

Trigonometric Functions

Graphing the Trigonometric Function

Topic:
Graphing Trigonometric Functions

Objective(s):

Students will be able to graph trigonometric functions by finding the amplitude and period of variation of the sine cosine and tangent functions.

Essential Question(s):

1. What is a radian and how do I use it to determine angle measure on a circle?
2. How do I use trigonometric functions to model periodic behavior?

CCSS: F.IF. 2, 4, 5 &7E; f.tf. 1,2,5 &8

Mathematical Practices:

- **1. Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.**
- **2. Reason abstractly and quantitatively.**
- **3. Construct viable arguments and critique the reasoning of others.**
- **4. Model with mathematics.**
- **5. Use appropriate tools strategically.**
- **6. Attend to precision.**
- **7. Look for and make use of structure.**
- **8. Look for and express regularity in repeated reasoning.**



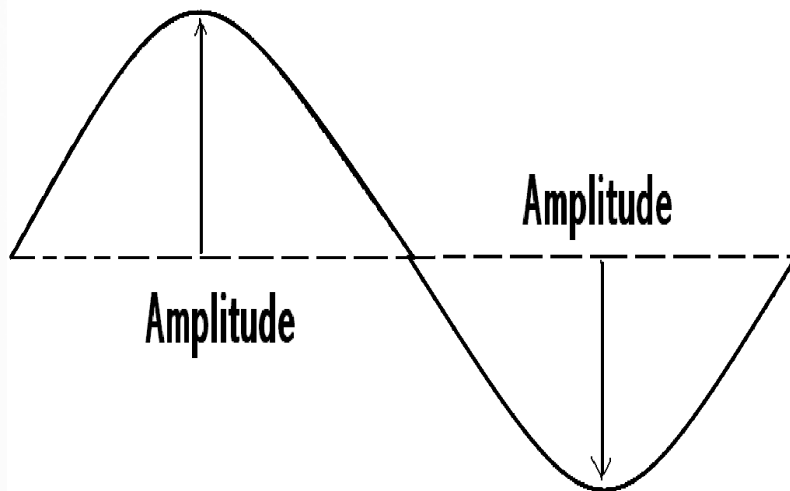
Angle Trigonometry



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- **Amplitude**: the maximum or minimum vertical distance between the graph and the x-axis. Amplitude is always positive



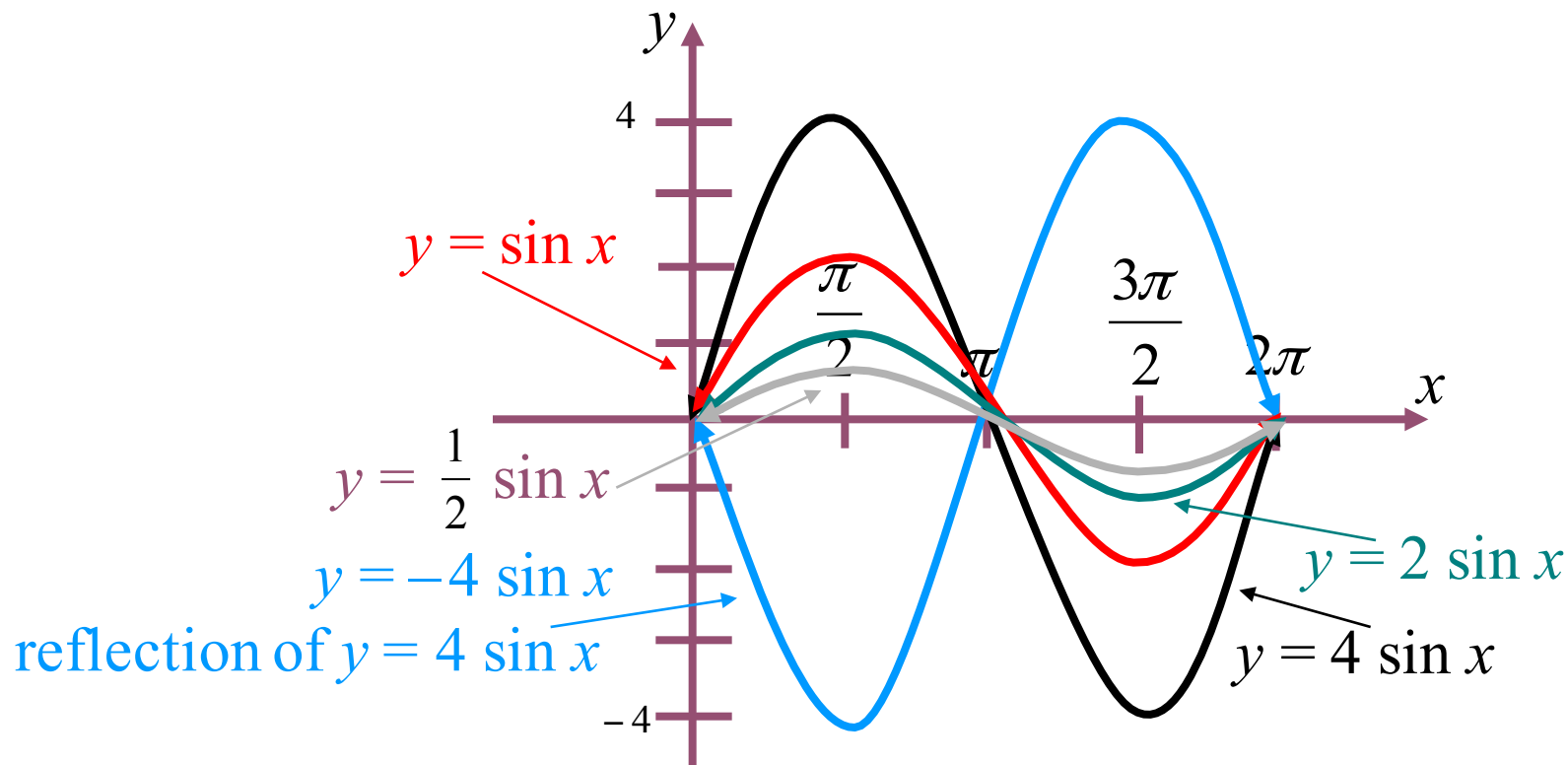
The **amplitude** of $y = a \sin x$ (or $y = a \cos x$) is half the distance between the maximum and minimum values of the function.

$$\text{amplitude} = |a|$$

If $|a| > 1$, the amplitude stretches the graph vertically.

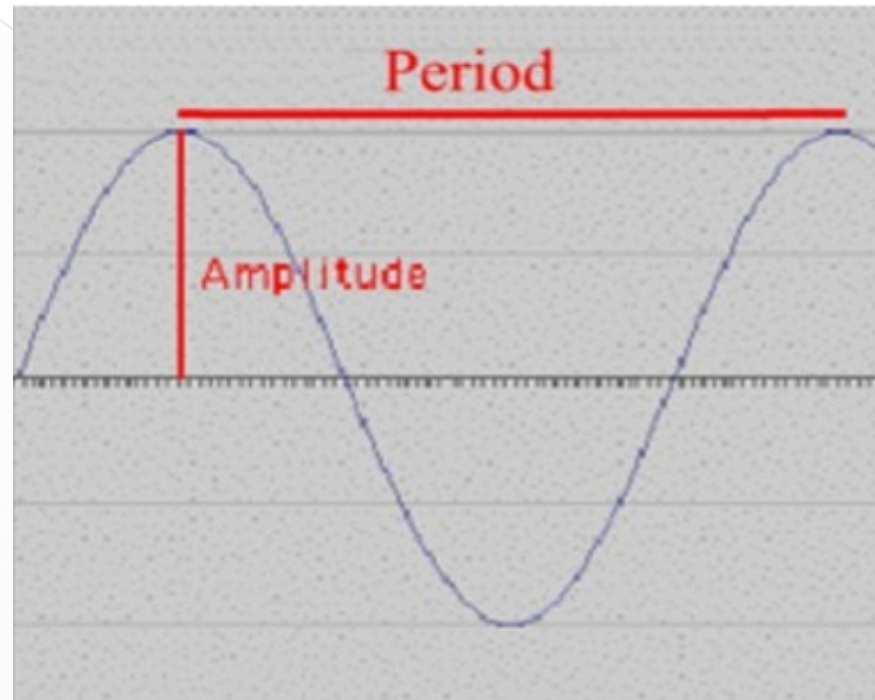
If $0 < |a| < 1$, the amplitude shrinks the graph vertically.

If $a < 0$, the graph is reflected in the x -axis.



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- **Period**: the number of degrees or radians we must graph before it begins again.

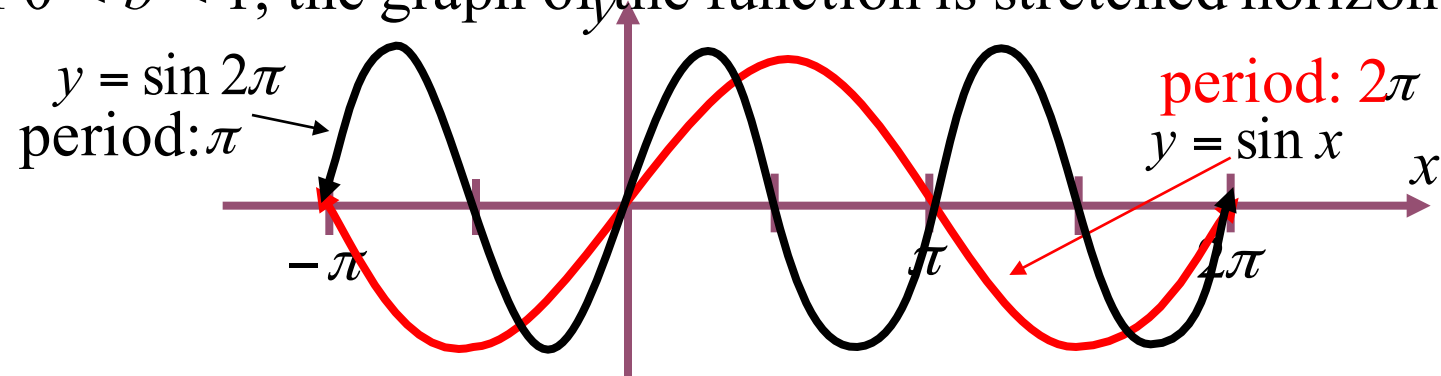


The **period** of a function is the x interval needed for the function to complete one cycle.

