

## Inverse & Reciprocal Trig Functions

## Mark Schemes

### Question 1

(a) State the value of  $\arctan(\sqrt{3})$ .

(a)  $\tan \frac{\pi}{3} = \sqrt{3}$   
 [1]  $\arctan(\sqrt{3}) = \frac{\pi}{3}$   
 Note: range for  $\arctan x$  is  $-\frac{\pi}{2} < \arctan x < \frac{\pi}{2}$   
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- (ii) the exact value of  $\sec(\arccos x)$ .

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(b)  $\arccos x = y \Rightarrow x = \cos y$   
 [1]  $x = \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$   
 (i)  $\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$   
 $\arcsin x = \frac{\pi}{3}$   
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(ii)  $\sec \theta = \frac{1}{\cos \theta}$   
 $\sec(\arccos x) = \frac{1}{\cos(\arccos x)}$   
 $\cos(\arccos \theta) = \theta$   
 $\sec(\arccos x) = \frac{1}{x}$   
 $\sec(\arccos x) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3}$

### Question 2

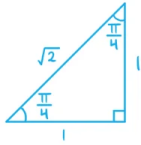
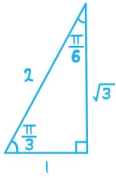
Find the exact values of the following expressions:

(i)  $\operatorname{cosec}\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) + \tan\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)$

(ii)  $3 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) - \cot\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)$

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You can use these 'magic' triangles to remember exact values.



$$i) \operatorname{cosec}\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) + \tan\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) = \frac{1}{\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)} + \tan\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)$$

$$\operatorname{cosec}\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) + \tan\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) = \frac{1}{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{\cancel{2}}$$

$$\operatorname{cosec}\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) + \tan\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) = \sqrt{3}$$

$$ii) 3 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) - \cot\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) = 3\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) - \frac{1}{\tan\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{3\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{6}}$$

$$3 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) - \cot\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) = \frac{9\sqrt{2} - 2\sqrt{3}}{6}$$

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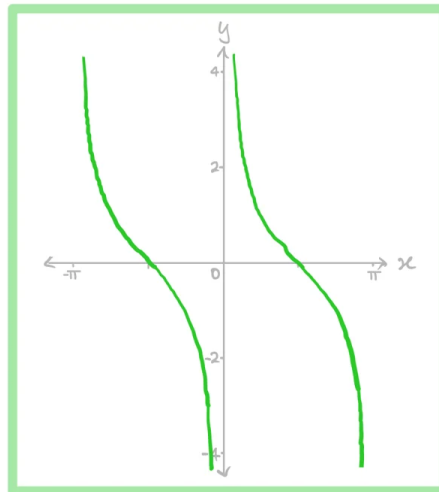
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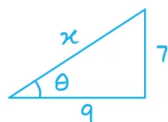
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b)  $\theta$  is in the 3rd quadrant, so  $\sin \theta$  and  $\cos \theta$  will be negative and  $\tan \theta$  will be positive.

$$\cot \theta = \frac{1}{\tan \theta} = \frac{9}{7}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{7}{9}$$

Draw a diagram



$$x = \sqrt{9^2 + 7^2} = \sqrt{81 + 49} = \sqrt{130}$$

$$\cos \theta = -\frac{9}{\sqrt{130}}, \quad \sin \theta = -\frac{7}{\sqrt{130}}$$

### Question 4

Solve  $\tan^2 x = \sec x + 11$  for  $0 \leq x \leq \pi$ .

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Pythagorean identity:  $1 + \tan^2 \theta = \sec^2 \theta$  (in formula booklet)

$$\tan^2 x = \sec x + 11$$

$$\sec^2 x - 1 = \sec x + 11$$

$$\sec^2 x - \sec x - 12 = (\sec x + 3)(\sec x - 4) = 0$$

$$\therefore \sec x = -3 \text{ or } 4 \quad \therefore \cos x = -\frac{1}{3} \text{ or } \frac{1}{4}$$

$$x = 1.318\dots = 1.32 \text{ (3 s.f.) or } x = 1.910\dots = 1.91 \text{ (3 s.f.)}$$

