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### Inverse Trigonometric Functions

#### Short Answer Type Questions

- 1.** Find the principal value of  $\cos^{-1}x$ , for  $x = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ .

Sol. If  $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) = \theta$ , then  $\cos\theta = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ .

Since we are considering principal branch,  $\theta \in [0, \pi]$ . Also, since  $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} > 0$ ,  $\theta$  being in the first quadrant, hence  $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) = \frac{\pi}{6}$ .

- 2.** Evaluate  $\tan^{-1}\left(\sin\left(\frac{-\pi}{2}\right)\right)$ .

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

- 3.** Find the value of  $\cos^{-1}\left(\cos\frac{13\pi}{6}\right)$ .

Sol.  $\cos^{-1}\left(\cos\frac{13\pi}{6}\right) = \cos^{-1}\left(\cos\left(2\pi + \frac{\pi}{6}\right)\right) = \cos^{-1}\left(\cos\frac{\pi}{6}\right) = \frac{\pi}{6}$

- 4.** Find the value of  $\tan^{-1}\left(\tan\frac{9\pi}{8}\right)$ .

Sol.  $\tan^{-1}\left(\tan\frac{9\pi}{8}\right) = \tan^{-1}\tan\left(\pi + \frac{\pi}{8}\right) = \tan^{-1}\left(\tan\left(\frac{\pi}{8}\right)\right) = \frac{\pi}{8}$ .

- 5.** Evaluate  $\tan(\tan^{-1}(-4))$ .

Sol. Since  $\tan(\tan^{-1}x) = x, \forall x \in R$ ,  $\tan(\tan^{-1}(-4)) = -4$

- 6.** Evaluate:  $\tan^{-1}\sqrt{3} - \sec^{-1}(-2)$ .

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

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7. **Evaluate:**  $\sin^{-1} \left[ \cos \left( \sin^{-1} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right) \right].$

Sol. 
$$\begin{aligned} & \sin^{-1} \left[ \cos \left( \sin^{-1} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right) \right] \\ &= \sin^{-1} \left[ \cos \left( \frac{\pi}{3} \right) \right] \\ &= \sin^{-1} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \right] = \frac{\pi}{6}. \end{aligned}$$

8. **Prove that**  $\tan(\cot^{-1} x) = \cot(\tan^{-1} x)$ . **State with reason whether the equality is valid for all values of x.**

Sol. Let  $\cot^{-1} x = \theta$ . Then  $\cot \theta = x$

$$\text{Or, } \tan \left( \frac{\pi}{2} - \theta \right) = x \Rightarrow \tan^{-1} x = \frac{\pi}{2} - \theta$$

$$\text{So } \tan(\cot^{-1} x) = \tan \theta = \cot \left( \frac{\pi}{2} - \theta \right)$$

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

The equality is valid for all values of x since  $\tan^{-1} x$  and  $\cot^{-1} x$  are true for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

9. **Find the value of**  $\sec \left( \tan^{-1} \frac{y}{2} \right)$

Sol. Let  $\tan^{-1} \frac{y}{2} = \theta$ , where  $\theta \in \left( -\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2} \right)$ . So,  $\tan \theta = \frac{y}{2}$ , which gives  $\sec \theta = \frac{\sqrt{4+y^2}}{2}$ .

$$\text{Therefore, } \sec \left( \tan^{-1} \frac{y}{2} \right) = \sec \theta = \frac{\sqrt{4+y^2}}{2}.$$

10. **Find value of tan (cos<sup>-1</sup>x) and hence evaluate**  $\tan \left( \cos^{-1} \frac{8}{17} \right)$

Sol. Let  $\cos^{-1} x = \theta$ , then  $\cos \theta = x$ , where  $\theta \in [0, \pi]$

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

$$\text{Hence, } \tan \left( \cos^{-1} \frac{8}{17} \right) = \frac{\sqrt{1-\left(\frac{8}{17}\right)^2}}{\frac{8}{17}} = \frac{15}{8}$$

11. **Find the value of**  $\sin \left[ 2 \cot^{-1} \left( \frac{-5}{12} \right) \right]$

Sol. Let  $\cot^{-1}\left(\frac{-5}{12}\right) = y$ . Then  $\cot y = \frac{-5}{12}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Now } \sin\left[2\cot^{-1}\left(\frac{-5}{12}\right)\right] = \sin 2y \\ &= 2\sin y \cos y = 2\left(\frac{12}{13}\right)\left(\frac{-5}{13}\right) \left[\text{since } \cot y < 0, \text{ so } y \in \left(\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi\right)\right] \\ &= \frac{-120}{169} \end{aligned}$$

**12.** Evaluate  $\cos\left[\sin^{-1}\frac{1}{4} \sec^{-1}\frac{4}{3}\right]$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Sol. } & \cos\left[\sin^{-1}\frac{1}{4} \sec^{-1}\frac{4}{3}\right] = \cos\left[\sin^{-1}\frac{1}{4} + \cos^{-1}\frac{3}{4}\right] \\ & \cos\left(\sin^{-1}\frac{1}{4}\right)\cos\left(\cos^{-1}\frac{3}{4}\right) - \sin\left(\sin^{-1}\frac{1}{4}\right)\sin\left(\cos^{-1}\frac{3}{4}\right) \\ &= \frac{3}{4}\sqrt{1-\frac{1^2}{4}} - \frac{1}{4}\sqrt{1-\frac{3^2}{4}} \\ &= \frac{3}{4}\frac{\sqrt{15}}{4} - \frac{1}{4}\frac{\sqrt{7}}{4} = \frac{3\sqrt{15}-\sqrt{7}}{16} \end{aligned}$$

### Long Answer Type Questions

**13.** Prove that  $2\sin^{-1}\frac{3}{5} - \tan^{-1}\frac{17}{31} = \frac{\pi}{4}$

Sol. Let  $\sin^{-1}\frac{3}{5} = \theta$ , then  $\sin\theta = \frac{3}{5}$ , where  $\theta \in \left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$

$$\text{Thus } \tan\theta = \frac{3}{4}, \text{ which gives } \theta = \tan^{-1}\frac{3}{4}.$$

$$\text{Therefore, } 2\sin^{-1}\frac{3}{5} - \tan^{-1}\frac{17}{31}$$

$$= 2\theta - \tan^{-1}\frac{17}{31} = 2\tan^{-1}\frac{3}{4} - \tan^{-1}\frac{17}{31}$$

$$\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\frac{2 \cdot 3}{4}}{1 - \frac{9}{16}}\right) - \tan^{-1}\frac{17}{31} = \tan^{-1}\frac{24}{7} - \tan^{-1}\frac{17}{31}$$

$$= \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\frac{24}{7} - \frac{17}{31}}{1 + \frac{24}{7} \cdot \frac{17}{31}}\right) = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

**14.** Prove that  $\cot^{-1}7 + \cot^{-1}8 + \cot^{-1}18 = \cot^{-1}3$

Sol. We have  $\cot^{-1} 7 + \cot^{-1} 8 + \cot^{-1} 18$

$$= \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{7} + \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{8} + \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{18} \quad \left( \text{since } \cot^{-1} x = \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{x}, \text{ if } x > 0 \right)$$

$$= \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\frac{1}{7} + \frac{1}{8}}{1 - \frac{1}{7} \times \frac{1}{8}} \right) + \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{18} \quad \left( \text{since } x, y = \frac{1}{7}, \frac{1}{8} < 1 \right)$$

$$= \tan^{-1} \frac{3}{11} + \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{18} = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\frac{3}{11} + \frac{1}{18}}{1 - \frac{3}{11} \times \frac{1}{18}} \right) \quad (\text{since } xy < 1)$$

$$= \tan^{-1} \frac{65}{195} = \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{3} = \cot^{-1} 3$$

**15. Which is greater,  $\tan 1$  or  $\tan^{-1} 1$ ?**

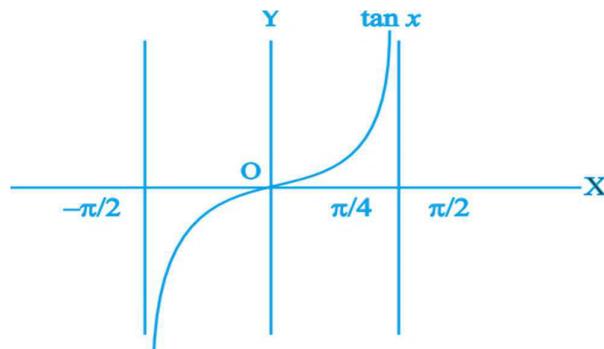
Sol. From Fig. we note that  $\tan x$  is an increasing function in the interval  $\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ ,

since  $1 > \frac{\pi}{4} \Rightarrow \tan 1 > \tan \frac{\pi}{4}$ . This gives

$$\tan 1 > 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan 1 > 1 > \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan 1 > 1 > \tan^{-1}(1)$$



**16. Find the value of  $\sin\left(2 \tan^{-1} \frac{2}{3}\right) + \cos\left(\tan^{-1} \sqrt{3}\right)$**

Sol. Let  $\tan^{-1} \frac{2}{3} = x$  and  $\tan^{-1} \sqrt{3} = y$  so that  $\tan x = \frac{2}{3}$  and  $\tan y = \sqrt{3}$

$$\text{Therefore, } \sin\left(2 \tan^{-1} \frac{2}{3}\right) + \cos\left(\tan^{-1} \sqrt{3}\right)$$

$$= \sin(2x) + \cos y$$

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

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{2 \cdot \frac{2}{3}}{1 + \frac{4}{9}} + \frac{1}{1 + \sqrt{(\sqrt{3})^2}} \\
&= \frac{12}{13} + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{37}{26}
\end{aligned}$$

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

Sol. From given equation, we have  $2 \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1-x}{1+x}\right) = \tan^{-1} x$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\Rightarrow 2[\tan^{-1} 1 - \tan^{-1} x] = \tan^{-1} x \\
&\Rightarrow 2\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = 3 \tan^{-1} x \Rightarrow \frac{\pi}{6} = \tan^{-1} x \\
&\Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}
\end{aligned}$$

**18. Find the values of x which satisfy the equation**  $\sin^{-1} x + \sin^{-1} (1-x) = \cos^{-1} x$ .

Sol. From the given equation, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
&\sin(\sin^{-1} x + \sin^{-1} (1-x)) = \sin(\cos^{-1} x) \\
&\Rightarrow \sin(\sin^{-1} x) \cos(\sin^{-1} (1-x)) + \cos(\sin^{-1} x) \sin(\sin^{-1} (1-x)) = \sin(\cos^{-1} x) \\
&\Rightarrow x\sqrt{1-(1-x)^2} + (1-x)\sqrt{1-x^2} = \sqrt{1-x^2} \\
&\Rightarrow x\sqrt{2x-x^2} + \sqrt{1-x^2}(1-x-1) = 0 \\
&\Rightarrow x\left(\sqrt{2x-x^2} - \sqrt{1-x^2}\right) = 0 \\
&\Rightarrow x=0 \quad \text{or} \quad 2x-x^2 = 1-x^2 \\
&\Rightarrow x=0 \quad \text{or} \quad x=\frac{1}{2}
\end{aligned}$$

**19. Solve the equation**  $\sin^{-1} 6x + \sin^{-1} 6\sqrt{3}x = -\frac{\pi}{2}$

Sol. From the given equation, we have  $\sin^{-1} 6x = -\frac{\pi}{2} - \sin^{-1} 6\sqrt{3}x$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\Rightarrow \sin(\sin^{-1} 6x) = \sin\left(-\frac{\pi}{2} - \sin^{-1} 6\sqrt{3}x\right) \\
&\Rightarrow 6x = -\cos(\sin^{-1} 6\sqrt{3}x) \\
&\Rightarrow 6x = -\sqrt{1-108x^2}. \text{ Squaring, we get} \\
&36x^2 = 1-108x^2
\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow 144x^2 = 1 \quad \Rightarrow x \pm \frac{1}{12}$$

Note that  $x = -\frac{1}{12}$  is the only root of the equation as  $x = \frac{1}{12}$  does not satisfy it.