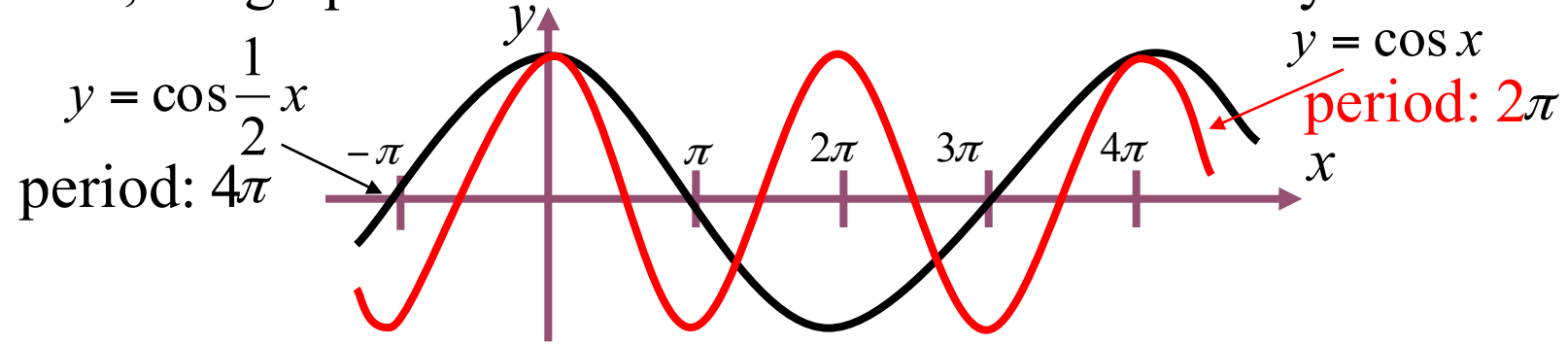
For $b > 0$, the **period** of $y = a \sin bx$ is $\frac{2\pi}{b}$.

For $b > 0$, the **period** of $y = a \cos bx$ is also $\frac{2\pi}{b}$.

If $0 < b < 1$, the graph of the function is stretched horizontally.



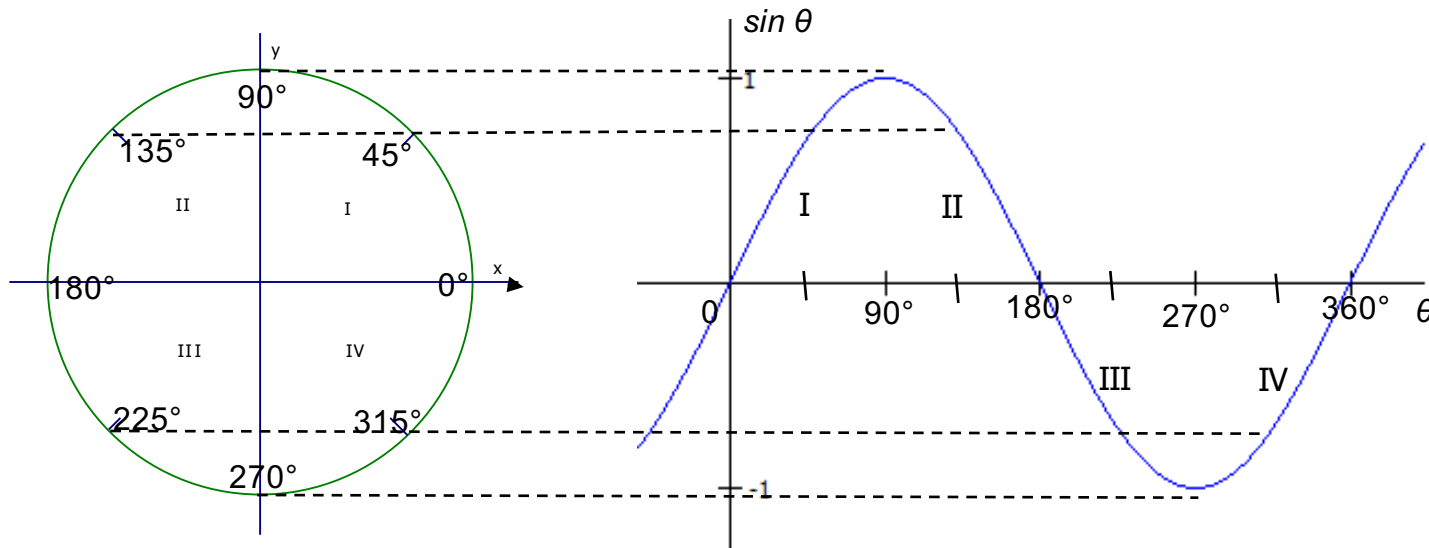
If $b > 1$, the graph of the function is shrunk horizontally.



The sine function

Imagine a particle on the unit circle, starting at $(1,0)$ and rotating counterclockwise around the origin. Every position of the particle corresponds with an angle, θ , where $y = \sin \theta$. As the particle moves through the four quadrants, we get four pieces of the sin graph:

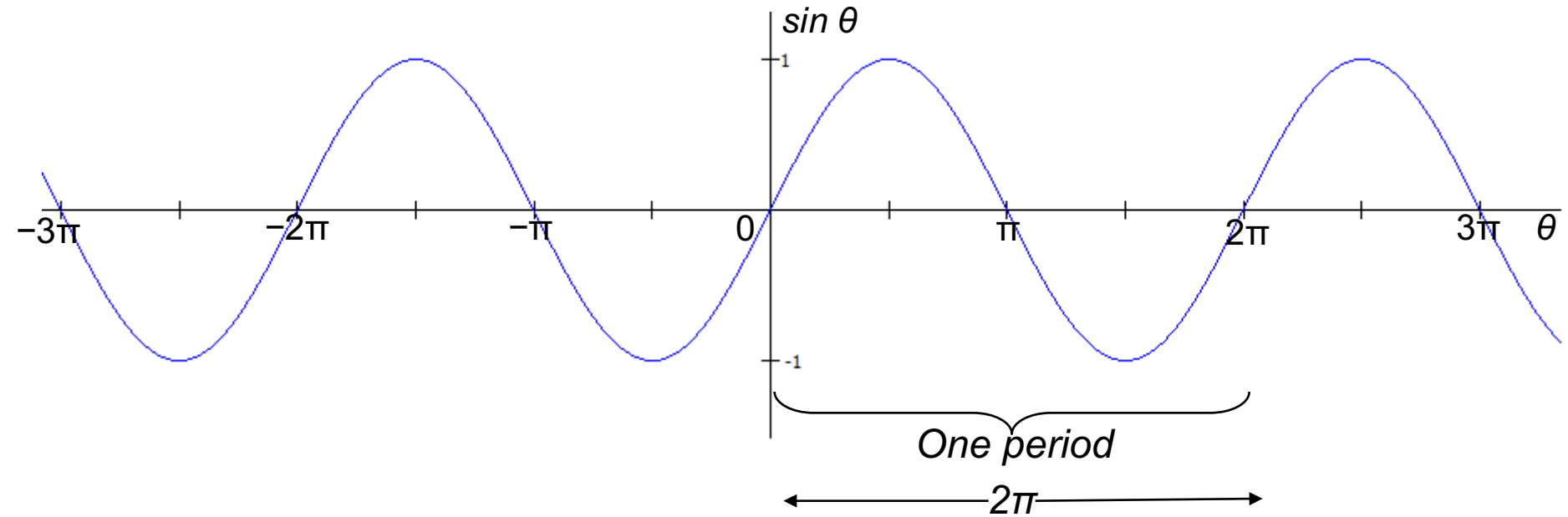
- I. From 0° to 90° the y-coordinate increases from 0 to 1
- II. From 90° to 180° the y-coordinate decreases from 1 to 0
- III. From 180° to 270° the y-coordinate decreases from 0 to -1
- IV. From 270° to 360° the y-coordinate increases from -1 to 0



θ	$\sin \theta$
0	0
$\pi/2$	1
π	0
$3\pi/2$	-1
2π	0

[Interactive Sine Unwrap](#)

Sine is a periodic function: $p = 2\pi$



$\sin \theta$: Domain (angle measures): all real numbers, $(-\infty, \infty)$
Range (ratio of sides): -1 to 1 , inclusive $[-1, 1]$

$\sin \theta$ is an **odd function**; it is symmetric wrt the origin.

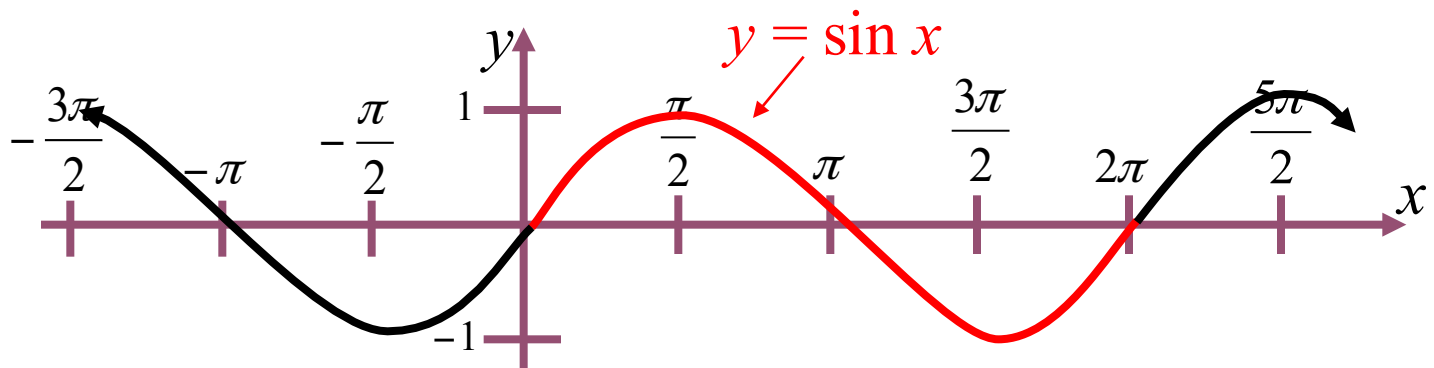
$$\forall \theta \in \text{Domain}, \sin(-\theta) = -\sin(\theta)$$

