## Section 6.4 – Graphing Trigonometric Functions

- In Section 6.1 we looked at the Unit Circle. Remember that the Unit Circle has radius 1.
- Consider the Unit Circle as the Terminal Arm Rotates in a Counter-clockwise direction, with the point (*a*, *b*) in the end of the Terminal Arm.
  - But from this we get a very interesting Trigonometric Relationship.
  - If we consider SOH CAH TOA we get:

$$\sin x = \frac{Opp}{Hyp} = \frac{b}{1} = b$$

$$\cos x = \frac{Adj}{Hyp} = \frac{a}{1} = a$$



So, with that we can make the following observations:
 In the Unit Circle, the coordinate at the end of the terminal arm has values where:
 The *a* coordinate is the radian value of cos x
 The *b* coordinate is the radian value of sin x
 Looking at the Unit Circle, you can see that both Cosine and Sine never exceed 1!
 Test it, plug sin<sup>-1</sup> 1. 2 into your calculator.
 You'll get Error 2. Because it Does Not Exist!!



We get the following pattern when we consider how Sine and Cosine vary as x varies.

x	$y = \sin x$	$y = \cos x$
0 to $\frac{\pi}{2}$	0 to 1	1 to 0
$\frac{\pi}{2}$ to $\pi$	1 to 0	0 <i>to</i> – 1
$\pi$ to $\frac{3\pi}{2}$	0 <i>to</i> – 1	-1 to 0
$\frac{3\pi}{2}$ to $2\pi$	-1 to 0	0 to 1

Graphing a Sine Curve: A Wave Function y =

 $y = \sin x$  for  $0 \le x \le 2\pi$ 

- Consider the Radian values in Quadrant 1, and then use reference angles for the other Quadrants.
- Remember to consider the sign of the ratio depending on the Quadrant
- sin x is: Positive in Q1 and Q2
- sin x is: Negative in Q3 and Q4

Quadrant 1					Quadrant 3 (second value is the reference angle)					
x	0	$\frac{\pi}{6}$	$\frac{\pi}{4}$	$\frac{\pi}{3}$	$\frac{\pi}{2}$	x	$\frac{7\pi}{6} = \frac{\pi}{6}$	$\frac{5\pi}{4} = \frac{\pi}{4}$	$\frac{4\pi}{3} = \frac{\pi}{3}$	$\frac{3\pi}{2} = \frac{\pi}{2}$
sin x	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = 0.71$	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = 0.87$	1	sin x	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}=-0.71$	$-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}=-0.87$	-1

Quadrant 2 (second value is the reference angle)				Quad	Quadrant 4 (second value is the reference angle)				
x	$\frac{2\pi}{3} = \frac{\pi}{3}$	$\frac{3\pi}{4} = \frac{\pi}{4}$	$\frac{5\pi}{6} = \frac{\pi}{6}$	$\pi = 0$	$\begin{array}{ c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c$				
sin x	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = 0.87$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = 0.71$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	sin x	$-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}=-0.87$	$-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}=-0.71$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	0

The curve shows the **height of the terminal arm as it rotates (as the** *radian* value *x* moves from 0 to  $2\pi$ . You can see that as the Terminal Arm Rotates through the Quadrants, some of the y - axis values are repeated. sin *x*, using reference angles, is Positive in Quadrants 1 and 2 (0 to  $\pi$ ), then transitions into Negatives in Quadrant 3 and 4 ( $\pi$  to  $2\pi$ ).

Here is the Terminal Rotating and a Sine Wave Function:  $\sin x$ . You can see the height of the Terminal Arm during rotation produces the wave as we move along the x - axis. This is one full rotation, called a Period.



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### Graphing a Cosine Curve: A Wave Function y = c

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y = \cos x for 0 \le x \le 2\pi
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- Consider the Radian values in Quadrant 1, and then use reference angles for the other Quadrants.
- Remember to consider the sign of the ratio depending on the Quadrant
- cos x is: Positive in Q1 and Q4
- cos x is: Negative in Q2 and Q3

Quadrant 1						Quadrant 3 (second value is the reference angle)				
x	0	$\frac{\pi}{6}$	$\frac{\pi}{4}$	$\frac{\pi}{3}$	$\frac{\pi}{2}$	x	$\frac{7\pi}{6} = \frac{\pi}{6}$	$\frac{5\pi}{4} = \frac{\pi}{4}$	$\frac{4\pi}{3} = \frac{\pi}{3}$	$\frac{3\pi}{2} = \frac{\pi}{2}$
cos x	1	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}=0.87$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = 0.71$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	cos x	$-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}=-0.87$	$-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}=-0.71$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	0