**20. Show that**

$$\begin{aligned}
 & 2 \tan^{-1} \left\{ \tan \frac{\alpha}{2} \cdot \tan \left( \frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{\beta}{2} \right) \right\} = \tan^{-1} \frac{\sin \alpha \cos \beta}{\cos \alpha + \sin \beta} \\
 \text{Sol. L.H.S.} &= \tan^{-1} \frac{2 \tan \frac{\alpha}{2} \cdot \tan \left( \frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{\beta}{2} \right)}{1 - \tan^2 \frac{\alpha}{2} \tan^2 \left( \frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{\beta}{2} \right)} \left( \text{since } 2 \tan^{-1} x = \tan^{-1} \frac{2x}{1-x^2} \right) \\
 &= \tan^{-1} \frac{2 \tan \frac{\alpha}{2} \frac{1 - \tan \frac{\beta}{2}}{2}}{1 - \tan^2 \frac{\alpha}{2} \left( \frac{1 - \tan \frac{\beta}{2}}{2} \right)^2} \\
 &= \tan^{-1} \frac{2 \tan \frac{\alpha}{2} \cdot \left( 1 - \tan^2 \frac{\beta}{2} \right)}{\left( 1 + \tan^2 \frac{\beta}{2} \right)^2 - \tan^2 \frac{\alpha}{2} \left( 1 - \tan^2 \frac{\beta}{2} \right)^2} \\
 &= \tan^{-1} \frac{2 \tan \frac{\alpha}{2} \cdot \left( 1 - \tan^2 \frac{\beta}{2} \right)}{\left( 1 + \tan^2 \frac{\beta}{2} \right) \left( 1 - \tan^2 \frac{\alpha}{2} \right) + 2 \tan \frac{\beta}{2} \left( 1 + \tan^2 \frac{\alpha}{2} \right)} \\
 &= \tan^{-1} \frac{\frac{2 \tan \frac{\alpha}{2}}{1 - \tan^2 \frac{\beta}{2}}}{\frac{1 + \tan^2 \frac{\alpha}{2}}{1 - \tan^2 \frac{\beta}{2}}} \\
 &= \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\sin \alpha \cos \beta}{\cos \alpha + \sin \beta} \right) = R.H.S
 \end{aligned}$$

**Objective Type Questions**

Choose the correct answer from the given four options in each of 21 to 41.

**21. Which of the following corresponds to the principal value branch of  $\tan^{-1}$ ?**

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- (A)  $\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$   
 (B)  $\left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$   
 (C)  $\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right) - \{0\}$   
 (D)  $(0, \pi)$

Sol. (A) is the correct answer.

22. **The principal value branch of  $\sec^{-1}$  is**

- (A)  $\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right) - \{0\}$   
 (B)  $[0, \pi] - \left\{\frac{\pi}{2}\right\}$   
 (C)  $(0, \pi)$   
 (D)  $\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$

Sol. (B) is the correct answer.

23. **One branch of  $\cos^{-1}$  other than the principal value branch corresponds to**

- (A)  $\left[\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}\right]$   
 (B)  $[\pi, 2\pi] - \left\{\frac{3\pi}{2}\right\}$   
 (C)  $(0, \pi)$   
 (D)  $[2\pi, 3\pi]$

Sol. (D) is the correct answer.

24. **The value of  $\sin^{-1} \left( \cos \left( \frac{43\pi}{5} \right) \right)$  is**

- (A)  $\frac{3\pi}{5}$   
 (B)  $\frac{-7\pi}{5}$   
 (C)  $\frac{\pi}{10}$   
 (D)  $-\frac{\pi}{10}$

Sol. (D) is the correct answer.  $\sin^{-1} \left( \cos \frac{40\pi + 3\pi}{5} \right) = \sin^{-1} \cos \left( 8\pi + \frac{3\pi}{5} \right)$   
 $= \sin^{-1} \left( \cos \frac{3\pi}{5} \right) = \sin^{-1} \left( \sin \left( \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{3\pi}{5} \right) \right)$

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$$\sin^{-1}\left(\sin\left(-\frac{\pi}{10}\right)\right) = -\frac{\pi}{10}.$$

25. The principal value of the expression  $\cos$

(A)  $\frac{2\pi}{9}$

(B)  $\frac{-2\pi}{9}$

(C)  $\frac{34\pi}{9}$

(D)  $\frac{\pi}{9}$

Sol. (A) is the correct answer.  $\cos^{-1}(\cos(680^\circ)) = \cos^{-1}[\cos(720^\circ - 40^\circ)]$

$$= \cos^{-1}[\cos(-40^\circ)] = \cos^{-1}[\cos(40^\circ)] = 40^\circ = \frac{2\pi}{9}$$

26. The value of  $\cot(\sin^{-1}x)$  is

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

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

(C)  $\frac{1}{x}$

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

Sol. (D) is the correct answer. Let  $\sin^{-1}x = \theta$ , then  $\sin\theta = x$

$$\cos ec\theta = \frac{1}{x} \Rightarrow \cos ec^2\theta = \frac{1}{x^2}$$

$$1 + \cot^2\theta = \frac{1}{x^2} \Rightarrow \cot\theta = \frac{\sqrt{1+x^2}}{x}$$

27. If  $\tan^{-1}x = \frac{\pi}{10}$  for some  $x \in R$ , then the value of  $\cot^{-1}x$  is

(A)  $\frac{\pi}{5}$

(B)  $\frac{2\pi}{5}$

(C)  $\frac{3\pi}{5}$

(D)  $\frac{4\pi}{5}$

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Sol. (B) is the correct answer. We know  $\tan^{-1} x + \cot^{-1} x = \frac{\pi}{2}$ . Therefore

$$\cot^{-1} x = \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi}{10}$$

$$\Rightarrow \cot^{-1} x = \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi}{10} = \frac{2\pi}{5}$$

28. The domain of  $\sin^{-1} 2x$  is

(A)  $[0, 1]$

(B)  $[-1, 1]$

(C)  $\left[-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right]$

(D)  $[-2, 2]$

Sol. (C) is the correct answer. Let  $\sin^{-1} 2x = \theta$  so that  $2x = \sin \theta$ .

Now  $-1 \leq \sin \theta \leq 1$ , i.e.,  $-1 \leq 2x \leq 1$  which gives  $-\frac{1}{2} \leq x \leq \frac{1}{2}$ .

29. The principal value of  $\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{-\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)$  is

(A)  $-\frac{2\pi}{3}$

(B)  $-\frac{\pi}{3}$

(C)  $\frac{4\pi}{3}$

(D)  $\frac{5\pi}{3}$

Sol. (B) is the correct answer.

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

30. The greatest and least values of  $(\sin^{-1} x)^2 + (\cos^{-1} x)^2$  are respectively

(A)  $\frac{5\pi^2}{4}$  and  $\frac{\pi^2}{8}$

(B)  $\frac{\pi}{2}$  and  $-\frac{\pi}{2}$

(C)  $\frac{\pi^2}{4}$  and  $-\frac{\pi^2}{4}$

(D)  $\frac{\pi^2}{4}$  and 0

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Sol. (A) is the correct answer. We have

$$\begin{aligned}(\sin^{-1} x)^2 + (\cos^{-1} x)^2 &= (\sin^{-1} x + \cos^{-1} x)^2 - 2 \sin^{-1} x \cos^{-1} x \\&= \frac{\pi^2}{4} - 2 \sin^{-1} x \left( \frac{\pi}{2} - \sin^{-1} x \right) \\&= \frac{\pi^2}{4} - \pi \sin^{-1} x + 2 (\sin^{-1} x)^2 \\&= 2 \left[ (\sin^{-1} x)^2 - \frac{\pi}{2} \sin^{-1} x + \frac{\pi^2}{8} \right] \\&= 2 \left[ \left( \sin^{-1} x - \frac{\pi}{4} \right)^2 + \frac{\pi^2}{16} \right]\end{aligned}$$

Thus, the least value is  $2\left(\frac{\pi^2}{16}\right)$  i.e.  $\frac{\pi^2}{8}$  and the Greatest value is

$$2 \left[ \left( \frac{-\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi}{4} \right)^2 + \frac{\pi^2}{16} \right], \text{ i.e. } \frac{5\pi^2}{4}$$

31. Let  $\theta = \sin^{-1}(\sin(-600^\circ))$ , then value of  $\theta$  is

(A)  $\frac{\pi}{3}$

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

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

(D)  $\frac{-2\pi}{3}$

Sol. (A) is the correct answer.

$$\begin{aligned}\sin^{-1} \sin \left( -600 \times \frac{\pi}{180} \right) &= \sin^{-1} \sin \left( \frac{-10\pi}{3} \right) \\&= \sin^{-1} \left[ -\sin \left( 4\pi - \frac{2\pi}{3} \right) \right] = \sin^{-1} \left( \sin \frac{2\pi}{3} \right) \\&= \sin^{-1} \left( \sin \left( \pi - \frac{\pi}{3} \right) \right) = \sin^{-1} \left( \sin \frac{\pi}{3} \right) = \frac{\pi}{3}\end{aligned}$$

32. The domain of the function  $y = \sin^{-1}(-x^2)$  is

(A)  $[0, 1]$

(B)  $(0, 1)$

(C)  $[-1, 1]$

(D)  $\phi$

Sol. (C) is the correct answer.  $y = \sin^{-1}(-x^2) \Rightarrow \sin y = -x^2$

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i.e.  $-1 \leq -x^2 \leq 1$  (since  $-1 \leq \sin y \leq 1$ )  
 $\Rightarrow 1 \geq x^2 \geq -1$   
 $\Rightarrow 0 \leq x^2 \leq 1$   
 $\Rightarrow |x| \leq i.e. -1 \leq x \leq 1$

33. The domain of  $y = \cos^{-1}(x^2 - 4)$  is

- (A) [3, 5]
- (B) [0, π]
- (C)  $[-\sqrt{5}, -\sqrt{3}] \cap [-\sqrt{5}, \sqrt{3}]$
- (D)  $[-\sqrt{5}, -\sqrt{3}] \cup [\sqrt{3}, 5]$

Sol. (D) is the correct answer.  $y = \cos^{-1}(x^2 - 4) \Rightarrow \cos y = x^2 - 4$

i.e.  $-1 \leq x^2 - 4 \leq 1$  (since  $-1 \leq \cos y \leq 1$ )  
 $\Rightarrow 3 \leq x^2 \leq 5$   
 $\Rightarrow \sqrt{3} \leq |x| \leq \sqrt{5}$   
 $\Rightarrow x \in [-\sqrt{5}, -\sqrt{3}] \cup [\sqrt{3}, \sqrt{5}]$

34. The domain of the function defined by  $f(x) = \sin^{-1}x + \cos x$  is

- (A) [-1, 1]
- (B) [-1, π + 1]
- (C)  $(-\infty, \infty)$
- (D) φ

Sol. (A) is the correct answer. The domain of cos is R and the domain of  $\sin^{-1}$  is [-1, 1]. Therefore, the domain of  $\cos x + \sin^{-1}x$  is  $R \cap [-1, 1]$  i.e. [-1, 1]

35. The value of  $\sin(2 \sin^{-1}(.6))$  is

- (A) .48
- (B) .96
- (C) 1.2
- (D) sin 1.2

Sol. (B) is the correct answer. Let  $\sin^{-1}(.6) = \theta$ , i.e.,  $\sin \theta = .6$ .  
Now  $\sin(2\theta) = 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta = 2(.6)(.8) = .96$ .

