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**Chapter 4**  
**Ex 4.1**

### Inverse Trigonometric Functions Ex 4.1 Q1.

$$\text{Let } \tan^{-1}(-\sqrt{3}) = y. \text{ Then, } \tan y = -\sqrt{3} = -\tan \frac{\pi}{3} = \tan\left(-\frac{\pi}{3}\right).$$

We know that the range of the principal value branch of  $\tan^{-1}$  is  $\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$  and  $\tan\left(-\frac{\pi}{3}\right)$  is  $-\sqrt{3}$ .

Therefore, the principal value of  $\tan^{-1}(\sqrt{3})$  is  $-\frac{\pi}{3}$ .

#### Concept Insight:

The range for  $\tan^{-1}$  is same as  $\sin^{-1}$  except that it is an open interval, as  $\tan(-\pi/2)$  and  $\tan(\pi/2)$  are not defined. So the method of finding principal value is same as  $\sin^{-1}$  given in the first problem. Also note that  $\tan(-x) = -\tan x$ .

$$\text{Let } \cos^{-1}\left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) = y. \text{ Then, } \cos y = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = -\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \cos\left(\pi - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \cos\left(\frac{3\pi}{4}\right).$$

We know that the range of the principal value branch of  $\cos^{-1}$  is  $[0, \pi]$  and  $\cos\left(\frac{3\pi}{4}\right) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$

Therefore, the principal value of  $\cos^{-1}\left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$  is  $\frac{3\pi}{4}$ .

$$\text{Let } \operatorname{cosec}^{-1}(-\sqrt{2}) = y. \text{ Then, } \operatorname{cosec} y = -\sqrt{2} = -\operatorname{cosec}\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \operatorname{cosec}\left(-\frac{\pi}{4}\right).$$

We know that the range of the principal value branch of  $\operatorname{cosec}^{-1}$  is  $\left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right] - \{0\}$  and  $\operatorname{cosec}\left(-\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = -\sqrt{2}$ .

Therefore, the principal value of  $\operatorname{cosec}^{-1}(-\sqrt{2})$  is  $-\frac{\pi}{4}$ .

We know that for any  $x \in [-1, 1]$ ,  $\cos^{-1} x$  represents angle in  $[0, \pi]$

$$\cos^{-1}\left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) = \text{an angle in } [0, \pi] \text{ whose cosine is } \left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)$$

$$= \pi - \frac{\pi}{6} = \frac{5\pi}{6}$$

$$\therefore \cos^{-1}\left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) = \frac{5\pi}{6}$$

We know that, for any  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\tan^{-1} x$  represents an angle in  $\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$  whose tangent is  $x$ .

So,

$$\begin{aligned} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right) &= \text{An angle in } \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \text{ whose tangest is } \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ &= \frac{\pi}{6} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right) = \frac{\pi}{6}.$$

We know that, for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\sec^{-1}x$  represents an angle in  $[0, \pi] - \left\{\frac{\pi}{2}\right\}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\sec^{-1}(-\sqrt{2}) &= \text{An angle in } [0, \pi] - \left\{\frac{\pi}{2}\right\} \text{ whose secant is } (-\sqrt{2}) \\ &= \pi - \frac{\pi}{4} \\ &= \frac{3\pi}{4}\end{aligned}$$

$$\sec^{-1}(-\sqrt{2}) = \frac{3\pi}{4}.$$

We know that, for any  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\cot^{-1}x$  represents an angle in  $(0, \pi)$

$$\begin{aligned}\cot^{-1}(-\sqrt{3}) &= \text{An angle in } (0, \pi) \text{ whose cotangent is } (-\sqrt{3}) \\ &= \pi - \frac{\pi}{6} \\ &= \frac{5\pi}{6}\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \cot^{-1}(-\sqrt{3}) = \frac{5\pi}{6}.$$

We know that, for any  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\sec^{-1}x$  represents an angle in  $[0, \pi] - \left\{\frac{\pi}{2}\right\}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\sec^{-1}(2) &= \text{An angle in } [0, \pi] - \left\{\frac{\pi}{2}\right\} \text{ whose secant is } 2 \\ &= \frac{\pi}{3}\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \sec^{-1}(2) = \frac{\pi}{3}.$$

We know that, for any  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\operatorname{cosec}^{-1}x$  is an angle in  $\left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, 0\right) \cup \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$

$$\begin{aligned}\operatorname{cosec}^{-1}\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}\right) &= \text{An angle in } \left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, 0\right) \cup \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right] \text{ whose cosecant is } \left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}\right) \\ &= \frac{\pi}{3}\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \operatorname{cosec}^{-1}\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}\right) = \frac{\pi}{3}.$$

#### Inverse Trigonometric Functions Ex 4.1 Q2.

Let  $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = x$ . Then,  $\cos x = \frac{1}{2} = \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)$ .

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

Let  $\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = y$ . Then,  $\sin y = \frac{1}{2} = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)$ .

$$\therefore \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{\pi}{6}$$

$$\therefore \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + 2\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{\pi}{3} + \frac{2\pi}{6} = \frac{\pi}{3} + \frac{\pi}{3} = \frac{2\pi}{3}$$

$$\therefore \sin^{-1} \frac{1}{2} = \frac{\pi}{6}$$

$$\therefore \tan^{-1} \left[ 2 \cos \left( 2 \sin^{-1} \frac{1}{2} \right) \right] = \tan^{-1} \left[ 2 \cos \left( 2 \times \frac{\pi}{6} \right) \right]$$

$$= \tan^{-1} \left[ 2 \cos \frac{\pi}{3} \right] = \tan^{-1} \left[ 2 \times \frac{1}{2} \right]$$

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

### Concept Insight:

Solve the innermost bracket first, so first find the principal value of  $\sin^{-1}(1/2)$

Let  $\tan^{-1}(1) = x$ . Then,  $\tan x = 1 = \tan \frac{\pi}{4}$ .

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

Let  $\cos^{-1}\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) = y$ . Then,  $\cos y = -\frac{1}{2} = -\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) = \cos\left(\pi - \frac{\pi}{3}\right) = \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}\right)$ .

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

Let  $\sin^{-1}\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) = z$ . Then,  $\sin z = -\frac{1}{2} = -\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) = \sin\left(-\frac{\pi}{6}\right)$ .

$$\therefore \sin^{-1}\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) = -\frac{\pi}{6}$$

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

$$= \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{2\pi}{3} - \frac{\pi}{6}$$

$$= \frac{3\pi + 8\pi - 2\pi}{12} = \frac{9\pi}{12} = \frac{3\pi}{4}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\tan^{-1}(\sqrt{3}) &= \text{Angle in } \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \text{ whose tangent is } \sqrt{3} \\ &= \frac{\pi}{3}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\sec^{-1}(-2) &= \text{An angle in } [0, \pi] - \left\{\frac{\pi}{2}\right\} \text{ whose secant is } (-2) \\ &= \pi - \frac{\pi}{3} \\ &= \frac{2\pi}{3}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\operatorname{cosec}^{-1}\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}\right) &= \text{An angle in } \left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right] - \{0\} \text{ whose cosecant is } \left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}\right) \\ &= \frac{\pi}{3}\end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned}\tan^{-1}\sqrt{3} - \sec^{-1}(-2) + \operatorname{cosec}^{-1}\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \\ &= \frac{\pi}{3} - \frac{2\pi}{3} + \frac{\pi}{3} \\ &= 0\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \tan^{-1}\sqrt{3} - \sec^{-1}(-\sqrt{2}) + \operatorname{cosec}^{-1}\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}\right) = 0$$