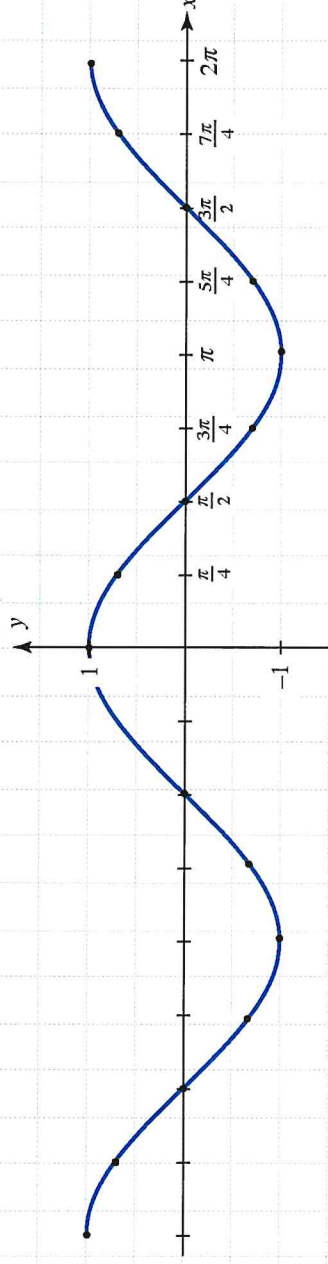


4.7 The Inverse Trigonometric Functions

(Part 2)

Consider the graph of $y = \cos x$ over the interval $[-2\pi, 2\pi]$.



Note that the equation: $\cos x = -1/2 \Rightarrow x = \cos^{-1}(-1/2)$ has infinitely many solutions:

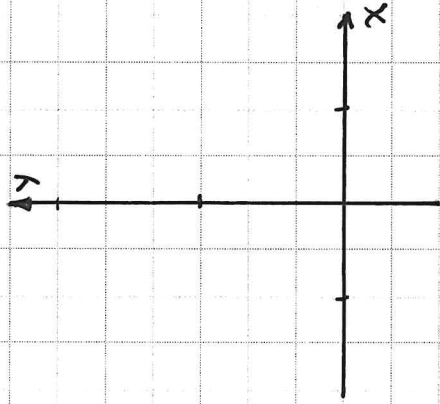
We want $x = \cos^{-1}(-1/2)$ to have but the graph of $y = \cos x$ is not

To fix this problem, we restrict the domain of $y = \cos x$ to the interval $[0, \pi]$. Its range is still $[-1, 1]$.

Then we DEFINE $y = \cos^{-1} x = \arccos x$ to be a function

with Domain:

and Range:



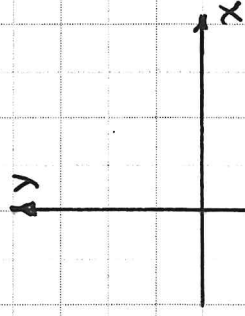
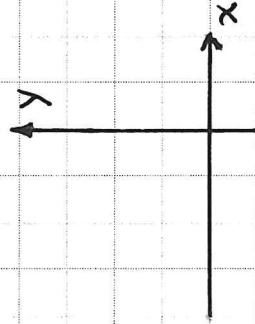
The graph of $y = \cos^{-1} x$:

Ex. ① Evaluate the following:

a) $\cos^{-1}(-1/2)$

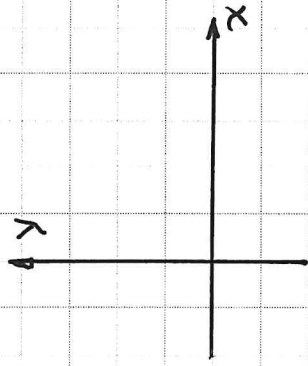
b) $\arccos(\sqrt{3}/2)$

c) $\cos^{-1}(\pi)$

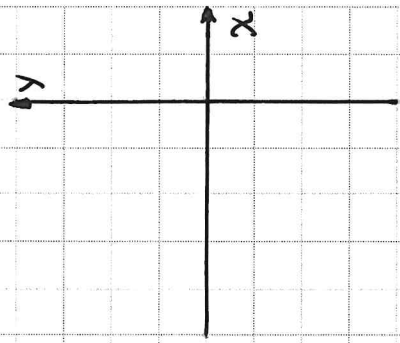


Ex. ② Find the EXACT values:

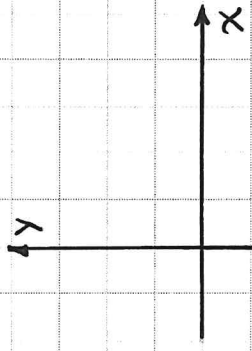
a) $\cos(\cos^{-1}(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}))$