36. If  $\sin^{-1}x + \sin^{-1}y = \frac{\pi}{2}$ , then value of  $\cos^{-1}x + \cos^{-1}y$  is

- (A)  $\frac{\pi}{2}$
- (B) π
- (C) 0
- (D)  $\frac{2\pi}{3}$

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Sol. (A) is the correct answer. Given that  $\sin^{-1}x + \sin^{-1}y = \frac{\pi}{2}$

$$\text{Therefore, } \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \cos^{-1}x\right) + \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \cos^{-1}y\right) = \frac{\pi}{2}$$
$$\Rightarrow \cos^{-1}x + \cos^{-1}y = \frac{\pi}{2}.$$

37. The value of  $\tan\left(\cos^{-1}\frac{3}{5} + \tan^{-1}\frac{1}{4}\right)$  is

- (A)  $\frac{19}{8}$
- (B)  $\frac{8}{19}$
- (C)  $\frac{19}{12}$
- (D)  $\frac{3}{4}$

Sol. (A) is the correct answer.  $\tan\left(\cos^{-1}\frac{3}{5} + \tan^{-1}\frac{1}{4}\right) = \tan\left(\tan^{-1}\frac{4}{3} + \tan^{-1}\frac{1}{4}\right)$   
 $= \tan\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\frac{4}{3} + \frac{1}{4}}{1 - \frac{4}{3} \times \frac{1}{4}}\right) = \tan\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{19}{8}\right) = \frac{19}{8}$

38. The value of the expression  $\sin\left[\cot^{-1}\left(\cos\left(\tan^{-1}1\right)\right)\right]$  is

- (A) 0
- (B) 1
- (C)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$
- (D)  $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{3}$

Sol. (D) is the correct answer.

$$\sin\left[\cot^{-1}\left(\cos\frac{\pi}{4}\right)\right] = \sin\left[\cot^{-1}\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right] = \sin\left[\sin^{-1}\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}\right] = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}$$

39. The equation  $\tan^{-1}x - \cot^{-1}x = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)$  has

- (A) no Solution
- (B) unique Solution
- (C) infinite number of Solutions

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**(D) two Solutions**

Sol. (B) is the correct answer. We have  $\tan^{-1} x - \cot^{-1} x = \frac{\pi}{6}$  and  $\tan^{-1} + \cot^{-1} x = \frac{\pi}{2}$

Adding them, we get  $2\tan^{-1} x = \frac{2\pi}{3}$

$$\Rightarrow \tan^{-1} x = \frac{\pi}{3} \text{ i.e. } x = \sqrt{3}$$

**40.** If  $\alpha \leq 2\sin^{-1} x + \cos^{-1} x \leq \beta$ , then

(A)  $\alpha = -\frac{\pi}{2}, \beta = \frac{\pi}{2}$

(B)  $\alpha = 0, \beta = \pi$

(C)  $\alpha = -\frac{\pi}{2}, \beta = \frac{3\pi}{2}$

(D)  $\alpha = 0, \beta = 2\pi$

Sol. (B) is the correct answer. We have  $\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \sin^{-1} x \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{\pi}{2} \leq \sin^{-1} x + \frac{\pi}{2} \leq \frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 \leq \sin^{-1} x + (\sin^{-1} x + \cos^{-1} x) \leq \pi$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 \leq 2\sin^{-1} x + \cos^{-1} x \leq \pi$$

**41.** The value of  $\tan(\tan^2(\sec^{-1} 2) + \cot^2(\cos ec^{-1} 3))$  is

(A) 5

(B) 11

(C) 13

(D) 15

Sol. (B) is the correct answer.

$$\tan^2(\sec^{-1} 2) + \cot^2(\cos ec^{-1} 3) = \sec^2(\sec^{-1} 2) - 1 + \cos ec^2(\cos ec^{-1} 3) - 1$$

$$= 2^2 \times 1 + 3^3 - 2 = 11.$$

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### Inverse Trigonometric Functions

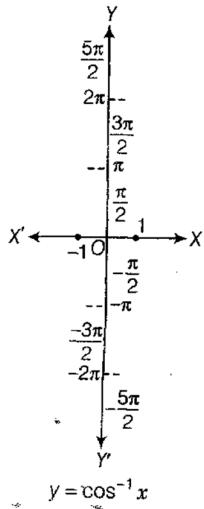
#### Objective Type Questions

**Choose the correct answers from the given four options in each of the Exercises from 20 to 37 (M.C.Q.)**

**20. Which of the following is the principal value branch of  $\cos^{-1}x$  ?**

- (a)  $\left[ \frac{-\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2} \right]$
- (b)  $(0, \pi)$
- (c)  $[0, \pi]$
- (d)  $(0, \pi) - \left\{ \frac{\pi}{2} \right\}$

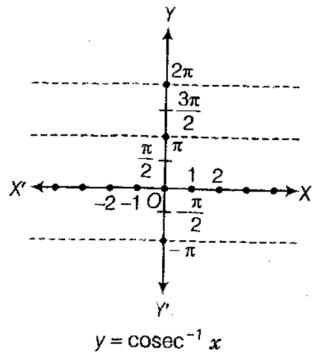
Sol. (c) We know that, the principal value branch of  $\cos^{-1}x$  is  $[0, \pi]$



**21. Which of the following is the principal value branch of  $\operatorname{cosec}^{-1} x$  ?**

- (a)  $\left( \frac{-\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2} \right)$
- (b)  $[0, \pi] - \left\{ \frac{\pi}{2} \right\}$
- (c)  $\left[ \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2} \right]$
- (d)  $\left[ \frac{-\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2} \right] - [0]$

Sol. (d) We know that, the principal value branch of  $\operatorname{cosec}^{-1} x$  is  $\left[ \frac{-\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2} \right] - [0]$



22. If  $3 \tan^{-1} x + \cot^{-1} x = \pi$ , then x equals to
- 0
  - 1
  - 1
  - $\frac{1}{2}$

Sol. (B) Given that,  $3 \tan^{-1} x + \cot^{-1} x = \pi \quad (i)$

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

$$\Rightarrow 2 \tan^{-1} x = \pi - \frac{\pi}{2} \quad \left[ \because \tan^{-1} x + \cot^{-1} x = \frac{\pi}{2} \right]$$

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

$$= \tan^{-1} \frac{2x}{1-x^2} = \frac{\pi}{2} \quad \left[ \because 2 \tan^{-1} x = \tan^{-1} \frac{2x}{1-x^2}, \forall x \in (-1,1) \right]$$

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

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2x}{1-x^2} = \frac{1}{0} \Rightarrow 1-x^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 = 1 \Rightarrow x = \pm 1 \Rightarrow x = 1$$

Hence, only  $x=1$  Satisfies the given equation.

**Note** Here, putting  $x=-1$  in the given equation, we get

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

$$\Rightarrow 3 \tan^{-1} \left[ \tan \left( \frac{-\pi}{4} \right) \right] + \cot^{-1} \left[ \cot \left( \frac{-\pi}{4} \right) \right] = \pi$$

$$\Rightarrow 3 \tan^{-1} \left[ -\tan \frac{\pi}{4} \right] + \cot^{-1} \left[ -\cot \frac{\pi}{4} \right] = \pi$$

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

$$\Rightarrow -3 \frac{\pi}{4} + \pi - \frac{\pi}{4} = \pi$$

$$\Rightarrow -\pi + \pi = \pi \Rightarrow 0 \neq \pi$$

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Hence,  $x=-1$  does not satisfy the given equation.

23. The value of  $\sin^{-1} \left[ \cos \left( \frac{33\pi}{5} \right) \right]$  is

(a)  $\frac{3\pi}{5}$

(b)  $\frac{-7\pi}{5}$

(c)  $\frac{\pi}{10}$

(d)  $\frac{-\pi}{10}$

Sol. (d) We have

$$\begin{aligned}\sin^{-1} \left[ \cos \left( \frac{33\pi}{5} \right) \right] &= \sin^{-1} \left[ \cos \left( 6\pi + \frac{3\pi}{5} \right) \right] \\&= \sin^{-1} \left[ \cos \left( \frac{3\pi}{5} \right) \right] [\because \cos(2n\pi + \theta) = \cos \theta] \\&= \sin^{-1} \left[ \cos \left( \frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{\pi}{10} \right) \right] = \sin^{-1} \left( -\sin \frac{\pi}{10} \right) \\&= -\sin^{-1} \left( \sin \frac{\pi}{10} \right) [\because \sin^{-1}(-x) = -\sin^{-1} x] \\&= -\frac{\pi}{10} [\because \sin^{-1}(\sin x) = x, x \in \left( -\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2} \right)]\end{aligned}$$

24. The domain of the function  $\cos^{-1}(2x-1)$  is

(A)  $[0, 1]$

(B)  $[-1, 1]$

(C)  $(-1, 1)$

(D)  $[0, \pi]$

Sol. (A) we have,  $f(x) = \cos^{-1}(2x-1)$

$$\therefore -1 \leq 2x-1 \leq 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 \leq 2x \leq 2$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 \leq x \leq 1$$

$$\therefore x \in [0, 1]$$

25. The domain of the function defined by  $f(x) = \sin^{-1} \sqrt{x-1}$  is

(A)  $[1, 2]$

(B)  $[-1, 1]$

(C)  $[0, 1]$

(D) none of these

Sol. (A)  $\because f(x) = \sin^{-1} \sqrt{x-1}$

$$\Rightarrow 0 \leq x-1 \leq 1 [\because \sqrt{x-1} \geq 0 \text{ and } -1 \leq \sqrt{x-1} \leq 1]$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 \leq x \leq 2$$

$$\therefore x \in [1, 2]$$

26. If  $\cos\left(\sin^{-1}\frac{2}{5} + \cos^{-1}x\right) = 0$  then x is equal to

(a)  $\frac{1}{5}$

(b)  $\frac{2}{5}$

(c) 0

(d) 1

Sol. (b) We have  $\cos\left(\sin^{-1}\frac{2}{5} + \cos^{-1}x\right) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \sin^{-1}\frac{2}{5} + \cos^{-1}x = \cos^{-1}0$$

