

MATH1013 Calculus I

Introduction to Functions¹

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Trigonometric Functions (Chapter 1)

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Trigonometric functions

Similar triangles

Some identities

Circular Functions

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Recalling trigonometric functions

- **Trigonometric ratios** have been known to us as ancient as **Babylonians' time** because of the need of astronomical observation. The **Greeks** turns the subject into an **exact science**.
- There are many ways that these ratios appear from everyday life applications to the most advanced scientific pursuits, that are generally connected with **circular symmetry** or with **circles**.
- **Earliest definitions** Given an **angle A** with $0 < A < \pi/2$. Then one can form a right angle triangle $\triangle ABC$ with the side **a** opposite to the **angle A** called the **opposite side**, the side next to the **angle A** called the **adjacent side**, and the side opposite to the right angle, the **hypotenuse**.
- One can certainly include the consideration that **$A = 0$** or **$A = \pi/2$** by accommodating a straight line section as a **generalized triangle**, which will be useful when we discuss trigonometry ratios for arbitrary triangles later.

Six trigonometric ratios

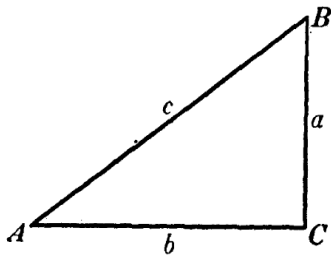


Figure: (Right angle triangle $\triangle ABC$: from Maxime Bôcher, 1914)

$$\sin A = \frac{\text{opposite side}}{\text{hypotenuse}} = \frac{a}{c}, \quad \cos A = \frac{\text{adjacent side}}{\text{hypotenuse}} = \frac{b}{c}$$

$$\tan A = \frac{\text{opposite side}}{\text{adjacent side}} = \frac{a}{b}.$$

The other three are

$$\csc A = \frac{1}{\sin A}, \quad \sec A = \frac{1}{\cos A}, \quad \cot A = \frac{1}{\tan A}$$

Maxime Bôcher's book

TRIGONOMETRY

WITH THE

THEORY AND USE OF LOGARITHMS

BY

MAXIME BÔCHER

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Maxime Bôcher (1867-1918) was an American mathematician studied in Göttingen, Germany, in late nineteenth century, then the world centre of mathematics. He later became a professor in mathematics at the Harvard university.



Figure: (M. Bôcher) Courtesy of Harvard University Archives

Similar triangles

CHAPTER I

FUNCTIONS OF ACUTE ANGLES. TABLES OF NATURAL FUNCTIONS. SOLUTION OF RIGHT TRIANGLES

1. Definitions. Let A (Fig. 1) be any acute angle. If from points P_1, P_2, P_3 on one side of this angle perpendiculars be dropped on the other side, right triangles $AP_1R_1, AP_2R_2, AP_3R_3$ are formed which are all similar to each other. Hence the ratios of corresponding sides of these triangles are equal, as, for instance:

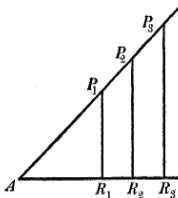


FIG. 1

$$(1) \quad \frac{R_1P_1}{AP_1} = \frac{R_2P_2}{AP_2} = \frac{R_3P_3}{AP_3},$$

$$(2) \quad \frac{AR_1}{AP_1} = \frac{AR_2}{AP_2} = \frac{AR_3}{AP_3},$$

$$(3) \quad \frac{R_1P_1}{AR_1} = \frac{R_2P_2}{AR_2} = \frac{R_3P_3}{AR_3}.$$

The value of the ratios in (1) is called the Sine of A and

Figure: (Chapter One)