Graph of the Sine Function

To sketch the graph of $y = \sin x$ first locate the key points. These are the maximum points, the minimum points, and the intercepts.

x	0	$\frac{\pi}{2}$	π	$\frac{3\pi}{2}$	2π
$\sin x$	0	1	0	-1	0

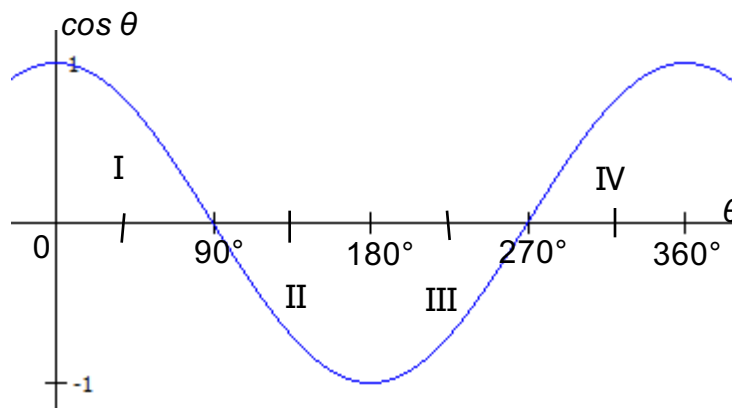
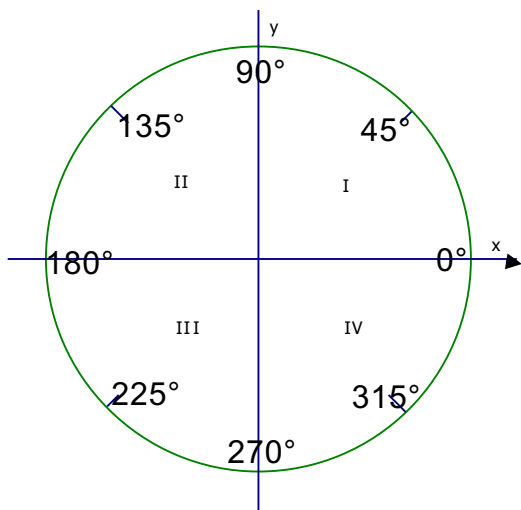
Then, connect the points on the graph with a smooth curve that extends in both directions beyond the five points. A single cycle is called a **period**.



The cosine function

Imagine a particle on the unit circle, starting at $(1,0)$ and rotating counterclockwise around the origin. Every position of the particle corresponds with an angle, θ , where $x = \cos \theta$. As the particle moves through the four quadrants, we get four pieces of the cos graph:

- I. From 0° to 90° the x-coordinate decreases from 1 to 0
- II. From 90° to 180° the x-coordinate decreases from 0 to -1
- III. From 180° to 270° the x-coordinate increases from -1 to 0
- IV. From 270° to 360° the x-coordinate increases from 0 to 1



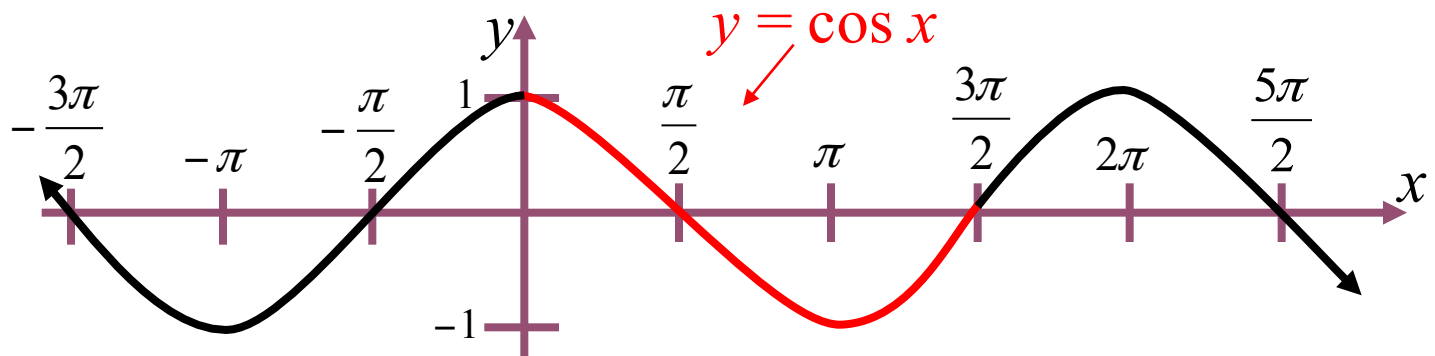
θ	$\cos \theta$
0	1
$\pi/2$	0
π	-1
$3\pi/2$	0
2π	1

Graph of the Cosine Function

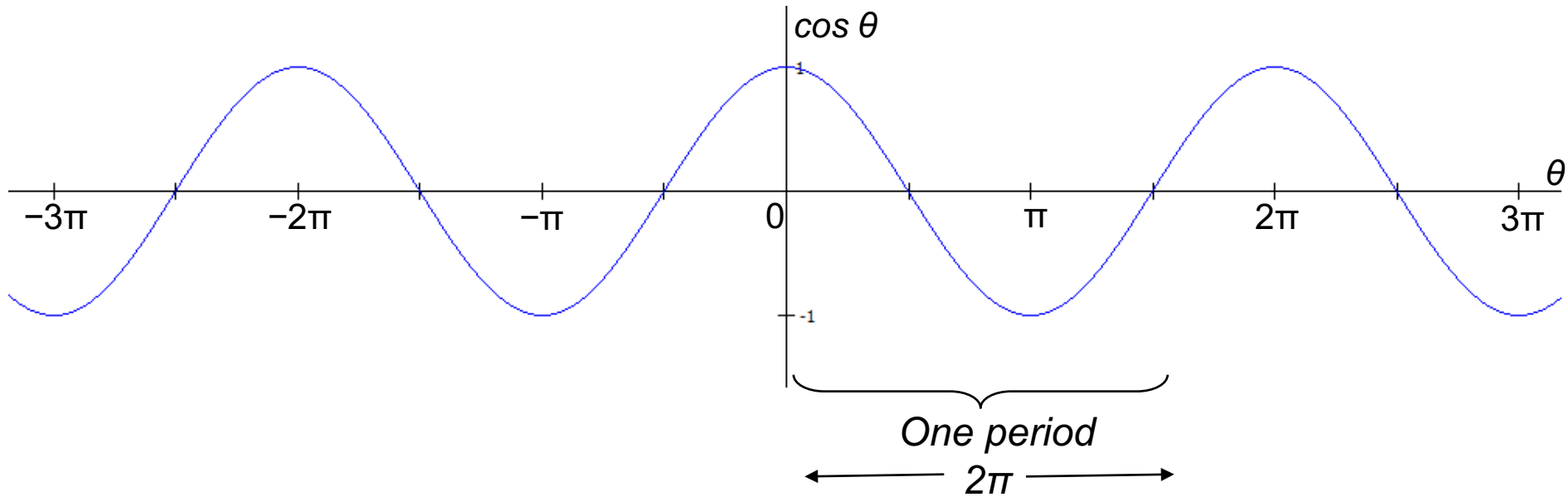
To sketch the graph of $y = \cos x$ first locate the key points. These are the maximum points, the minimum points, and the intercepts.

x	0	$\frac{\pi}{2}$	π	$\frac{3\pi}{2}$	2π
$\cos x$	1	0	-1	0	1

Then, connect the points on the graph with a smooth curve that extends in both directions beyond the five points. A single cycle is called a **period**.



Cosine is a periodic function: $p = 2\pi$



$\cos \theta$: Domain (angle measures): all real numbers, $(-\infty, \infty)$
Range (ratio of sides): -1 to 1 , inclusive $[-1, 1]$

$\cos \theta$ is an even function; it is symmetric wrt the y-axis.

$$\forall \theta \in \text{Domain}, \cos(-\theta) = \cos(\theta)$$

Properties of Sine and Cosine graphs

1. The domain is the set of real numbers
2. The range is set of “y” values such that $-1 \leq y \leq 1$
3. The maximum value is 1 and the minimum value is -1
4. The graph is a smooth curve
5. Each function cycles through all the values of the range over an x interval of 2π
6. The cycle repeats itself identically in both directions of the x-axis

