

INVERSE TRIGONOMETRIC FUNCTIONS

MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS

Q.NO	QUESTIONS AND SOLUTIONS
1	The principal value of $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{-1}{2}\right)$, (a) $\frac{2\pi}{3}$ (b) $\frac{\pi}{3}$ (iii) $\frac{-\pi}{3}$ (d) $\frac{-\pi}{6}$ Solution: We have $\cos^{-1}(-x) = \pi - \cos^{-1}(x)$ $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{-1}{2}\right) = \pi - \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right).$ $= \pi - \frac{\pi}{3} = \frac{2\pi}{3}$ Ans: (a)
2	The principal value of $\sin^{-1}\left[\sin\left(\frac{3\pi}{5}\right)\right]$, (a) $\frac{3\pi}{5}$ (b) $\frac{2\pi}{5}$ (iii) $\frac{-2\pi}{5}$ (d) $\frac{\pi}{5}$ Solution: We have $\sin^{-1}\left[\sin\left(\frac{3\pi}{5}\right)\right] = \sin^{-1}\left[\sin\left(\pi - \frac{3\pi}{5}\right)\right]$ $= \sin^{-1}\left[\sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{5}\right)\right]$ $= \frac{2\pi}{5}$ Ans. (b)
3	The value of: $\tan^{-1}\sqrt{3} - \sec^{-1}(-2)$ is (a) $\frac{\pi}{6}$ (b) $\frac{-\pi}{6}$ (c) $\frac{-\pi}{3}$ (d) 0 Solution: We have $\sec^{-1}(-x) = \pi - \sec^{-1}(x)$. $\therefore \tan^{-1}\sqrt{3} - \sec^{-1}(-2) = \frac{\pi}{3} - (\pi - \frac{\pi}{3}) = \frac{-\pi}{3}$ Ans: (c)
4	The value of $\sin\left[\frac{\pi}{3} - \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{-1}{2}\right)\right]$ is (a) 0 (b) 1 (c) -1 (d) 2 Solution: We have $\sin^{-1}(-x) = -\sin^{-1}(x)$

	$\therefore \sin \left[\frac{\pi}{3} - \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{-1}{2} \right) \right] = \sin \left[\frac{\pi}{3} - \left(\frac{-\pi}{6} \right) \right] = \sin \left(\frac{\pi}{2} \right) = 1$ Ans: (b)
5	The principal value of $\cos^{-1} \left(\cos \left(\frac{-7\pi}{3} \right) \right)$ is (a) $\frac{7\pi}{3}$ (b) $\frac{\pi}{3}$ (iii) $\frac{-\pi}{3}$ (d) $\frac{-7\pi}{3}$ Solution: We have $\cos(-x) = \cos x$ $\therefore \cos^{-1} \cos \left(\frac{-7\pi}{3} \right) = \cos^{-1} \cos \left(\frac{7\pi}{3} \right)$ $= \cos^{-1} \cos \left(2\pi + \frac{\pi}{3} \right)$ $= \cos^{-1} \cos \left(\frac{\pi}{3} \right) = \frac{\pi}{3}$ Ans: (b)
6	The value of $\tan^{-1} \sqrt{3} - \cot^{-1}(-\sqrt{3})$ is (a) $\frac{\pi}{2}$ (b) $\frac{-\pi}{2}$ (c) $\frac{-\pi}{3}$ (d) $\frac{\pi}{6}$ Solution: $\cot^{-1}(-\sqrt{3}) = \pi - \cot^{-1}(\sqrt{3}) = \pi - \frac{\pi}{6} = 5\frac{\pi}{6}$ $\therefore \tan^{-1} \sqrt{3} - \cot^{-1}(-\sqrt{3}) = \frac{\pi}{3} - 5\frac{\pi}{6} = -\frac{\pi}{2}$ Ans: (b)
7	The value of x if $\tan^{-1} \sqrt{3} + \cot^{-1} x = \frac{\pi}{2}$ (a) $\sqrt{3}$ (b) $-\sqrt{3}$ (c) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ (d) $\frac{\pi}{6}$ Solution: $\cot^{-1} x = \frac{\pi}{2} - \tan^{-1} \sqrt{3} = \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi}{3} = \frac{\pi}{6}$ $\therefore x = \cot \frac{\pi}{6} = \sqrt{3}$ Ans: (a)

