

# Inverses of Trig Functions

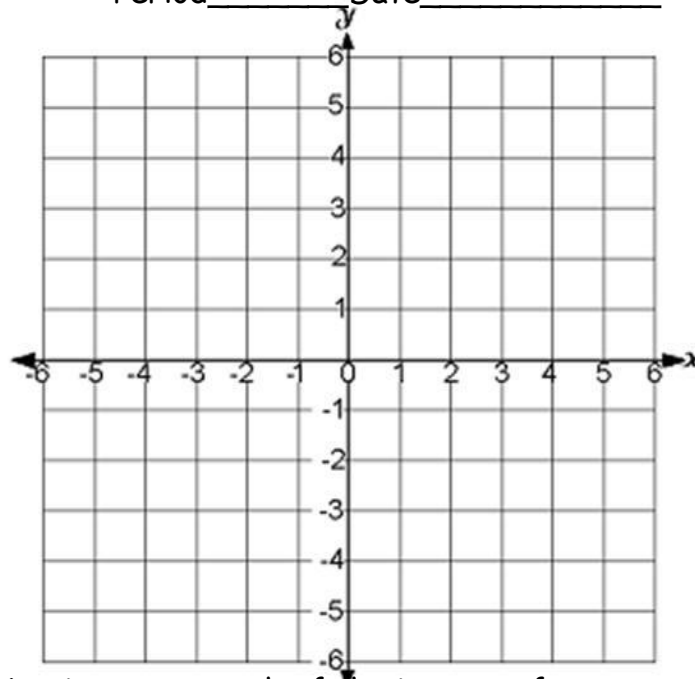
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I. On the graph to the right, sketch a fairly accurate graph of  $y = \sin x$ .

1. Describe the relationship between a graph and its inverse.

2. Describe the relationship between specific points on a graph and points on its inverse.



3. Use this information to write at least 6 points on a graph of the inverse of your sine function.

4. Plot the points from problem #3 and connect them to form a smooth inverse graph.

5. Will this inverse be a function? Why or why not?

One convention is to call **this relation**  $y = \arcsin x$ . It's domain is  $-1 \leq x \leq 1$  and its range is all reals. The **relation**  $y = \arcsin x$  has many values when  $x = \frac{1}{2}$ . List at least three .

6. If you wanted to create an **inverse function** for the sine of  $x$ , you would have to limit the range of the arcsine relation without limiting the domain. How would you limit the range of the arcsine relation to create a function?

\_\_\_\_\_  $\leq y \leq$  \_\_\_\_\_

7. Graph  $f(x) = \sin(x)$  and  $f(x) = \sin^{-1}(x)$  on your calculator with a Zoom Decimal window. Does  $y = \sin^{-1}(x)$  appear to have the same range as your limits?

Check by finding  $\sin^{-1}(-1)$  \_\_\_\_\_ and  $\sin^{-1}(1)$ . \_\_\_\_\_ and then, in another color, graph  $y = \sin^{-1}(x)$  on the graph above. **Although our text does not do this, my convention will be to use  $f(x) = \text{Sin}^{-1}(x)$  or  $f(x) = \text{Arcsin}(x)$  to denote the function.**