● Sine Graph

Given : $A \sin Bx$

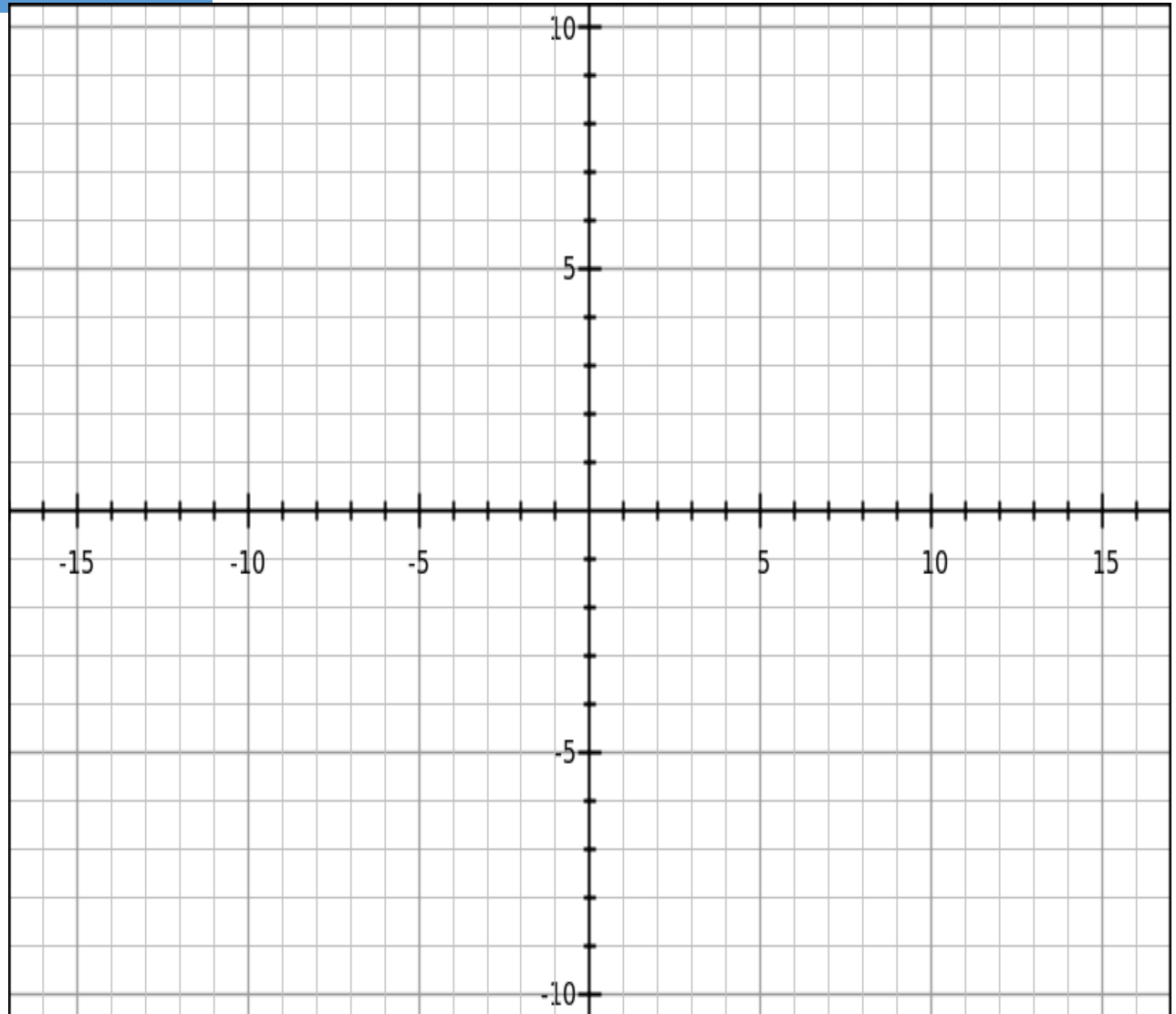
- Amplitude = $|A|$
- period = $2\pi/B$

⊙ Example:

$$y = 5 \sin 2X$$

> Amp = 5

> Period = $2\pi/2$
= π



● Cosine Graph

Given : $A \sin Bx$

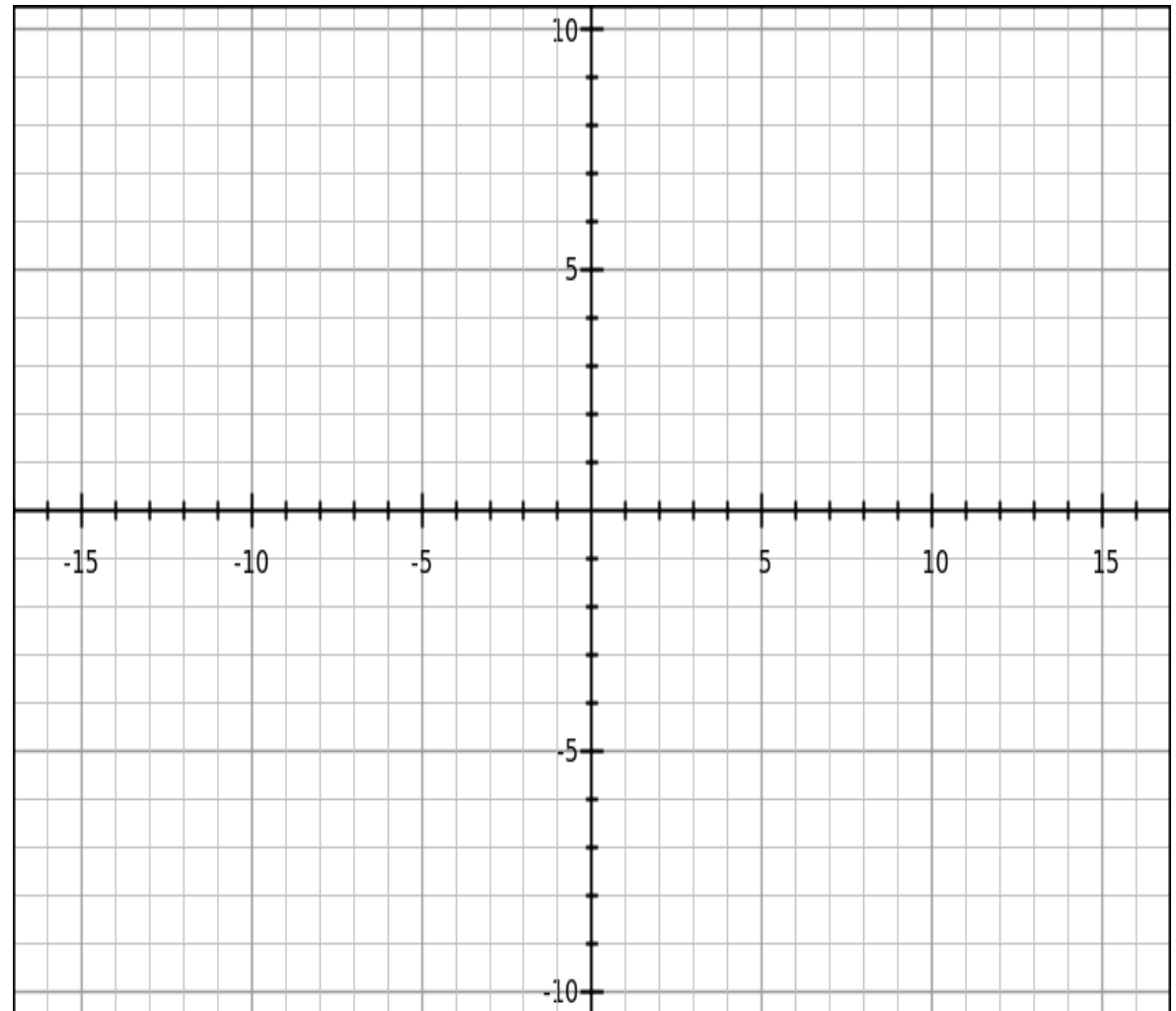
- Amplitude = $|A|$
- period = $2\pi/B$

⦿ Example:

$$y = 2 \cos \frac{1}{2} X$$

> Amp = 2

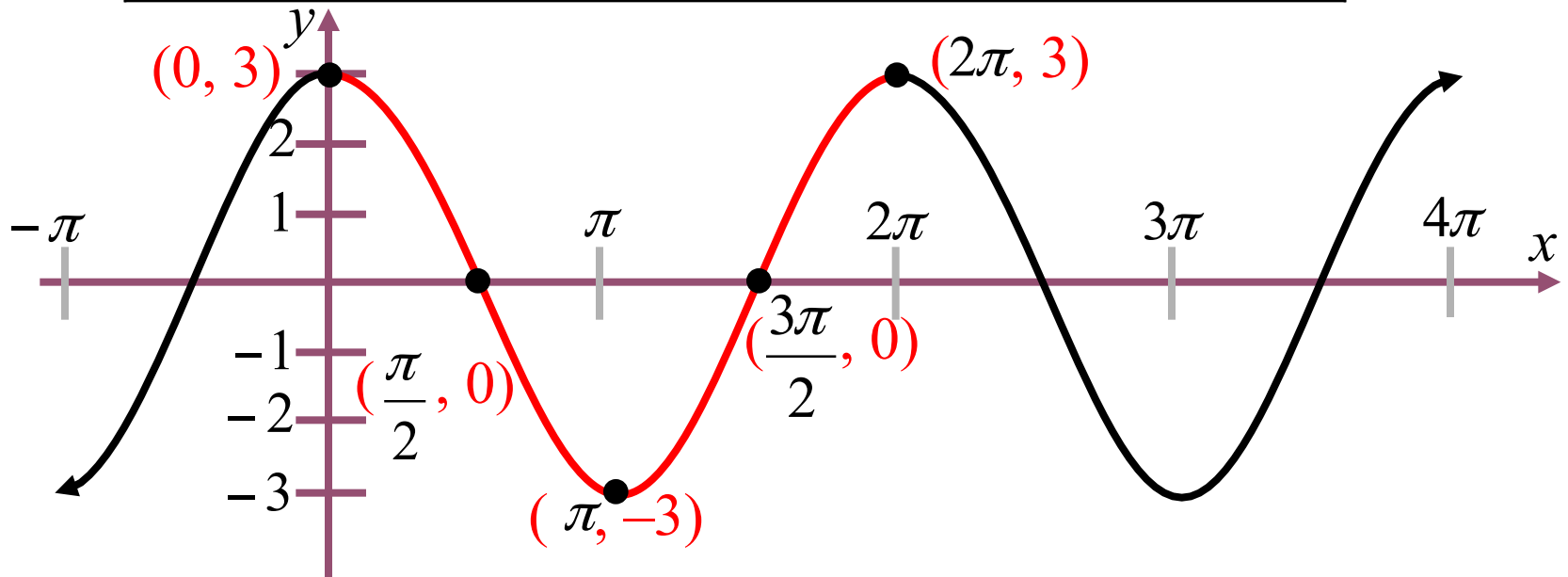
> Period = $2\pi / (\frac{1}{2})$
 4π



Example: Sketch the graph of $y = 3 \cos x$ on the interval $[-\pi, 4\pi]$.

Partition the interval $[0, 2\pi]$ into four equal parts. Find the five key points; graph one cycle; then repeat the cycle over the interval.

x	0	$\frac{\pi}{2}$	π	$\frac{3\pi}{2}$	2π
$y = 3 \cos x$	3	0	-3	0	3
	max	x-int	min	x-int	max



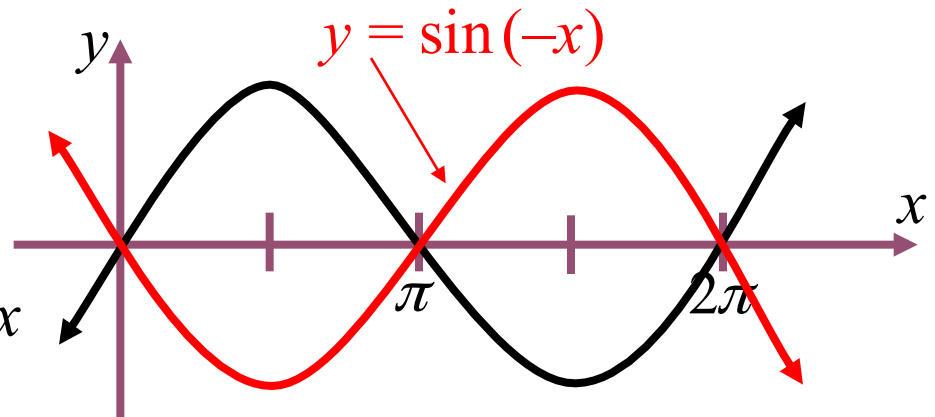
Use basic trigonometric identities to graph $y = f(-x)$

Example : Sketch the graph of $y = \sin(-x)$.

