

2. Review of High School

COMPOSITION

Let f and g be functions. If all numbers in the range of g are in the domain of f , then the **composition** $f \circ g$ is a function defined by

$$(f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x))$$

Example 2.1. Find the composition $f \circ g$, where $f(x) = \frac{x-1}{x+1}$ and $g(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$

$$\begin{aligned} f \circ g(x) &= f(g(x)) \\ &= f\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}\right) \\ &= \frac{\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}\right) - 1}{\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}\right) + 1} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} - \frac{\sqrt{x}}{\sqrt{x}}}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} + \frac{\sqrt{x}}{\sqrt{x}}} = \frac{\frac{1 - \sqrt{x}}{\sqrt{x}}}{\frac{1 + \sqrt{x}}{\sqrt{x}}}$$

$$= \frac{(1 - \sqrt{x})(\sqrt{x})}{(1 + \sqrt{x})(\sqrt{x})} \quad \text{cancels because } x \neq 0$$

$$= \frac{1 - \sqrt{x}}{1 + \sqrt{x}}$$

$$\therefore f \circ g(x) = \frac{1 - \sqrt{x}}{1 + \sqrt{x}}$$

What about $g \circ f$?

$$\begin{aligned} (g \circ f)(x) &= g(f(x)) \\ &= g\left(\frac{x-1}{x+1}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{x-1}{x+1}}} \end{aligned}$$

Bonus Rationalize the denom. $\frac{1 - \sqrt{x}}{1 + \sqrt{x}} = \left(\frac{1 - \sqrt{x}}{1 + \sqrt{x}}\right) \left(\frac{1 - \sqrt{x}}{1 - \sqrt{x}}\right) = \frac{1 - 2\sqrt{x} + x}{1 - x}$

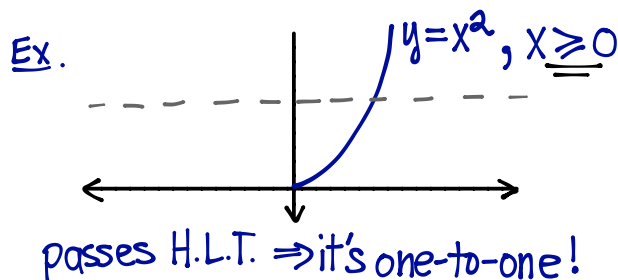
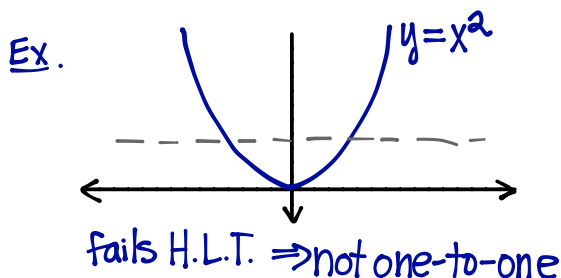
Exercise 2.2. Use the table to evaluate each of the following expressions.

x	1	2	3	4	5	6
$f(x)$	3	1	4	2	2	5
$g(x)$	6	3	2	1	2	3

- a. $f(g(1)) = f(6) = 5$ b. $(g \circ f)(3) = g(4) = 1$ c. $(f \circ g)(6) = f(3) = 4$
- d. $(f \circ f)(1) = f(3) = 4$ e. $g(g(1)) = g(6) = 3$ f. $(g \circ f)(1) = g(3) = 2$

INVERSE

Horizontal Line Test: Let $y = f(x)$ be a function. If every horizontal line crosses the graph of f at most once, then $f(x)$ is a **one-to-one (injective)** function and f has an inverse.



Inverse: Let $y = f(x)$ be a function. If f passes the Horizontal Line Test, then the map f^{-1} defined by the rule

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

is a function called the **inverse** of f . Informally, f^{-1} undoes f

Composition of a function with its inverse:

$$(f \circ f^{-1})(x) = x \quad \text{and} \quad (f^{-1} \circ f)(x) = x$$

Example 2.3. Find the inverse of $g(x) = \frac{2x-1}{3x+2}$ and verify that $(g \circ g^{-1})(x) = x = (g^{-1} \circ g)(x)$.

