

Analytic Trigonometry

8.1 The Inverse Sine, Cosine and Tangent Functions

1. $\sin^{-1}(0)$

We are finding the angle θ , $-\frac{\pi}{2} < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$, whose sine equals 0.

$$\sin \theta = 0 \quad -\frac{\pi}{2} < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\theta = 0 \quad \sin^{-1}(0) = 0$$

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

We are finding the angle θ , $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$, whose cosine equals 1.

$$\cos \theta = 1 \quad 0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$$

$$\theta = 0 \quad \cos^{-1}(1) = 0$$

3. $\sin^{-1}(-1)$

We are finding the angle θ , $-\frac{\pi}{2} < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$, whose sine equals -1 .

$$\sin \theta = -1 \quad -\frac{\pi}{2} < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\theta = -\frac{\pi}{2} \quad \sin^{-1}(-1) = -\frac{\pi}{2}$$

4. $\cos^{-1}(-1)$

We are finding the angle θ , $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$, whose cosine equals -1 .

$$\cos \theta = -1 \quad 0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$$

$$\theta = \pi \quad \cos^{-1}(-1) = \pi$$

5. $\tan^{-1}(0)$

We are finding the angle θ , $-\frac{\pi}{2} < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$, whose tangent equals 0.

$$\tan \theta = 0 \quad -\frac{\pi}{2} < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\theta = 0 \quad \tan^{-1}(0) = 0$$

6. $\tan^{-1}(-1)$

We are finding the angle θ , $-\frac{\pi}{2} < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$, whose tangent equals -1 .

$$\tan \theta = -1 \quad -\frac{\pi}{2} < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\theta = -\frac{\pi}{4} \quad \tan^{-1}(-1) = -\frac{\pi}{4}$$

7. $\sin^{-1} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$

We are finding the angle θ , $-\frac{\pi}{2} < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$, whose sine equals $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$.

$$\sin \theta = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \quad -\frac{\pi}{2} < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\theta = \frac{\pi}{4} \quad \sin^{-1} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

8. $\tan^{-1} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$

We are finding the angle θ , $-\frac{\pi}{2} < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$, whose tangent equals $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$.

$$\tan \theta = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} \quad -\frac{\pi}{2} < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\theta = \frac{\pi}{6} \quad \tan^{-1} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} = \frac{\pi}{6}$$

9. $\tan^{-1}(\sqrt{3})$

We are finding the angle θ , $-\frac{\pi}{2} < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$, whose tangent equals $\sqrt{3}$.

$$\tan \theta = \sqrt{3} \quad -\frac{\pi}{2} < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\theta = \frac{\pi}{3} \quad \tan^{-1}(\sqrt{3}) = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

10. $\sin^{-1} -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$

We are finding the angle θ , $-\frac{\pi}{2} < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$, whose sine equals $-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$.

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$$\sin \theta = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \quad -\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\theta = -\frac{\pi}{3} \quad \sin^{-1} -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = -\frac{\pi}{3}$$

11. $\cos^{-1} -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$

We are finding the angle θ , $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$, whose cosine equals $-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$.

$$\cos \theta = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \quad 0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$$

$$\theta = \frac{5\pi}{6} \quad \cos^{-1} -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = \frac{5\pi}{6}$$

12. $\sin^{-1} -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$

We are finding the angle θ , $-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$, whose sine equals $-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$.

$$\sin \theta = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \quad -\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\theta = -\frac{\pi}{4} \quad \sin^{-1} -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} = -\frac{\pi}{4}$$

13. $\sin^{-1}(0.1) \approx 0.10$

14. $\cos^{-1}(0.6) \approx 0.93$

15. $\tan^{-1}(5) \approx 1.37$

16. $\tan^{-1}(0.2) \approx 0.20$

17. $\cos^{-1} \frac{7}{8} \approx 0.51$

18. $\sin^{-1} \frac{1}{8} \approx 0.13$

19. $\tan^{-1}(-0.4) \approx -0.38$

20. $\tan^{-1}(-3) \approx -1.25$

21. $\sin^{-1}(-0.12) \approx -0.12$

22. $\cos^{-1}(-0.44) \approx 2.03$

23. $\cos^{-1} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3} \approx 1.08$