II. 1. Graph  $y = \cos x$  to the right.

2. Graph the inverse relation:  
 $y = \arccos x$ .

3. How would you limit the range of the arcsin  $x$  to create the function  $g(x) = \text{Cos}^{-1}(x)$ ?

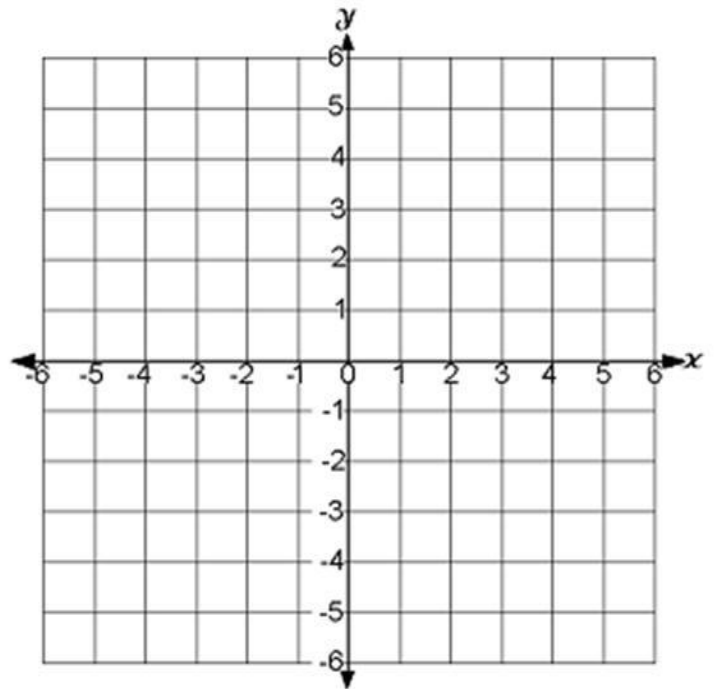
$$\underline{\hspace{2cm}} \leq y \leq \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

4. Graph  $y_1 = \cos(x)$  and  $y_2 = \text{Cos}^{-1}(x)$  on your calculator to confirm your prediction.

5. If  $f(x) = \cos(x)$  graphs (angle, ratio), then  $f^{-1}(x)$  graphs (\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_)

6. Evaluate  $\cos(\pi/3) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

$\cos(5\pi/3) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ ,  $\text{Cos}^{-1}(1/2) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$  and  $\arccos(1/2) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$



III. 1. Sketch a good graph of  $y = \tan(x)$ .

2. Now sketch the graph of the inverse relation  $\arctan$  in a light color.

3. What cycle would you predict to be the graph of  $f(x) = \text{Tan}^{-1}(x)$ ? Check your prediction with your calculator and graph that in a darker color.

4. Domain of  $y = \tan(x)$ . \_\_\_\_\_

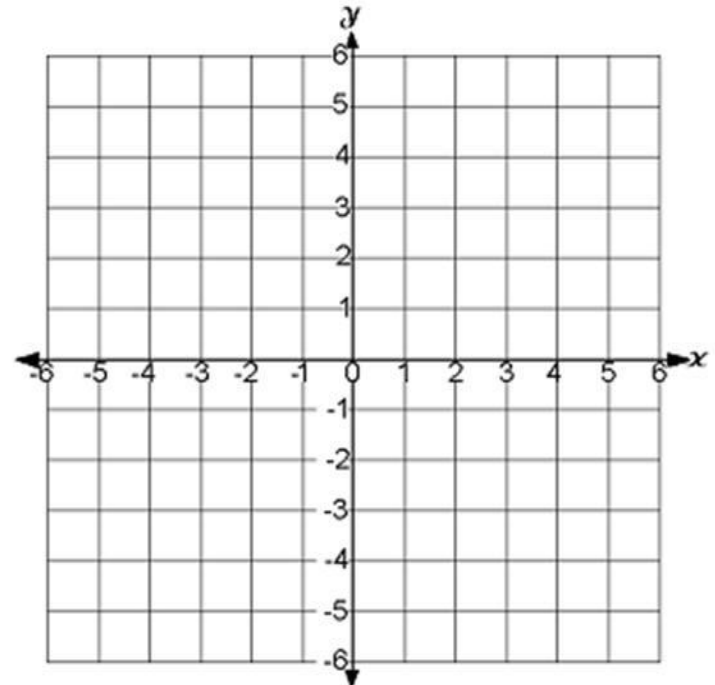
Range of  $y = \tan(x)$ . \_\_\_\_\_

Domain of  $y = \arctan(x)$ . \_\_\_\_\_

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Domain of  $y = \text{Tan}^{-1}(x)$ . \_\_\_\_\_

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IV. Evaluate the following:

1.  $\text{Sin}^{-1}(-1/2) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ ,  $\text{Cos}^{-1}(-1/2) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ ,  $\text{Tan}^{-1}(-1) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