The graph of $y = \sin(-x)$ is the graph of $y = \sin x$ reflected in the x -axis.

Use the identity
 $\sin(-x) = -\sin x$

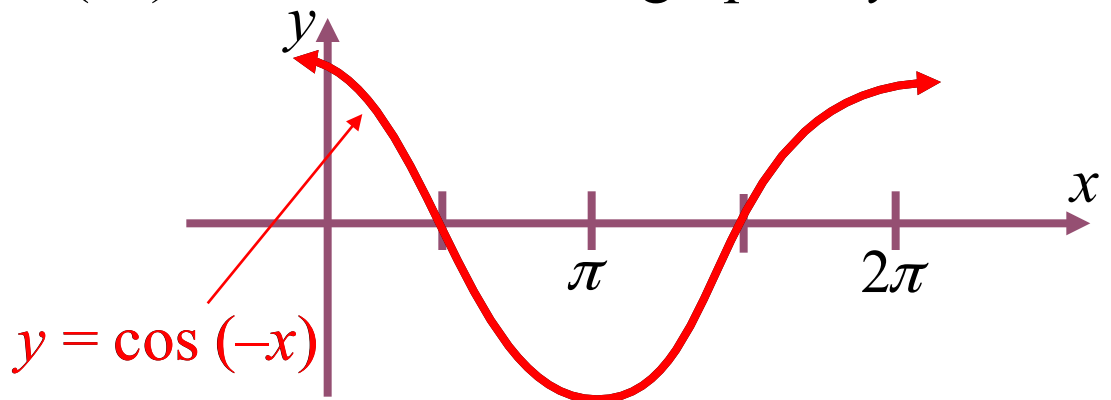
$y = \sin x$



Example : Sketch the graph of $y = \cos(-x)$.

The graph of $y = \cos(-x)$ is identical to the graph of $y = \cos x$.

Use the identity
 $\cos(-x) = \cos x$



Example: Sketch the graph of $y = 2 \sin(-3x)$.

Rewrite the function in the form $y = a \sin bx$ with $b > 0$

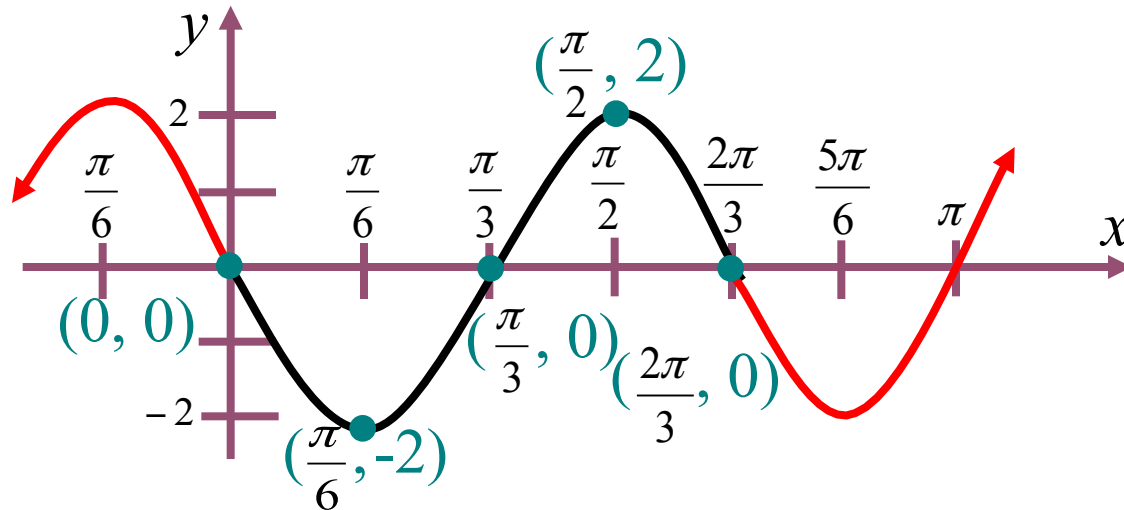
Use the identity $\sin(-x) = -\sin x$: $y = 2 \sin(-3x) = -2 \sin 3x$

amplitude: $|a| = |-2| = 2$

period: $\frac{2\pi}{b} = \frac{2\pi}{3}$

Calculate the five key points.

x	0	$\frac{\pi}{6}$	$\frac{\pi}{3}$	$\frac{\pi}{2}$	$\frac{2\pi}{3}$
$y = -2 \sin 3x$	0	-2	0	2	0



Tangent Function

Recall that $\tan \theta = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta}$.

Since $\cos \theta$ is in the denominator, when $\cos \theta = 0$, $\tan \theta$ is undefined. This occurs at π intervals, offset by $\pi/2$: $\{ \dots -\pi/2, \pi/2, 3\pi/2, 5\pi/2, \dots \}$

Let's create an x/y table from $\theta = -\pi/2$ to $\theta = \pi/2$ (one π interval), with 5 input angle values.

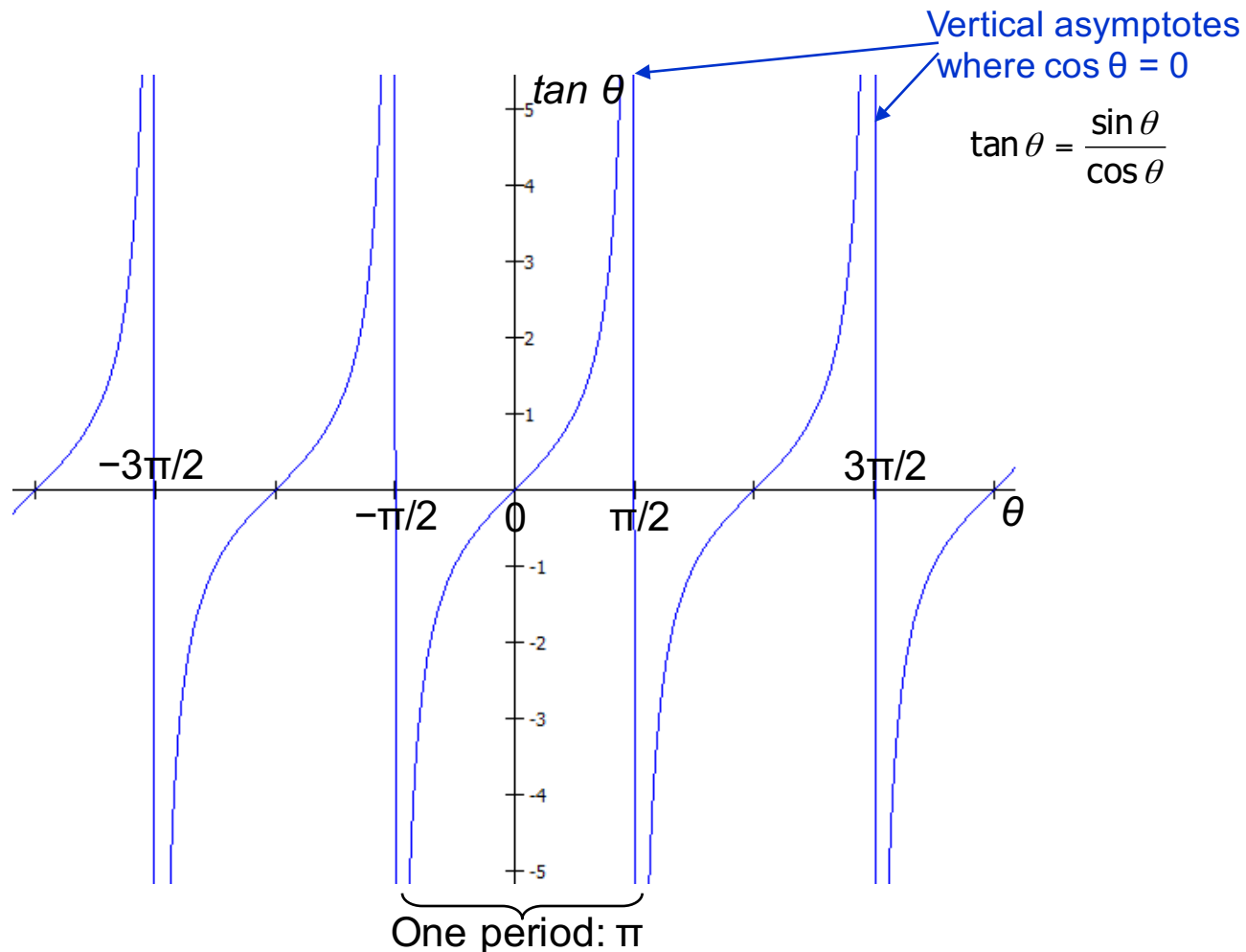
θ	$\sin \theta$	$\cos \theta$	$\tan \theta$
$-\pi/2$	-1	0	und
$-\pi/4$	$-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$	$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$	-1
0	0	1	0
$\pi/4$	$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$	$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$	1
$\pi/2$	1	0	und



θ	$\tan \theta$
$-\pi/2$	und
$-\pi/4$	-1
0	0
$\pi/4$	1
$\pi/2$	und

Graph of Tangent Function: Periodic

θ	$\tan \theta$
$-\pi/2$	Und ($-\infty$)
$-\pi/4$	-1
0	0
$\pi/4$	1
$\pi/2$	Und(∞)



$\tan \theta$: Domain (angle measures): $\theta \neq \pi/2 + \pi n$

Range (ratio of sides): all real numbers $(-\infty, \infty)$

$\tan \theta$ is an **odd** function; it is symmetric wrt the origin.

$$\forall \theta \in \text{Domain}, \tan(-\theta) = -\tan(\theta)$$

Graph of the Tangent Function

To graph $y = \tan x$, use the identity $\tan x = \frac{\sin x}{\cos x}$.