Trigonometric Tables

| | sin | tan | sec | |
|-----|--------|--------|------|-----|
| 5° | 0.0872 | 0.0875 | 1.00 | 85° |
| 10° | 0.174 | 0.176 | 1.02 | 80° |
| 15° | 0.259 | 0.268 | 1.04 | 75° |
| 20° | 0.342 | 0.364 | 1.06 | 70° |
| 25° | 0.423 | 0.466 | 1.10 | 65° |
| 30° | 0.500 | 0.577 | 1.15 | 60° |
| 35° | 0.574 | 0.700 | 1.22 | 55° |
| 40° | 0.643 | 0.839 | 1.31 | 50° |
| 45° | 0.707 | 1.00 | 1.41 | 45° |
| 50° | 0.766 | 1.19 | 1.56 | 40° |
| 55° | 0.819 | 1.43 | 1.74 | 35° |
| 60° | 0.866 | 1.73 | 2.00 | 30° |
| 65° | 0.906 | 2.14 | 2.37 | 25° |
| 70° | 0.940 | 2.75 | 2.92 | 20° |
| 75° | 0.966 | 3.73 | 3.86 | 15° |
| 80° | 0.985 | 5.67 | 5.76 | 10° |
| 85° | 0.996 | 11.4 | 11.5 | 5° |
| | cos | ctn | csc | |

It really is about circles !!

The crux of the matter of why any of the trigonometric ratios **only depends** on the angle and not the size of the triangle really means we are looking at a circle.

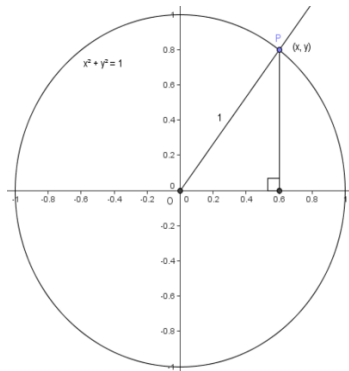


Figure: (Source: Wiki)

Trigonometric identities

- The size of the right angle triangle (circle) **does not matter**. One immediately obtain the famous **Pythagoras theorem**

$$\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta = 1$$

where $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi/2$.

- Dividing both sides by $\sin^2 \theta$ and $\cos^2 \theta$ yield, respectively

$$1 + \cot^2 \theta = \csc^2 \theta \quad \text{and} \quad \tan^2 \theta + 1 = \sec^2 \theta.$$

- Double angle formulae:

$$\sin 2\theta = 2 \cos \theta \sin \theta, \quad \cos 2\theta = \cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta$$

- Half angle formulae:

$$\cos \theta = 2 \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} - 1, \quad \sin \theta = 2 \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2}$$

Ratios beyond $\frac{\pi}{2}$

- The question is now how to extend the angle **beyond** $\frac{\pi}{2}$, as the unit circle clearly indicates such possibility.

18. Functions of Angles of Any Magnitude. Let P be any point on the terminal side of the angle BAB' . From P drop a perpendicular on the initial side of the angle (or the initial side produced) meeting it in M . Then the primary trigonometric functions of the angle BAB' are defined as follows:

$$\sin BAB' = \frac{MP}{AP},$$

$$(1) \quad \cos BAB' = \frac{AM}{AP},$$

$$\tan BAB' = \frac{MP}{AM},$$

where the segments AM , MP , AP are to be taken with the proper sign according to the conventions of § 17.

The secondary functions are, as in § 1, defined as the reciprocals of the primary functions:

$$\operatorname{csc} BAB' = \frac{1}{\sin BAB'},$$

$$(2) \quad \sec BAB' = \frac{1}{\cos BAB'},$$

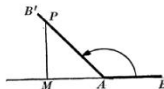


FIG. 15

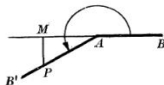


FIG. 16

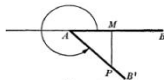


FIG. 17

Ratios as circular functions: $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$

- Due to the property of similar triangles, it is sufficient that we consider **unit circle** in extending to $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$ with the **ratios** augmented with appropriate signs from the xy -coordinate axes.

