

1. Fill in the blanks to derive an expression for the inverse sine function (i.e. $\sin^{-1} z$).

Let $w = \sin^{-1} z$, then $z = \sin w$.

[We want to solve for w since it equals $\sin^{-1} z$.]

Then $z = \frac{e^{iw} - e^{-iw}}{2i}$ by the definition of $\sin w$.

Multiply both sides by $2ie^{iw}$:

$$\begin{aligned} 2ize^{iw} &= \frac{e^{iw} - e^{-iw}}{2i} \cdot 2ie^{iw} \\ &= \underline{e^{2iw} - 1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{2iw} - 2ize^{iw} - 1 = 0 \qquad \text{But } e^{2iw} = (\underline{e^{iw}})^2$$

So $(e^{iw})^2 - 2iz(e^{iw}) - 1 = 0$ is a quadratic equation in $\underline{e^{iw}}$.

[Given a complex quadratic equation $az^2 + bz + c = 0$, the quadratic formula (for complex variables) is $z = \frac{-b + (b^2 - 4ac)^{1/2}}{2a}$. See Exercise 8(a), Sec. 10. Be sure to use proper notation.]

Applying this formula to the above equation yields:

$$e^{iw} = \frac{2iz + [(-2iz)^2 - 4(1)(-1)]^{1/2}}{2(1)} = \frac{2iz + [-4z^2 + 4]^{1/2}}{2} = \frac{2iz + [4(1 - z^2)]^{1/2}}{2} = \frac{2iz + 2(1 - z^2)^{1/2}}{2}$$

$$\text{So } e^{iw} = iz + \underline{(1 - z^2)^{1/2}}$$

[Note: The RHS is double-valued since there are exactly 2 roots.]

Solve for w by taking the logarithm of both sides:

$$\begin{aligned} \log(e^{iw}) &= \log \left[iz + (1 - z^2)^{1/2} \right] \\ \underline{iw} &= \log \left[iz + (1 - z^2)^{1/2} \right] \\ w &= \underline{-i \log \left[iz + (1 - z^2)^{1/2} \right]} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, since $w = \underline{\sin^{-1} z}$ from the very beginning, we have

$$\boxed{\sin^{-1} z = -i \log \left[iz + (1 - z^2)^{1/2} \right]}$$

Similarly,

$$\boxed{\cos^{-1} z = -i \log \left[z + i(1 - z^2)^{1/2} \right]}$$

$$\boxed{\tan^{-1} z = \frac{i}{2} \log \frac{i + z}{i - z}}$$

2. Consider the expression for $\sin^{-1} z$ above. Is it single-valued, double-valued, or multiple (more than 2)-valued? [You may need to check your answer after doing problem #3.]

It is multiple-valued because of the logarithm.

3. Fill in the blanks to find $\sin^{-1} \sqrt{5}$.

$$\begin{aligned} \sin^{-1} \sqrt{5} &= -i \log [i \sqrt{5} + (1 - 5)^{1/2}] \\ &= -i \log [i\sqrt{5} + (-4)^{1/2}] \quad \text{Luckily, we know } (-4)^{1/2} = \pm 2i \text{ w/o needing polar representation.} \\ &= -i \log [i\sqrt{5} \pm 2i] \\ &= -i \log [(\sqrt{5} \pm 2)i] \\ &= -i \left[\ln |(\sqrt{5} \pm 2)i| + i \arg((\sqrt{5} \pm 2)i) \right] \\ &= -i \left[\ln |(\sqrt{5} \pm 2)| + i \arg((\sqrt{5} \pm 2)i) \right] \quad \text{since } |i| = 1. \end{aligned}$$

But $(\sqrt{5} \pm 2)i$ are both purely imaginary AND $\sqrt{5} \pm 2$ are both positive.