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

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

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

$$\Rightarrow \cos^{-1}x = \cos^{-1}\frac{2}{5} \quad \left[ \because \cos^{-1}x + \sin^{-1}x = \frac{\pi}{2} \right]$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{2}{5}$$

27. The value of  $\sin[2 \tan^{-1}(.75)]$  is equal to

(A) 0.75

(B) 1.5

(C) 0.96

(D)  $\sin 1.5$

Sol. (C) We have,  $\sin[2 \tan^{-1}(.75)] = \sin\left(2 \sin^{-1}\frac{3}{4}\right) \quad \left[ \because 0.75 = \frac{75}{100} = \frac{3}{4} \right]$

$$= \sin\left(\sin^{-1}\frac{2 \cdot \frac{3}{4}}{1 + \frac{9}{16}}\right) = \sin\left[\sin^{-1}\frac{3/2}{25/16}\right]$$

$$= \sin\left[\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{48}{50}\right)\right] = \sin\left[\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{24}{25}\right)\right] = \frac{24}{25} = 0.96$$

28. The value of  $\cos^{-1}\left(\cos\frac{3\pi}{2}\right)$  is equal to

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

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

(C)  $\frac{5\pi}{2}$

(D)  $\frac{7\pi}{2}$

Sol. (A) We have,  $\cos^{-1}\left(\cos \frac{3\pi}{2}\right)$   
 $= \cos^{-1} \cos\left(2\pi - \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \left[ \because \cos\left(2\pi - \frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \cos \frac{\pi}{2} \right]$   
 $= \cos^{-1} \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \frac{\pi}{2} \quad \left\{ \because \cos^{-1}(\cos x) = x, x \in [0, \pi] \right\}$

**Note** Remember that,  $\cos^{-1}\left(\cos \frac{3\pi}{2}\right) \neq \frac{3\pi}{2}$

$\therefore \frac{3\pi}{2} \notin (0, \pi)$

29. The value of the expression  $2\sec^{-1} 2 + \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$  is

(A)  $\frac{\pi}{6}$

(B)  $\frac{5\pi}{6}$

(C)  $\frac{7\pi}{6}$

(D) 1

Sol. (B) We have,  $2\sec^{-1} 2 + \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 2\sec^{-1} \sec \frac{\pi}{3} + \sin^{-1} \sin \frac{\pi}{6}$   
 $= 2 \cdot \frac{\pi}{3} + \frac{\pi}{6} \quad \left[ \because \sec^{-1}(\sec x) = x \text{ and } \sin^{-1}(\sin x) = x \right]$   
 $= \frac{4\pi + \pi}{6} = \frac{5\pi}{6}$

30. If  $\tan^{-1} x + \tan^{-1} y = \frac{4\pi}{5}$ , then  $\cot^{-1} x + \cot^{-1} y$  equals to

(A)  $\frac{\pi}{5}$

(B)  $\frac{2\pi}{5}$

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(C)  $\frac{3\pi}{5}$

(D)  $\pi$

Sol. (A) We have,  $\tan^{-1} x + \tan^{-1} y = \frac{4\pi}{5}$ ,

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2} - \cot^{-1} x + \frac{\pi}{2} - \cot^{-1} y = \frac{4\pi}{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow -(\cot^{-1} x + \cot^{-1} y) = \frac{4\pi}{5} - \pi \left[ \because \tan^{-1} x + \cot^{-1} x = \frac{\pi}{2} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \cot^{-1} x + \cot^{-1} y = -\left(-\frac{\pi}{5}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \cot^{-1} x + \cot^{-1} y = \frac{\pi}{5}$$

31. If  $\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{2a}{1+a^2}\right) + \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1-a^2}{1+a^2}\right) = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{2x}{1-x^2}\right)$ , where  $a, x \in [0, 1]$  then the value

of x is

(A) 0

(B)  $\frac{a}{2}$

(C) a

(D)  $\frac{2a}{1-a^2}$

Sol. (D) We have,  $\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{2a}{1+a^2}\right) + \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1-a^2}{1+a^2}\right) = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{2x}{1-x^2}\right)$

$$\text{Let } a = \tan \theta \Rightarrow \theta = \tan^{-1} a$$

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

$$\Rightarrow \sin^{-1} \sin 2\theta + \cos^{-1} \cos 2\theta = \tan^{-1} \frac{2x}{1-x^2}$$

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

$$\Rightarrow 4 \tan^{-1} a = \tan^{-1} \frac{2x}{1-x^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2.2 \tan^{-1} a = \tan^{-1} \frac{2x}{1-x^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \cdot \tan^{-1} \frac{2a}{1-a^2} = \tan^{-1} \frac{2x}{1-x^2} \left[ \because 2 \tan^{-1} x = \tan^{-1} \frac{2x}{1-x^2} \right]$$

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

$$\therefore x = \frac{2a}{1-a^2}$$

32. The value of  $\cot \left[ \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{7}{25} \right) \right]$  is

(a)  $\frac{25}{24}$

(b)  $\frac{25}{7}$

(c)  $\frac{24}{25}$

(d)  $\frac{7}{24}$

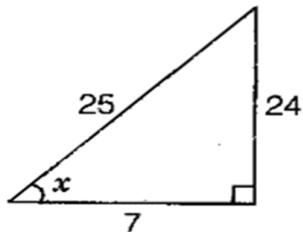
Sol. (d) We have,  $\cot \left[ \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{7}{25} \right) \right]$

$$\text{Let } \cos^{-1} \frac{7}{25} = x$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos x = \frac{7}{25}$$

$$\therefore \sin x = \sqrt{1 - \cos^2 x} = \sqrt{1 - \left( \frac{7}{25} \right)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{625-49}{625}} = \frac{24}{25}$$



$$\therefore \cot x = \frac{\cos x}{\sin x} = \frac{\frac{7}{25}}{\frac{24}{25}} = \frac{7}{24}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \cot^{-1} \left( \frac{7}{24} \right) = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{7}{25} \right)$$

$$\therefore \cot \left( \cos^{-1} \frac{7}{25} \right) = \cot \left( \cot^{-1} \frac{7}{24} \right) = \frac{7}{24} \quad \left[ \because \cot^{-1} \frac{7}{24} = \cos^{-1} \frac{7}{25} \right]$$

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33. The value of the expression  $\tan\left(\frac{1}{2}\cos^{-1}\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}\right)$  is

(a)  $2+\sqrt{5}$

(b)  $\sqrt{5}-2$

(c)  $\frac{\sqrt{5}+2}{2}$

(d)  $5+\sqrt{2}$

Sol. (b) We have,  $\tan\left(\frac{1}{2}\cos^{-1}\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}\right)$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Let } \frac{1}{2}\cos^{-1}\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} = \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos^{-1}\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} = 2\theta \Rightarrow \cos 2\theta = \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}$$

$$\therefore (1 - 2\sin^2 \theta) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\sin^2 \theta = 1 - \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin^2 \theta = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin \theta = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}}$$

$$\therefore \cos^2 \theta = 1 - \sin^2 \theta$$

$$= 1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \theta = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}}$$

$$\therefore \tan \theta = \sqrt{\frac{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}}{\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}}} = \sqrt{\frac{\sqrt{5}-2}{\sqrt{5}+2}} \quad \left[ \because \tan \theta = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \tan^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{\sqrt{5}-2}{\sqrt{5}+2}} = \frac{1}{2} \cos^{-1} \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}$$

$$\therefore \tan\left(\frac{1}{2}\cos^{-1}\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}\right) = \tan \tan^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{\sqrt{5}-2}{\sqrt{5}+2}}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{\sqrt{5}-2}{\sqrt{5}+2}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{\sqrt{5}-2}{\sqrt{5}+2}}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{(\sqrt{5}-2)^2}{5-4}} = \sqrt{5}-2$$

**34.** If  $|x| \leq 1$ , then  $2 \tan^{-1} x + \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{2x}{1+x^2} \right)$  is equal to

(a)  $4 \tan^{-1} x$

(b) 0

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

(d)  $\pi$

**Sol.** (a) We have,  $2 \tan^{-1} x + \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{2x}{1+x^2} \right)$

Let  $x = \tan \theta$

$$\begin{aligned} & \therefore 2 \tan^{-1} \tan \theta + \sin^{-1} \frac{2 \tan \theta}{1 + \tan^2 \theta} \quad [\because \tan^{-1} (\tan x) = x] \\ & = 2\theta + \sin^{-1} \sin 2\theta \quad [\because \sin 2\theta = \frac{2 \tan \theta}{1 + \tan^2 \theta}] \\ & = 2\theta + 2\theta \quad [\because \sin^{-1} (\sin x) = x] \\ & = 4\theta \quad [\because \theta = \tan^{-1} x] \\ & = 4 \tan^{-1} x \end{aligned}$$

**35.** If  $\cos^{-1} \alpha + \cos^{-1} \beta + \cos^{-1} \gamma = 3\pi$ , then  $\alpha(\beta + \gamma) + \beta(\gamma + \alpha) + \gamma(\alpha + \beta)$  equals

(A) 0

(B) 1

(C) 6

(D) 12

**Sol.** (C) We have  $\cos^{-1} \alpha + \cos^{-1} \beta + \cos^{-1} \gamma = 3\pi$ ,

We know that,  $0 \leq \cos^{-1} x \leq \pi$

$$\Rightarrow \cos^{-1} \alpha + \cos^{-1} \beta + \cos^{-1} \gamma = 3\pi$$

If and only if,  $\cos^{-1} \alpha = \cos^{-1} \beta = \cos^{-1} \gamma = \pi$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \pi = \alpha = \beta = \gamma$$

$$\Rightarrow -1 = \alpha = \beta = \gamma$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha = \beta = \gamma = -1$$

$$\therefore \alpha(\beta + \gamma) + \beta(\gamma + \alpha) + \gamma(\alpha + \beta)$$

$$= -1(-1-1) - 1(1-1) - 1(-1-1)$$

$$= 2 + 2 + 2 = 6$$

**36.** The number of real Solution of the equation

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

(A) 0

(B) 1

(C) 2

(D)  $\infty$

Sol. (a) We have,  $\sqrt{1+\cos 2x} = \sqrt{2} \cos^{-1}(\cos x), \left[ \frac{\pi}{2}, \pi \right]$

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

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

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

$$\Rightarrow \cos x = x \quad \left[ \because \cos^{-1}(\cos x) = x \right]$$

Which is not true for any real value of x.

