

A21 Further Maths

Differentiation and Integration of Inverse Trig Functions

Graphs of inverse trigonometric functions

$$y = \arcsin x$$

Remember we defined

$$y = \sin x$$

to have domain

$$-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$$

and the range is

$$-1 \leq \sin x \leq 1$$

Our inverse

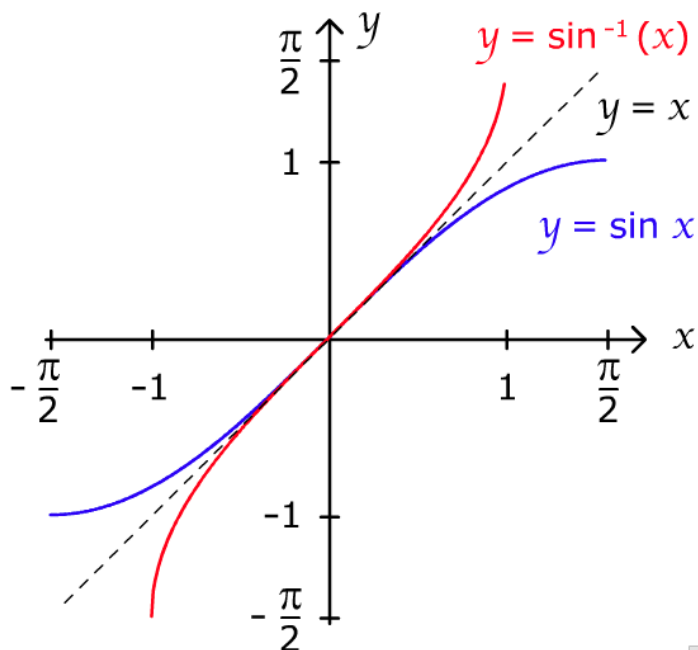
$$y = \sin^{-1} x$$

has domain

$$-1 \leq x \leq 1$$

and range

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



$$y = \arccos x$$

We limit the domain to

$$0 \leq x \leq \pi$$

and the range is

$$-1 \leq \cos x \leq 1$$

The inverse function looks like this.

It's a reflection of $y = \cos x$ in the line $y = x$.