### Question 5

(a) Show that the equation

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can be rewritten as

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$$a) \sec \theta - 5 \cos \theta = 2\sqrt{2}$$

$$\frac{1}{\cos \theta} - 5 \cos \theta = 2\sqrt{2}$$

$$1 - 5 \cos^2 \theta = 2\sqrt{2} \cos \theta$$

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$\left. \begin{array}{l} \times \cos \theta \\ \text{rearrange} \end{array} \right\}$

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$$b) \text{ Let } x = \cos \theta$$

$$\therefore 5x^2 + 2\sqrt{2}x - 1 = 0$$

use the quadratic solver on your GDC

$$\therefore x = \cos \theta = -0.8119... \text{ or } 0.2463...$$

$$\therefore \theta = -2.518..., -1.321..., 1.321...$$

$$\theta = -2.52, -1.32, 1.32 \text{ (3 s.f.)}$$

Note: reject  $\theta = 2.518...$  since  $2.518... > \frac{\pi}{2}$

### Question 6

A function  $f$  can be defined by  $f(x) = 3x - 5x \arcsin(x)$ , where  $-1 \leq x \leq 1$ .

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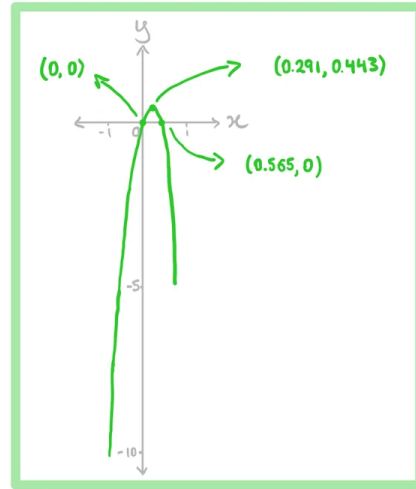
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b) The domain is given in the question and  $f_{\min}$  occurs when  $x = -1$  and  $f_{\max}$  occurs when  $x = 0.2913...$

$$f(-1) = 3(-1) - 5(-1)\arcsin(-1) = -10.85...$$

$$f(0.2913...) = 3(0.2913...) - 5(0.2913...) \arcsin(0.2913...) = 0.4433...$$

$$\text{Domain: } \{x : -1 \leq x \leq 1\}$$

$$\text{Range: } \{y : -10.9 \leq y \leq 0.443\}$$

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c) Plot the line  $y = -2$  and find the intersection points it has with the graph of  $f$ .

[3] intersection points:  $(-0.3968\dots, -2)$  and  $(0.8717\dots, -2)$

[2]  $\therefore -0.397 < x < 0.872$  (3 s.f.)

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### Question 7

The function  $f$  is defined as  $f(x) = \arccos x$ ,  $-1 \leq x \leq 1$ , and the function  $g$  is such that  $g(x) = f(3x)$ .

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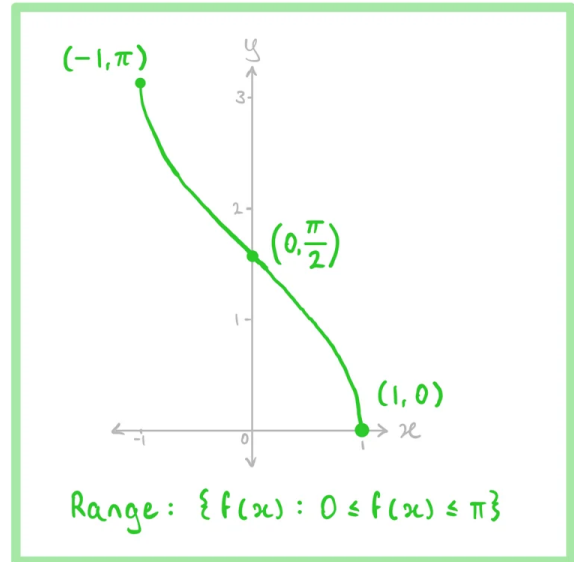
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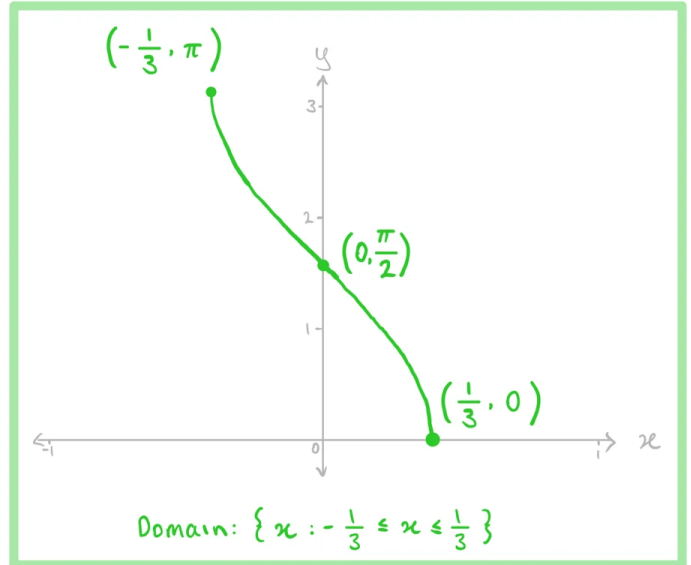
b)  $y = g(x) = f(3x) = \arccos 3x$