Hence, there is no solution possible for the given equation.

37. If  $\cos^{-1} x > \sin^{-1} x$ , then

(a)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} < x \leq 1$

(b)  $0 \leq x < \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$

(c)  $-1 \leq x < \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$

(d)  $x > 0$

Sol. (c) We have,  $\cos^{-1} x > \sin^{-1} x$  where  $x \in [-1, 1]$

$$\Rightarrow x < \cos(\sin^{-1} x)$$

$$\Rightarrow x < \cos[\cos^{-1} \sqrt{1-x^2}] \quad \left[ \text{let } \sin^{-1} x = \theta \Rightarrow \sin \theta = \frac{x}{1} \right]$$

$$\left[ \because \cos \theta = \sqrt{1-\sin^2 \theta} = \sqrt{1-x^2} \Rightarrow \theta = \cos^{-1} \sqrt{1-x^2} \right]$$

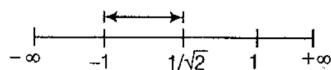
$$\Rightarrow x < \sqrt{1-x^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 < 1-x^2 \Rightarrow 2x^2 < 1$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 < \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow x < \pm \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \dots (i)$$

$$\text{Also } -1 \leq x \leq 1 \dots (ii)$$

$$\therefore -1 \leq x \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$



*Alternate Method*

$$\frac{\pi}{2} - \sin^{-1} x > \sin^{-1} x$$

$$\frac{\pi}{2} > 2\sin^{-1} x \Rightarrow \frac{\pi}{4} > \sin^{-1} x$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} > x \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} < x \leq 1$$

$$\text{We know that, } \sin^{-1} x \in \left[ \frac{-\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2} \right]$$

**Fill in the blanks in each of the Exercises 38 to 48.**

38. The principal value of  $\cos^{-1}\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)$  is \_\_\_\_\_.

Sol.  $\because 0 \leq \cos^{-1} x \leq \pi$

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

39. The value of  $\sin^{-1}\left(\sin \frac{3\pi}{5}\right)$  is .....

Sol.  $\because -\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \sin^{-1} x \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \sin^{-1}\left(\sin \frac{3\pi}{5}\right) &= \sin^{-1} \sin\left(\pi - \frac{2\pi}{5}\right) \\ &= \sin^{-1}\left(\sin \frac{2\pi}{5}\right) = \frac{2\pi}{5} \end{aligned}$$

40. If  $\cos(\tan^{-1} x + \cot^{-1} \sqrt{3}) = 0$ , then the value of x is .....

Sol. We have,  $\cos(\tan^{-1} x + \cot^{-1} \sqrt{3}) = 0$ ,

$$\Rightarrow \tan^{-1} x + \cot^{-1} \sqrt{3} = \cos^{-1} 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan^{-1} x + \cot^{-1} \sqrt{3} = \cos^{-1} \cos \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan^{-1} x + \cot^{-1} \sqrt{3} = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan^{-1} x = \frac{\pi}{2} - \cot^{-1} \sqrt{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan^{-1} x = \tan^{-1} \sqrt{3} \quad \left[ \because \tan^{-1} x + \cot^{-1} x = \frac{\pi}{2} \right]$$

$$\therefore x = \sqrt{3}$$

41. The set of values of  $\sec^{-1} \frac{1}{2}$  is \_\_\_\_\_.

Sol. Since, domain of  $\sec^{-1} \frac{1}{2}$  is  $R - (-1, 1)$

$$\Rightarrow (-\infty, -1) \cup [1, \infty)$$

So, there is no set of values exist for  $\sec^{-1} \frac{1}{2}$ .

So,  $\emptyset$  is the answer.

- 42.** The principal value of  $\tan^{-1} \sqrt{3}$  is \_\_\_\_\_.

Sol.  $\because \tan^{-1} \sqrt{3} = \tan^{-1} \tan\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)$

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

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

- 43.** The value of  $\cos^{-1}\left(\cos \frac{14\pi}{3}\right)$  is \_\_\_\_\_.

Sol. We have  $\cos^{-1}\left(\cos \frac{14\pi}{3}\right) = \cos^{-1} \cos\left(4\pi + \frac{2\pi}{3}\right)$

$$= \cos^{-1} \cos \frac{2\pi}{3} \left[ \because \cos(2n\pi + \pi) = \cos \theta \right]$$

$$= \frac{2\pi}{3} \left\{ \because \cos^{-1}(\cos x) = x, x \in [0, \pi] \right\}$$

**Note** Remember that,  $\cos^{-1}\left(\cos \frac{14\pi}{3}\right) \neq \frac{14\pi}{3}$

Since,  $\frac{14\pi}{3} \notin [0, \pi]$

- 44.** The value of  $\cos(\sin^{-1} x + \cos^{-1} x)$ , where  $|x| \leq 1$ , is .....

Sol.  $\cos(\sin^{-1} x + \cos^{-1} x)$

$$= \cos \frac{\pi}{2} = 0 \quad \left[ \because \sin^{-1} x + \cos^{-1} x = \frac{\pi}{2} \right]$$

- 45.** The value of  $\tan\left(\frac{\sin^{-1} x + \cos^{-1} x}{2}\right)$ , when  $x = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ , is .....

Sol.  $\because \tan\left(\frac{\sin^{-1} x + \cos^{-1} x}{2}\right) = \tan\left(\frac{\pi/2}{2}\right) \quad \left[ \because \sin^{-1} x + \cos^{-1} x = \frac{\pi}{2} \right]$

$$= \tan \frac{\pi}{4} = 1$$

- 46.** If  $y = 2 \tan^{-1} x + \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{2x}{1+x^2} \right)$ , then ..... <  $y$  < .....

Sol. We have,  $y = 2 \tan^{-1} x + \sin^{-1} \frac{2x}{1+x^2}$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \therefore y = 2 \tan^{-1} \tan \theta + \sin^{-1} \frac{2 \tan \theta}{1 + \tan^2 \theta} \quad [\text{let } x = \tan \theta] \\
& \Rightarrow y = 2\theta + \sin^{-1} \sin 2\theta \quad \left[ \because \sin 2\theta = \frac{2 \tan \theta}{1 + \tan^2 \theta} \right] \\
& \Rightarrow y = 2\theta + 2\theta = 4\theta \quad \left[ \because \theta = \tan^{-1} x \right] \\
& \Rightarrow y = 4 \tan^{-1} x \\
& \because -\pi/2 < \tan^{-1} x < \pi/2 \\
& \therefore -\frac{4\pi}{2} < 4 \tan^{-1} x < 2\pi \\
& \Rightarrow -2\pi < 4 \tan^{-1} x < 2\pi \\
& \Rightarrow -2\pi < y < 2\pi \quad \left[ \because y = 4 \tan^{-1} x \right]
\end{aligned}$$

- 47.** The result  $\tan^{-1} x - \tan^{-1} y = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{x-y}{1+xy} \right)$  is true when value of  $xy$  is \_\_\_\_

Sol. We know that  $\tan^{-1} x - \tan^{-1} y = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{x-y}{1+xy} \right)$

Where,  $xy > -1$

- 48.** The value of  $\cot^{-1}(-x)$   $x \in R$  in terms of  $\cot^{-1} x$  is .....

Sol. We know that

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

**State True or False for the statement in each of the Exercises 49 to 55.**

- 49.** All trigonometric functions have inverse over their respective domains.

Sol. False

We know that, all trigonometric functions have inverse over their restricted domains.

- 50.** The value of the expression  $(\cos^{-1} x)^2$  is equal to  $\sec^2 x$ .

Sol. False

$$\therefore \left[ \cos^{-1} x \right]^2 = \left[ \sec^{-1} \frac{1}{x} \right]^2 \neq \sec^2 x$$

- 51.** The domain of trigonometric functions can be restricted to any one of their branch (not necessarily principal value) in order to obtain their inverse functions.

Sol. True

We know that, the domain of trigonometric functions are restricted in their domain to obtain their inverse functions.

- 52.** The least numerical value, either positive or negative of angle  $\theta$  is called principal value of the inverse trigonometric function.

Sol. True

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We know that, the smallest numerical value, either positive or negative of  $\theta$  is called the principal value of the function.

53. **The graph of inverse trigonometric function can be obtained from the graph of their corresponding trigonometric function by interchanging x and y-axes.**

**Sol.** True

We know that, the graph of an inverse function can be obtained from the corresponding graph of original function as a mirror image (i.e. reflection) along the line  $y=x$ .

54. **The minimum value of n for which  $\tan^{-1} \frac{n}{\pi} > \frac{\pi}{4}$ ,  $n \in N$  is valid is 5.**

**Sol.** False

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \tan^{-1} \frac{n}{\pi} &> \frac{\pi}{4} \Rightarrow \frac{n}{\pi} > \tan \frac{\pi}{4} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{n}{\pi} &> 1 \quad \left[ \because \tan \frac{\pi}{4} = 1 \right] \\ \Rightarrow n &> \pi\end{aligned}$$

So, the minimum value of n is 4.  $[\because n \in N \text{ and } \pi = 3.14.....]$

55. **The principal value of  $\sin^{-1} \left[ \cos \left( \sin^{-1} \frac{1}{2} \right) \right]$  is  $\frac{\pi}{3}$ .**

**Sol.** True

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Given that, } \sin^{-1} \left[ \cos \left( \sin^{-1} \frac{1}{2} \right) \right] &= \sin^{-1} \left[ \cos \sin^{-1} \left( \sin \frac{\pi}{6} \right) \right] \\ &= \sin^{-1} \left[ \cos \frac{\pi}{6} \right] \quad \left[ \because \sin^{-1} (\sin x) = x \right] \\ &= \sin^{-1} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ &= \sin^{-1} \sin \frac{\pi}{3} = \frac{\pi}{3}\end{aligned}$$

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### Inverse Trigonometric Functions

#### Short Answer Type Questions

- 1.** Find the value of  $\tan^{-1}\left(\tan\frac{5\pi}{6}\right) + \cos^{-1}\left(\cos\frac{13\pi}{6}\right)$

