

- \* Objective: To draw the graph of  $\sin^{-1} x$ , using the graph of  $\sin x$  and demonstrate the concept of mirror reflection (about the line  $y = x$ )
- \* Prerequisite Knowledge: Knowledge of plotting the graph of  $\sin x$  and basic knowledge of inverse trigonometric functions.
- \* Materials Required: Graph paper, ruler, eraser, pencil
- \* Procedure:
  1. Take a graph paper and draw 2 perpendicular lines as x-axis and y-axis.
  2. Mark the points on the positive y-axis 0.5, 1, 1.5, 2. Similarly, mark the points on the negative y-axis -0.5, -1, -1.5, -2.
  3. Graduate the axes and mark approximately the points  $(\frac{\pi}{6}, \sin \frac{\pi}{6})$ ,  $(\frac{\pi}{4}, \sin \frac{\pi}{4})$ , ...,  $(\frac{\pi}{2}, \sin \frac{\pi}{2})$   
i.e.,  $(\frac{\pi}{6}, 0.5)$ ,  $(\frac{\pi}{4}, 0.71)$ ,  $(\frac{\pi}{3}, 0.87)$  and  $(\frac{\pi}{2}, 1)$  in the coordinate plane.
  4. Mark these points as  $N_1, N_2, N_3, N_4$ .

## \*Observation

Observation Table

Points	Image of points in mirror (the line $y = x$ )	Is the line joining the points perpendicular to $y = x$ ? (Yes/No)
$N_1$	$I_1$	Yes
$N_2$	$I_2$	Yes
$N_3$	$I_3$	Yes
$N_4$	$I_4$	Yes
$N'_1$	$I'_1$	Yes
$N'_2$	$I'_2$	Yes
$N'_3$	$I'_3$	Yes
$N'_4$	$I'_4$	Yes

The image of the graph of  $\sin x$  in  $y = x$  is the graph of  $\sin^{-1} x$ , and the image of the graph of  $\sin^{-1} x$  in  $y = x$  is the graph of  $\sin x$ .

5. Repeat the above process on the negative  $x$ -axis and name them as  $N'_1, N'_2, N'_3, N'_4$
6. Draw a free hand curve by joining all the points to get the graph of  $\sin x$  from  $-\frac{\pi}{2}$  to  $\frac{\pi}{2}$
7. Fold the square graph sheet along the diagonal to get the graph of line  $y = x$ . Using ruler, draw a line where the crease formed.
8. Draw perpendiculars from the points  $N_1, N_2, N_3, N_4$  on the line  $y = x$  and produce these lines such that the length of perpendicular on both sides of the line  $y = x$  are equal. Name the points on the other side of the line as  $I_1, I_2, I_3, I_4$ .
9. Repeat the above process on the negative side of  $x$ -axis to get images  $I'_1, I'_2, I'_3, I'_4$
10. Join all the points  $I_1$  to  $I_4$  and  $I'_1$  and  $I'_4$ , on both sides of the line  $y = x$  to obtain the graph of  $y = \sin^{-1} x$ .
11. Clearly the 2 functions  $\sin x$  and  $\sin^{-1} x$  are the mirror images of each other.

#### \* Conclusion:

The graph of  $\sin^{-1} x$  is plotted using the graph of  $\sin x$ . It has been verified that the two graphs are mirror images of each other in the line  $y = x$ .