20. Line Values of Functions. About the vertex O of a given angle as center describe a circle of unit radius cutting the initial side in B and the terminal side in P_2 (Fig. 23). We suppose at first that the angle lies in the second quadrant. Draw M_2P_2 perpendicular to the diameter BB' . Then, by the definitions of § 18, taking account of the algebraic signs, we have

$$\sin BOP_2 = \frac{M_2P_2}{OP_2} = \frac{M_2P_2}{1} = M_2P_2,$$

$$\cos BOP_2 = \frac{OM_2}{OP_2} = \frac{OM_2}{1} = OM_2.$$

Line values for the tangent and secant may be obtained by drawing at B a tangent to the circle and producing the terminal side, OP_2 , backward till it meets this tangent in T_2 .

We have then

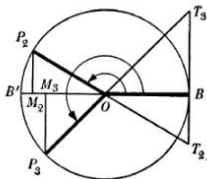


FIG. 23

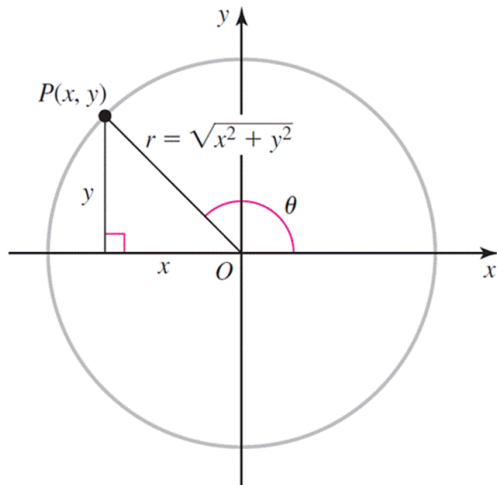
Illustration of $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$ 

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Ratios beyond 2π

- For **sine** and **cosine** functions, if θ is an angle **beyond** 2π , then $\theta = \phi + k 2\pi$ for some $0 \leq \phi \leq 2\pi$. Thus one can write down their meanings from the **definitions**

$$\sin(\theta) = \sin(\phi + k 2\pi) = \sin \phi, \quad \cos(\theta) = \cos(\phi + k 2\pi) = \cos \phi$$

where $0 \leq \phi \leq 2\pi$, and k is any integer.

- The case for **tangent** ratio is slightly different, with the **first extension** to $-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$, and then to arbitrary θ . Thus one can write down

$$\tan(\theta) = \tan(\phi + k \pi) = \tan \phi$$

where $\theta = \phi + k\pi$ for some k and $-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \phi \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$.

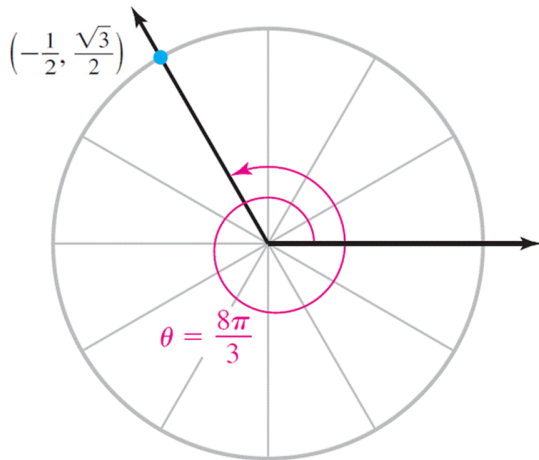
Illustration of $2\pi \leq \theta \leq 4\pi$ 

