(x)$	$\mathbf{R} - (-1, 1)$	$\left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right] - (0)$
$\arctan(x)$	$(-\infty, \infty)$	$\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$
$\cos^{-1}(x)$	$[-1, 1]$	$[0, \pi]$
$\sec^{-1}(x)$	$\mathbf{R} - (-1, 1)$	$[0, \pi] - \left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)$

$\cot^{-1}(x)$	$(-\infty, \infty)$	$(0, \pi)$
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6. $\arccos(x) = \frac{\pi}{2} - \arcsin(x)$, and the same for the pairs arccot , $\arctan$ and arcsec , arccsc .
7. $\arcsin(-x) = -\arcsin(x)$, the same for $\arctan$ and arccsc .
8. $\arccos(-x) = \pi - \arccos(x)$, the same for arcsec and arccot .
9. $\arcsin(x) + \arccos(x) = \frac{\pi}{2}$ and the same for the pairs arccot , $\arctan$ and arcsec , arccsc .
10. $\cot^{-1}(x) = \arctan\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$ and $\cot^{-1}(x) = \frac{\pi}{2} - \arctan(x)$
11. $\arctan(1/3) + \arctan(1/2) = \frac{\pi}{4}$

identities

12. If $\sin(\theta) = x$, then $\theta = \arcsin(x)$, and $2\theta = 2\arcsin(x)$ and so on. Use these with the other functions as well.

13. Certain important identities grouped below.

- a. $\arcsin(x) + \arcsin(y) = \arcsin\left(x\sqrt{1-y^2} + y\sqrt{1-x^2}\right)$
- b. $\arcsin(x) - \arcsin(y) = \arcsin\left(x\sqrt{1-y^2} - y\sqrt{1-x^2}\right)$
- c. $\arccos(x) + \arccos(y) = \arccos\left(xy - \left(\sqrt{1-x^2}\right)\left(\sqrt{1-y^2}\right)\right)$
- d. $\arccos(x) - \arccos(y) = \arccos\left(xy + \left(\sqrt{1-x^2}\right)\left(\sqrt{1-y^2}\right)\right)$
- e. $\arctan(x) + \arctan(y) = \arctan\left(\frac{x+y}{1-xy}\right)$
- f. $\arctan(x) - \arctan(y) = \arctan\left(\frac{x-y}{1+xy}\right)$

All of these are only true when $0 \leq x \leq 1 \forall x \in \mathbf{R}, 0 \leq y \leq 1 \forall y \in \mathbf{R}$.

14. $\arctan\left(\frac{1+x}{1-x}\right) = \frac{\pi}{4} + \arctan(x)$ and such.

15. $2\arctan(x) = \arctan\left(\frac{2x}{1-x^2}\right)$

16. $2\arctan(x) = \arcsin\left(\frac{2x}{1+x^2}\right)$

17. $2\arctan(x) = \arccos\left(\frac{1-x^2}{1+x^2}\right)$

18. For **simplification**, if $\arctan(z)$ is given, where z is any of the below expressions,

- a. if $\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}$ is asked, let $x = a \sin(\theta)$ or $x = a \cos(\theta)$.
- b. if $\sqrt{x^2 - a^2}$ is asked, let $x = a \sec(\theta)$ or $x = a \csc(\theta)$.
- c. if $\sqrt{a^2 + x^2}$ is asked, let $x = a \tan(\theta)$ or $x = a \cot(\theta)$.
- d. if $\sqrt{\frac{a+x}{a-x}}$ is asked, let $x = a \cos(\theta)$.

After this, substitute the appropriate identities such as $\sin(2\theta)$ or $\cos(2\theta)$.

19. Few equalities using the $90^\circ - \theta$ conversion.

- a. $\tan(\cot^{-1}(x)) = \cot(\tan^{-1}(x))$
- b. $\cos(\sin^{-1}(x)) = \sin(\cos^{-1}(x))$
- c. $\sec(\csc^{-1}(x)) = \csc(\sec^{-1}(x))$

20. If $2 \arcsin(x) = 2\theta$, then $2\theta = \arcsin(2x\sqrt{1-x^2})$. Then, $2\theta \in \left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$ and $\theta \in \left[-\frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{\pi}{4}\right]$. Similarly it follows for the other inverse trigonometric functions.

21. If $\sin \theta > \arcsin\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$, then it follows that

$$2 \arcsin(x) = \pi - \arcsin(2x\sqrt{1-x^2}).$$

other important properties

- If $-n \leq x^2 \leq n^2 \forall n \in \mathbf{Z}$, then $0 \leq x^2 \leq n^2$.
- $\arctan(1/2) + \arctan(1/3) = \pi/4$
- If $|x| > n$, then the linear graph for x would look like