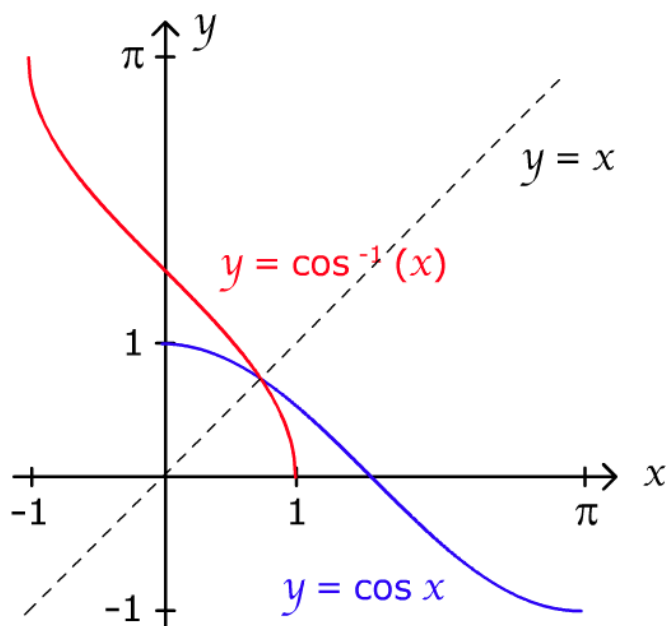
The domain of

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

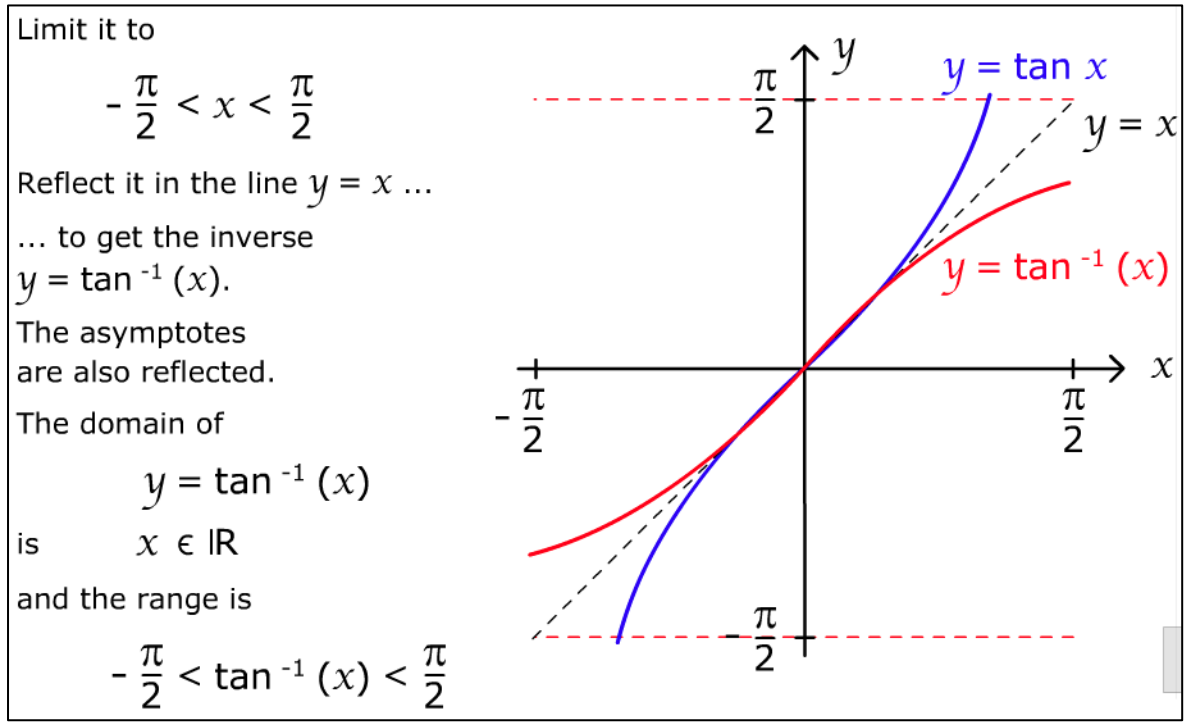
is $-1 \leq x \leq 1$

and the range is

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



$y = \arctan x$



Differentiation of Inverse Trig Functions

1. Let $y = \sin^{-1} x \therefore x = \sin y$ $-1 \leq x \leq 1$ and $-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq y \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$

$\therefore \cos y \frac{dy}{dx} = 1$

$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{\cos y}$

$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{\pm\sqrt{1-x^2}}$

* But $y = \sin^{-1} x$ is an increasing function between -1 and 1 , so $\frac{dy}{dx}$ is positive.

$\therefore \frac{d(\sin^{-1} x)}{dx} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$

2. Let $y = \cos^{-1} x \therefore x = \cos y \quad -1 \leq x \leq 1$ and $0 \leq y \leq \pi$

$$\therefore -\sin y \frac{dy}{dx} = 1$$

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-1}{\sin y}$$

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-1}{\pm\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

* But $y = \cos^{-1} x$ is a decreasing function between -1 and 1 , so $\frac{dy}{dx}$ is negative.

$$\therefore \frac{d(\cos^{-1} x)}{dx} = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

3. Let $y = \tan^{-1} x \therefore x = \tan y \quad -\infty < x < \infty$ (or $x \in R$) and $\frac{-\pi}{2} < y < \frac{\pi}{2}$

$$\therefore \sec^2 y \frac{dy}{dx} = 1$$

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{\sec^2 y}$$

$$* \sec^2 y = 1 + \tan^2 y$$

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$$

$$\therefore \frac{d(\tan^{-1} x)}{dx} = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$$

Results

$$\frac{d(\sin^{-1} x)}{dx} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

$$\frac{d(\cos^{-1} x)}{dx} = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}},$$

$$\frac{d(\tan^{-1} x)}{dx} = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$$

Example Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ when

(a.) $y = \cos^{-1} x^2$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Let } u &= x^2 \\ y &= \cos^{-1} u \\ \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{dy}{du} \times \frac{du}{dx} \\ &= \frac{-1}{\sqrt{1-u^2}} \times 2x \\ &= \frac{-2x}{\sqrt{1-x^4}}\end{aligned}$$