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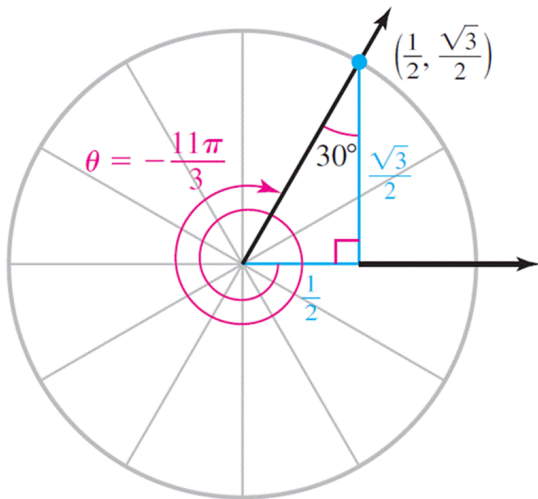
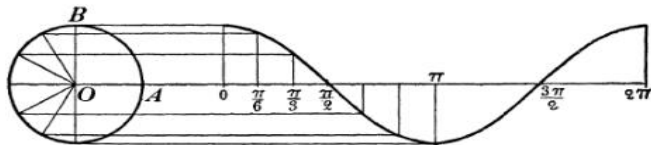
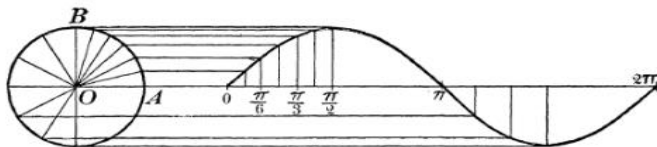
Illustration of $-4\pi \leq \theta \leq -2\pi$ 

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Periodic sine and cosine functions



Periodic sine/cosec functions (publisher)

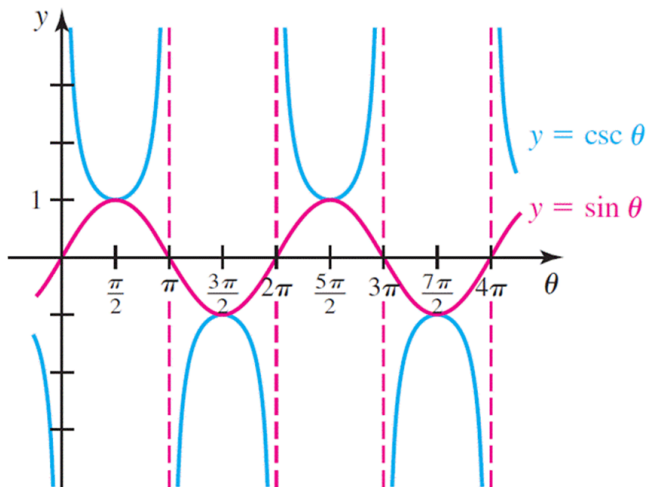


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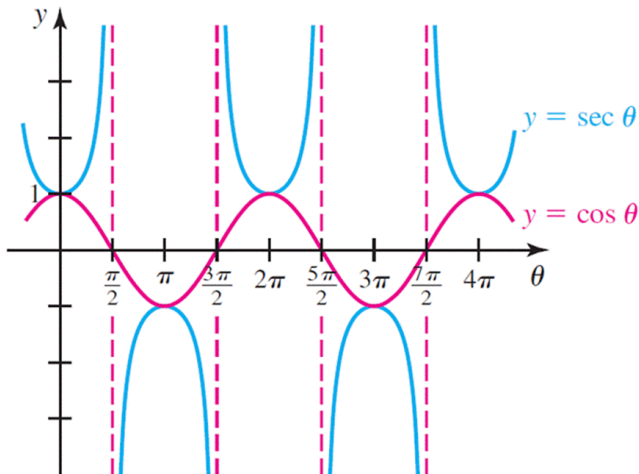


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Periodic tangent function

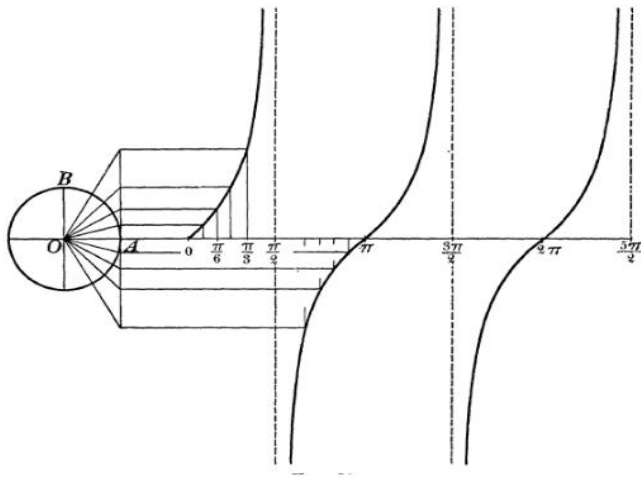


Figure: (Source: tangent, Borcher page 46)