So they both have the same argument:

$$\begin{aligned} &= -i \left[\ln(\sqrt{5} \pm 2) + i \left(\frac{\pi}{2} + 2n\pi \right) \right], \quad n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots \\ &= \left(\frac{\pi}{2} + 2n\pi \right) - i \ln(\sqrt{5} \pm 2), \quad n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots \end{aligned}$$

We could stop here, but to see how the book writes some answers, complete the following extra steps.

$$\sqrt{5} - 2 = (\sqrt{5} - 2) \cdot \frac{\sqrt{5} + 2}{\sqrt{5} + 2} = \frac{5 - 4}{\sqrt{5} + 2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5} + 2} \quad \text{[Simplify.]}$$

So

$$\ln(\sqrt{5} - 2) = \ln \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{5} + 2} \right) = \ln(\sqrt{5} + 2)^{-1} = -\ln(\sqrt{5} + 2)$$

In other words, $\ln(\sqrt{5} \pm 2) = \pm \ln(\sqrt{5} + 2)$.

So the answer above can be written as $\sin^{-1}(\sqrt{5}) = \left(\frac{\pi}{2} + 2n\pi \right) \pm i \ln(\sqrt{5} + 2)$, $n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$

Sketch the values in the complex plane.

[Go back to question number 2 – did you answer it correctly?]

4. Look in your book and write down the definitions for the inverse hyperbolic functions in terms of logarithms.
8th edition, Section 3.36 or 9th edition, Section 3.40

$$\sinh^{-1} z = \log \left[z + (z^2 + 1)^{1/2} \right]$$

$$\cosh^{-1} z = \log \left[z + (z^2 - 1)^{1/2} \right]$$

$$\tanh^{-1} z = \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{1+z}{1-z}$$

5. Find all the values of $\cosh^{-1}(3i)$.

[Be careful when finding the argument(s).]

Sketch the values in the complex plane.

6. If we make a branch cut so that the inverse trigonometric functions are single-valued and analytic, then the derivatives are defined as: [Look up any missing formulas.]

$$\frac{d}{dz} [\sin^{-1} z] = \frac{1}{(1 - z^2)^{1/2}} \qquad \frac{d}{dz} [\cos^{-1} z] = -\frac{1}{(1 - z^2)^{1/2}} \qquad \frac{d}{dz} [\tan^{-1} z] = \frac{1}{1 + z^2}$$

Fill in the blanks to derive the derivative of $\sin^{-1} z$

Let $w = \sin^{-1} z$. [So $\frac{dw}{dz} = \frac{d}{dz} [\sin^{-1} z]$ and therefore we need to find $\frac{dw}{dz}$]

Then $\sin w$ = z

Implicitly differentiate both sides [Remember w is a function of z .]

$$\frac{d}{dz} [\sin w] = \frac{d}{dz} [z]$$

$$\underline{\cos w \frac{dw}{dz}} = 1$$

Then $\frac{dw}{dz} = \frac{1}{\cos w}$ (*) [But we need $\frac{dw}{dz}$ as a function of z .]

From the identity $\cos^2 w + \sin^2 w = 1$, we get $\cos w = \underline{(1 - \sin^2 w)^{1/2}}$.

But from above, $\sin w = z$, so $\cos w = (1 - \sin^2 w)^{1/2} = \underline{(1 - z^2)^{1/2}}$

Substitute this expression into (*) to get $\frac{dw}{dz} = \frac{1}{(1 - z^2)^{1/2}}$. i.e. $\boxed{\frac{d}{dz} [\sin^{-1} z] = \frac{1}{(1 - z^2)^{1/2}}}$

Homework 8th Edition Section 3.36[9th Edition, Section 3.40], p. 114: #1(sketch values in the complex plane), 2, 3, 5

Additional Problem: I. Given $\cos^{-1} \left(\frac{5}{3} \right)$,

- (a). Find all values.
- (b). Find the value using the principal branch of $\log z$ and the principal branch of $z^{1/2}$ or state why it is undefined.
- (c). Find the value using the principal branch of $\log z$ and the branch $z^{1/2} = \sqrt{r}e^{i\theta/2}$ ($r > 0, 0 < \theta < 2\pi$) for $z^{1/2}$ or state why it is undefined.
- (d). Find the derivative of $\cos^{-1}(z)$ at $z = \frac{5}{3}$ using the branches from part (a) or state why it is undefined.
- (e). Find the derivative of $\cos^{-1}(z)$ at $z = \frac{5}{3}$ using the branches from part (b) or state why it is undefined.