

Inverse Trigonometric Functions — 8.1 and 8.2

Inverse Sine Function

The inverse sine function, denoted by $\sin^{-1} x$ or $\arcsin x$, is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} y = \sin^{-1} x & \quad \text{if and only if} & \quad x = \sin y \\ y = \arcsin x & \quad \text{if and only if} & \quad x = \sin y \end{aligned}$$

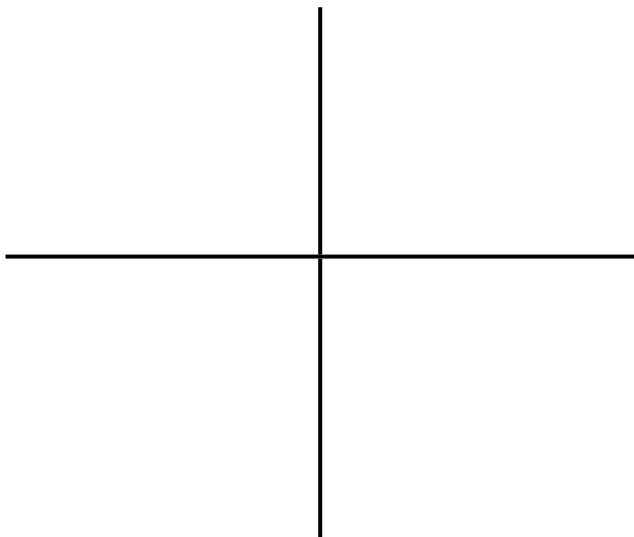
for $-1 \leq x \leq 1$ and $-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq y \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$. This limits the range to angles in Quadrants I and IV.

1. Graph $y = \sin^{-1} x = \arcsin x$.

Domain:

Range:

Symmetry:



Properties of Inverse Sine

$$\sin(\sin^{-1} x) = \sin(\arcsin x) = x \quad \text{if} \quad -1 \leq x \leq 1$$

$$\sin^{-1}(\sin y) = \arcsin(\sin y) = y \quad \text{if} \quad -\frac{\pi}{2} \leq y \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$$

2. $\sin\left(\sin^{-1}\frac{1}{2}\right)$

3. $\arcsin\left(\sin\frac{2\pi}{3}\right)$

Inverse Cosine Function

The inverse cosine function, denoted by $\cos^{-1} x$ or $\arccos x$, is defined by

$$y = \cos^{-1} x \quad \text{if and only if} \quad x = \cos y$$

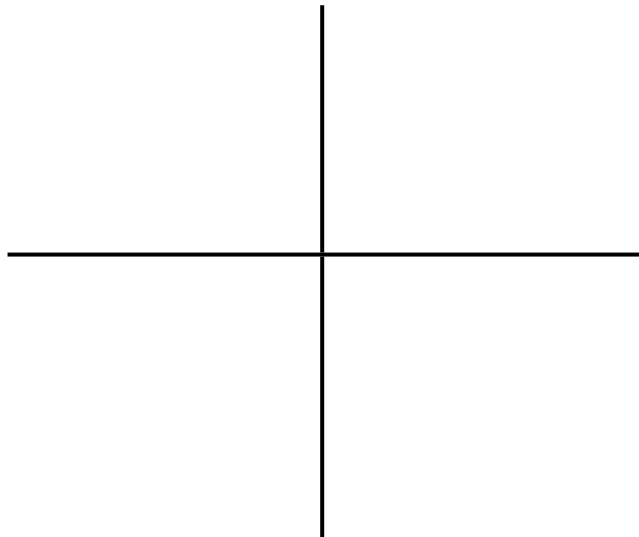
$$y = \arccos x \quad \text{if and only if} \quad x = \cos y$$

for $-1 \leq x \leq 1$ and $0 \leq y \leq \pi$. This limits the range to angles in Quadrants I and II.

4. Graph $y = \cos^{-1} x = \arccos x$.

Domain:

Range:



Properties of Inverse Cosine

$$\cos(\cos^{-1} x) = \cos(\arccos x) = x \quad \text{if} \quad -1 \leq x \leq 1$$

$$\cos^{-1}(\cos y) = \arccos(\cos y) = y \quad \text{if} \quad 0 \leq y \leq \pi$$

5. $\cos[\cos^{-1}(-0.5)]$

6. $\arccos(\cos \pi)$

Inverse Tangent Function

The inverse tangent function, denoted by $\tan^{-1} x$ or $\arctan x$, is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} y = \tan^{-1} x & \quad \text{if and only if} & \quad x = \tan y \\ y = \arctan x & \quad \text{if and only if} & \quad x = \tan y \end{aligned}$$

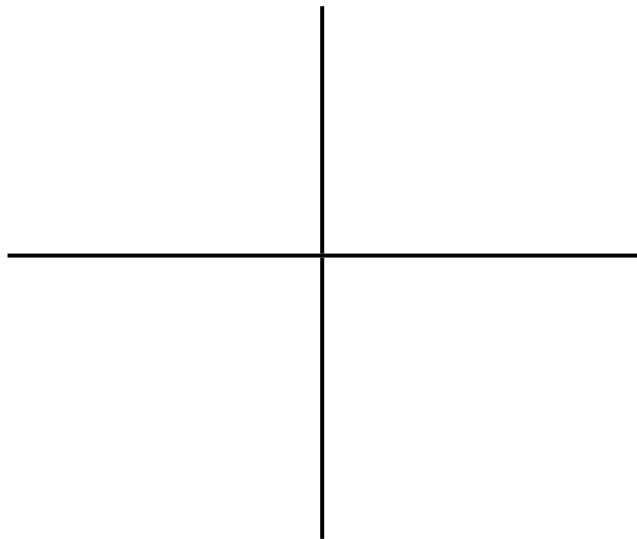
for any real number x and $-\frac{\pi}{2} < y < \frac{\pi}{2}$. This limits the range to angles in Quadrants I and IV.

7. Graph $y = \tan^{-1} x = \arctan x$.

Domain:

Range:

Horizontal Asymptotes:



Properties of Inverse Tangent

$$\tan(\tan^{-1} x) = \tan(\arctan x) = x \quad \text{for every real number } x$$

$$\tan^{-1}(\tan y) = \arctan(\tan y) = y \quad \text{if} \quad -\frac{\pi}{2} < y < \frac{\pi}{2}$$

8. $\tan(\tan^{-1} 2500)$

9. $\arctan(\tan \pi)$

Find the exact value of the expression whenever it is defined.

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

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

12. $\cot\left(\sin^{-1}\left(-\frac{2}{5}\right)\right)$

13. $\cos\left(\frac{1}{2}\arctan\left(\frac{8}{15}\right)\right)$

Write the expression as an algebraic expression in x for $x > 0$.

14. $\tan(\arccos x)$

15. $\cot\left(\sin^{-1}\frac{\sqrt{x^2-9}}{x}\right)$

The given equation has the form $y = f(x)$ **a)** Find the domain of f **b)** Find the range of f **c)** Solve for x in terms of y .

16. $y = 2 \sin^{-1}(3x - 4)$

Solve the equation for x in terms of y if x is restricted to the given interval.

17. $y = 2 + 3 \sin x$ $\left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2} \right]$

Use inverse trigonometric functions to find the solutions of the equation that are in the given interval, and approximate the solutions to four decimal places.

18. $6 \sin 2x - 8 \cos x + 9 \sin x - 6 = 0$ $\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$