

**Question 1:** A value of x satisfying the equation  $sin[cot^{-1}(1 + x)] = cos[tan^{-1}x]$ , is: (a) ½ (b) -1 (c) 0 (d) -1/2 Answer: (d) Solution: Given equation is:  $sin[cot^{-1}(1 + x)] = cos[tan^{-1}x]$ Let  $\cot^{-1}(1 + x)$ ] = a => cot a = 1 + x ...(1) And  $tan^{-1}x = b = x = tan b ...(2)$ Solve (1) for a in terms of sin function:  $\cot a = 1 + x$ We know, cosec a =  $\sqrt{1+\cot^2 a}$  =  $\sqrt{1+(1+x)^2}$  =  $\sqrt{x^2+2x+2}$ Also, sin a = 1/cosec a $=> \sin a = 1/\sqrt{x^2 + 2x + 2}$ Or a =  $\sin^{-1}[1/\sqrt{x^2 + 2x + 2}]$ Solve (2) for b in terms of cos function: x = tan b We know, sec b =  $\sqrt{1+\tan^2 b} = \sqrt{1+x^2}$ Also,  $\cos b = 1/\sec b = 1/\sqrt{(1+x^2)}$ Or b =  $\cos^{-1}[1/\sqrt{1+x^2}]$ Given equation =>  $\sin(\sin^{-1}[1/\sqrt{x^2 + 2x + 2}]) = \cos[\cos^{-1}(1/\sqrt{1+x^2})]$  $=> 1/\sqrt{(x^2 + 2x + 2)} = 1/\sqrt{(1+x^2)}$ Squaring both sides and solving, we get 2x = -1Or x = -1/2Question 2: Let  $f(x) = (sin(tan^{-1}x) + sin(cot^{-1}x))^2 - 1$ , where |x| > 1. If dy/dx = 1/2 d/dx(sin-1(f(x))) and  $y(\sqrt{3}) = \pi/6$ , then  $y(-\sqrt{3})$  is equal to (a)  $\pi/3$  (b)  $2\pi/3$  (c)  $-\pi/6$  (d)  $\pi/7$ 

### Solution:

$$\begin{split} f(x) &= (\sin(\tan^{-1}x) + \sin(\cot^{-1}x))^2 - 1\\ \text{Let } \tan^{-1}(x) &= A \text{ where } A \in (-\pi/2, -\pi/4) \cup (\pi/4, \pi/2)\\ &=> (\sin(\tan^{-1}x) + \sin(\cot^{-1}x))^2 - 1 = (\sin A + \cos B)^2 - 1\\ &= 1 + 2 \sin A \cos A - 1\\ &= \sin 2A\\ &= 2x/(1+x^2)\\ \text{Given that, } dy/dx &= (1/2) d/dx(\sin^{-1}(f(x)))\\ &=> dy/dx = -1/(1+x^2) \text{ for } |x| > 1\\ (x > 1 \text{ and } x < -1) \end{split}$$

To find the value of y(-V3), integrate dy/dx. To integrate the expression, interval should be continuous. So we have to integrate the expression in both the intervals.

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=>y =  $-\tan^{-1}x + c_1$  for x>1 and y =  $-\tan^{-1}x + c_2$  for x < -1 For x > 1,  $c_1 = \pi/2$  [because y(V3) =  $\pi/6$ ]

But  $c_2$  can't be determined as no other information is given for x < -1, so can't determine the value of  $c_2$ . Therefore, all the options can be true.

**Question 3:** If  $\alpha = 3 \sin^{-1}(6/11)$  and  $\beta = 3 \cos^{-1}(4/9)$  where the inverse trig functions take only the principal values, then the right option is

(a)  $\cos\beta > 0$  (b)  $\cos(\alpha + \beta) > 0$  (c)  $\sin\beta < 0$  (d)  $\cos\alpha < 0$ Answer: (d)