8	The value of x if $\sec^{-1} 2 + \operatorname{cosec}^{-1} x = \frac{\pi}{2}$ (a) $\sqrt{3}$ (b) 2 (c) $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ (d) -2 Solution: $\operatorname{cosec}^{-1} x = \frac{\pi}{2} - \sec^{-1} \sqrt{3} = \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi}{3} = \frac{\pi}{6}$ $\therefore x = \operatorname{cosec} \frac{\pi}{6} = 2$ Ans: (b)
9	If $\sin^{-1} x = y$ then the principal value of y is: (a) $0 \leq y \leq \pi$ (b) $\frac{-\pi}{2} \leq y \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$ (c) $\frac{-\pi}{2} < y < \frac{\pi}{2}$ (d) $0 < y < \pi$ Ans: (b)
10	If $\tan^{-1} x = y$ then the principal value of y is: (a) $0 \leq y \leq \pi$ (b) $\frac{-\pi}{2} \leq y \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$ (c) $\frac{-\pi}{2} < y < \frac{\pi}{2}$ (d) $0 < y < \pi$ Ans: (c)

EXERCISE

1	The value of $\cos \left(\tan^{-1} \frac{3}{4} \right)$ is : (a) $\frac{3}{5}$ (b) $\frac{4}{5}$ (c) $\frac{3}{4}$ (d) $\frac{3}{7}$
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	Answer: (b) $\frac{4}{5}$
2	The principal value of : $\tan^{-1} \left[\tan \left(\frac{5\pi}{4} \right) \right]$, (a) $\frac{5\pi}{4}$ (b) $\frac{\pi}{4}$ (iii) $\frac{-\pi}{4}$ (d) 1 Answer: (b) $\frac{\pi}{4}$
3	The value of $\cot \left(\cos^{-1} \frac{7}{25} \right)$ is : (a) $\frac{7}{24}$ (b) $\frac{24}{25}$ (c) $\frac{7}{25}$ (d) $\frac{25}{7}$ Answer: (a) $\frac{7}{24}$
4	The value of $\cos^{-1} \left(\cos \left(\frac{14\pi}{3} \right) \right)$ is : (a) $\frac{14\pi}{3}$ (b) $\frac{\pi}{3}$ (c) $\frac{2\pi}{3}$ (d) $\frac{4\pi}{3}$ Answer: (c) $\frac{2\pi}{3}$
5	The value of $2 \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) + \cot^{-1}(1)$ (a) $\frac{7\pi}{12}$ (b) $\frac{3\pi}{4}$ (c) $\frac{2\pi}{3}$ (d) $\frac{\pi}{4}$ Answer: (a) $\frac{7\pi}{12}$

ASSERTION-REASON BASED QUESTIONS

	In the following questions, a statement of assertion (A) is followed by a statement of Reason (R). Choose the correct answer out of the following choices. (a) Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A. (b) Both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A. (c) A is true but R is false. (d) A is false but R is true.
1	ASSERTION (A): Principal value of $\cos^{-1} \cos \left(\frac{7\pi}{6} \right)$ is $\frac{5\pi}{6}$ REASON (R): Range of principal branch of $\cos^{-1}$ is $[0, \pi]$ and $\cos^{-1}(\cos x) = x$ if $x \in [0, \pi]$. Ans: (a)
2	ASSERTION (A): Principal value of $\sin^{-1} \sin \left(\frac{13\pi}{6} \right)$ is $\frac{\pi}{6}$ REASON (R): $\sin^{-1}(-x) = -\sin^{-1}(x)$ Ans: (b)
3	ASSERTION (A): Principal value of $\sin^{-1}(-1) = \frac{-\pi}{2}$ REASON (R): $\sin^{-1}(-x) = -\sin^{-1}(x)$ Ans: (a)