Sol. We know that,  $\tan^{-1} \tan x = x; x \in \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$  and  $\cos^{-1} \cos x = x; x \in [0, \pi]$

$$\begin{aligned} & \therefore \tan^{-1}\left(\tan\frac{5\pi}{6}\right) + \cos^{-1}\left(\cos\frac{13\pi}{6}\right) \\ &= \tan^{-1}\left[\tan\left(\pi - \frac{\pi}{6}\right)\right] + \cos^{-1}\left[\cos\left(\pi + \frac{7\pi}{6}\right)\right] \\ &= \tan^{-1}\left(\tan\frac{\pi}{6}\right) + \cos^{-1}\left(-\cos\frac{7\pi}{6}\right) [\because \cos(\pi + \theta) = -\cos \theta] \\ &= -\tan^{-1}\left(\tan\frac{\pi}{6}\right) + \pi - \left[\cos^{-1}\cos\left(\frac{7\pi}{6}\right)\right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\left\{ \because \tan^{-1}(-x) = -\tan^{-1}x; x \in R \text{ and } \cos^{-1}(-x) = \pi - \cos^{-1}x; x \in [-1, 1] \right\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= -\tan^{-1}\left(\tan\frac{\pi}{6}\right) + \pi - \cos^{-1}\left[\cos\left(\pi + \frac{\pi}{6}\right)\right] \\ &= -\tan^{-1}\left(\tan\frac{\pi}{6}\right) + \pi - \left[\cos^{-1}\left(-\cos\frac{\pi}{6}\right)\right] [\because \cos(\pi + \theta) = -\cos \theta] \\ &= -\tan^{-1}\left(\tan\frac{\pi}{6}\right) + \pi - \pi + \cos^{-1}\left(\cos\frac{\pi}{6}\right) [\because \cos^{-1}(-x) = \pi - \cos^{-1}x] \\ &= -\frac{\pi}{6} + 0 + \frac{\pi}{6} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

**Note** Remember that,  $\tan^{-1}\left(\tan\frac{5\pi}{6}\right) \neq \frac{5\pi}{6}$  and  $\cos^{-1}\left(\cos\frac{13\pi}{6}\right) \neq \frac{13\pi}{6}$

Since,  $\frac{5\pi}{6} \notin \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$  and  $\frac{13\pi}{6} \notin [0, \pi]$

- 2.** Evaluate  $\cos\left[\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{-\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) + \frac{\pi}{6}\right]$

Sol. We have,  $\cos\left[\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{-\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) + \frac{\pi}{6}\right]$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \cos\left[\cos^{-1}\left(\cos\frac{5\pi}{6}\right) + \frac{\pi}{6}\right] \quad \left[ \because \cos\frac{5\pi}{6} = \frac{-\sqrt{3}}{2} \right] \\ &= \cos\left(\frac{5\pi}{6} + \frac{\pi}{6}\right) \quad \left\{ \because \cos^{-1} \cos x = x; x \in [0, \pi] \right\} \end{aligned}$$

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

3. **Prove that**  $\cot\left(\frac{\pi}{4} - 2\cot^{-1} 3\right) = 7$ .

Sol. We have to prove,  $\cot\left(\frac{\pi}{4} - 2\cot^{-1} 3\right) = 7$

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow \left(\frac{\pi}{4} - 2\cot^{-1} 3\right) = \cot^{-1} 7 \\ &\Rightarrow (2\cot^{-1} 3) = \frac{\pi}{4} - \cot^{-1} 7 \\ &\Rightarrow 2\tan^{-1} \frac{1}{3} = \frac{\pi}{4} - \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{7} \\ &\Rightarrow 2\tan^{-1} \frac{1}{3} + \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{7} = \frac{\pi}{4} \\ &\Rightarrow \tan^{-1} \frac{2/3}{1+(1/3)^2} + \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{7} = \frac{\pi}{4} \\ &\Rightarrow \tan^{-1} \frac{2/3}{8/9} + \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{7} = \frac{\pi}{4} \\ &\Rightarrow \tan^{-1} \frac{3}{4} + \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{7} = \frac{\pi}{4} \\ &\Rightarrow \tan^{-1} \frac{\frac{3}{4} + \frac{1}{7}}{1 - \frac{3}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{7}} = \frac{\pi}{4} \\ &\Rightarrow \tan^{-1} \frac{(21+4)/28}{(28-3)/28} = \frac{\pi}{4} \\ &\Rightarrow \tan^{-1} \frac{25}{25} = \frac{\pi}{4} \\ &\Rightarrow 1 = \tan \frac{\pi}{4} \end{aligned}$$

$$1 = 1$$

$\Rightarrow \text{LHS} = \text{RHS}$  Hence Proved.

4. **Find the value of**  $\tan^{-1}\left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right) + \cot^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right) + \tan^{-1}\left[\sin\left(\frac{-\pi}{2}\right)\right]$ .

Sol. We have,  $\tan^{-1}\left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right) + \cot^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right) + \tan^{-1}\left[\sin\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}\right)\right]$ .

$$= \tan^{-1}\left(\tan \frac{5\pi}{6}\right) + \cot^{-1}\left(\cot \frac{\pi}{3}\right) + \tan^{-1}(-1).$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \tan^{-1} \left[ \tan \left( \pi - \frac{\pi}{6} \right) \right] + \cot^{-1} \left[ \cot \left( \frac{\pi}{3} \right) \right] + \tan^{-1} \left[ \tan \left( \pi - \frac{\pi}{4} \right) \right] \\
&= \tan^{-1} \left( -\tan \frac{\pi}{6} \right) + \cot^{-1} \left( \cot \frac{\pi}{3} \right) + \tan^{-1} \left( -\tan \frac{\pi}{4} \right) \\
&\quad \left[ \because \tan^{-1}(\tan x) = x, x \in \left( -\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2} \right), \right. \\
&\quad \left. \cot^{-1}(\cot x) = x, x \in (0, \pi) \right. \\
&\quad \left. \text{and } \tan^{-1}(-x) = -\tan^{-1} x \right] \\
&= -\frac{\pi}{6} + \frac{\pi}{3} - \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{-2\pi + 4\pi - 3\pi}{12} \\
&= \frac{-5\pi + 4\pi}{12} = \frac{-\pi}{12}
\end{aligned}$$

5. **Find the value of**  $\tan^{-1} \left( \tan \frac{2\pi}{3} \right)$ .

Sol. We have,  $\tan^{-1} \left( \tan \frac{2\pi}{3} \right) = \tan^{-1} \tan \left( \pi - \frac{\pi}{3} \right)$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \tan^{-1} \left( -\tan \frac{\pi}{3} \right) \quad \left[ \because \tan^{-1}(-x) = -\tan^{-1} x \right] \\
&= \tan^{-1} \tan \frac{\pi}{3} = -\frac{\pi}{3} \quad \left[ \because \tan^{-1}(\tan x) = x, x \in \left( -\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2} \right) \right]
\end{aligned}$$

**Note** Remember that,  $\tan^{-1} \left( \tan \frac{2\pi}{3} \right) \neq \frac{2\pi}{3}$

Since,  $\tan^{-1}(\tan x) = x$ , if  $x \in \left( -\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2} \right)$  and  $\frac{2\pi}{3} \notin \left( -\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2} \right)$

6. **Show that**  $2 \tan^{-1}(-3) = \frac{-\pi}{2} + \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{-4}{3} \right)$

Sol.  $LHS = 2 \tan^{-1}(-3) = -2 \tan^{-1} 3 \quad \left[ \because \tan^{-1}(-x) = -\tan^{-1} x, x \in R \right]$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= - \left[ \cos^{-1} \frac{1-3^2}{1+3^2} \right] \quad \left[ \because 2 \tan^{-1} x = \cos^{-1} \frac{1-x^2}{1+x^2} x \geq 0 \right] \\
&= - \left[ \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{-8}{10} \right) \right] = - \left[ \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{-4}{5} \right) \right] \\
&= - \left[ \pi - \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{4}{5} \right) \right] \left\{ \because \cos^{-1}(-x) = \pi - \cos^{-1} x, x \in [-1, 1] \right\} \\
&= -\pi + \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{4}{5} \right) \left[ \text{let } \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{4}{5} \right) = \theta \Rightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{4}{5} \Rightarrow \tan \theta = \frac{3}{4} \Rightarrow \theta = \tan^{-1} \frac{3}{4} \right]
\end{aligned}$$

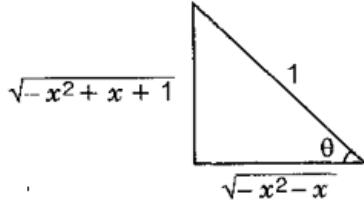
$$\begin{aligned}
&= -\pi + \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{3}{4}\right) = -\pi + \left[\frac{\pi}{2} - \cot^{-1}\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)\right] \\
&= -\frac{\pi}{2} - \cot^{-1}\frac{3}{4} = -\frac{\pi}{2} - \tan^{-1}\frac{4}{3} \\
&= -\frac{\pi}{2} + \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{-4}{3}\right) \quad \left[\because \tan^{-1}(-x) = -\tan^{-1}x\right] \\
&= \text{RHS} \quad (\text{Hence Proved})
\end{aligned}$$

7. **Find the real Solution of the equation**

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

Sol. We have,  $\tan^{-1}\sqrt{x(x+1)} + \sin^{-1}\sqrt{x^2+x+1} = \frac{\pi}{2}$  ... (i)

$$\text{Let } \sin^{-1}\sqrt{x^2+x+1} = \theta$$



$$\begin{aligned}
&\Rightarrow \sin \theta \sqrt{\frac{x^2 + x + 1}{1}} \\
&\Rightarrow \tan \theta = \frac{\sqrt{x^2 + x + 1}}{\sqrt{-x^2 - x}} \quad \left[\because \tan \theta = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta}\right] \\
&\therefore \theta = \tan^{-1} \frac{\sqrt{x^2 + x + 1}}{\sqrt{-x^2 - x}} \\
&= \sin^{-1} \sqrt{x^2 + x + 1}
\end{aligned}$$

On putting the value of  $\theta$  in Eq. (i), we get

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

We know that,  $\tan^{-1}x + \tan^{-1}y = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x+y}{1-xy}\right)$ ,  $xy < 1$

$$\therefore \tan^{-1}\left[\frac{\sqrt{x(x+1)}\sqrt{\frac{x^2 + x + 1}{-x^2 - x}}}{1 - \sqrt{x(x+1)}\sqrt{\frac{x^2 + x + 1}{-x^2 - x}}}\right] = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan^{-1} \left[ \frac{\sqrt{x^2+x} \sqrt{\frac{x^2+x+1}{-1(x^2+x)}}}{1 - (\sqrt{x^2+x} \cdot \frac{(x^2+x+1)}{-1(x^2+x)})} \right] = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x^2+x+\sqrt{-(x^2+x+1)}}{1-\sqrt{-(x^2+x+1)}\sqrt{(x^2+x)}} = \tan \frac{\pi}{2} = \frac{1}{0}$$

$$\Rightarrow [1-\sqrt{-(x^2+x+1)}]\sqrt{(x^2+x)} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -(x^2+x+1) = 1 \text{ or } x^2+x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -x^2-x-1=1 \text{ or } x(x+1)=0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2+x+2=0 \text{ or } x(x+1)=0$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1-4 \times 2}}{2}$$

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

For real solution, we have  $x=0, -1$ .