At values of x for which $\cos x = 0$, the tangent function is undefined and its graph has vertical asymptotes.

Properties of $y = \tan x$

1. Domain : all real x

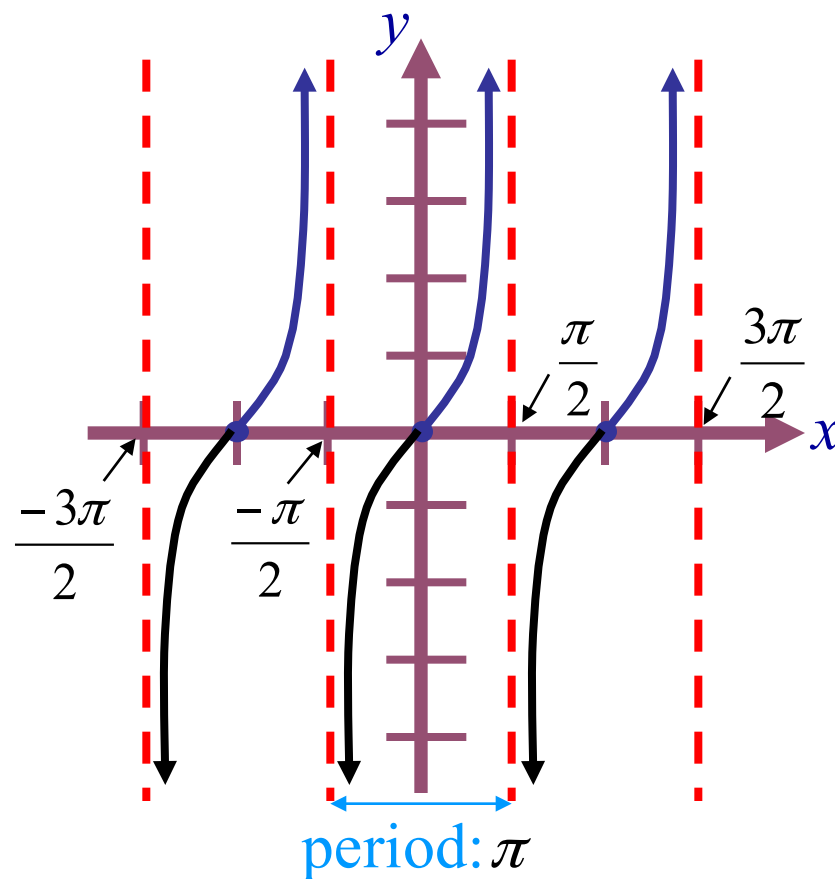
$$x \neq k\pi + \frac{\pi}{2} \quad (k \in \mathbb{Z})$$

2. Range: $(-\infty, +\infty)$

3. Period: π

4. Vertical asymptotes:

$$x = k\pi + \frac{\pi}{2} \quad (k \in \mathbb{Z})$$



Example: Find the period and asymptotes and sketch the graph

$$\text{of } y = \frac{1}{3} \tan 2x$$

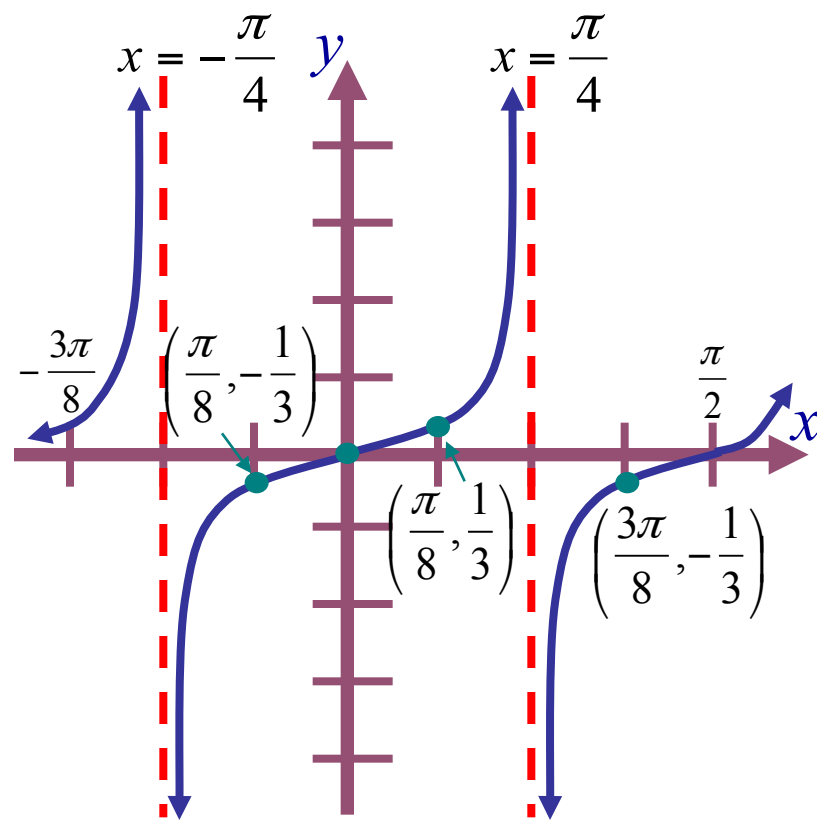
1. Period of $y = \tan x$ is π .

→ Period of $y = \tan 2x$ is $\frac{\pi}{2}$.

2. Find consecutive vertical asymptotes by solving for x :

$$2x = -\frac{\pi}{2}, 2x = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

Vertical asymptotes: $x = -\frac{\pi}{4}, x = \frac{\pi}{4}$



3. Plot several points in $(0, \frac{\pi}{2})$

4. Sketch one branch and repeat.

x	$-\frac{\pi}{8}$	0	$\frac{\pi}{8}$	$\frac{3\pi}{8}$
$y = \frac{1}{3} \tan 2x$	$-\frac{1}{3}$	0	$\frac{1}{3}$	$-\frac{1}{3}$

Cotangent Function

Recall that $\cot \theta = \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta}$.

Since $\sin \theta$ is in the denominator, when $\sin \theta = 0$, $\cot \theta$ is undefined.

This occurs @ π intervals, starting at 0: $\{ \dots -\pi, 0, \pi, 2\pi, \dots \}$

Let's create an x/y table from $\theta = 0$ to $\theta = \pi$ (one π interval),
with 5 input angle values.

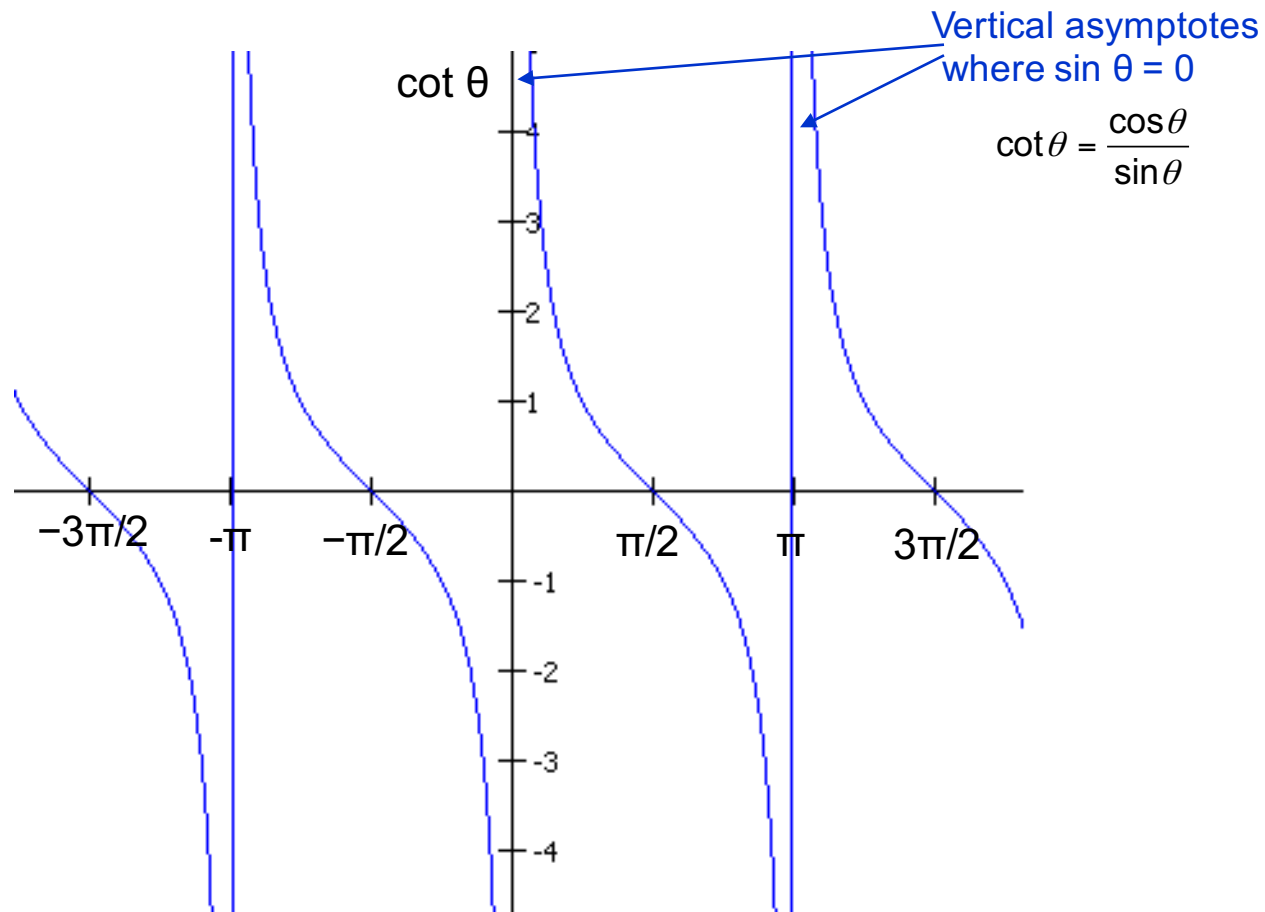
θ	$\sin \theta$	$\cos \theta$	$\cot \theta$
0	0	1	Und ∞
$\pi/4$	$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$	$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$	1
$\pi/2$	1	0	0
$3\pi/4$	$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$	$-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$	-1
π	0	-1	Und $-\infty$



θ	$\cot \theta$
0	Und ∞
$\pi/4$	1
$\pi/2$	0
$3\pi/4$	-1
π	Und $-\infty$

Graph of Cotangent Function: Periodic

θ	$\cot \theta$
0	∞
$\pi/4$	1
$\pi/2$	0
$3\pi/4$	-1
π	$-\infty$



$\cot \theta$: Domain (angle measures): $\theta \neq \pi n$

Range (ratio of sides): all real numbers $(-\infty, \infty)$

$\cot \theta$ is an **odd** function; it is symmetric wrt the origin.

