

## Lesson 44 – Inverse Trig Functions

Math 2 Honors - Santowski

### Lesson Objectives

- (1) synthesize their knowledge of inverse functions and the three primary trig ratios in order to introduce, define and understand the nature of the 3 inverse trig functions
- (2) evaluate inverse trig expressions without a GDC
- (3) graph and analyze the graphs of the  $y = \sin^{-1}(x)$ ,  $y = \cos^{-1}(x)$ ,  $y = \tan^{-1}(x)$

### (A) Review of Inverse Functions

- Notation for inverse functions  $\rightarrow y = f^{-1}(x) \rightarrow$  NOTE that  $f^{-1}(x) \neq \frac{1}{f(x)}$
- If  $f(x)$  is a 1:1 function, then the domain of  $f(x)$  is the range of  $f^{-1}(x)$  and likewise, the range of  $f(x)$  is the domain of  $f^{-1}(x)$
- mathematically,  $f(a) = b$ , then  $f^{-1}(b) = a$
- Q  $\rightarrow$  in what way is  $y = f^{-1}(x)$  a transformation of  $y = f(x)$ ?
- Q  $\rightarrow$  What is the purpose of an inverse function??

### (A) Review of Inverse Functions

- (a) if  $f(x) = x^2$  then  $f^{-1}(x) =$
- (b) if  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$ , then  $f^{-1}(x) =$
- (c) if  $f(x) = b^x$ , then  $f^{-1}(x) =$
- (d) if  $f(x) = \log_b x$ , then  $f^{-1}(x) =$
- (e) so if  $f(x) = \sin(x)$ , then  $f^{-1}(x) =$
- (f) and if  $f(x) = \cos^{-1}(x)$ , then  $f^{-1}(x) =$

### (A) Review of Inverse Functions

- Q  $\rightarrow$  What does the term 1:1 function mean?
- Q  $\rightarrow$  What is the significance of a function being 1:1 in the context of inverse functions?
- Q  $\rightarrow$  Is  $f(x) = x^2$  a 1:1 function?
- Q  $\rightarrow$  How did we “resolve” this issue with the function  $f(x) = x^2$ ?

### (A) Review of Inverse Functions

- (a) Graph the function  $f(x) = x^2$
- (b) Graph the inverse of  $f(x)$
- (c) Graph the inverse function of  $f(x)$
- (d) Now do the same for  $g(x) = \sin(x)$ . Graph  $g(x) = \sin(x)$
- (e) Graph the inverse of  $g(x)$
- (f) Graph the inverse function of  $g(x)$

### (B) Restricted Domains

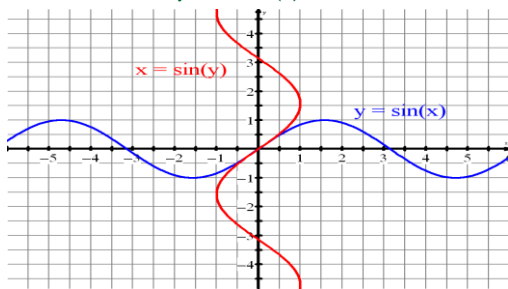
- (a) How would you restrict the domain of  $g(x) = \sin(x)$  so that its inverse is a function? Graphically justify your choice.
- (b) How would you restrict the domain of  $g(x) = \cos(x)$  so that its inverse is a function? Graphically justify your choice.
- (c) How would you restrict the domain of  $g(x) = \tan(x)$  so that its inverse is a function? Graphically justify your choice.

### (B) Restricted Domains

- (a) How would you restrict the domain of  $g(x) = \sin(x)$  so that its inverse is a function? Use your calculator to justify your choice. (numerically & graphically)
- (b) How would you restrict the domain of  $g(x) = \cos(x)$  so that its inverse is a function? Use your calculator to justify your choice. (numerically & graphically)
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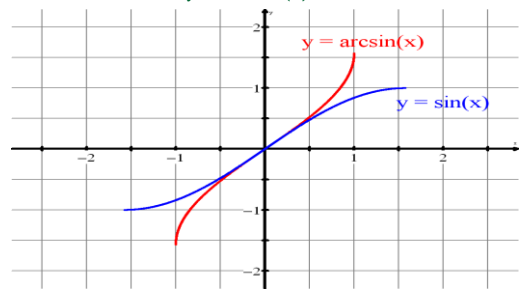
### (C) Graphs of Trig Inverse Functions:

$$y = \sin^{-1}(x)$$



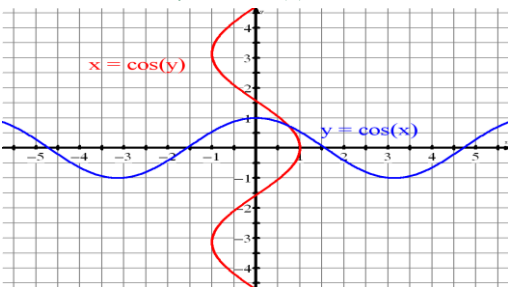
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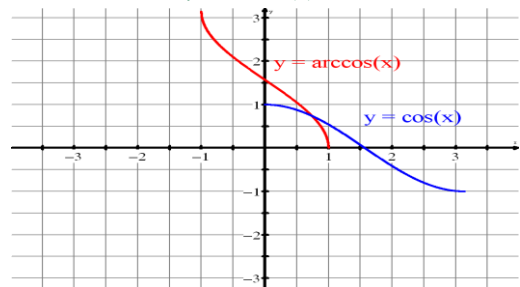
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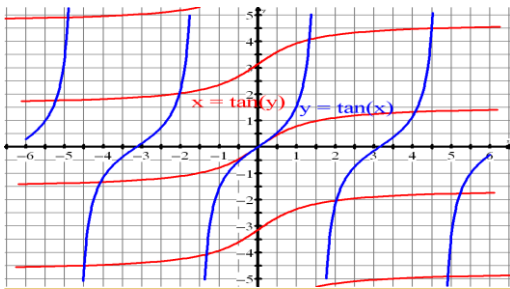
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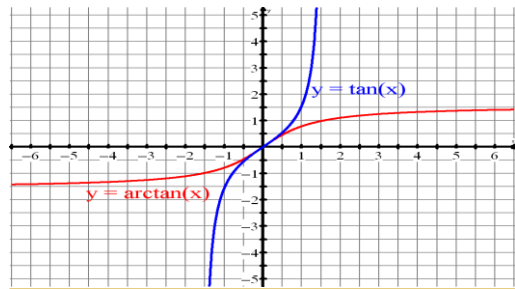
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## (D) Solving Trig Equations

- (a) Solve  $\sin(x) = 0.5$
- (b) Solve  $x = \sin^{-1}(0.5)$
- (c) Are your solutions for Q(a) and Q(b) the same or different? Explain.

## (D) Solving Trig Expressions

- (a) Evaluate the following:

$$(i) \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) = \quad (ii) \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}\right) = \quad (iii) \sin\left(\frac{-4\pi}{3}\right) =$$

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

- (b) Evaluate the following:

$$(i) \sin^{-1}(-1) = \quad (ii) \cos^{-1}\left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) = \quad (iii) \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{-\sqrt{3}}{3}\right) =$$

$$(iv) \csc^{-1}\left(-\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}\right) = \quad (v) \sec^{-1}(2) = \quad (vi) \cot^{-1}\left(\frac{-\sqrt{3}}{1}\right) =$$

## (D) Solving Trig Expressions

13. Evaluate the following:

$$a) \sin\left(\sin^{-1}\frac{24}{25}\right)$$

$$b) \sin\left(\cos^{-1}\frac{24}{25}\right)$$

$$c) \sin\left(\sin^{-1}\frac{25}{24}\right)$$

14. Evaluate the following:

$$a) \sin^{-1}\left[\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)\right]$$

$$b) \tan^{-1}\left(\tan\frac{5\pi}{4}\right)$$

$$c) \cos^{-1}\left(\sin\frac{5\pi}{3}\right)$$

## (D) Solving Trig Equations

- (c) Evaluate the following:

$$(i) \cos(\sin^{-1}(-1)) = \quad (ii) \tan\left(\cos^{-1}\left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)\right) = \quad (iii) \sec\left(\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{-\sqrt{3}}{3}\right)\right) =$$

$$(iv) \csc^{-1}\left(\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)\right) = \quad (v) \sec^{-1}\left(\cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}\right)\right) = \quad (vi) \cot^{-1}(\tan(\pi)) =$$

## Homework

- HW
- S13.6, p871-872, Q3,13-43eol,51