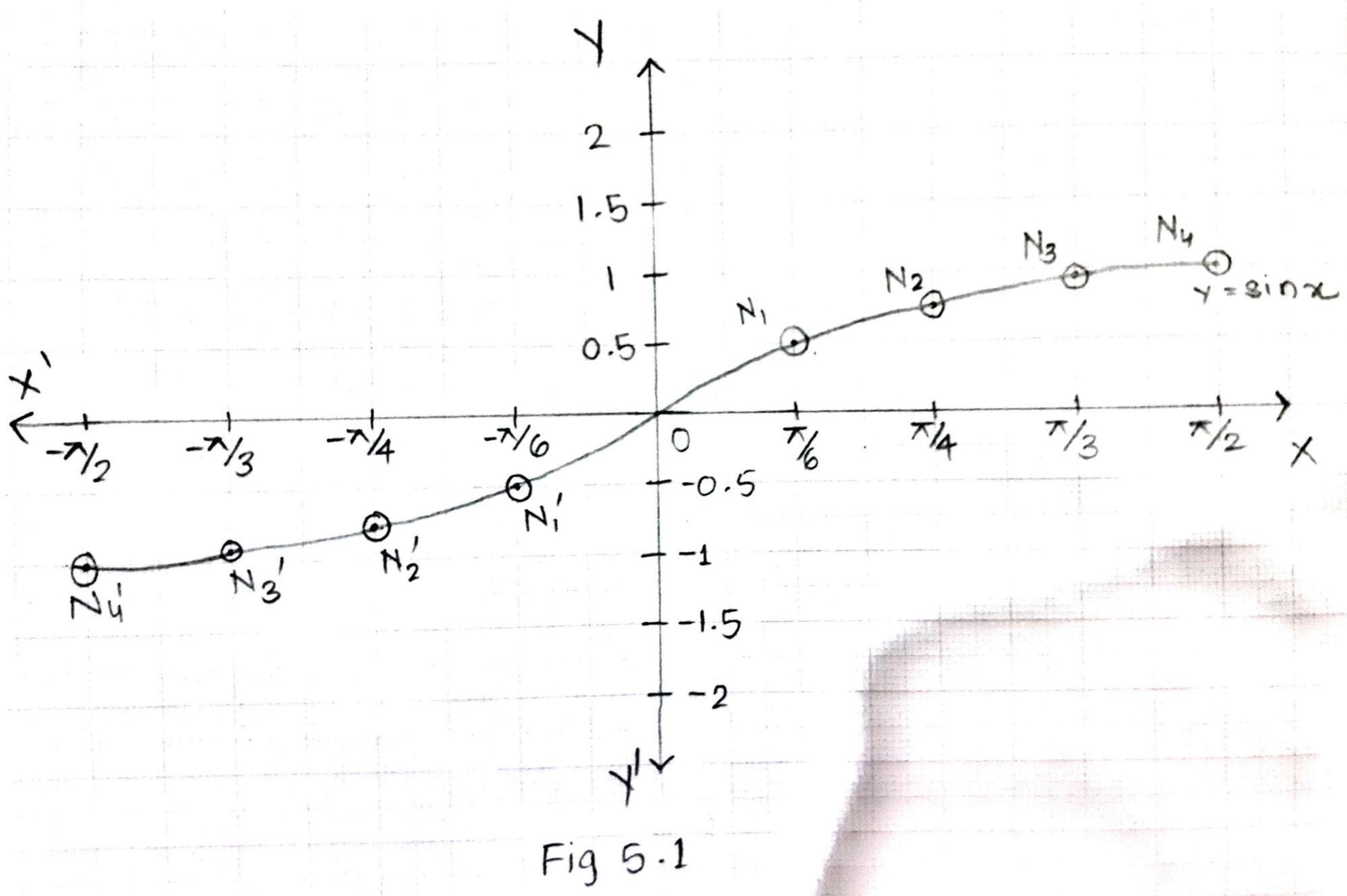


Fig 5.1

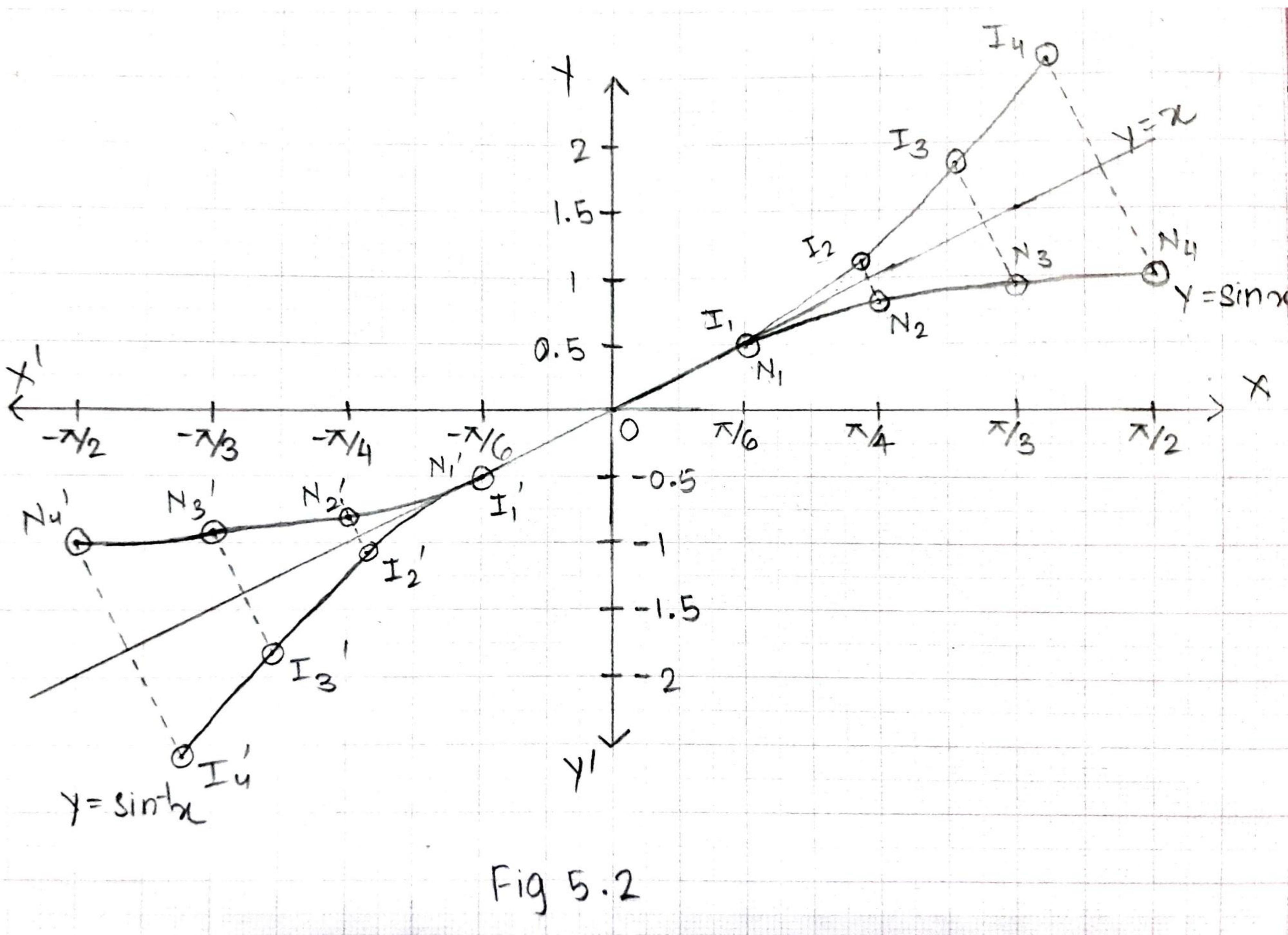


Fig 5.2