(b.) $y = \tan^{-1}(e^{3x})$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Let } u &= e^{3x} \\ y &= \tan^{-1} u \\ \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{dy}{du} \times \frac{du}{dx} \\ &= \frac{1}{1+u^2} \times 3e^{3x}\end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{3e^{3x}}{1+e^{6x}}$$

Example Find an equation of the normal to the curve $y = \sin^{-1} 2x$ at point where $x = \frac{1}{4}$.

$$\begin{aligned}y &= \sin^{-1}(2x) \\ \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{2}{\sqrt{1-(2x)^2}} \\ &= \frac{2}{\sqrt{1-4x^2}} \\ \text{when } x &= \frac{1}{4} \\ \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{2}{\sqrt{1-(\frac{1}{2})^2}} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\frac{3}{4}}} \\ &= \frac{4\sqrt{3}}{3} \\ \therefore \text{grad normal} &= -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} \quad (\text{negative reciprocal})\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{when } x &= \frac{1}{4} \quad y = \sin^{-1}(2(\frac{1}{4})) \\ &= \sin^{-1}(\frac{1}{2}) \\ &= \frac{\pi}{6} \\ \text{normal } y &= -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}x + c \\ (\frac{1}{4}, \frac{\pi}{6}) \quad \frac{\pi}{6} &= -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}(\frac{1}{4}) + c \\ c &= \frac{\pi}{6} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{16} \\ \text{Normal is } y &= -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}x + \frac{\pi}{6} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{16}\end{aligned}$$

Integration of $\frac{1}{a^2+x^2}$ and $\frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2-x^2}}$

1. Since $\frac{d(\sin^{-1} x)}{dx} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$

then $\frac{d(\sin^{-1} \frac{x}{a})}{dx} = \frac{1 \times \frac{1}{a}}{\sqrt{1 - (\frac{x}{a})^2}}$

$$\therefore \frac{d(\sin^{-1} \frac{x}{a})}{dx} = \frac{1}{a \sqrt{1 - (\frac{x}{a})^2}} \quad \therefore \frac{d(\sin^{-1} \frac{x}{a})}{dx} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}}$$

hence $\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}} dx = \sin^{-1} \frac{x}{a} + c$

2. And since $\frac{d(\tan^{-1} x)}{dx} = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$

then $\frac{d(\tan^{-1} \frac{x}{a})}{dx} = \frac{1 \times \frac{1}{a}}{1 + (\frac{x}{a})^2}$

$$\therefore \frac{d(\tan^{-1} \frac{x}{a})}{dx} = \frac{1}{a(1 + (\frac{x}{a})^2)}$$

$$\therefore \frac{d(\tan^{-1} \frac{x}{a})}{dx} = \frac{1}{a \left(\frac{a^2 + x^2}{a^2} \right)}$$

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$$\therefore \frac{d(\tan^{-1} \frac{x}{a})}{dx} = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{a^2 + x^2}{a} \right)} \quad \therefore \frac{d(\tan^{-1} \frac{x}{a})}{dx} = \frac{a}{a^2 + x^2}$$

hence $\int \frac{1}{a^2 + x^2} dx = \frac{1}{a} \tan^{-1} \frac{x}{a} + c$

Example Find (a.) $\int \frac{4}{x^2+16} dx$ (b.) $\int \frac{2}{36+x^2} dx$

$$(a.) \int \frac{4}{x^2+16} dx$$

$$= 4 \int \frac{1}{x^2+(4)^2} dx$$

$$= 4 \times \frac{1}{4} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{4}\right) + C$$

$$= \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{4}\right) + C$$

$$(b.) \int \frac{2}{36+x^2} dx$$

$$= 2 \int \frac{1}{x^2+6^2} dx$$

$$= 2 \times \frac{1}{6} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{6}\right) + C$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{6}\right) + C$$

Example Evaluate $\int_{-1.5}^0 \frac{1}{\sqrt{9-x^2}} dx$

$$\int_{-1.5}^0 \frac{1}{\sqrt{9-x^2}} dx = \left[\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{3}\right) \right]_{-1.5}^0$$

$$= \left[\sin^{-1}(0) \right] - \left[\sin^{-1}\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) \right]$$

$$= [0] - \left[-\frac{\pi}{6} \right]$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{6}$$

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