24. $\sin^{-1} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{5} \approx 0.35$

25. $\sin[\sin^{-1}(0.54)] = 0.54$

26. $\tan[\tan^{-1}(7.4)] = 7.4$

27. $\cos^{-1} \cos \frac{4}{5} = \frac{4}{5}$

28. $\sin^{-1} \sin -\frac{\pi}{10} = -\frac{\pi}{10}$

$$29. \tan[\tan^{-1}(-3.5)] = -3.5$$

$$30. \cos[\cos^{-1}(-0.05)] = -0.05$$

$$31. \sin^{-1} \sin -\frac{3}{7} = -\frac{3}{7}$$

$$32. \tan^{-1} \tan \frac{2}{5} = \frac{2}{5}$$

33. yes, $\sin^{-1} \sin -\frac{\pi}{6} = -\frac{\pi}{6}$ since $\sin^{-1}[\sin(x)] = x$ where $-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$
and $-\frac{\pi}{6}$ is in the restricted domain of $f(x) = \sin(x)$.

34. no, $\sin^{-1} \sin \frac{2}{3} \neq \frac{2}{3}$ since $\sin^{-1}[\sin(x)] = x$ where $-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$
and $\frac{2}{3}$ is not in the restricted domain of $f(x) = \sin(x)$.

35. no, $\sin[\sin^{-1}(2)] \neq 2$ since $\sin[\sin^{-1}(x)] = x$ where $-1 \leq x \leq 1$
and 2 is not in the domain of $f(x) = \sin^{-1}(x)$.

36. yes, $\sin \sin^{-1} -\frac{1}{2} = -\frac{1}{2}$ since $\sin[\sin^{-1}(x)] = x$ where $-1 \leq x \leq 1$
and $-\frac{1}{2}$ is in the domain of $f(x) = \sin^{-1}(x)$.

37. no, $\cos^{-1} \cos -\frac{\pi}{6} \neq -\frac{\pi}{6}$ since $\cos^{-1}[\cos(x)] = x$ where $0 \leq x \leq \pi$
and $-\frac{\pi}{6}$ is not in the restricted domain of $f(x) = \cos(x)$.

38. yes, $\cos^{-1} \cos \frac{2}{3} = \frac{2}{3}$ since $\cos^{-1}[\cos(x)] = x$ where $0 \leq x \leq \pi$
and $\frac{2}{3}$ is in the restricted domain of $f(x) = \cos(x)$.

39. yes, $\cos \cos^{-1} -\frac{1}{2} = -\frac{1}{2}$ since $\cos[\cos^{-1}(x)] = x$ where $-1 \leq x \leq 1$

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and $-\frac{1}{2}$ is in the domain of $f(x) = \cos^{-1}(x)$.

40. no, $\cos[\cos^{-1}(2)] \neq 2$ since $\cos[\cos^{-1}(x)] = x$ where $-1 \leq x \leq 1$

and 2 is not in the domain of $f(x) = \cos^{-1}(x)$.

41. yes, $\tan^{-1} \tan^{-1} -\frac{3}{3} = -\frac{3}{3}$ since $\tan^{-1}[\tan(x)] = x$ where $-\frac{\pi}{2} < x < \frac{\pi}{2}$

and $-\frac{3}{3}$ is in the restricted domain of $f(x) = \tan(x)$.

42. no, $\tan^{-1} \tan \frac{2}{3} \neq \frac{2}{3}$ since $\tan^{-1}[\tan(x)] = x$ where $-\frac{\pi}{2} < x < \frac{\pi}{2}$

and $\frac{2}{3}$ is not in the restricted domain of $f(x) = \tan(x)$.