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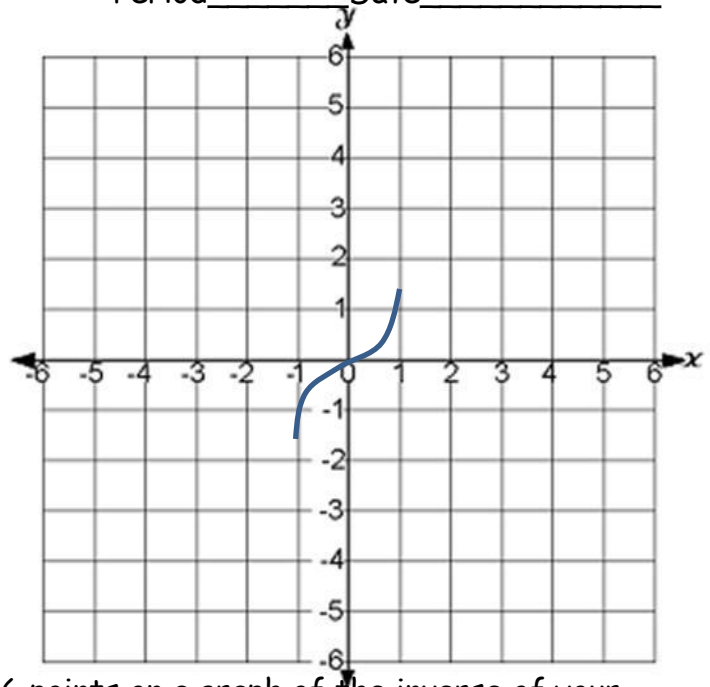
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1. Describe the relationship between a graph and its inverse.

It is reflected over the line  $y = x$ .

2. Describe the relationship between specific points on a graph and points on its inverse.

The  $x$  and  $y$  values are switched.



3. Use this information to write at least 6 points on a graph of the inverse of your sine function.
4. Plot the points from problem #3 and connect them to form a smooth inverse graph.
5. Will this inverse be a function? Why or why not?

No. Infinitely many angles have the same sine value.

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6. If you wanted to create an **inverse function** for the sine of  $x$ , you would have to limit the range of the arcsine relation without limiting the domain. How would you limit the range of the arcsine relation to create a function?

$-\pi/2 < y < \pi/2$

7. Graph  $f(x) = \sin(x)$  and  $f(x) = \sin^{-1}(x)$  on your calculator with a Zoom Decimal window. Does  $y = \sin^{-1}(x)$  appear to have the same range as your limits?

Check by finding  $\sin^{-1}(-1)$   $-\pi/2$  and  $\sin^{-1}(1)$ .  $\pi/2$  and then, in another color, graph  $y = \sin^{-1}(x)$  on the graph above. **Although our text does not do this, my convention will be to use  $f(x) = \text{Sin}^{-1}(x)$  or  $f(x) = \text{Arcsin}(x)$  to denote the function.**

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$$\underline{0 < y < \pi}$$

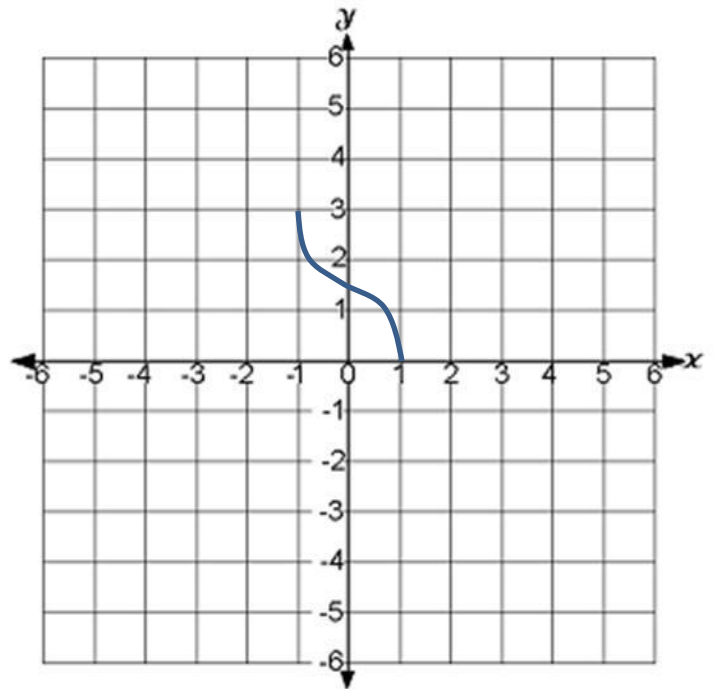
4. Graph  $y_1 = \cos(x)$  and  $y_2 = \text{Cos}^{-1}(x)$  on your calculator to confirm your prediction.