Horizontal stretch by s.f.  $\frac{1}{3}$

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$y = \arccos(3x)$

$\cos y = 3x$

$\frac{1}{3} \cos y = x$

take cos of both sides  
 $\div 3$

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$\therefore g^{-1}(x) = \frac{1}{3} \cos x$   
 Domain:  $\{x : 0 \leq x \leq \pi\}$

### Question 8

(a) Show that  $\sec \theta \cot \theta \equiv \operatorname{cosec} \theta$ .

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$$a) \sec \theta = \frac{1}{\cos \theta}, \operatorname{cosec} \theta = \frac{1}{\sin \theta}, \tan \theta = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta}$$

(b) Hence solve in the range  $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$ , the equation  $\sec \theta \cot \theta = -2$

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$$\cot \theta = \frac{1}{\tan \theta} = \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sec \theta \cot \theta &\equiv \operatorname{cosec} \theta \\ \rightarrow \frac{1}{\cos \theta} \times \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta} &= \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \\ \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sin \theta} &= \frac{1}{\sin \theta} = \operatorname{cosec} \theta \end{aligned}$$

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$$\therefore \sin \theta = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$\sin \theta$  is negative in the 3rd and 4th quadrants.

$$\theta = \frac{7\pi}{6} \text{ and } \frac{11\pi}{6}$$

### Question 9

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$$b) (\sec x - 3)^2 = 0$$

$$\sec x = \frac{1}{\cos x} = 3$$

$$\therefore \cos x = \frac{1}{3} \rightarrow x = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)$$

$$x = 1.2309\dots \text{ and } 2\pi - 1.2309\dots$$

$$x = 1.23, 5.05 \text{ (3 s.f.)}$$

## Question 10

(a) Show that the equation

$$\cot^2 x = 9 - 3 \operatorname{cosec} x$$

can be rewritten in the form

$$(\operatorname{cosec} x - 2)(\operatorname{cosec} x + 5) = 0.$$

[3]

(b) Hence, solve the equation  $\cot^2 x = 9 - 3 \operatorname{cosec} x$  in the interval  $-180^\circ \leq x \leq 180^\circ$ .  
Give your answers correct to 1 decimal place.

[3]

$$a) 1 + \cot^2 \theta = \operatorname{cosec}^2 \theta \quad (\text{in formula booklet})$$

$$\cot^2 x = 9 - 3 \operatorname{cosec} x$$

$$\operatorname{cosec}^2 x - 1 = 9 - 3 \operatorname{cosec} x$$

$$\operatorname{cosec}^2 x + 3 \operatorname{cosec} x - 10 = 0$$

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$$b) (\operatorname{cosec} x - 2)(\operatorname{cosec} x + 5) = 0$$

$$\therefore \operatorname{cosec} x = 2 \text{ and } \operatorname{cosec} x = -5$$

$$\sin x = \frac{1}{2} \text{ and } \sin x = -\frac{1}{5}$$

$$\therefore x = 30^\circ, 150^\circ \text{ and } x = -0.2013\dots, -179.79\dots$$

$$\therefore x = 30.0^\circ, 150.0^\circ \text{ and } x = -0.2^\circ, -179.8^\circ$$