43. yes, $\tan[\tan^{-1}(2)] = 2$ since $\tan[\tan^{-1}(x)] = x$ where $-\infty < x < \infty$

44. yes, $\tan \tan^{-1} -\frac{1}{2} = -\frac{1}{2}$ since $\tan[\tan^{-1}(x)] = x$ where $-\infty < x < \infty$

45. (a) $D = 24 \left(1 - \frac{\cos^{-1} \tan 23.5^\circ \tan 29.75^\circ}{180} \right)$ 13.92 hours

(b) $D = 24 \left(1 - \frac{\cos^{-1} \tan 0^\circ \tan 29.75^\circ}{180} \right)$ 12 hours

(c) $D = 24 \left(1 - \frac{\cos^{-1} \tan 22.8^\circ \tan 29.75^\circ}{180} \right)$ 13.85 hours

$$46. \quad (a) \quad D = 24 \left(1 - \frac{\cos^{-1} \tan 23.5^\circ \tan 40.75^\circ}{180} \right) \quad 14.93 \text{ hours}$$

$$(b) \quad D = 24 \left(1 - \frac{\cos^{-1} \tan 0^\circ \tan 40.75^\circ}{180} \right) \quad 12 \text{ hours}$$

$$(c) \quad D = 24 \left(1 - \frac{\cos^{-1} \tan 22.8^\circ \tan 40.75^\circ}{180} \right) \quad 14.83 \text{ hours}$$

$$47. \quad (a) \quad D = 24 \left(1 - \frac{\cos^{-1} \tan 23.5^\circ \tan 21.3^\circ}{180} \right) \quad 13.30 \text{ hours}$$

$$(b) \quad D = 24 \left(1 - \frac{\cos^{-1} \tan 0^\circ \tan 21.3^\circ}{180} \right) \quad 12 \text{ hours}$$

$$(c) \quad D = 24 \left(1 - \frac{\cos^{-1} \tan 22.8^\circ \tan 21.3^\circ}{180} \right) \quad 13.26 \text{ hours}$$

$$48. \quad (a) \quad D = 24 \left(1 - \frac{\cos^{-1} \tan 23.5^\circ \tan 61.167^\circ}{180} \right) \quad 18.96 \text{ hours}$$

$$(b) \quad D = 24 \left(1 - \frac{\cos^{-1} \tan 0^\circ \tan 61.167^\circ}{180} \right) \quad 12 \text{ hours}$$

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$$(c) \quad D = 24 \left(1 - \frac{\cos^{-1} \tan 22.8 \frac{\pi}{180} \tan 61.167 \frac{\pi}{180}}{1} \right) \quad 18.64 \text{ hours}$$

$$49. \quad (a) \quad D = 24 \left(1 - \frac{\cos^{-1} \tan 23.5 \frac{\pi}{180} \tan 0 \frac{\pi}{180}}{1} \right) \quad 12 \text{ hours}$$

$$(b) \quad D = 24 \left(1 - \frac{\cos^{-1} \tan 0 \frac{\pi}{180} \tan 0 \frac{\pi}{180}}{1} \right) \quad 12 \text{ hours}$$

$$(c) \quad D = 24 \left(1 - \frac{\cos^{-1} \tan 22.8 \frac{\pi}{180} \tan 0 \frac{\pi}{180}}{1} \right) \quad 12 \text{ hours}$$

$$50. \quad (a) \quad D = 24 \left(1 - \frac{\cos^{-1} \tan 23.5 \frac{\pi}{180} \tan 66.5 \frac{\pi}{180}}{1} \right) \quad 24 \text{ hours}$$

$$(b) \quad D = 24 \left(1 - \frac{\cos^{-1} \tan 0 \frac{\pi}{180} \tan 66.5 \frac{\pi}{180}}{1} \right) \quad 12 \text{ hours}$$

$$(c) \quad D = 24 \left(1 - \frac{\cos^{-1} \tan 22.8 \frac{\pi}{180} \tan 66.5 \frac{\pi}{180}}{1} \right) \quad 22.02 \text{ hours}$$

- (d) The number of hours of daylight at this location on the winter solstice is:
 $24 - 24 = 0$. On the winter solstice, there is no daylight.

$$51. \quad 1530 \text{ ft} \cdot \frac{1 \text{ mile}}{5280 \text{ feet}} = 0.29 \text{ mile}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{3960}{3960.29}$$

$$\theta = 0.0121 \text{ radians}$$

$$s = r\theta = 3960(0.0121) = 47.92 \text{ miles}$$

$$\frac{2 \cdot (2710)}{24} = \frac{47.92}{t}$$

$$t = 0.0675 \text{ hour} = 4.05 \text{ minutes}$$