5. If  $f(x) = \cos(x)$  graphs (angle, ratio), then  $f^{-1}(x)$  graphs (ratio, angle)

6. Evaluate  $\cos(\pi/3) = \underline{1/2}$

$\cos(5\pi/3) = \underline{1/2}$ ,  $\text{Cos}^{-1}(1/2) = \underline{\pi/3}$  and  $\arccos(1/2) = \underline{\pi/3 + 2\pi k \text{ or } 5\pi/3 + 2\pi k}$

If  $k \in \mathbb{I}$



III. 1. Sketch a good graph of  $y = \tan(x)$ .

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3. What cycle would you predict to be the graph of  $f(x) = \text{Tan}^{-1}(x)$ ? Check your prediction with your calculator and graph that in a darker color.

4. Domain of  $y = \tan(x)$ .  $\underline{x \neq \pi/2 + \pi k}$

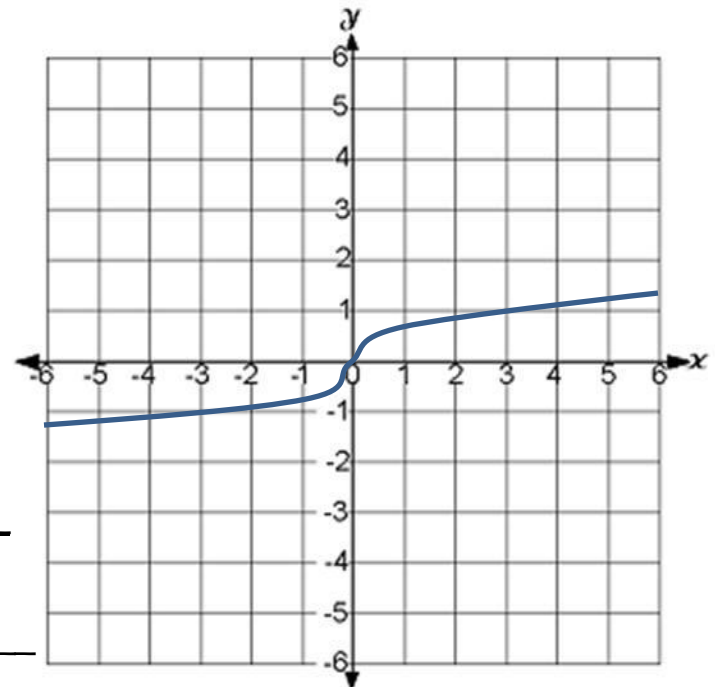
Range of  $y = \tan(x)$ .  $\underline{\text{All Reals}}$

Domain of  $y = \arctan(x)$ .  $\underline{\text{All Reals}}$

Range of  $y = \arctan(x)$ .  $\underline{-\pi/2 < y < \pi/2}$

Domain of  $y = \text{Tan}^{-1}(x)$ .  $\underline{\text{All Reals}}$

Range of  $y = \text{Tan}^{-1}(x)$ .  $\underline{-\pi/2 < y < \pi/2}$



IV. Evaluate the following:

1.  $\text{Sin}^{-1}(-1/2) = \underline{-\pi/6}$ ,  $\text{Cos}^{-1}(-1/2) = \underline{2\pi/3}$ ,  $\text{Tan}^{-1}(-1) = \underline{-\pi/4}$

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For the first 4 problems, sketch both graphs on the same set of axes. Label at least 3 points on each graph (endpoints if possible). Use your own paper.

1.  $y_1(x) = \cos^{-1}(x)$  and  $y_2(x) = 3\cos^{-1}(x)$

2.  $y_1 = \sin^{-1}(x)$  and  $y_2 = \sin^{-1}(3x)$

3.  $f(x) = \tan^{-1}(x)$  and  $g(x) = \pi + \tan^{-1}(x)$

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

Sketch each of the following without a calculator. Check your graph with one.