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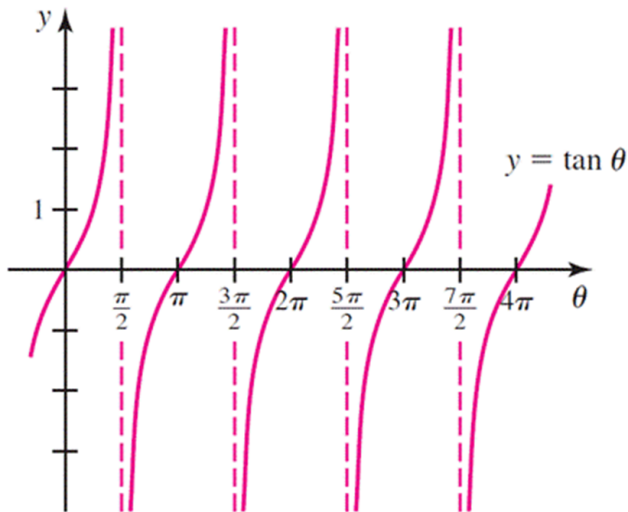


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Periodic cotangent functions (publisher)

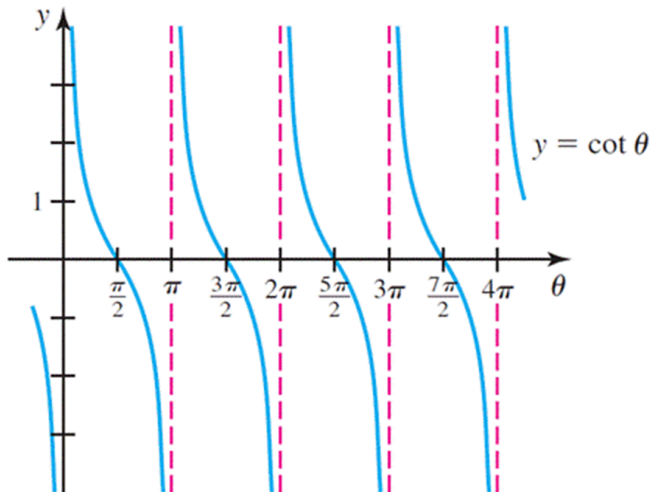


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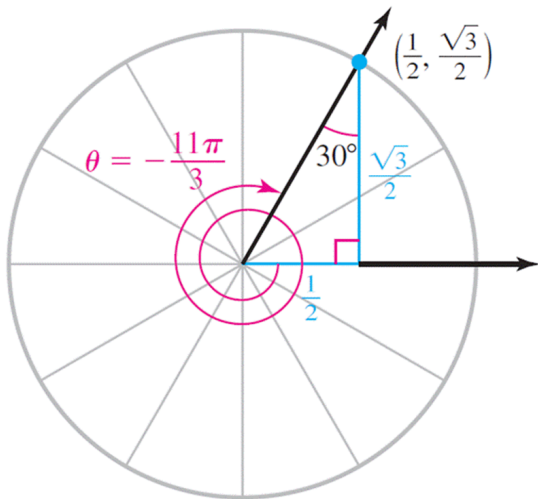
Graphs of $-4\pi \leq \theta \leq -2\pi$ 

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Inverse trigonometric functions

- The **sine** and **cosine** functions map the $[k2\pi, (k+1)2\pi]$ onto the **range** $[-1, 1]$ for each integer k . So it is

many \longrightarrow **one**

so an inverse would be possible only if we suitably restrict the domain of either **sine** and **cosine** functions. We note that even the image of $[0, 2\pi]$ “covers” the $[-1, 1]$ **more than once**.