$\forall \theta \in \text{Domain}, \tan(-\theta) = -\tan(\theta)$

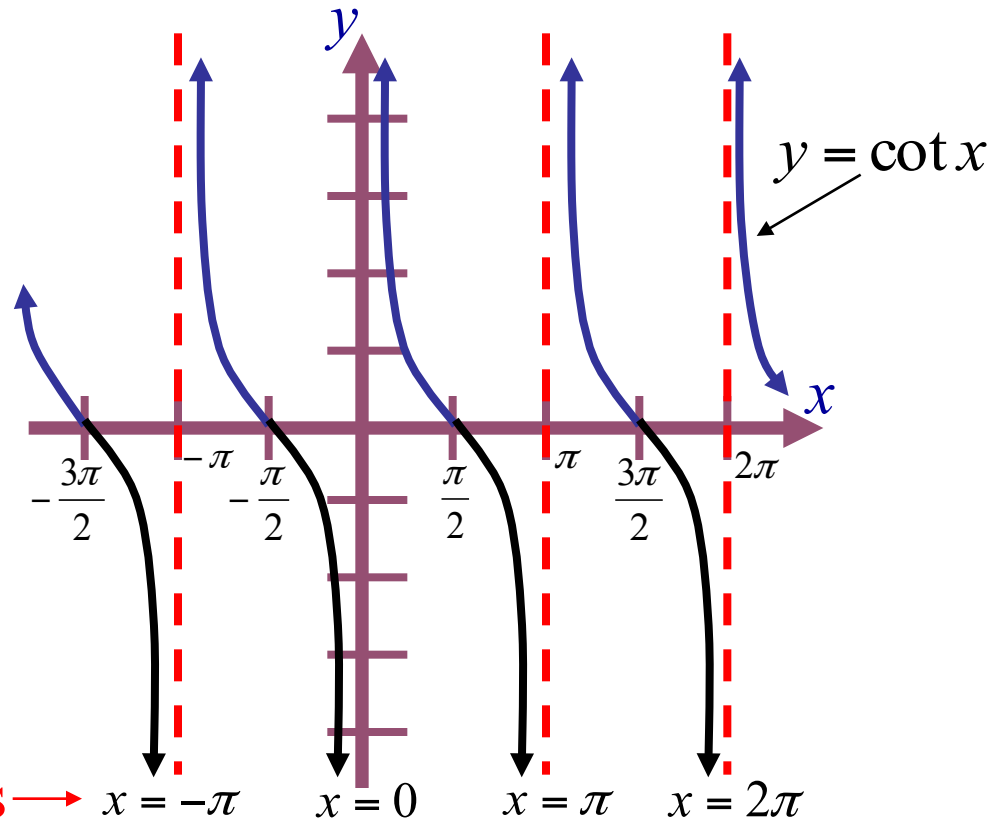
Graph of the Cotangent Function

To graph $y = \cot x$, use the identity $\cot x = \frac{\cos x}{\sin x}$.

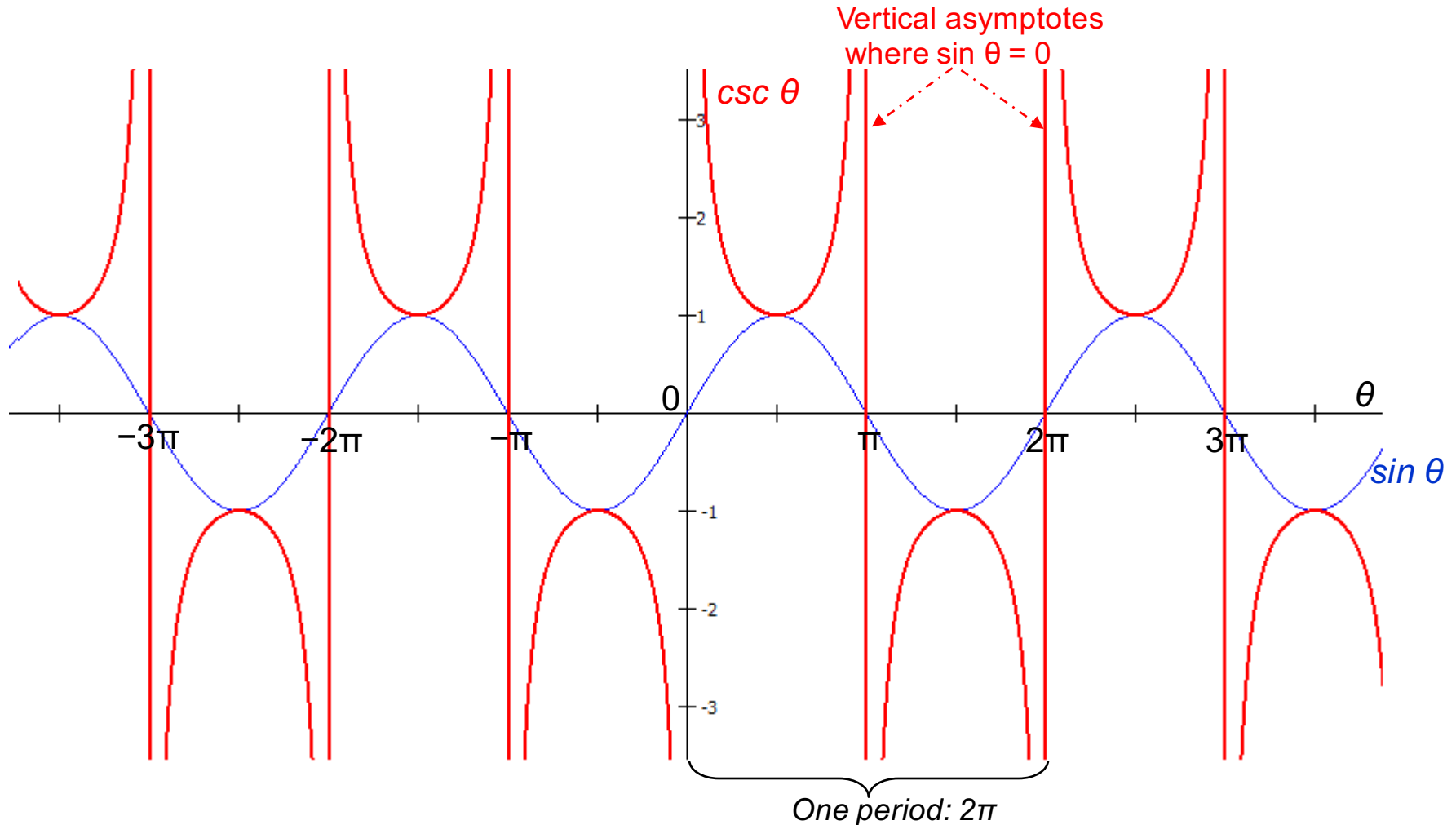
At values of x for which $\sin x = 0$, the cotangent function is undefined and its graph has vertical asymptotes.

Properties of $y = \cot x$

1. Domain : all real x
 $x \neq k\pi$ ($k \in \mathbb{Z}$)
2. Range: $(-\infty, +\infty)$
3. Period: π
4. Vertical asymptotes:
 $x = k\pi$ ($k \in \mathbb{Z}$)



Cosecant is the reciprocal of sine



$\sin \theta$: Domain: $(-\infty, \infty)$
Range: $[-1, 1]$

$\csc \theta$: Domain: $\theta \neq \pi n$
(where $\sin \theta = 0$)
Range: $|\csc \theta| \geq 1$
or $(-\infty, -1] \cup [1, \infty)$

$\sin \theta$ and $\csc \theta$
are **odd**
(symm wrt origin)

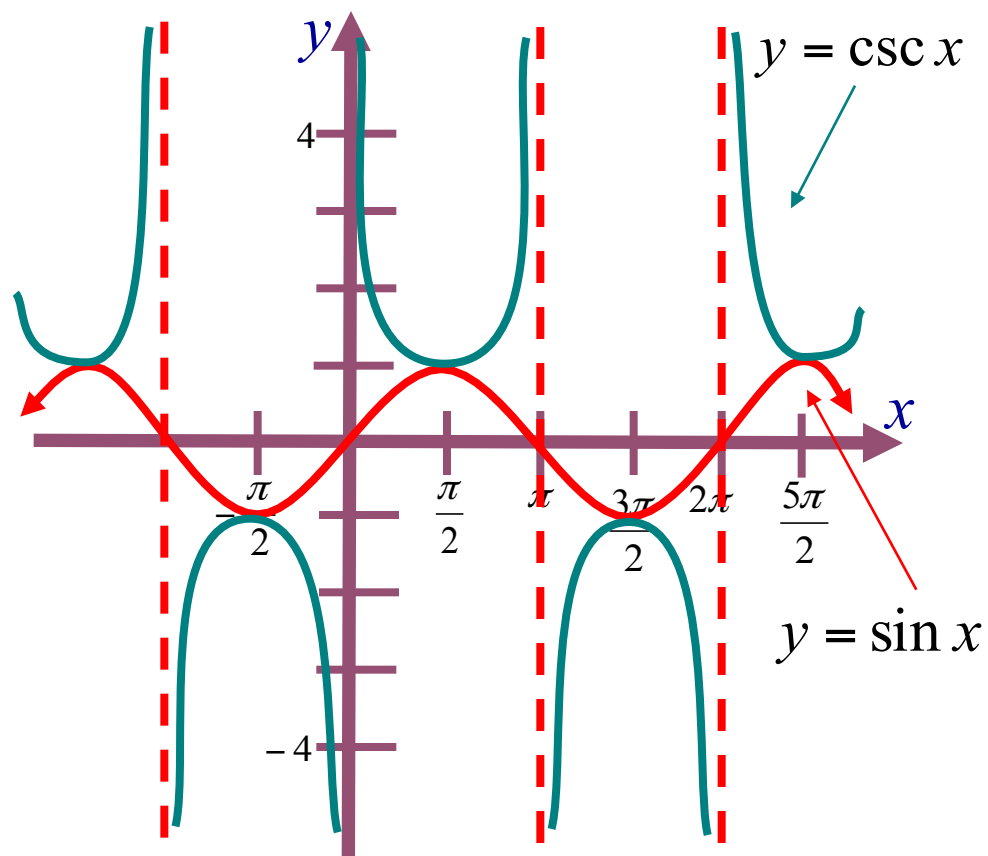
Graph of the Cosecant Function

To graph $y = \csc x$, use the identity $\csc x = \frac{1}{\sin x}$.