5.  $y = \frac{\pi}{3} + \frac{2}{3}\sin^{-1}(x - 1)$

6.  $y = 4\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}(x - 1)\right)$

7.  $y = \pi + 2\tan^{-1}(x - 3)$

8.  $y = \frac{\pi}{2} - \sin^{-1}(x)$

9.  $y = 2\pi + 3\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{3}(x + 2)\right)$

10.  $y = 5\tan^{-1}(2(x - 1))$

Find the exact value(s) of each of the following:

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

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

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

4.  $\arcsin\left(\frac{-\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)$

5.  $\text{Sin}^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)$

6.  $\text{Sin}^{-1}\left(\frac{-\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)$

7.  $\text{arcsin}\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)$

8.  $\text{arcsin}\left(\frac{-\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)$

9.  $\text{Cos}^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)$

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

11.  $\text{arccos}\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)$

12.  $\text{arccos}\left(\frac{-\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)$

13.  $\text{Cos}^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)$

14.  $\text{Cos}^{-1}\left(\frac{-\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)$

15.  $\text{arccos}\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)$

16.  $\text{arccos}\left(\frac{-\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)$

17.  $\text{Sin}^{-1}\left(\cos\frac{\pi}{2}\right)$

18.  $\text{Sin}^{-1}\left(\cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}\right)\right)$

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

20.  $\cos\left(\text{Cos}^{-1}\left(\frac{-\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)\right)$

21.  $\sin\left(\text{arccos}\left(\frac{3}{5}\right)\right)$

22.  $\cos\left(\text{Sin}^{-1}\left(\frac{-5}{13}\right)\right)$

23.  $\cos\left(\text{Sin}^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{5}}{7}\right)\right)$

24.  $\tan\left(\text{Cos}^{-1}\left(\frac{-8}{17}\right)\right)$

25.  $\cos\left(\text{Tan}^{-1}\left(\frac{-4}{3}\right)\right)$

26.  $\tan\left(\text{Sin}^{-1}\left(\frac{7}{25}\right)\right)$

27.  $\tan(\text{Cos}^{-1}(x))$

28.  $\sin(\text{Cos}^{-1}(\theta))$

29.  $\cos(\text{Tan}^{-1}(x))$

30.  $\cos(\text{Sin}^{-1}(\theta))$

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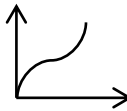
1.  $y_1(x) = \cos^{-1}(x)$  and  $y_2(x) = 3\cos^{-1}(x)$   $y_1: \{(1, 0), (0, \pi/2), (-1, \pi)\}$   $y_2: \{(1, 0), (0, 3\pi/2), (-1, 3\pi)\}$

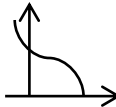
2.  $y_1 = \sin^{-1}(x)$  and  $y_2 = \sin^{-1}(3x)$   $y_1: \{(-1, -\pi/2), (0, 0), (1, \pi/2)\}$   $y_2: \{(-1/3, -\pi/2), (0, 0), (1/3, \pi/2)\}$

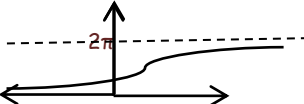
3.  $f(x) = \tan^{-1}(x)$  and  $g(x) = \pi + \tan^{-1}(x)$   $f(x): \{(0, 0), (1, \pi/4), (-1, -\pi/4)\}$   $g(x): \{(0, \pi), (1, 5\pi/4), (-1, 3\pi/4)\}$

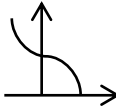
4.  $y = \cos^{-1}(x)$  and  $y = \cos^{-1}(x - 2)$   $y_1: \{(1, 0), (0, \pi/2), (-1, \pi)\}$   $y_2: \{(3, 0), (2, 3\pi/2), (1, 3\pi)\}$

Sketch each of the following without a calculator. Check your graph with one.