4	ASSERTION (A): Principal value of $\sin^{-1} \sin\left(\frac{3\pi}{5}\right) = \frac{3\pi}{5}$ REASON (R): $\sin^{-1} \sin(x) = x, x \in \left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$ Ans: (d)
5	ASSERTION (A): The principal value of $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$, REASON (R): cosine function is an even function, therefore $\cos(-x) = \cos x$. Ans: (d)
6	ASSERTION (A): The principal value of $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{-1}{2}\right) = \pi - \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$, REASON (R): Range of $\cos^{-1}x$ is $[0, \pi]$ Ans: (b)
7	ASSERTION (A): The principal value of $\tan^{-1}\left[\sin\left(\frac{-\pi}{2}\right)\right] = \frac{-\pi}{2}$, REASON (R): $\tan^{-1}(-x) = -\tan^{-1}(x)$ Ans: (d)
8	ASSERTION (A): The principal value of $\tan^{-1} \tan\left(\frac{-\pi}{4}\right) = \frac{-\pi}{4}$, REASON (R): Range of $\tan^{-1} x$ is $\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$, $\tan^{-1}(\tan x) = x$ if $x \in \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ Ans: (a)
9	ASSERTION(A): One branch of $\cos^{-1}x$ other than the principal value branch is $[\pi, 2\pi]$ REASON (R): $\cos\left(\frac{-\pi}{2}\right) = -1$ Ans: (c)
10	ASSERTION (A): One branch of $\sin^{-1}x$ other than the principal value branch is $\left[\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}\right]$ REASON (R): $\sin\left(\frac{3\pi}{2}\right) = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 1$ Ans: (c)

EXERCISE

1	ASSERTION (A): $\sin(\cos^{-1} x) = \cos(\sin^{-1} x) = \sqrt{1-x^2}, x \leq 1$ REASON (R): Because $\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta = 1$ Answer: (b)
2	ASSERTION (A): The principal value of $\cos^{-1}\left[\cos\left(\frac{-\pi}{4}\right)\right] = \frac{-\pi}{4}$ REASON (R): Range of $\cos^{-1} x$ is $[0, \pi]$ $\cos^{-1}(\cos x) = x$ if $x \in [0, \pi]$ Answer: (d)
3	ASSERTION (A): The principal value of $\sin[\cot^{-1}(\cos(\tan^{-1} 1))] = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}$

	REASON (R): Range of $\tan^{-1} x$ is $\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$, $\tan^{-1}(\tan x) = x$ if $x \in \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ Answer: (b)
4	ASSERTION (A): The principal value of $\cos^{-1} \cos\left(\frac{-\pi}{4}\right) = \frac{\pi}{4}$ REASON (R): Cosine function is an even function, therefore $\cos(-x) = \cos x$. and $\cos^{-1}(\cos x) = x$ if $x \in [0, \pi]$ Answer: (a)
5	ASSERTION (A): The value of $\sin\left[2 \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)\right] = \frac{3}{4}$ REASON (R): $\sin(\sin^{-1} x) = x$, $x \in [-1, 1]$ Answer: (d)

2 MARK QUESTIONS

1	Find the value of $\sin^{-1}\left[\sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}\right)\right] + \cos^{-1}\left[\cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}\right)\right]$. Solution: We have $\sin^{-1}\sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}\right) = \sin^{-1}\sin\left(\pi - \frac{\pi}{3}\right)$ $= \sin^{-1}\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)$ $= \frac{\pi}{3}$ Value of $\cos^{-1}\cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}\right) = \frac{2\pi}{3}$ $\therefore \sin^{-1}\sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}\right) + \cos^{-1}\cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}\right) = \frac{\pi}{3} + \frac{2\pi}{3} = \pi$
2	Find the value of: $\tan^{-1}\left[2 \cos\left(\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\right)\right]$ Solution: $\tan^{-1}\left[2 \cos\left(\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\right)\right] = \tan^{-1}\left[2 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)\right] = \tan^{-1}\left[2 \times \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right] = \tan^{-1}\sqrt{3} = \frac{\pi}{3}$
3	Find the value of: $\tan^{-1}\left[2 \sin\left(2 \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)\right)\right]$ Solution: $\tan^{-1}\left[2 \sin\left(2 \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)\right)\right] = \tan^{-1}\left[2 \sin\left(2 \times \frac{\pi}{6}\right)\right]$ $= \tan^{-1}\left[2 \times \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right] = \tan^{-1}\sqrt{3} = \frac{\pi}{3}$
4	If $\cot^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{5}\right) = x$, then find the value of $\sin x$