**8. Find the value of**  $\sin\left(2\tan^{-1}\frac{1}{3}\right) + \cos\left(\tan^{-1}2\sqrt{2}\right)$

Sol. We have,  $\sin\left(2\tan^{-1}\frac{1}{3}\right) + \cos\left(\tan^{-1}2\sqrt{2}\right)$

$$= \sin \left[ \sin^{-1} \left\{ \frac{2 \times \frac{1}{3}}{1 + \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2} \right\} \right] + \cos \left( \cos^{-1} \frac{1}{3} \right) \quad \left[ \because \tan^{-1} x = \cos^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+x^2}} \right]$$

$$\left[ \because 2 \tan^{-1} x = \sin^{-1} \frac{2x}{1+x^2}, -1 \leq x \leq 1 \text{ and } \tan^{-1}(2\sqrt{2}) = \cos^{-1} \frac{1}{3} \right]$$

$$= \sin \left[ \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{\frac{2}{3}}{1 + \frac{1}{9}} \right) \right] + \frac{1}{3} \quad \left\{ \because \cos(\cos^{-1} x) = x; x \in [-1, 1] \right\}$$

$$= \sin \left[ \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{2 \times 9}{3 \times 10} \right) \right] + \frac{1}{3} = \sin \left[ \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{3}{5} \right) \right] + \frac{1}{3} \quad \left[ \because \sin(\sin^{-1} x) = x \right]$$

$$= \frac{3}{5} + \frac{1}{3} = \frac{9+5}{15} = \frac{14}{15}$$

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- 9.** If  $2 \tan^{-1}(\cos \theta) = \tan^{-1}(2 \cos e \theta)$ , then show that  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$ , where n is any integer.

Sol. We have,  $2 \tan^{-1}(\cos \theta) = \tan^{-1}(2 \cos e \theta)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{2 \cos \theta}{1-\cos^2 \theta}\right) &= \tan^{-1}(2 \cos e \theta) \\ \left[\because 2 \tan^{-1} x &= \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{2x}{1-x^2}\right)\right] \\ \Rightarrow \left(\frac{2 \cos \theta}{\sin^2 \theta}\right) &= (2 \cos e \theta) \\ \Rightarrow (\cot \theta. 2 \cos e \theta) &= (2 \cos e \theta) \Rightarrow \cot \theta = 1 \\ \Rightarrow \cot \theta &= \cot \frac{\pi}{4} \Rightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi}{4}\end{aligned}$$

- 10.** Show that  $\cos\left(2 \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{7}\right) = \sin\left(4 \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{3}\right)$

Sol. We have,  $\cos\left(2 \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{7}\right) = \sin\left(4 \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{3}\right)$

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow \cos\left[\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1-\left(\frac{1}{7}\right)^2}{1+\left(\frac{1}{7}\right)^2}\right)\right] &= \sin\left(2.2 \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{3}\right) \quad \left[\because 2 \tan^{-1} x = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1-x^2}{1+x^2}\right)\right] \\ \Rightarrow \cos\left[\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{48}{50}\right)\right] &= \sin\left[2 \cdot \left(\tan^{-1} \frac{\frac{2}{3}}{1-\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2}\right)\right] \quad \left[\because 2 \tan^{-1} x = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{2x}{1-x^2}\right)\right] \\ \Rightarrow \cos\left[\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{48 \times 49}{50 \times 49}\right)\right] &= \sin\left[2 \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{18}{24}\right)\right] \\ \Rightarrow \cos\left[\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{24}{25}\right)\right] &= \sin\left(2 \tan^{-1} \frac{3}{4}\right) \\ \Rightarrow \cos\left[\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{24}{25}\right)\right] &= \sin\left(\sin^{-1} \frac{2 \times \frac{3}{4}}{1+\frac{9}{16}}\right) \quad \left[\because 2 \tan^{-1} x = \sin^{-1} \frac{2x}{1+x^2}\right] \\ \Rightarrow \frac{24}{25} &= \sin\left(\sin^{-1} \frac{3/2}{25/16}\right) \\ \frac{25}{24} = \frac{48}{50} &\Rightarrow \frac{24}{25} = \frac{24}{25} \\ \therefore LHS &= RHS \text{ (Hence proved)}$$

**11. Solve the following equation**  $\cos(\tan^{-1} x) = \sin\left(\cot^{-1} \frac{3}{4}\right)$ .

Sol. We have,  $\cos(\tan^{-1} x) = \sin\left(\cot^{-1} \frac{3}{4}\right)$ .

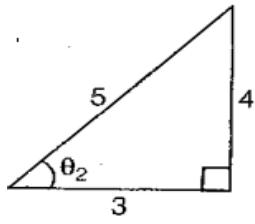
$$\Rightarrow \cos\left(\cos^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2+1}}\right) = \sin\left(\sin^{-1} \frac{4}{5}\right)$$

$$\text{Let } \tan^{-1} x = \theta_1 \Rightarrow \tan \theta_1 = \frac{x}{1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \theta_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2+1}} \Rightarrow \theta_1 = \cos^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2+1}}$$

$$\text{And } \cot^{-1} \frac{3}{4} = \theta_2 \Rightarrow \cot \theta_2 = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin \theta_2 = \frac{4}{5} \Rightarrow \theta_2 = \sin^{-1} \frac{4}{5}$$



$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2+1}} = \frac{4}{5}$$

$\left\{ \because \cos(\cos^{-1} x) = x, x \in [-1, 1] \text{ and } \sin(\sin^{-1} x) = x, x \in [-1, 1] \right\}$

On squaring both sides, we get

$$\Rightarrow 16(x^2 + 1) = 25$$

$$\Rightarrow 16x^2 = 9$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 = \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^2$$

$$\therefore x = \pm \frac{3}{4} = \frac{-3}{4}, \frac{3}{4}$$

## **Inverse Trigonometric Functions**

### **Long Answer Type Questions**

- 12.** Prove that  $\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{1+x^2} + \sqrt{1-x^2}}{\sqrt{1+x^2} - \sqrt{1-x^2}}\right) = \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{1}{2}\cos^{-1}x^2$ .

**Sol.** We have,

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

$$\left[ \text{let } x^2 = \cos 2\theta = (\cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta) = 1 - 2\sin^2 \theta = 2\cos^2 \theta - 1 \right]$$

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

$$\therefore \sqrt{1+x^2} = \sqrt{1+\cos 2\theta}$$

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

$$\text{And } \sqrt{1-x^2} = \sqrt{1-\cos 2\theta}$$

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

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

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

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

$$= \tan^{-1} \left[ \tan \left( \frac{\pi}{4} + \theta \right) \right] \quad \left[ \because \tan(x+y) = \frac{\tan x + \tan y}{1 - \tan x \cdot \tan y} \right]$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{4} + \theta = \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{1}{2} \cos^{-1} x^2$$

= RHS Hence proved.

- 13. Find the simplified form of**

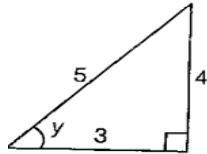
$$\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{3}{5}\cos x + \frac{4}{5}\sin x\right), \text{ where } x \in \left[-\frac{3\pi}{4}, \frac{\pi}{4}\right]$$

- $$\text{Sol. } \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{3}{5}\cos x + \frac{4}{5}\sin x\right), \quad x \in \left[\frac{-3\pi}{4}, \frac{\pi}{4}\right]$$

$$\text{Let } \cos y = \frac{3}{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin y = \frac{4}{5}$$

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



$$\therefore \cos^{-1} [\cos y \cos x + \sin y \sin x]$$

$$= \cos^{-1} [\cos(y - x)] \quad [\because \cos(A - B) = \cos A \cos B + \sin A \sin B]$$

$$= y - x = \tan^{-1} \frac{4}{3} - x \quad \left[ \because y = \tan^{-1} \frac{4}{3} \right]$$

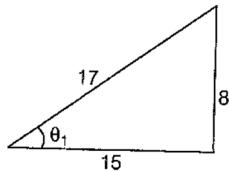
**14.** Prove that  $\sin^{-1} \frac{8}{17} + \sin^{-1} \frac{3}{5} = \sin^{-1} \frac{77}{85}$ .

Sol. We have,  $\sin^{-1} \frac{8}{17} + \sin^{-1} \frac{3}{5} = \sin^{-1} \frac{77}{85}$ .

$$\therefore LHS = \sin^{-1} \frac{8}{17} + \sin^{-1} \frac{3}{5}$$

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

$$\text{Let } \sin^{-1} \frac{8}{17} = \theta_1 \Rightarrow \sin \theta_1 = \frac{8}{17}$$



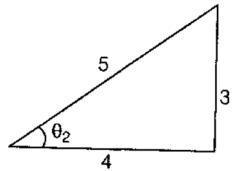
$$\Rightarrow \tan \theta_1 = \frac{8}{15} \Rightarrow \theta_1 = \tan^{-1} \frac{8}{15}$$

$$\text{And } \sin^{-1} \frac{3}{5} = \theta_2 \Rightarrow \sin \theta_2 = \frac{3}{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan \theta_2 = \frac{3}{4} \Rightarrow \theta_2 = \tan^{-1} \frac{3}{4}$$

$$= \tan^{-1} \left[ \frac{\frac{8}{15} + \frac{3}{4}}{1 - \frac{8}{15} \times \frac{3}{4}} \right] \left[ \because \tan^{-1} x + \tan^{-1} y = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{x+y}{1-xy} \right) \right]$$

$$= \tan^{-1} \left[ \frac{\frac{32+45}{60}}{\frac{60-24}{60}} \right] = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{77}{36} \right)$$



$$\text{Let } \theta_3 = \tan^{-1} \frac{77}{36} \Rightarrow \tan \theta_3 = \frac{77}{36}$$

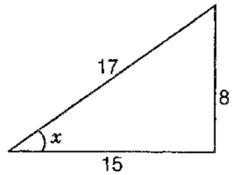
$$\Rightarrow \sin \theta_3 = \frac{77}{\sqrt{5929+1296}} = \frac{77}{85}$$

$$\therefore \theta_3 = \sin^{-1} \frac{77}{85}$$

$$= \sin^{-1} \frac{77}{85} = RHS \quad \text{Hence proved.}$$

*Alternate Method*

$$\text{To Prove, } \sin^{-1} \frac{8}{17} + \sin^{-1} \frac{3}{5} = \sin^{-1} \frac{77}{85}$$



$$\text{Let } \sin^{-1} \frac{8}{17} = x$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin x = \frac{8}{17}$$

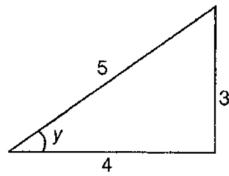
$$\Rightarrow \cos x = \sqrt{1 - \sin^2 x} = \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{8}{17}\right)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{289-64}{289}} = \sqrt{\frac{225}{289}} = \frac{15}{17}$$

$$\text{Let } \sin^{-1} \frac{3}{5} = y$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin y = \frac{3}{5} \Rightarrow \sin^2 y = \frac{9}{25}$$

$$\therefore \cos^2 y = 1 - \frac{9}{25}$$



$$\Rightarrow \cos^2 y = \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^2 \Rightarrow \cos y = \frac{4}{5}$$

$$\text{Now, } \sin(x+y) = \sin x \cos y + \cos x \sin y$$

$$= \frac{8}{17} \cdot \frac{4}{5} + \frac{15}{17} \cdot \frac{3}{5}$$

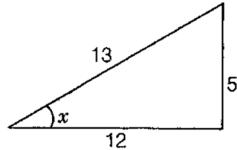
$$= \frac{32}{85} + \frac{45}{85} = \frac{77}{85}$$

$$\Rightarrow (x+y) = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{77}{85}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin^{-1}\frac{8}{17} + \sin^{-1}\frac{3}{5} = \sin^{-1}\frac{77}{85}$$