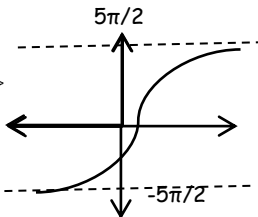
5.  $y = \frac{\pi}{3} + \frac{2}{3}\sin^{-1}(x-1)$  Points:  $\left\{(0,0), \left(1, \frac{\pi}{3}\right), \left(2, \frac{2\pi}{3}\right)\right\}$  

6.  $y = 4\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}(x-1)\right)$  Points:  $\{(3,0), (1,2\pi), (-1,4\pi)\}$  

7.  $y = \pi + 2\tan^{-1}(x-3)$  Points:  $\left\{\left(4, \frac{3\pi}{2}\right), (3, \pi), \left(2, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)\right\}$  

8.  $y = \frac{\pi}{2} - \sin^{-1}(x)$  Points:  $\{(1,0), (0, \pi/2), (-1, \pi)\}$   (This is a  $y = \cos^{-1}(x)$ .)

9.  $y = 2\pi + 3\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{3}(x+2)\right)$  Points:  $\left\{(1,2\pi), \left(-2, \frac{7\pi}{2}\right), (-5,5\pi)\right\}$  

10.  $y = 5\tan^{-1}(2(x-1))$  Points:  $\left\{(1,0), \left(\frac{3}{2}, \frac{5\pi}{4}\right), \left(\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{5\pi}{4}\right)\right\}$  

Find the exact value of each of the following:

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

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

3.  $\arcsin\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) = \left\{\frac{\pi}{3} + 2\pi k, \frac{2\pi}{3} + 2\pi k\right\}$

4.  $\arcsin\left(\frac{-\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) = \left\{\frac{-\pi}{3} + 2\pi k, \frac{4\pi}{3} + 2\pi k\right\}$

$$5. \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right) = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$7. \arcsin\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right) = \left\{\frac{\pi}{4} + 2\pi k, \frac{3\pi}{4} + 2\pi k\right\}$$

$$9. \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) = \frac{\pi}{6}$$

$$11. \arccos\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) = \left\{\frac{\pi}{6} + 2\pi k, \frac{-\pi}{6} + 2\pi k\right\}$$

$$13. \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right) = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$15. \arccos\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right) = \left\{\frac{\pi}{4} + 2\pi k, \frac{-\pi}{4} + 2\pi k\right\}$$

$$17. \sin^{-1}\left(\cos\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 0$$

$$19. \sin\left(\arcsin\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)\right) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$21. \sin\left(\arccos\left(\frac{3}{5}\right)\right) = \frac{4}{5}$$

$$23. \cos\left(\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{5}}{7}\right)\right) = \frac{\sqrt{44}}{7}$$

$$25. \cos\left(\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{-4}{3}\right)\right) = \frac{3}{5}$$

$$27. \tan(\cos^{-1}(x)) = \frac{\sqrt{1-x^2}}{x}$$

$$29. \cos(\tan^{-1}(x)) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+x^2}}$$

$$6. \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{-\sqrt{2}}{2}\right) = \frac{-\pi}{4}$$

$$8. \arcsin\left(\frac{-\sqrt{2}}{2}\right) = \left\{\frac{-\pi}{4} + 2\pi k, \frac{5\pi}{4} + 2\pi k\right\}$$

$$10. \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{-\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) = \frac{5\pi}{6}$$

$$12. \arccos\left(\frac{-\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) = \left\{\frac{5\pi}{6} + 2\pi k, \frac{-5\pi}{6} + 2\pi k\right\}$$

$$14. \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{-\sqrt{2}}{2}\right) = \frac{3\pi}{4}$$

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$$18. \sin^{-1}\left(\cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}\right)\right) = \frac{-\pi}{6}$$

$$20. \cos\left(\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{-\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)\right) = \frac{-\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$22. \cos\left(\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{-5}{13}\right)\right) = \frac{12}{13}$$

$$24. \tan\left(\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{-8}{17}\right)\right) = \frac{-15}{8} = -\frac{15}{8} = \frac{15}{-8}$$

$$26. \tan\left(\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{7}{25}\right)\right) = \frac{7}{24}$$

$$28. \sin(\cos^{-1}(\theta)) = \sqrt{1-\theta^2}$$

$$30. \cos(\sin^{-1}(\theta)) = \sqrt{1-\theta^2}$$