	Solution: $\cot x = \frac{1}{5}$ $\therefore \sin x = \frac{5}{\sqrt{26}}$
5	Find the value of $\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{-1}{2}\right) + 2\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{-\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)$ Solution: $\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{-1}{2}\right) = -\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = -\frac{\pi}{6}$ $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{-\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) = \pi - \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) = \pi - \frac{\pi}{6} = \frac{5\pi}{6}$ $\therefore \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{-1}{2}\right) + 2\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{-\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) = \frac{-\pi}{6} + 2 \times \frac{5\pi}{6} = \frac{3\pi}{2}$
6	Show that for $x < 1$, $\sin(\tan^{-1} x) = \frac{x}{\sqrt{1+x^2}}$ Solution: Let $\tan^{-1} x = y$ $\therefore \tan y = x$ $\therefore \text{L H S} = \sin y = \frac{x}{\sqrt{1+x^2}} = \text{R H S}$
7	Prove that: $\tan\left(\frac{1}{2}\sin^{-1}\frac{3}{4}\right) = \frac{4-\sqrt{7}}{3}$ Solution: Let $\sin^{-1}\frac{3}{4} = x$ $\therefore \sin x = \frac{3}{4}$ $\therefore \cos x = \frac{\sqrt{7}}{4}$ $\text{L H S} = \tan \frac{x}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{1-\cos x}{1+\cos x}} = \sqrt{\frac{1-\frac{\sqrt{7}}{4}}{1+\frac{\sqrt{7}}{4}}} = \frac{4-\sqrt{7}}{3} = \text{RHS}$
8	Find the value of $\tan\left(2\tan^{-1}\frac{1}{5} - \frac{\pi}{4}\right)$ Solution: Let $\tan^{-1}\frac{1}{5} = x$ $\therefore \tan x = \frac{1}{5}$ $\therefore \tan\left(2\tan^{-1}\frac{1}{5} - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \tan\left(2x - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \frac{\tan 2x - \tan \frac{\pi}{4}}{1 + \tan 2x \tan \frac{\pi}{4}} = \frac{-7}{17}$ where, $\tan 2x = \frac{2\tan x}{1-\tan^2 x} = \frac{2 \times \frac{1}{5}}{1-\left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^2} = \frac{5}{12}$

9	Find the value of $\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{-1}{2}\right) + 2\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{-1}{2}\right) + \tan^{-1}(1)$ Solution: $\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{-1}{2}\right) = -\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = -\frac{\pi}{6}$ $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{-1}{2}\right) = \pi - \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \pi - \frac{\pi}{3} = \frac{2\pi}{3}$ $\tan^{-1}(1) = \frac{\pi}{4}$ $\therefore \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{-1}{2}\right) + 2\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{-1}{2}\right) + \tan^{-1}(1) = \frac{-\pi}{6} + \frac{2\pi}{3} + \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{3\pi}{4}$
10	Find the value of $\sin\left(2\sin^{-1}\frac{3}{5}\right)$ Solution: Let $\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{3}{5}\right) = \theta$ $\therefore \sin \theta = \frac{3}{5}$ $\therefore \sin\left(2\sin^{-1}\frac{3}{5}\right) = \sin 2\theta = 2\sin \theta \cos \theta$ $= 2 \times \frac{3}{5} \times \frac{4}{5} = \frac{24}{25}$

2 MARKS

1	Find the value of $\sin\left[2\cot^{-1}\left(-\frac{5}{12}\right)\right]$ Answer: $-\frac{120}{169}$
2	Find the value of $\tan\left[\frac{\pi}{6} - \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)\right]$ Answer: 0
3	Find the value of $\sin(\cot^{-1} x)$ in terms of x Answer: $\frac{1}{\sqrt{1+x^2}}$
4	Find the value of $\sin\left[\cot^{-1}\left(\frac{4}{3}\right)\right]$ Answer: $\frac{3}{5}$
5	Find the principal of $\tan^{-1} \tan\left(\frac{7\pi}{6}\right) + \cot^{-1} \cot\left(\frac{7\pi}{6}\right)$ Answer: $\frac{\pi}{3}$