Quadrant 2 (second value is the reference angle)					Quad	Quadrant 4 (second value is the reference angle)			
x	$\frac{2\pi}{3} = \frac{\pi}{3}$	$\frac{3\pi}{4} = \frac{\pi}{4}$	$\frac{5\pi}{6} = \frac{\pi}{6}$	$\pi = 0$	x	$\frac{11\pi}{6} = \frac{\pi}{6}$	$2\pi = 0$		
cos x	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = -0.71$	$-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}=-0.87$	-1	cos x	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = 0.71$	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}=0.87$	1

The curve shows the **horizontal length of the terminal arm as it rotates (as the** *radian* value *x* **move from 0** to  $2\pi$ . You can see that as the Terminal Arm Rotates through the Quadrants, some of the y - axis values are repeated. cos *x*, using reference angles, is **Positive in Quadrants 1** and 4, **Negatives in Quadrant 2** and 3. You may notice it looks similar to a Sine Wave, just shifted.

Here is the Terminal Rotating and a Cosine Wave Function:  $\cos x$ . You can see the height of the Terminal Arm during rotation produces the wave as we move along the x - axis. This is **one full rotation**, called a **Period**.



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Both Sine and Cosine Waves extend Horizontally to infinity in both directions. Each interval, as previously mentioned, runs from  $0 \rightarrow 2\pi$  and we call this A Period.

## Graph of $y = \sin x$



### Graph of $y = \cos x$



The above graphs can seem convoluted and challenging to grasp. If it helps, just start with the 4 main angle measures in both  $\sin x$  and  $\cos x$ . Consider the Quadrantal Points  $(0, \frac{\pi}{2}, \pi, \frac{3\pi}{2}, 2\pi)$ 



### **Amplitude**

- We when looked at transformation y = af(x) was a vertical expansion/compression
- With trig functions we get similar results

 $y = a \sin x$  and  $y = a \cos x$  means the **height** of our wave is **multiplied** by the **absolute** value of a or |a|.

- The height and depth of the basic wave always maxes out at 1 and -1 respectively
- Also, if a < 0 (negative), we have a reflection of the y values in the x axis

The graph below contains the comparisons between:



#### <u>Period</u>

- We when looked at transformation y = fb(x) was a horizontal expansion/compression
- With trig functions we get similar results

For:  $y = \sin bx$  and  $y = \cos bx$ 

Consider the period of both is:  $0 \le x \le 2\pi$  so that means, for  $\sin bx$  and  $\cos bx$  the Period is:

$$0 \le bx \le 2\pi$$
  $\rightarrow$   $\frac{0}{b} \le \frac{bx}{b} \le \frac{2\pi}{b}$   $\rightarrow$   $0 \le x \le \frac{2\pi}{|b|}$ 

- The Period is always positive, and denotes a compression/expansion of the given wave
- To determine the Period of an Expanded or Compressed graph, we use the Formula:



The graph below contains the comparisons between:



### Phase Shift

- We when looked at transformation y = f(x c) was a horizontal shift left/right
- With trig functions we get similar results

For:  $y = \sin b(x - c)$  and  $y = \cos b(x - c)$ 

Make sure you have factored out any *b* value first!

**Example:** Given  $y = \sin(2x - \frac{\pi}{2})$  factor out the 2 to leave x.  $y = \sin 2(x - \frac{\pi}{4})$ 

By doing this we end up with:

Period of: 
$$\frac{2\pi}{|2|} = \pi$$
 Phase Shift

hase Shift of: 
$$\frac{\pi}{4}$$
 to the right

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For the sake of the examples, we will look at Sin Graphs, but the process is the same for Cosine. Compare:

$$y = \sin x$$
  $y = \sin(3x - \frac{\pi}{2})$   $y = \sin 3(x - \frac{\pi}{6})$ 

The graph below contains the comparisons between:



## Vertical Displacement

- We when looked at transformation y = f(x) + d was a vertical shift up/down
- With trig functions we get similar results

For: y = sin(x) + d and y = cos(x) + d

If d > 0 we have a vertical shift up d units

If d < 0 we have a vertical shift down d units

The graph below contains the comparisons between:





**Example 1:** Find the amplitude, period, phase shift, and vertical displacement of the following

a) 
$$y = -2\sin\frac{\pi}{6}(x-4) + 2$$
 b)  $3\cos\left(\frac{3x}{4} - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) - 1$ 

