

Question 1

$$\text{If } (\tan^{-1} x)^2 + (\cot^{-1} x)^2 = \frac{5\pi^2}{8}, \text{ then } x = ?$$

a) 0

c) -2

b) -1

d) -3

Answer (b)

Solution: When $x = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} [\tan^{-1}(0)]^2 + [\cot^{-1}(0)]^2 &= 0^2 + \left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)^2 \\ &= \frac{\pi^2}{4} \neq \frac{5\pi^2}{8} \end{aligned}$$

When $x = -1$

$$[\tan^{-1}(-1)]^2 + [\cot^{-1}(-1)]^2$$

$$= \left(\frac{-\pi}{4}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{3\pi}{4}\right)^2 = \frac{\pi^2}{16} + \frac{9\pi^2}{16} = \frac{10\pi^2}{16} = \frac{5\pi^2}{8}$$

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Question 2

The value of

$$\tan \left[\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{1}{2} \cos^{-1} \frac{a}{b} \right] + \tan \left[\frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \cos^{-1} \frac{a}{b} \right] = ?$$

a) $\frac{2b}{a}$

c) $\frac{a}{b}$

b) $\frac{2a}{b}$

d) $\frac{b}{a}$

Answer (a)

Solution:

$$\text{Take } \theta = \frac{1}{2} \cos^{-1} \frac{a}{b} \Rightarrow \theta = \cos^{-1} \frac{a}{b} \Rightarrow$$

$$\cos 2\theta = \frac{a}{b}$$

$$= \frac{1 + \tan \theta}{1 - \tan \theta} + \frac{1 - \tan \theta}{1 + \tan \theta}$$

$$= \frac{1 + \tan^2\theta + 2\tan\theta + 1 + \tan^2\theta - 2\tan\theta}{1 - \tan^2\theta}$$

$$= \frac{2(1 + \tan^2\theta)}{1 - \tan^2\theta} = 2\sec 2\theta = \frac{2b}{a}$$

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Question 3

$$\text{If } \sin^{-1} x + \sin^{-1} y = \frac{2\pi}{3}$$

$$\text{and } \cos^{-1} x - \cos^{-1} y = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

then $(x, y) = ?$

a) $\left(1, \frac{1}{2}\right)$

c) $(-1, 1)$

b) $\left(\frac{1}{2}, 1\right)$

d) $(1, 1)$

Answer (b)

Solution:-

$$\text{Given } \cos^{-1} x - \cos^{-1} y = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

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

$$\sin^{-1} y - \sin^{-1} x = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

$$\text{Also } \sin^{-1} y + \sin^{-1} x = \frac{2\pi}{3}$$

$$\text{Adding } 2 \sin^{-1} y = \pi \Rightarrow \sin^{-1} y = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$y = \sin \frac{\pi}{2} = 1$$

$$\text{when } y = 1, \sin^{-1} y + \sin^{-1} x = \frac{2\pi}{3}$$

$$\sin^{-1} x = \frac{2\pi}{3} - \frac{\pi}{2}$$

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

$$\Rightarrow x = \sin \frac{\pi}{6} = \frac{1}{2}$$

Question 4

Let (x, y) be such that

$$\sin^{-1}(x) + \cos^{-1}(y) + \cos^{-1}(2xy) = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

then (x, y) lies on

- a) the circle $x^2 + y^2 = 1$
- b) line $y = x$

$$c) (x^2 - 1)(y^2 - 1) = 0$$

$$d) (4x^2 - 1)(y^2 - 1) = 0$$

Answer (a)

Solution:- $\sin^{-1}(x) + \cos^{-1}(y) + \cos^{-1}(2xy) = \frac{\pi}{2}$

$$\begin{aligned}\cos^{-1}y + \cos^{-1}(2xy) &= \frac{\pi}{2} - \sin^{-1}x \\ &= \cos^{-1}x\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \cos^{-1}(2xy) = \cos^{-1} x - \cos^{-1} y$$

$$\cos^{-1}(2xy) = \cos^{-1} \left(xy + \sqrt{1-x^2} \sqrt{1-y^2} \right)$$

$$2xy = xy + \sqrt{1-x^2} \sqrt{1-y^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow xy = \sqrt{1-x^2} \sqrt{1-y^2}$$