- In fact, for the **sine** function, only the subset $[\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}]$ of $[0, 2\pi]$ would be mapped onto $[-1, 1]$ exactly once. That is the **sine** function is **one-one** on $[\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}]$.
- However, it's more convenient to define the inverse $\sin^{-1} x$ on $[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}]$.

$$\sin^{-1} x : [-1, 1] \longrightarrow \left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right].$$

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$$\cos^{-1} x : [-1, 1] \longrightarrow [0, \pi].$$

Inverse sine (publisher)

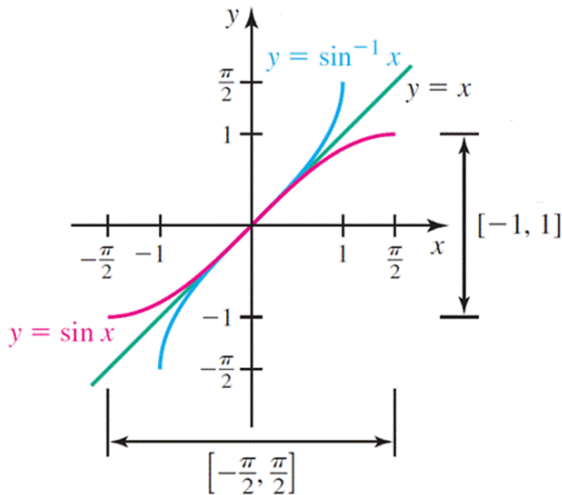
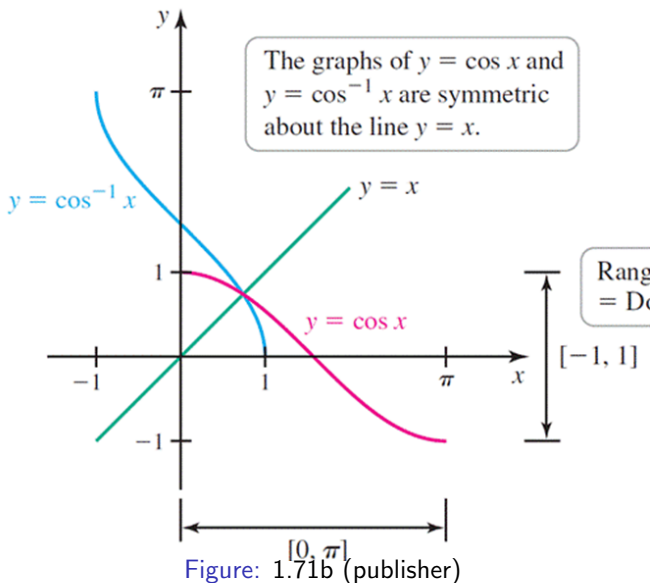


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Inverse cosine (publisher)



Inverse trigonometric functions II

- The **tangent** has

$$\tan^{-1} x : (-\infty, \infty) \longrightarrow \left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2} \right]$$

or the whole real axis.

- (p. 44) Find (a) $\cos^{-1}(-\sqrt{3}/2)$, (b) $\cos^{-1}(\cos 3\pi)$, (c) $\sin(\sin^{-1} 1/2)$.
- (p. 45) Given $\theta = \sin^{-1} 2/5$. Find $\cos \theta$ and $\tan \theta$.
- (p. 45) Find alternative form of $\cot(\cos^{-1}(x/4))$ in terms of x .
- (p. 48, Q. 58) Find $\cos(\sin^{-1}(x/3))$.
- (p. 45) Why $\sin^{-1} x + \cos^{-1} x = \pi/2$?