1. Write $y = g(x)$: $y = \frac{2x-1}{3x+2}$

2. Interchange x 's and y 's: $x = \frac{2y-1}{3y+2}$

3. Isolate 'new' y : $x(3y+2) = (2y-1)$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow 3xy + 2x &= 2y - 1 \\ \Rightarrow 3xy - 2y &= -2x - 1 \\ \Rightarrow y(3x-2) &= -2x - 1 \\ \Rightarrow y &= \frac{-2x-1}{3x-2} \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore g^{-1}(x) = \frac{-2x-1}{3x-2}$

$$\begin{aligned} (g \circ g^{-1})(x) &= g(g^{-1}(x)) \\ &= g\left(\frac{-2x-1}{3x-2}\right) \\ &= \frac{2\left(\frac{-2x-1}{3x-2}\right) - 1}{3\left(\frac{-2x-1}{3x-2}\right) + 2} \\ &= \frac{\frac{-4x-2}{3x-2} - \frac{(3x-2)}{(3x-2)}}{\frac{-6x-3}{3x-2} + \frac{2(3x-2)}{3x-2}} \\ &= \frac{\frac{-7x}{3x-2}}{\frac{-7}{3x-2}} \\ &= \frac{-7x}{-7} \\ &= x \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

similarly, we can also verify that $(g^{-1} \circ g)(x) = x$.

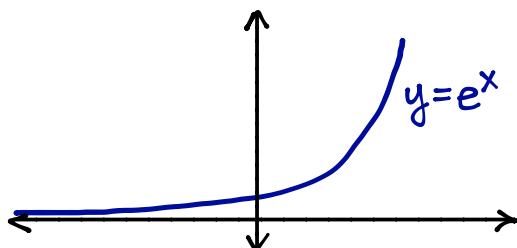
CATALOGUE OF IMPORTANT FUNCTIONS: EXPONENTIAL & LOGARITHMIC

Exponential Functions:

$f(x) = a^x$ where $a > 0$ is a positive constant, $a \neq 1$
 a is called the base

Natural Base:

$$f(x) = e^x \quad e \approx 2.718281\dots$$



domain $(-\infty, \infty)$
range $(0, \infty)$

Laws of Exponents:

$$a^x a^y = a^{x+y}$$

$$a^1 = a$$

$$(ab)^x = a^x b^x$$

$$(a^x)^y = a^{xy}$$

$$a^0 = 1$$

$$a^{-x} = \frac{1}{a^x}$$

$$\frac{a^x}{a^y} = a^{x-y}$$

$$\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^x = \frac{a^x}{b^x}$$

Example 2.4. Solve for x in the equation $2^{x+3} = 16^{2x-1}$.

$$\begin{aligned} 2^{x+3} &= 16^{2x-1} \\ \Rightarrow 2^{x+3} &= (2^4)^{2x-1} \\ \Rightarrow 2^{x+3} &= 2^{8x-4} \\ \Rightarrow x+3 &= 8x-4 \\ \Rightarrow 7 &= 7x \\ \Rightarrow x &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

check:

$$LS = 2^{1+3} = 16 \quad RS = 16^{2(1)-1} = 16$$

$\therefore LS = RS$ ✓

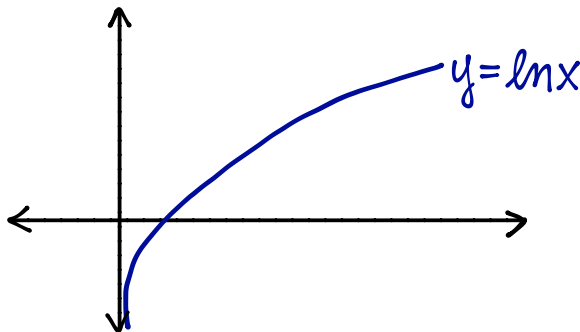
Logarithmic Functions:

$f(x) = \log_a(x)$ base $a > 0, a \neq 1$, domain: $(0, \infty)$

$\log_a(x) = y \iff a^y = x \quad (x > 0)$

Natural Logarithm:

$f(x) = \ln(x)$ ← base e gets its own notation: $\log_e(x) = \ln x$



domain: $\{x \in \mathbb{R} : x > 0\}$

range: \mathbb{R}

Laws of Logs:

$\ln(xy) = \ln(x) + \ln(y)$

$\ln(x^p) = p \ln(x)$

$\ln\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) = \ln(x) - \ln(y)$

$\ln(e) = 1$

$\ln(1) = 0$

$e^{\ln x} = x$

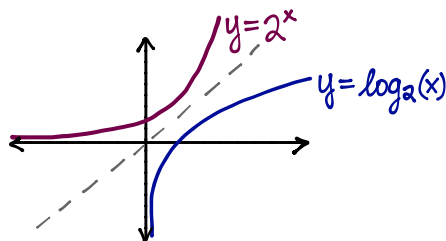
Change of base:

$\log_b(x) = \frac{\log_a(x)}{\log_a(b)}$

Inverse Relationship between a^x and $\log_a(x)$:

$\log_a(x) = y \iff a^y = x \quad (x > 0)$

$\implies y = \log_a(x)$ is the inverse of $y = a^x$ and vice versa



composition of inverses

$\log_a(a^y) = y$

$\ln(e^y) = y$

$a^{\log_a(x)} = x$

$e^{\ln x} = x$

Example 2.5. Solve for x in the equation $\log(x+1) + \log(x+4) = 1$.

First, observe that $x > -1$ and $x > -4$ $\therefore x > -1$

in order for the equation to make sense, we must respect the domains of both $\log(x+1)$ and $\log(x+4)$

$$\begin{aligned}\log(x+1) + \log(x+4) &= 1 \\ \Rightarrow \log((x+1)(x+4)) &= 1 \\ \Rightarrow \log(x^2+5x+4) &= 1 \\ \Rightarrow 10^{\log(x^2+5x+4)} &= 10^1 \\ \Rightarrow x^2+5x+4 &= 10 \\ \Rightarrow x^2+5x-6 &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow (x+6)(x-1) &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow x &= -6 \text{ or } x = 1 \\ \text{reject because } x &\text{ has to be } > -1\end{aligned}$$

\therefore the equation has one solution: $x = 1$

Exercise 2.6. A bacterial population grows according to the model $b(t) = 1.8^t b_0$ where t represents time in hours, $b(t)$ represents the number of bacteria in the population at time t , and b_0 represents the initial population at time $t = 0$ (assume $b_0 > 0$).

How long will it take for the initial population to triple in size?

At what time t is $b(t) = 3b_0$?

$$\begin{aligned}3b_0 &= 1.8^t b_0 \\ \Rightarrow 3 &= 1.8^t \text{ (since } b_0 \neq 0) \\ \Rightarrow \ln(3) &= \ln(1.8^t) \\ \Rightarrow \ln(3) &= t \cdot \ln(1.8) \\ \Rightarrow t &= \frac{\ln(3)}{\ln(1.8)} \approx 1.869\dots\end{aligned}$$

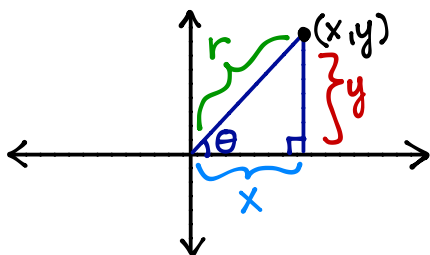
\therefore it will take

$$t = \frac{\ln 3}{\ln 1.8} \approx 1.869 \text{ hours}$$

for the initial population to triple.

CATALOGUE OF IMPORTANT FUNCTIONS: TRIGONOMETRIC & INVERSE TRIG

Trigonometric Ratios:



$$\sin \theta = \frac{\text{opp.}}{\text{hyp.}} = \frac{y}{r}$$

$$\csc \theta = \frac{1}{\sin \theta} = \frac{r}{y}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\text{adj.}}{\text{hyp.}} = \frac{x}{r}$$

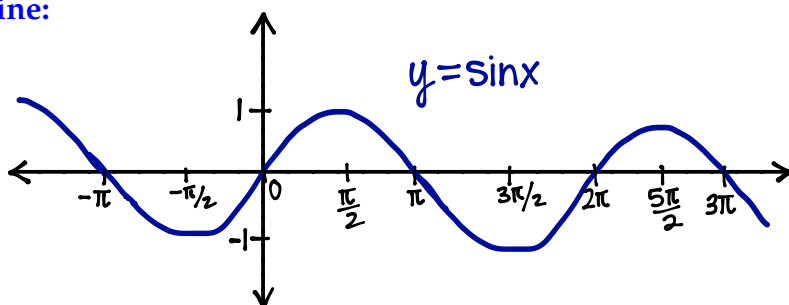
$$\sec \theta = \frac{1}{\cos \theta} = \frac{r}{x}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{\text{opp.}}{\text{adj.}} = \frac{y}{x}$$

$$\cot \theta = \frac{1}{\tan \theta} = \frac{x}{y}$$

Basic Trigonometric Functions

sine:



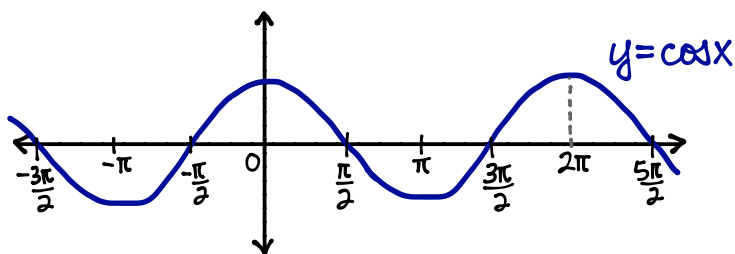
domain: $(-\infty, \infty)$

range: $[-1, 1]$

period: 2π

roots: at $x = k\pi$, $k \in \mathbb{Z}$
(k is an integer)

cosine:



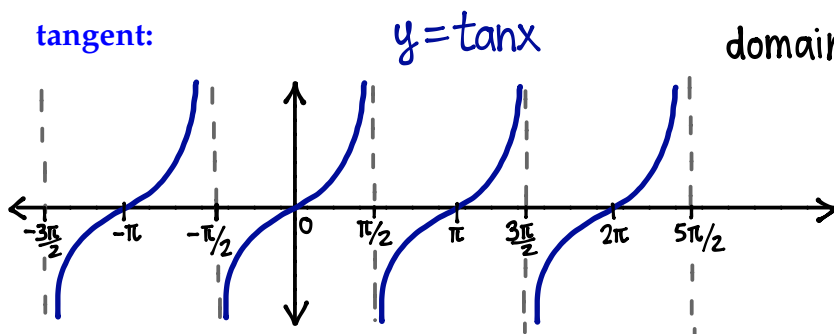
domain: $(-\infty, \infty)$

range: $[-1, 1]$

period: 2π

roots: at $x = (2k+1) \cdot \frac{\pi}{2}$, $k \in \mathbb{Z}$
(odd multiples of $\frac{\pi}{2}$)

tangent:



domain: $\{x \in \mathbb{R} : x \neq (2k+1) \frac{\pi}{2}, k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$

(Vertical asymptotes at all odd integer multiples of $\frac{\pi}{2}$)

range: $(-\infty, \infty)$ period: π

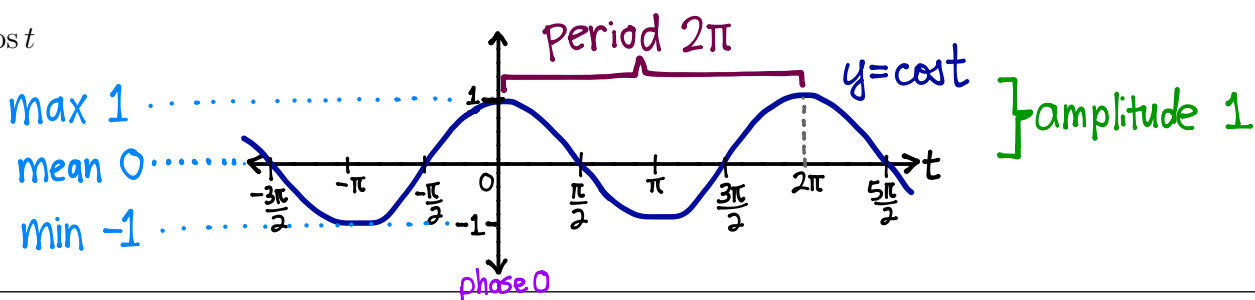
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Useful Trig Identity