#### Solution:

$$\label{eq:alpha} \begin{split} \alpha &= 3 \, \sin^{-1} \, (6/11) \mbox{ and } \beta = 3 \, \cos^{-1} \, (4/9) \\ \mbox{As } 6/11 > 1/2 => \sin^{-1} \, (6/11) > \sin^{-1} \, (1/2) \\ &=> 3 \, \sin^{-1} \, (6/11) > 3 \sin^{-1} \, (1/2) = \pi/2 \\ \mbox{Therefore, } \alpha > \pi/2 \\ \mbox{and } \cos \alpha < 0 \end{split}$$

**Question 4:** If  $f'(x) = \tan^{-1}(\sec x + \tan x)$ ,  $-\pi/2 < x < \pi/2$ , and f(0) = 0 then f(1) is equal to (a)  $(\pi+1)/4$  (b)  $(\pi+2)/4$  (c)  $\frac{1}{4}$  (d)  $(\pi-1)/4$ **Answer: (a)** 

#### Solution:

 $f'(x) = \tan^{-1}(\sec x + \tan x) = \tan^{-1}(1/\cos x + \sin x/\cos x) = \tan^{-1}[(1+\sin x)/\cos x]$ 

$$f'(x) = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\sin^2 \frac{x}{2} + \cos^2 \frac{x}{2} + 2 \sin \frac{x}{2} \cos \frac{x}{2}}{\cos^2 \frac{x}{2} - \sin^2 \frac{x}{2}} \right)$$
$$f'(x) = \tan^{-1} \left[ \frac{\left( \cos \frac{x}{2} + \sin \frac{x}{2} \right)^2}{\left( \cos \frac{x}{2} + \sin \frac{x}{2} \right) \left( \cos \frac{x}{2} - \sin \frac{x}{2} \right)} \right]$$
$$f'(x) = \tan^{-1} \left[ \frac{1 + \tan \frac{x}{2}}{1 - \tan \frac{x}{2}} \right]$$
$$f'(x) = \tan^{-1} \left[ \tan \left( \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{x}{2} \right) \right]$$
$$f'(x) = \pi/4 + x/2$$
$$=> f(x) = (\pi/4) x + x^2/4 + c$$
$$At f(0) = 0 => c = 0$$
$$At f(1) = \pi/4 + 1/4 = (\pi + 1)/4$$

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Question 5: The value of

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

 $|x| < 1/2, x \neq 0$ , is equal to (a)  $\pi/4 + (1/2) \cos^{-1}x^2$ (b)  $\pi/4 + \cos^{-1}x^2$ (c)  $\pi/4 - (1/2) \cos^{-1}x^2$ (d)  $\pi/4 - \cos^{-1}x^2$ 

Answer: (a)

**Solution:** Let  $x^2 = \cos 2A \Rightarrow A = (1/2) \cos^{-1} (x^2) \dots (1)$ 

$$tan^{-1} [\frac{\sqrt{1+\cos 2A} + \sqrt{1-\cos 2A}}{\sqrt{1+\cos 2A} - \sqrt{1-\cos 2A}}]$$

= 
$$tan^{-1} \left[ \frac{\sqrt{2cos^2 A} + \sqrt{2sin^2 A}}{\sqrt{2cos^2 A} - \sqrt{2sin^2 A}} \right]$$

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

=  $tan^{-1}[\frac{1+tan A}{1-tan A}]$ 

We know,  $\tan \pi/4 = 1$ , using in above equation, we get =  $\tan^{-1}(\tan(\pi/4 + A))$ =  $\pi/4 + A$ Using (1) =  $\pi/4 + (1/2) \cos^{-1}(x^2)$ 

**Question 6:** Find the value of x satisfying the equation  $sin[cot^{-1}(1+x)] = cos[tan^{-1}x]$ , is (a) -1/2 (b) -1 (c) 0 (d)  $\frac{1}{2}$ 

Answer: (a)



### Solution:

We know,  $\cot^{-1} x = \sin^{-1} [1/v(1+x^2)] ...(1)$ 

Also, we know  $\tan^{-1} x = \cos^{-1} [1/\sqrt{1+x^2}]$ 

=> 
$$sin[sin^{-1}rac{1}{1+(1+x)^2}] = cos(tan^{-1}x)$$
 ...(2)

