

Worksheet for sections 8.1 and 8.2

$y = \sin^{-1} x$ means $x = \sin y$ where $-1 \leq x \leq 1$ and $-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq y \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$ notice: quadrant I and IV

$y = \tan^{-1} x$ means $x = \tan y$ where $-\infty \leq x \leq \infty$ and $-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq y \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$ notice: quadrant I and IV

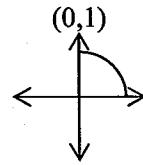
$y = \cos^{-1} x$ means $x = \cos y$ where $-1 \leq x \leq 1$ and $0 \leq y \leq \pi$ notice: quadrant I and II

1. Evaluate without a calculator giving exact values, since these angles are "special angles".

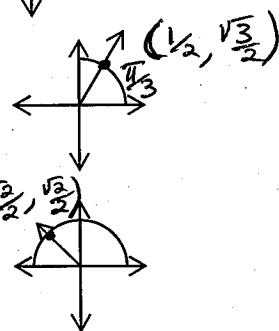
Draw a sketch of the angle and label the point on a unit circle to illustrate each one.

For example: If $\sin \theta = x$, then $\sin^{-1} x = \theta$. Thus if $\sin \frac{\pi}{6} = \frac{1}{2}$, then $\sin^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) = \frac{\pi}{6}$.

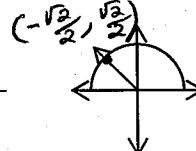
a. $\sin \left(\frac{\pi}{2} \right) = 1$ so $\sin^{-1}(1) = \frac{\pi}{2}$



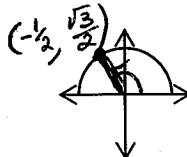
b. $\tan \left(\frac{\pi}{3} \right) = \sqrt{3}$ so $\tan^{-1}(\sqrt{3}) = \frac{\pi}{3}$



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



d. $\tan \left[\cos^{-1} \left(-\frac{1}{2} \right) \right] = \tan \left[\frac{2\pi}{3} \right] = -\sqrt{3}$

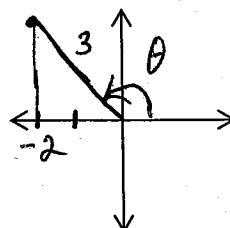


(angle whose cosine is $-\frac{1}{2}$)

2. Evaluate without a calculator giving an exact value. Draw and label a right triangle on these axes to illustrate how to solve this problem.

$$\cot \left[\cos^{-1} \left(-\frac{2}{3} \right) \right] = -\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \text{ or } -\frac{2\sqrt{5}}{5}$$

$$\cot(\theta) = \frac{\text{adjacent side}}{\text{opposite side}}$$



$$\begin{aligned} (-2)^2 + b^2 &= 3^2 \\ b^2 &= 9 - 4 \\ b^2 &= 5 \\ b &= \sqrt{5} \end{aligned}$$

6. Use a calculator (set in radian mode) to find the value of each expression. Show how you are calculating each of these and round each answer to two decimal places.

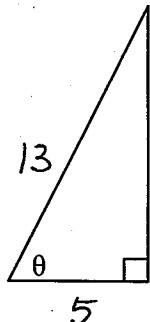
a. $\tan^{-1} \left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} \right) = -0.5235987\dots$
 ≈ -0.52

angle in quadrant 4.

b. $\csc^{-1} \left(\frac{4}{3} \right) = \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{3}{4} \right)$
 $= 0.84806\dots$
 ≈ 0.85

Finding the exact value of expressions involving inverse trig functions:

7. Find other trig functions of the angle θ in the right triangle show below, if $\theta = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{12}{13}\right)$.



Recall that if $\theta = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{12}{13}\right)$, then $\sin \theta = \frac{12}{13}$.

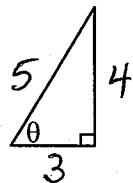
$$\text{Find the exact value of } \tan\left(\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{12}{13}\right)\right) = \frac{12}{5}$$

$$\text{Find the exact value of } \cos\left(\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{12}{13}\right)\right) = \frac{5}{13}$$

Using your calculator, find the approximate value of θ .

$$\theta = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{12}{13}\right) \approx 1.176 \text{ radians}$$

8. Find other trig functions of the angle θ in the right triangle show below, if $\theta = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{3}{5}\right)$.



Recall that if $\theta = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{3}{5}\right)$, then $\cos \theta = \frac{3}{5}$.

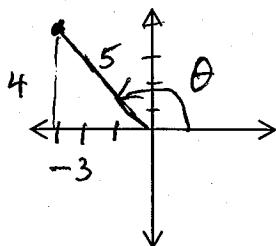
$$\text{Find the exact value of } \sin\left(\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{3}{5}\right)\right) = \sin(\theta) = \frac{4}{5}$$

$$\text{Find the exact value of } \tan\left(\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{3}{5}\right)\right) = \tan(\theta) = \frac{4}{3}$$

Using your calculator, find the approximate value of θ .

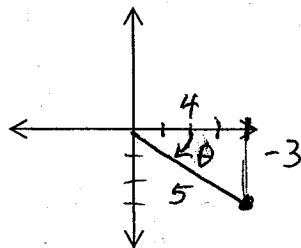
$$\theta = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{3}{5}\right) = 0.927295218\dots \approx 0.93 \text{ radians}$$

9. Find the exact value of $\sin\left(\cos^{-1}\left(-\frac{3}{5}\right)\right) = \boxed{\frac{4}{5}}$



Thus,
 $\cos \theta = -\frac{3}{5}$
 so
 $\sin \theta = \frac{4}{5}$

10. Find the exact value of $\cos\left(\sin^{-1}\left(-\frac{3}{5}\right)\right) = \boxed{\frac{4}{5}}$



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