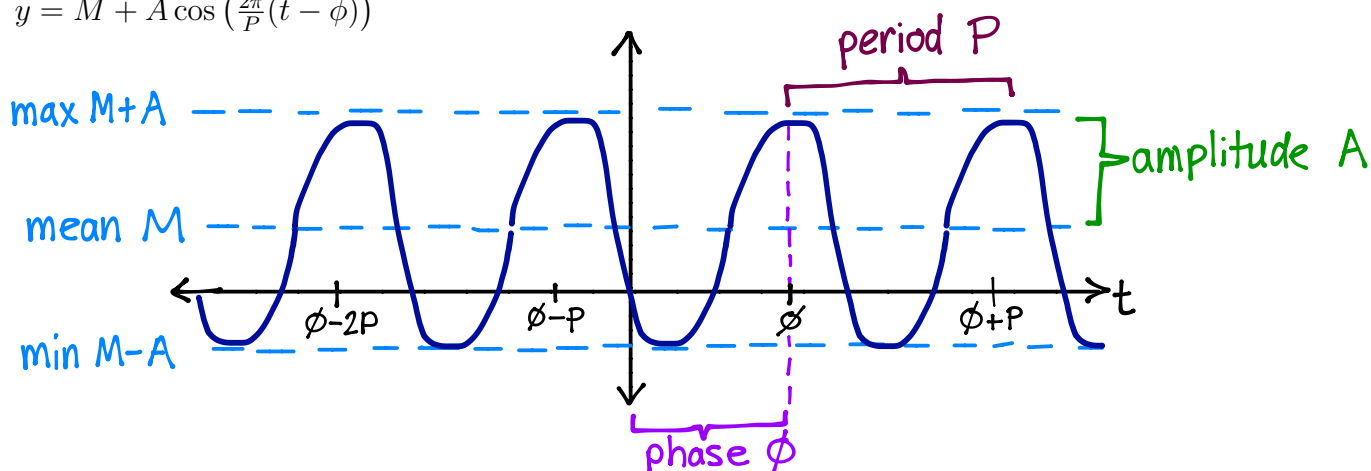
$$\cos^2 x + \sin^2 x = 1 \quad (\text{other identities later})$$

Oscillating Functions — Transformations of Cosine

$$y = \cos t$$



$$y = M + A \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{P}(t - \phi)\right)$$



period b : $y = \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{P}t\right)$ is a horizontal scaling of $y = \cos t$ by a factor of $\frac{P}{2\pi}$

\Rightarrow period is scaled horizontally from 2π to $(2\pi)\left(\frac{P}{2\pi}\right) = P$ period = $\frac{2\pi}{b}$

phase ϕ : $y = \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{P}(t - \phi)\right)$ is a horizontal shift of $y = \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{P}t\right)$ by ϕ units right

\Rightarrow phase shifts horizontally from 0 to $0 + \phi = \phi$.

amplitude A :

$y = A \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{P}(t - \phi)\right)$ is a vertical scaling of $y = \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{P}(t - \phi)\right)$ by a factor of A .

\Rightarrow amplitude is scaled vertically from 1 to $(1)(A) = A$

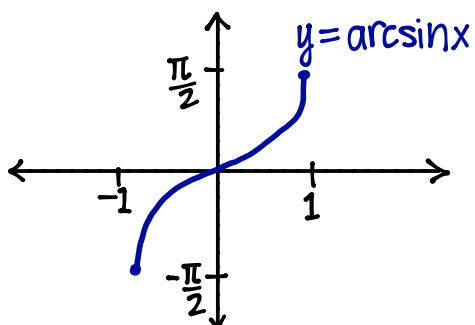
mean M :

$y = M + A \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{P}(t - \phi)\right)$ is a vertical shift of $y = A \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{P}(t - \phi)\right)$ up M units

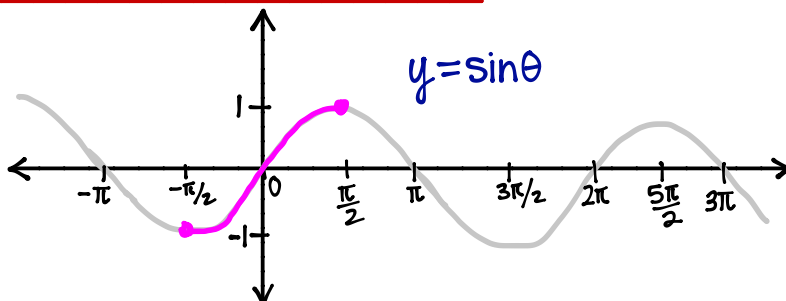
\Rightarrow mean shifts vertically from 0 to $0 + M = M$, max = $M + A$, and min = $M - A$

Inverse Trig Functions

arcsine: $\arcsin x = \theta \iff \sin \theta = x \text{ and } -\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$



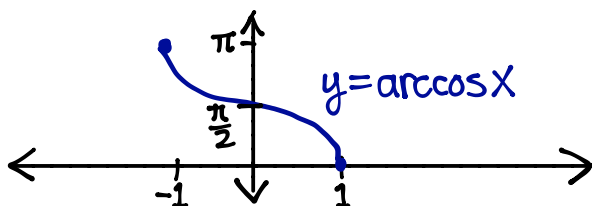
domain: $[-1, 1]$ range: $[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}]$