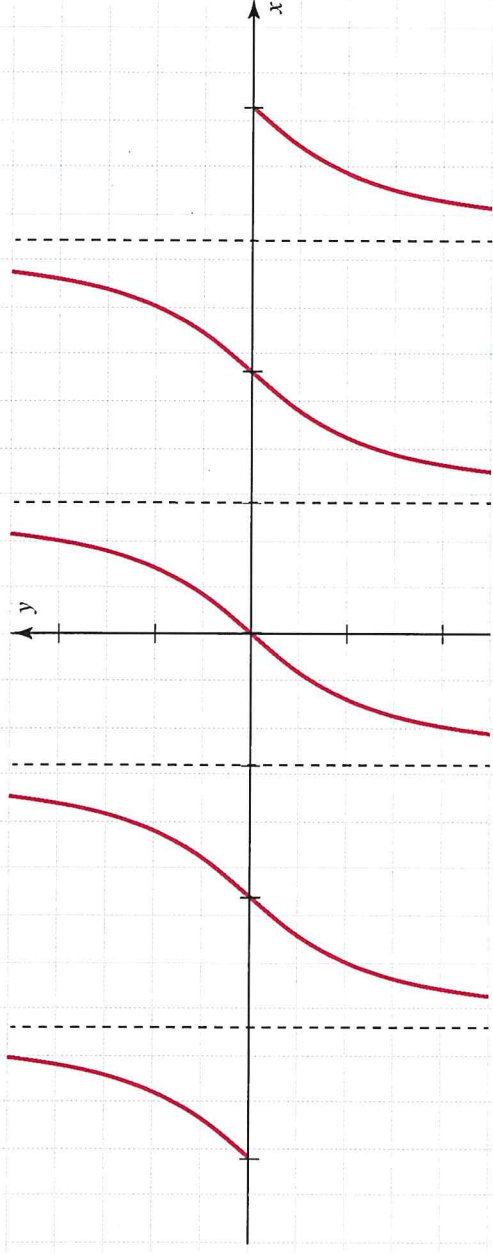
b) $\cos^{-1}(\cos(\frac{7\pi}{6}))$



c) $\cot(\arccos(\frac{3}{5}))$



Consider the graph of $y = \tan x$ over the interval $[-2\pi, 2\pi]$.



Note that the equation $\tan x = 1 \Rightarrow x = \tan^{-1}(1)$ has infinitely many solutions: $x =$

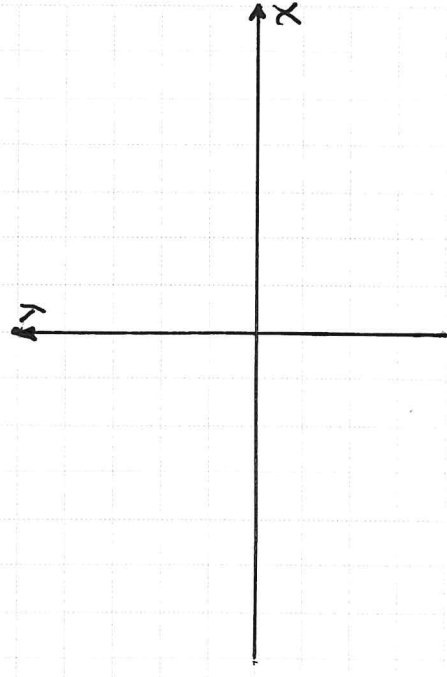
We want $x = \tan^{-1}(1)$ to have ONE solution.

We restrict the domain of $y = \tan x$

to Its range is still $(-\infty, \infty)$.

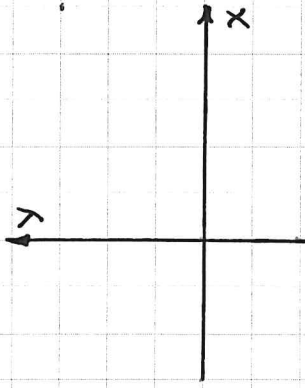
Then we DEFINE $y = \tan^{-1} x = \arctan x$

with Domain: and Range:

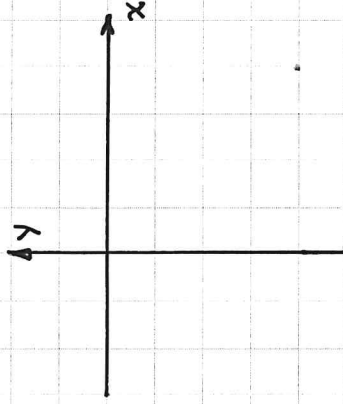


Ex. ③ Find the EXACT values.

a) $\tan^{-1}(\sqrt{3}/3)$



b) $\tan^{-1}(-1)$



c) $\sin(\arctan(-\sqrt{3}))$