Inverse tangent (publisher)

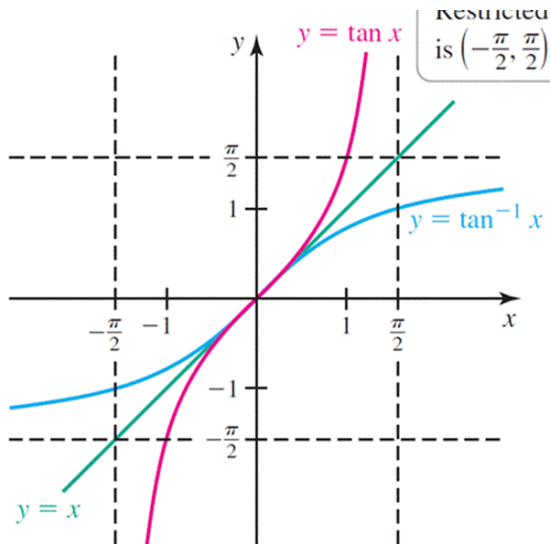


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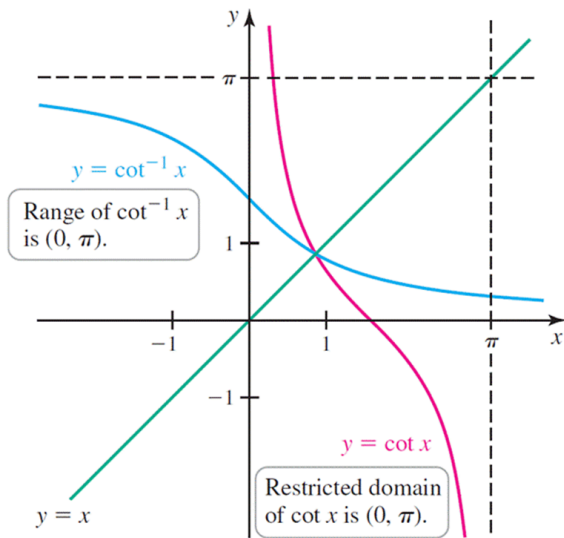


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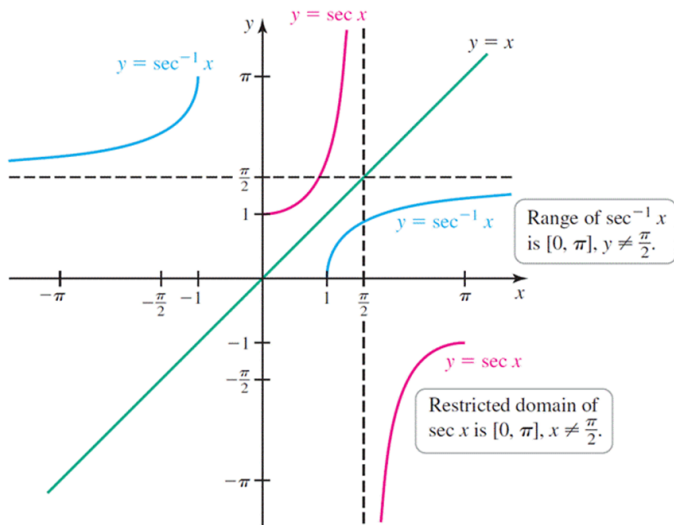


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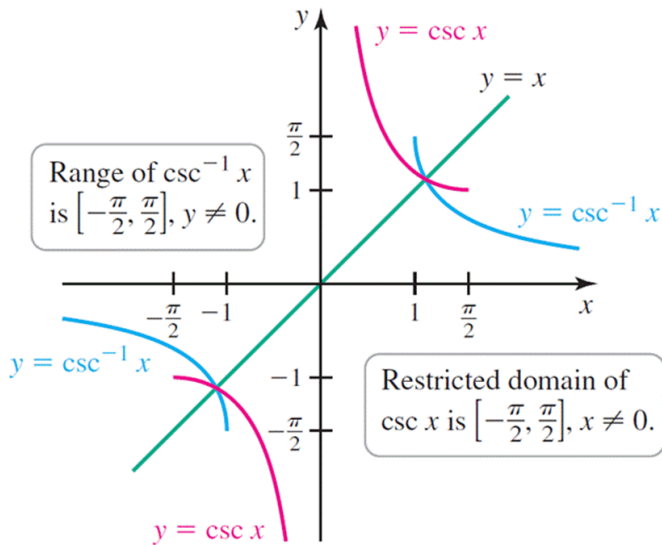


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