$y = \sin \theta$ is not one-to-one (fails H.L.T.)
To fix this issue, we restrict to a representative one-to-one chunk of $y = \sin \theta$

arccosine: $\arccos x = \theta \iff \cos \theta = x \text{ and } 0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$

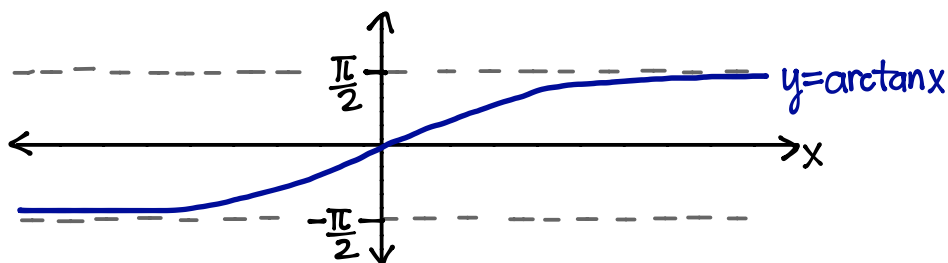
← same idea as with $\sin \theta$ and $\arcsin x$



domain: $[-1, 1]$ range: $[0, \pi]$

arctangent: $\arctan x = \theta \iff \tan \theta = x \text{ and } -\frac{\pi}{2} < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$

← same idea as with $\sin \theta$ and $\arcsin x$



domain: $(-\infty, \infty)$ range: $(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2})$

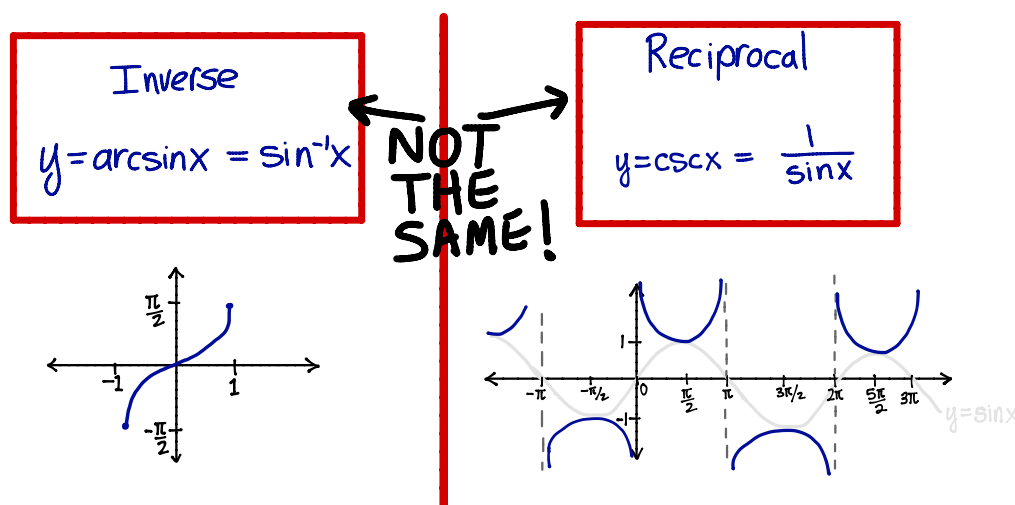
BEWARE OF CONFUSING NOTATION FOR INVERSE TRIG FUNCTIONS VS.
RECIPROCAL TRIG FUNCTIONS !

- For a function f , we write f^{-1} for the inverse of f , which is **NOT** the same as the reciprocal $\frac{1}{f}$

Ex. The inverse of the sine function is denoted $\sin^{-1}(x)$ or $\arcsin(x)$.

- Reciprocal trig functions have their own names and are **NOT** written using the power -1

Ex. The reciprocal of the sine function is called the cosecant function and it's denoted $\csc(x)$



$$\csc(x) \checkmark = \frac{1}{\tan(x)} \quad \text{but} \quad \frac{1}{\tan(x)} \not\checkmark = \tan^{-1}(x) \checkmark = \arctan x$$

$$\sec(x) \checkmark = \frac{1}{\cos(x)} \quad \text{but} \quad \frac{1}{\cos(x)} \not\checkmark = \cos^{-1}(x) \checkmark = \arccos x$$

$$\csc(x) \checkmark = \frac{1}{\sin(x)} \quad \text{but} \quad \frac{1}{\sin(x)} \not\checkmark = \sin^{-1}(x) \checkmark = \arcsin x$$

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