

B.sc(H) part 1 paper 1

Topic: Inverse circular & Hyperbolic
Functions of Complex Quantities

Subject: Mathematics

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1: Inverse circular functions of complex quantities

If $\sin(x + iy) = \alpha + i\beta$, then $x + iy$ is said to be inverse sine of $(\alpha + i\beta)$ and is denoted by $\sin^{-1}(\alpha + i\beta)$.

Thus $x + iy = \sin^{-1}(\alpha + i\beta)$... (1)

We have also,

$$\sin\{n\pi + (-1)^n(x + iy)\} = \sin(x + iy) = \alpha + i\beta$$

$\therefore n\pi + (-1)^n(x + iy) = \sin^{-1}(\alpha + i\beta)$... (2)

Similarly if $\cos(x + iy) = \alpha + i\beta$, then

$$\cos^{-1}(\alpha + i\beta) = 2n\pi \pm (x + iy)$$

or if $\tan(x + iy) = \alpha + i\beta$, then $\tan^{-1}(\alpha + i\beta) = n\pi + (x + iy)$ etc.

These results follow from the following considerations which we have done earlier.

If $\sin \theta = \sin \alpha$, then $\theta = n\pi + (-1)^n \alpha$;

if $\cos \theta = \cos \alpha$, then $\theta = 2n\pi \pm \alpha$;

if $\tan \theta = \tan \alpha$, then $\theta = n\pi + \alpha$.

Thus we find that the inverse circular function of a complex quantity is a many-valued function.

The function thus obtained may be described as the general value of the inverse function.

The principal value of the inverse function is obtained by putting $n = 0$ in the general value of the function and is defined as follows:

The principal value of $\sin^{-1}(\alpha + i\beta)$ is that value of $n\pi + (-1)^n(x + iy)$ (i.e. $x + iy$, on putting $n = 0$) whose real part x lies between $-\frac{\pi}{2}$ and $+\frac{\pi}{2}$.

The principal value of $\cos^{-1}(\alpha + i\beta)$ is that value of $2n\pi \pm (x + iy)$ which is such that its real part x (on putting $n = 0$) lies between 0 and π .

The principal value of $\tan^{-1}(\alpha + i\beta)$ is that value of $n\pi + (x + iy)$ which is such that its real part x lies between $-\frac{\pi}{2}$ and $\frac{\pi}{2}$.

2: Inverse Hyperbolic Functions

These are defined in the same manner as inverse circular functions.

If $\sin hz = w$, then z is called the inverse hyperbolic sine of w and is denoted by $\sin h^{-1}w$ and we write $z = \sin h^{-1}w$.

Similarly, we define $\cos h^{-1}w$, $\tan h^{-1}w$ etc.

Case I. Let $w = \sin hz$

where w and z both are imaginary numbers given by $w = u + iv$ and $z = x + iy$, then $z = \sin h^{-1}w$.

Now,
$$w = \sin hz = \frac{1}{2}(e^z - e^{-z}) = \frac{1}{2}\left(e^z - \frac{1}{e^z}\right)$$

$$\therefore e^{2z} - 2we^z - 1 = 0.$$

Treating this as a quadratic in e^z , we get

$$e^z = \frac{2w \pm \sqrt{4w^2 + 4}}{2} = w \pm \sqrt{w^2 + 1}$$

$$\therefore z = 2n\pi i + \log(w + \sqrt{w^2 + 1})$$

or,
$$z = 2n\pi i + \log(w - \sqrt{w^2 + 1}).$$

Since $w - \sqrt{w^2 + 1} = \frac{(w - \sqrt{w^2 + 1}) \times (w + \sqrt{w^2 + 1})}{(w + \sqrt{w^2 + 1})}$

$$= \frac{-1}{w + \sqrt{w^2 + 1}}$$

$$\therefore \log(w - \sqrt{w^2 + 1}) = \log(-1) - \log(w + \sqrt{w^2 + 1})$$

$$= i\pi - \log(w + \sqrt{w^2 + 1}).$$

Thus,
$$z = 2n\pi i + \log(w + \sqrt{w^2 + 1})$$

or,
$$z = (2n + 1)\pi i - \log(w + \sqrt{w^2 + 1})$$

$$= (2n + 1)\pi i + (-1)^{2n+1} \log(w + \sqrt{w^2 + 1}).$$

Both the values of z can be included in the expression

$$z = n\pi i + (-1)^n \log (w + \sqrt{w^2 + 1})$$

which is the general value of $\sin h^{-1}w$.

The principal value of $\sin h^{-1}w = \log (w + \sqrt{w^2 + 1})$.

Case II. Let $w = \cos hz$, then $z = \cos h^{-1}w$.

$$\text{Now } w = \cos hz = \frac{1}{2} (e^z + e^{-z}) = \frac{1}{2} \left(e^z + \frac{1}{e^z} \right).$$

$$\therefore e^{2z} - 2we^z + 1 = 0.$$

$$\text{As before, } e^z = \frac{2w \pm \sqrt{4w^2 - 4}}{2} = w \pm \sqrt{w^2 - 1}.$$

$$\text{Hence } z = \log (w \pm \sqrt{w^2 - 1}).$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Since } w - \sqrt{w^2 - 1} &= \frac{(w - \sqrt{w^2 - 1}) \times (w + \sqrt{w^2 - 1})}{w + \sqrt{w^2 - 1}} \\ &= \frac{1}{w + \sqrt{w^2 - 1}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \log (w - \sqrt{w^2 - 1}) = -\log (w + \sqrt{w^2 - 1}).$$

Thus $z = 2n\pi i \pm \log (w + \sqrt{w^2 - 1})$ which is the general value of $\cos h^{-1}w$, and the principal value of

$$\cos h^{-1}w = \log (w + \sqrt{w^2 - 1}).$$

Case III. Let $w = \tan hz$ so that $z = \tan h^{-1}w$.

$$\text{Now } w = \tan hz = \frac{\sin hz}{\cos hz} = \frac{e^z - e^{-z}}{e^z + e^{-z}} = \frac{e^{2z} - 1}{e^{2z} + 1}.$$

$$\therefore e^{2z} = \frac{1+w}{1-w} \text{ (by componendo and dividendo)}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2z = 2n\pi i + \log \frac{1+w}{1-w}$$

$$\Rightarrow z = n\pi i + \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{1+w}{1-w}$$

which is the general value of $\tan h^{-1}w$.

$$\text{The principal value of } \tan h^{-1}w = \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{1+w}{1-w}.$$

Similarly the general and principal values of $\operatorname{cosec} h^{-1}w$, $\sec h^{-1}w$ and $\cot h^{-1}w$ may be obtained.

4.8 Relation between the Inverse Hyperbolic Functions and Inverse Circular Functions

$$\text{If } w = \sinh z \quad \dots(1)$$

$$\text{then } w = -i \sin(iz), \text{ since } \sinh z = -i \sin(iz)$$

$$\Rightarrow iw = \sin iz \quad \dots(2)$$

$$\text{From (1), } z = \sinh^{-1} w,$$

$$\text{and from (2), } iz = \sin^{-1}(iw) \Rightarrow z = -i \sin^{-1}(iw)$$

$$\text{Hence } \sinh^{-1} w = -i \sin^{-1}(iw).$$

$$\text{Similarly, } \cosh^{-1} w = -i \cos^{-1}(iw),$$

$$\text{and } \tanh^{-1} w = -i \tan^{-1}(iw), \text{ and so on.}$$