Using above result, given equation become,

(2)=> 
$$sin[sin^{-1}\frac{1}{1+(1+x)^2}] = cos[cos^{-1}\frac{1}{\sqrt{1+x^2}}]$$
  
or  $\frac{1}{1+(1+x)^2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+x^2}}$ 

[As sin<sup>-1</sup> (sin A) = A  $\in$  (- $\pi/2$ ,  $\pi/2$ ) and cos-1(cos A) = A  $\in$  [0,  $\pi$ ] ]

Solving above equation, we get

$$(1 + (1 + x)^2) = 1 + x^2$$

or 
$$x = -1/2$$

Question 7: The value of

$$cot[\sum_{n=1}^{23} cot^{-1}(1 + \sum_{k=1}^{n} 2k)]$$
 is

(a) 23/25 (b) 25/23 (c) 23/24 (d) 24/23

Answer: (b)

Solution:



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# JEE Main Maths Previous Year Questions With Solutions on **Inverse Trigonometric Functions**

$$cot[\sum_{n=1}^{23} cot^{-1}(1 + \sum_{k=1}^{n} 2k)]$$

$$= cot[\sum_{n=1}^{23} cot^{-1}(1 + 2 \times \frac{n(n+1)}{2}]]$$

$$= cot[\sum_{n=1}^{23} cot^{-1}(n^{2} + n + 1)]$$

$$= cot[\sum_{n=1}^{23} tan^{-1}(\frac{n+1-n}{1+n(1+n)})]$$

$$= cot[\sum_{n=1}^{23} tan^{-1}(n + 1) - tan^{-1}n]$$

$$= cot[tan^{-1}(24) - tan^{-1}(1)]$$

$$= cot[tan^{-1}\frac{23}{25}]$$

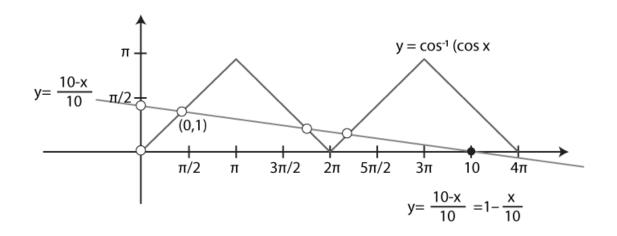
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**Question 8:** Let f:  $[0, 4\pi] \rightarrow [0, \pi]$  be defined by  $f(x) = \cos^{-1}(\cos x)$ . The number of points  $x \in [0, 4\pi]$ satisfying the equation f(x) = (10-x)/10 is (b) 2 (c) 3 (d) None of these (a) 1 Answer: (c)

Solution: Draw graph for  $f(x) = \cos^{-1}(\cos x)$  and f(x) = (10-x)/10

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Both the equations intersect at three different points, so the number of solutions be 3.

**Question 9:** Let  $f(x) = x \cos^{-1}(\sin(-|x|))$ ,  $x \in (-\pi/2, \pi/2)$  then which of the following is true? (a)  $f'(0) = -\pi/2$ 

(b) f' is decreasing in  $(-\pi/2, 0)$  and increasing in  $(0, \pi/2)$ 

(c) f is not differentiable at x = 0

Learnin (d) f' is increasing in  $(-\pi/2, 0)$  and decreasing in  $(0, \pi/2)$ Answer: (b)

# Solution:

 $f(x) = x \cos^{-1}(\sin(-|x|))$  (Given)  $= f(x) = x \cos^{-1}(-\sin(|x|))$ [As sine is an odd function]  $= f(x) = x [\pi - \cos^{-1}(\sin(|x|))]$  $= f(x) = x [\pi - (\pi/2 - \sin^{-1}(\sin(|x|)))]$  $= f(x) = x(\pi/2 + |x|)$ 

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = egin{cases} x(rac{\pi}{2}+x) & x \geq 0 \ x(rac{\pi}{2}-x) & x < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = egin{cases} (rac{\pi}{2} + x) & x \geq 0 \ (rac{\pi}{2} - x) & x < 0 \end{cases}$$

Therefore, f'(x) is decreasing  $(-\pi/2, 0)$  and increasing in  $(0, \pi/2)$ .