**Solution 1:** Do not forget to factor out the *b term*, when necessary

a) $y = -2\sin\frac{\pi}{6}(x-4) + 2$		
<b>Amplitude:</b> $ -2  = 2$	Phase Shift:	Vertical Displacement:
Period: $\frac{2\pi}{\pi} = 2\pi \cdot \frac{6}{\pi}$	(x-4)=0	d = +2
$\frac{1}{6}$ $\pi$	x = 4	Shift <b>2</b> units up
= 12	Shift <b>4 <i>units</i></b> to the <i>right</i>	
b) $3\cos\left(\frac{3x}{4}-\frac{\pi}{4}\right)-1 \rightarrow$	$3\cos\frac{3}{4}\left(x-\frac{\pi}{3}\right)-1$	
Amplitude: $ 3  = 3$	Phase Shift:	Vertical Displacement:
Period: $\frac{2\pi}{2} = 2\pi \cdot \frac{4}{2}$	$\left(x-\frac{\pi}{2}\right)=0$	d = -1
$\frac{3}{4}$ 3	π	Shift <b>1</b> unit down
$=\frac{8\pi}{2}$	$x = \frac{1}{3}$	
3	Shift $rac{\pi}{3}$ $units$ to the $right$	

- Now let's put it all together and graph some trigonometric functions after transformations
- Consider the scale of your x axis and remember to plot the 4 Quadrantal Points as Guides

# **Example 2:** Graph $y = -2\sin\frac{\pi}{4}(x+3) + 1$

## Solution 2: Factor if necessary, identify the key information

Amplitude = 2

Phase Shift = -3 or 3 units left

Vertical Disp. = 1 unit up

Period 
$$=$$
  $\frac{2\pi}{(\frac{\pi}{4})} = 8$ 

Once you have your Period, divide it by 4 to the distance between the Key Quadrantal Points.

$$\frac{8}{4} = 2$$

## Our Quadrantal (Peak, Original Height, Valley, Original Height) Points occur every 2 units.

In this case, being a Sine Wave, we start at -3, but are bumped up 1, (-3, 1), with amplitude of 2.

- Look out! Then *a value* is negative, so we start down instead of up.
- So, the first valley occurs 2 units away but at an amplitude of 2, so (-1, -1).
- Then we are back to our starting height, 2 more units away, so (1, 1)
- Then we hit our **peak 2 units after** that, so (3, 3)
- Then we are **back to our starting point 2 units further** (5, 1)
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Plot those key points and draw a smooth curve between them.

You'll notice since the Period was a whole number; 8. The scale of the x - axis is 1. This makes for easier plotting and graphing of the curve.



### **Example 3:** Graph $y = 3\cos(2x - 3\pi) - 3$

## Solution 3: Factor if necessary, identify the key information

Amplitude = 3

Phase Shift =  $y = 3\cos(2x - 3\pi) - 3 \rightarrow y = 3\cos 2\left(x - \frac{3\pi}{2}\right) - 3; \frac{3\pi}{2}$  units to the right

Vertical Disp. = 3 units down

$$\mathsf{Period} = \frac{2\pi}{2} = \pi$$

Once you have your Period, divide it by 4 to the distance between the Key Quadrantal Points.  $\frac{\pi}{4}$ 

## Our Quadrantal (Peak, Original Height, Valley, Original Height) Points occur every $\frac{\pi}{4}$ units.

In this case, being a Cosine Wave, we start at the peak, so with an amplitude of 3, and vertical displacement of -3, we stretch from 1 to 3, then shift down 3 to 0, and right  $\frac{3\pi}{2}$  to  $(\frac{3\pi}{2}, 0)$ , with

- We start down from  $(\frac{3\pi}{2}, 0)$
- So, if we move  $\pi/4$  units right we end up at  $7\pi/4$  but down 3;  $(\frac{7\pi}{4}, -3)$ , this is our midline
- Then we hit the valley  $\pi/4$  units right at an amplitude of 3, so  $(2\pi, -6)$ .
- Then we are back to our midline,  $\pi/4$  more units away, so  $(\frac{9\pi}{4}, -3)$
- Then we return to our **peak**  $\pi/4$  more units away, so  $\left(\frac{10\pi}{4}, 0\right) or\left(\frac{5\pi}{2}, 0\right)$

Plot those key points and draw a smooth curve between them.

You'll notice since the Period was  $\pi$  and the phase shift  $\frac{\pi}{4}$ , we used a scale of  $\frac{\pi}{4}$ for the x - axis. This makes for easier plotting and graphing of the curve.

We take for granted your ability to find equivalent fractions, the detail is not provided here but assumed. Be careful.







**Solution 4:** You can always find a Sine and Cosine representation, it just depends where you start looking. For a Sine Wave you start at 0, for a Cosine Wave you start at 1 (Or where necessary depending on Vertical Displacement and Amplitude). Considering the infinite flow of a wave, you can start anywhere, so there are infinite possible answers. Watch the scale of the Grid.

Start by identifying the key pieces.