Squaring on both sides

$$x^2 y^2 = (1 - x^2)(1 - y^2)$$

$$x^2 + y^2 = 1$$

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Question 5

If $\sin^{-1}\left(\tan\frac{\pi}{4}\right) - \sin^{-1}\sqrt{\frac{3}{x}} - \frac{\pi}{6} = 0$ then $x =$

a) 2

b) 3

c) 4

d) 5

Answer (c)

Solution:- Given equation

$$= \sin^{-1}(1) - \frac{\pi}{6} = \sin^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{3}{x}}$$

$$\frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi}{6} = \sin^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{3}{x}}$$

$$\sin \frac{\pi}{3} = \sqrt{\frac{3}{x}}$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{3}{x}} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} \Rightarrow x = 4$$

Question 6

$$\sin^{-1} \left[\cot \left\{ \sin^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{2-\sqrt{3}}{4}} + \cos^{-1} \frac{\sqrt{12}}{4} + \sec^{-1} \sqrt{2} \right\} \right] = ?$$

a) $\frac{\pi}{4}$

c) 0

b) $\frac{\pi}{6}$

d) $\frac{\pi}{2}$

Answer (c)

Solution:

we have $\sqrt{\frac{2-\sqrt{3}}{4}} = \sqrt{\frac{4-2\sqrt{3}}{8}} = \frac{\sqrt{3}-1}{2\sqrt{2}}$

$$\sin^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{2-\sqrt{3}}{4}} = \sin^{-1} \frac{\sqrt{3}-1}{2\sqrt{2}} = 15^\circ$$

$$\cos^{-1} \frac{\sqrt{12}}{4} = \cos^{-1} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = 30^\circ$$

$$\sec^{-1} \sqrt{2} = 45^\circ$$

\therefore given expression is equal to

$$\sin^{-1}[\cot(15^\circ + 30^\circ + 45^\circ)]$$

$$= \sin^{-1}[\cot 90^\circ]$$

$$= \sin^{-1} 0 = 0$$

Question 7

The value of $\operatorname{cosec}^2(\cot^{-1} 3) - \sec^2(\tan^{-1} 2) = ?$

a) 10

b) 7

c) 2

d) 5

Answer (d)

Solution:-

Given expression

$$= [1 + \cot^2(\cot^{-1} 3)] - [1 + \tan^2(\tan^{-1} 2)]$$

$$= [1 + (3)^2] - [1 + (2)^2]$$

$$= 10 - 5 = 5$$

Question 8

$$\text{If } \tan^{-1} \left[\frac{\sqrt{1+x^2} - \sqrt{1-x^2}}{\sqrt{1+x^2} + \sqrt{1-x^2}} \right] = \alpha \text{ then } x^2$$

- a) $\sin \alpha$
- b) $\cos 2\alpha$
- c) $\cos \alpha$
- d) $\sin 2\alpha$

Answer (d)

Solution:-

From the given relation, we have

$$\left[\frac{\sqrt{1+x^2} - \sqrt{1-x^2}}{\sqrt{1+x^2} + \sqrt{1-x^2}} \right] = \tan \alpha$$

$$\frac{2\sqrt{1+x^2}}{2\sqrt{1-x^2}} = \frac{1 + \tan \alpha}{1 - \tan \alpha}$$

(by componendo and dividendo)

$$\frac{1 + x^2}{1 - x^2} = \frac{(\cos \alpha + \sin \alpha)^2}{(\cos \alpha - \sin \alpha)^2}$$

$$\frac{1 + x^2}{1 - x^2} = \frac{1 + \sin 2\alpha}{1 - \sin 2\alpha}$$

$$\frac{2}{2x^2} = \frac{2}{2 \sin 2 \alpha}$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 = \sin 2 \alpha$$

(Again by componendo and dividendo)

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