**15.** Show that  $\sin^{-1}\frac{5}{13} + \cos^{-1}\frac{3}{5} = \tan^{-1}\frac{63}{16}$ .

Sol. We have,  $\sin^{-1}\frac{5}{13} + \cos^{-1}\frac{3}{5} = \tan^{-1}\frac{63}{16}$  (i)



$$\text{Let } \sin^{-1}\frac{5}{13} = x$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin x = \frac{5}{13}$$

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

$$= 1 - \frac{25}{169} = \frac{144}{169}$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos x = \sqrt{\frac{144}{169}} = \frac{12}{13}$$

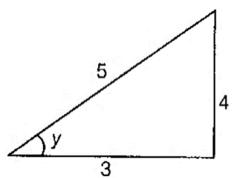
$$\therefore \tan x = \frac{\sin x}{\cos x} = \frac{5/13}{12/13} = \frac{5}{12} \quad (\text{ii})$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan x = 5/12 \quad (\text{iii})$$

$$\text{Again, let } \cos^{-1}\frac{3}{5} = y \Rightarrow \cos y = \frac{3}{5}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^2} = \sqrt{1 - \frac{9}{25}} \\
 \sin y &= \sqrt{\frac{16}{25}} = \frac{4}{5} \\
 \Rightarrow \tan y &= \frac{\sin y}{\cos y} = \frac{4/5}{3/5} = \frac{4}{3} \text{ (iii)}
 \end{aligned}$$



We know that,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \tan(x+y) &= \frac{\tan x + \tan y}{1 - \tan x \cdot \tan y} \\
 \Rightarrow \tan(x+y) &= \frac{\frac{5}{12} + \frac{4}{3}}{1 - \frac{5}{12} \cdot \frac{4}{3}} \Rightarrow \tan(x+y) = \frac{\frac{15+48}{36}}{\frac{36-20}{36}} \\
 \Rightarrow \tan(x+y) &= \frac{63/36}{16/36} \\
 \Rightarrow \tan(x+y) &= \frac{63}{16} \\
 \Rightarrow x+y &= \tan^{-1} \frac{63}{16} \\
 \Rightarrow \tan^{-1} \frac{5}{12} + \tan^{-1} \frac{4}{3} &= \tan^{-1} \frac{63}{16} \text{ Hence proved.}
 \end{aligned}$$

**16. Prove that**  $\tan^{-1} \frac{1}{4} + \tan^{-1} \frac{2}{9} = \sin^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$

Sol. We have,  $\tan^{-1} \frac{1}{4} + \tan^{-1} \frac{2}{9} = \sin^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$

$$\text{Let } \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{4} = x$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan x = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan^2 x = \frac{1}{16}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sec^2 x - 1 = \frac{1}{16}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sec^2 x = 1 + \frac{1}{16} = \frac{17}{16}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\cos^2 x} = \frac{17}{16} \\
&\Rightarrow \cos^2 x = \frac{16}{17} \\
&\Rightarrow \cos x = \frac{4}{\sqrt{17}} \\
&\Rightarrow \sin^2 x = 1 - \cos^2 x = 1 - \frac{16}{17} = \frac{1}{17} \\
&\Rightarrow \sin x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{17}} \dots\dots(ii)
\end{aligned}$$

Again, let  $\tan^{-1} \frac{2}{9} = y$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\Rightarrow \tan y = \frac{2}{9} \Rightarrow \tan^2 y = \frac{4}{81} \\
&\Rightarrow \sec^2 y - 1 = \frac{4}{81} \\
&\Rightarrow \sec^2 y = \frac{4}{81} + 1 = \frac{85}{81} \\
&\Rightarrow \cos^2 y = \frac{81}{85} \Rightarrow \cos y = \frac{9}{\sqrt{85}} \\
&\Rightarrow \sin^2 y = 1 - \cos^2 y = 1 - \frac{81}{85} = \frac{4}{85} \\
&\Rightarrow \sin y = \frac{2}{\sqrt{85}} \dots(iii)
\end{aligned}$$

We know that,  $\sin(x+y) = \sin x \cdot \cos y + \cos x \cdot \sin y$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{17}} \cdot \frac{9}{\sqrt{85}} + \frac{4}{\sqrt{17}} \cdot \frac{2}{\sqrt{85}} \\
&= \frac{17}{\sqrt{17} \cdot \sqrt{85}} = \frac{\sqrt{17}}{\sqrt{17} \cdot \sqrt{5}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \\
&\Rightarrow (x+y) = \sin^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \\
&\Rightarrow \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{4} + \tan^{-1} \frac{2}{9} = \sin^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \text{ Hence proved.}
\end{aligned}$$

- 17.** Find the value of  $4 \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{5} - \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{239}$ .

Sol. We have,  $4 \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{5} - \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{239}$

$$= 2.2 \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{5} - \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{239}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= 2 \cdot \left[ \tan^{-1} \frac{\frac{2}{5}}{1 - \left( \frac{1}{5} \right)^2} \right] - \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{239} \left[ \because 2 \tan^{-1} x = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{2x}{1-x^2} \right) \right] \\
&= 2 \cdot \left[ \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\frac{2}{5}}{1 - \frac{1}{25}} \right) \right] - \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{239} \\
&= 2 \cdot \left[ \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\frac{2}{5}}{\frac{24}{25}} \right) \right] - \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{239} \\
&= 2 \tan^{-1} \frac{5}{12} - \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{239} \\
&= \tan^{-1} \frac{2 \cdot \frac{5}{12}}{1 - \left( \frac{5}{12} \right)^2} - \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{239} \left[ \because 2 \tan^{-1} x = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{2x}{1-x^2} \right) \right] \\
&= \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\frac{5}{6}}{1 - \frac{25}{144}} \right) - \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{239} \\
&= \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{144 \times 5}{119 \times 6} \right) - \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{239} \\
&= \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{120}{199} \right) - \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{239} \\
&= \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\frac{120}{119} - \frac{1}{239}}{1 + \frac{120}{119} \cdot \frac{1}{239}} \right) \left[ \because \tan^{-1} x - \tan^{-1} y = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{x-y}{1+xy} \right) \right] \\
&= \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{120 \times 239 - 119}{119 \times 239 + 120} \right) \\
&= \tan^{-1} \left[ \frac{28680 - 119}{28441 + 120} \right] = \tan^{-1} \frac{28561}{28561} \\
&= \tan^{-1}(1) = \tan^{-1} \left( \tan \frac{\pi}{4} \right) = \frac{\pi}{4}
\end{aligned}$$

18. Show that  $\tan \left( \frac{1}{2} \sin^{-1} \frac{3}{4} \right) = \frac{4-\sqrt{7}}{3}$  and justify why the other value  $\frac{4+\sqrt{7}}{3}$  is ignored?

Sol. We have,  $\tan\left(\frac{1}{2}\sin^{-1}\frac{3}{4}\right) = \frac{4-\sqrt{7}}{3}$

$$\therefore LHS = \tan\left[\frac{1}{2}\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)\right]$$

$$\text{Let } \frac{1}{2}\sin^{-1}\frac{3}{4} = \theta \Rightarrow \sin^{-1}\frac{3}{4} = 2\theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin 2\theta = \frac{3}{4} \Rightarrow \frac{2 \tan \theta}{1 + \tan^2 \theta} = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow 3 + 3 \tan^2 \theta = 8 \tan \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow 3 \tan^2 \theta - 8 \tan \theta + 3 = 0$$

Let  $\tan \theta = y$

$$\therefore 3y^2 + 8y + 3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{+8 \pm \sqrt{64 - 4 \times 3 \times 3}}{2 \times 3} = \frac{8 \pm \sqrt{28}}{6}$$

$$= \frac{2[4 \pm \sqrt{7}]}{2 \cdot 3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan \theta = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{7}}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \tan^{-1}\left[\frac{4 \pm \sqrt{7}}{3}\right]$$

$$\left\{ \text{but } \frac{4+\sqrt{7}}{3} > \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\pi}{2}, \sin ce \max \left[ \tan\left(\frac{1}{2}\sin^{-1}\frac{3}{4}\right) \right] = 1 \right\}$$

$$\therefore LHS = \tan \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{4-\sqrt{7}}{3}\right) = \frac{4-\sqrt{7}}{3} = RHS$$

$$\text{Note Since, } -\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \sin^{-1}\frac{3}{4} \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{\pi}{4} \leq \frac{1}{2}\sin^{-1}\frac{3}{4} \leq \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\therefore \tan\left(\frac{-\pi}{4}\right) \leq \tan\frac{1}{2}\left(\sin^{-1}\frac{3}{4}\right) \leq \tan\frac{\pi}{4}$$

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

19. If  $a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n$  is an arithmetic progression with common difference  $d$ , then evaluate the following expression.

$$\tan\left[\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{d}{1+a_1a_2}\right) + \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{d}{1+a_2a_3}\right) + \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{d}{1+a_3a_4}\right) + \dots + \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{d}{1+a_{n-1}a_n}\right)\right]$$

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Sol. We have,  $a_1 = a_1 a_2 = a + d, a_3 = a + 2d$

And  $d = a_2 - a_1 = a_3 - a_2 = a_4 - a_3 = \dots = a_n - a_{n-1}$

Given that,

$$\begin{aligned} & \tan \left[ \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{d}{1+a_1 a_2} \right) + \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{d}{1+a_2 a_3} \right) + \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{d}{1+a_3 a_4} \right) + \dots + \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{d}{1+a_{n-1} a_n} \right) \right] \\ &= \tan \left[ \tan^{-1} \frac{a_2 - a_1}{1+a_2 \cdot a_1} + \tan^{-1} \frac{a_3 - a_2}{1+a_3 \cdot a_2} + \dots + \tan^{-1} \frac{a_n - a_{n-1}}{1+a_n \cdot a_{n-1}} \right] \\ &= \tan \left[ (\tan^{-1} a_2 - \tan^{-1} a_1) + (\tan^{-1} a_3 - \tan^{-1} a_2) + \dots + (\tan^{-1} a_n - \tan^{-1} a_{n-1}) \right] \\ &= \tan \left[ \tan^{-1} a_n - \tan^{-1} a_1 \right] \\ &= \tan \left[ \tan^{-1} \frac{a_n - a_1}{1+a_n \cdot a_1} \right] \quad \left[ \because \tan^{-1} x - \tan^{-1} y = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{x-y}{1+xy} \right) \right] \\ &= \frac{a_n - a_1}{1+a_n \cdot a_1} \quad \left[ \because \tan(\tan^{-1} x) = x \right] \end{aligned}$$