Amplitude: 
$$\left|\frac{3}{2}\right| = \frac{3}{2}$$
Period:  $\frac{2\pi}{b} = 16$ Vertical Displacement: $b = \frac{2\pi}{16} = \frac{\pi}{8}$  $d = -\frac{1}{2}$ 

### Phase Shift depends on our starting point.

For Sine:

Start at x = -6

$$y = \frac{3}{2}\sin\frac{\pi}{8}(x+6) - \frac{1}{2}$$

Start at x = 2

$$y = -\frac{3}{2}\sin\frac{\pi}{8}(x-2) - \frac{1}{2}$$

For Cosine:

Start at 
$$x = -2$$

$$y = \frac{3}{2}\cos\frac{\pi}{8}(x+2) - \frac{1}{2}$$

Start at 
$$x = -10$$

$$y = -\frac{3}{2}\cos\frac{\pi}{8}(x+10) - \frac{1}{2}$$

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#### <u>Graphing $y = \tan x$ </u>

We have a specific trigonometric identity to consider when we discuss Tangent.

Recall that:

$$\tan\theta = \frac{\sin\theta}{\cos\theta}$$

This provides us with an issue. We have a discontinuity in the Tangent graph. Why? Because by the fraction, **Tangent is undefined when**  $\cos \theta = 0$ .

When does this happen? It happens when:

$$\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

And then every  $\pi$  after that. Remember our graphing, we have Vertical Asymptotes at this interval.



#### **Period of a Tangent Function**

Much like Sine and Cosine, the Compression and Expansion of the Period is given by:

$$Period = \frac{\pi}{|b|}$$

**Example:** Find the Period of:  $\tan 2x$ 

a) **Period** 
$$= \frac{\pi}{|b|} = \frac{\pi}{|2|} = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

## Section 6.4 – Practice Problems

1. Which function listed below, matches the details described in the columns

Graph	Α	В	С	D	E	F
Amplitude	2	3	2	3	3	2
Period	π	π	3π	3π	$\frac{4\pi}{3}$	$\frac{2\pi}{3}$
Phase Shift	$\frac{\pi}{3}$	$-\frac{\pi}{6}$	$-\frac{2\pi}{3}$	$-\frac{3\pi}{4}$	$\frac{\pi}{3}$	$\frac{\pi}{6}$
Vertical Disp.	-2	2	-2	3	3	-3



2. Match the f(x) function with the corresponding g(x) function, such that f(x) = g(x) for all x

a)  $f(x) = \sin x$ b)  $f(x) = -\sin x$ c)  $f(x) = \cos x$ d)  $f(x) = -\cos x$ A  $g(x) = \cos(-x + \pi)$ B  $g(x) = -\sin(x - \frac{\pi}{2})$ C  $g(x) = \cos(x - \frac{\pi}{2})$ D  $g(x) = \cos(x + \frac{\pi}{2})$ 

Room to write down thoughts and work through ideas.

3. State the Amplitude, Period, Phase Shift and Vertical Displacement for the graph of each given function.

a) 
$$y = \frac{1}{3} \sin \left(2x + \frac{\pi}{3}\right) - 1$$
  
b)  $y = -\frac{1}{2} \sin \pi \left(x + \frac{3}{4}\right) + 1$   
c)  $y = -4 \cos \frac{\pi}{3} (x - 1) + 2$   
d)  $y = -\cos 2 \left(\frac{\pi}{6} - x\right)$   
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e) 
$$y = 3\sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{3} - \pi x\right) - 2$$
  
f)  $y = \frac{3}{2}\cos 2\left(x + \frac{\pi}{4}\right)$ 

4. What is the Period of the following functions?

a) 
$$y = 2 \tan \frac{1}{3}x$$
  
b)  $y = -2 \tan \frac{\pi}{2}x$ 

5. Write an equation in the form y = asinb(x - c) and  $y = a \cos b(x - c)$ , where c is the smallest positive number and a > 0, b > 0







6. Accurately sketch at least one full Period of the graph of:  $y = -3\sin\frac{\pi}{3}(x+2) + 1$ 



7. Accurately sketch at least one full Period of the graph of:  $y = 2\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}x + \pi\right) - 1$ 



- 8. Find a function in the form  $y = a \sin bx + c$  where there is a maximum point at (2, 3) and the next closest minimum point is at (6, -7)
- 9. Find a function in the form  $y = a \cos bx + c$  where there is a maximum point at (2, 3) and the next closest minimum point is at (6, -7)

10. a) The graph below describes the function  $y = a \sin b(x - c) + d$ . Write a sine equation to describe the graph if: i) a > 0 and ii) a < 0



b) The graph can also be described as a function  $y = a \cos b(x - c) + d$ . Write a cosine equation to describe the graph if: i) a > 0 and ii) a < 0



See Website for Detailed Answer Key

iii)

iv)

## Extra Work Space