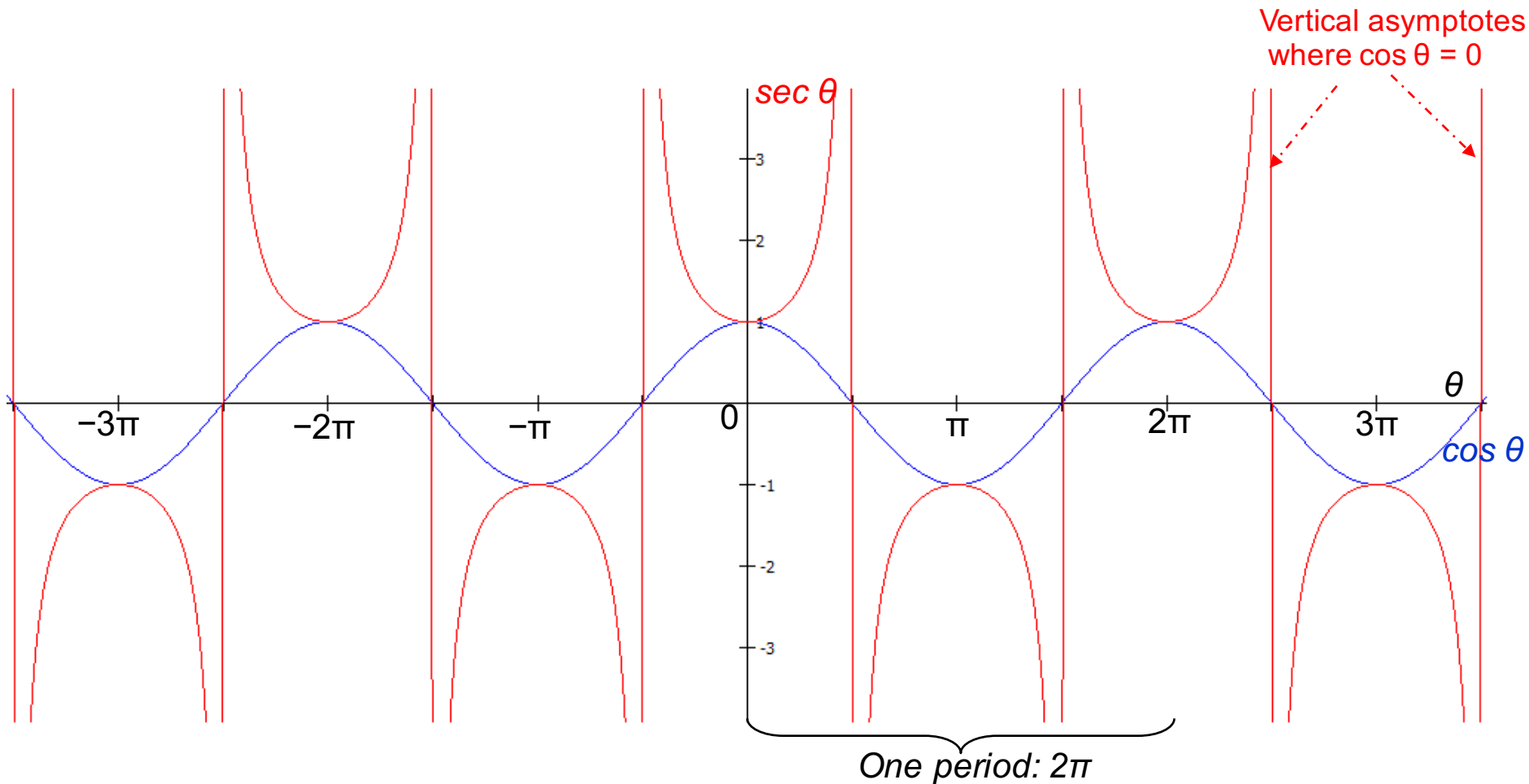
At values of x for which $\sin x = 0$, the cosecant function is undefined and its graph has vertical asymptotes.

Properties of $y = \csc x$

1. domain : all real x
 $x \neq k\pi$ ($k \in \mathbb{Z}$)
2. range: $(-\infty, -1] \cup [1, +\infty)$
3. period: π
4. vertical asymptotes:
 $x = k\pi$ ($k \in \mathbb{Z}$)
where sine is zero.



Secant is the reciprocal of cosine



$\cos \theta$: Domain: $(-\infty, \infty)$
Range: $[-1, 1]$

$\sec \theta$: Domain: $\theta \neq \pi/2 + \pi n$
(where $\cos \theta = 0$)
Range: $|\sec \theta| \geq 1$
or $(-\infty, -1] \cup [1, \infty)$

$\cos \theta$ and $\sec \theta$
are **even**
(symm wrt y-axis)

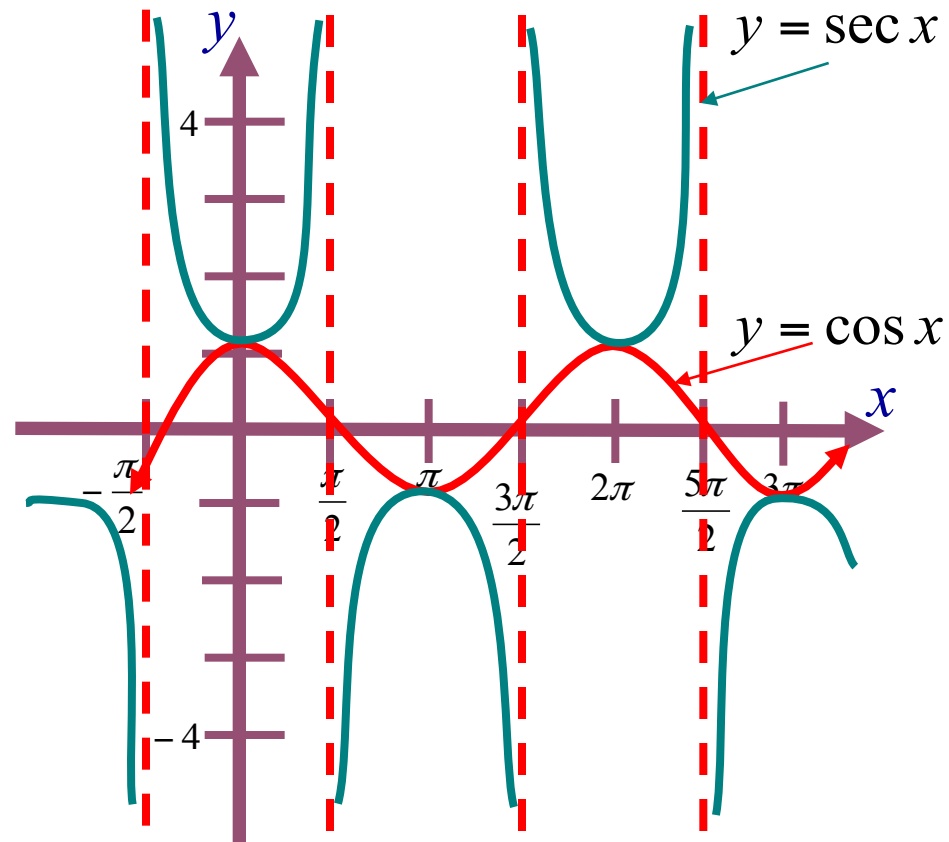
Graph of the Secant Function

The graph $y = \sec x$, use the identity $\sec x = \frac{1}{\cos x}$.

At values of x for which $\cos x = 0$, the secant function is undefined and its graph has vertical asymptotes.

Properties of $y = \sec x$

1. domain : all real x
 $x \neq k\pi + \frac{\pi}{2} (k \in \mathbb{Z})$
2. range: $(-\infty, -1] \cup [1, +\infty)$
3. period: π
4. vertical asymptotes:
 $x = k\pi + \frac{\pi}{2} (k \in \mathbb{Z})$



Summary of Graph Characteristics

	Def'n		Period	Domain	Range	Even/Odd
	Δ	\circ				
$\sin \theta$						
$\csc \theta$						
$\cos \theta$						
$\sec \theta$						
$\tan \theta$						
$\cot \theta$						

Summary of Graph Characteristics

	Def'n		Period	Domain	Range	Even/Odd
	Δ	O				
$\sin \theta$	$\frac{opp}{hyp}$	$\frac{y}{r}$	2π	$(-\infty, \infty)$	$-1 \leq x \leq 1$ or $[-1, 1]$	odd
$\csc \theta$	$\frac{1}{\sin \theta}$	$\frac{r}{y}$	2π	$\theta \neq \pi n$	$ \csc \theta \geq 1$ or $(-\infty, -1] \cup [1, \infty)$	odd
$\cos \theta$	$\frac{adj}{hyp}$	$\frac{x}{r}$	2π	$(-\infty, \infty)$	All Reals or $(-\infty, \infty)$	even
$\sec \theta$	$\frac{1}{\sin \theta}$	$\frac{r}{y}$	2π	$\theta \neq \pi/2 + \pi n$	$ \sec \theta \geq 1$ or $(-\infty, -1] \cup [1, \infty)$	even
$\tan \theta$	$\frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta}$	$\frac{y}{x}$	π	$\theta \neq \pi/2 + \pi n$	All Reals or $(-\infty, \infty)$	odd
$\cot \theta$	$\frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta}$	$\frac{x}{y}$	π	$\theta \neq \pi n$	All Reals or $(-\infty, \infty)$	odd

14. 2: Translations of Trigonometric Graphs

- Without looking at your notes, try to sketch the basic shape of each trig function:

1) Sine:

2) Cosine:

3) Tangent:

More Transformations

- We have seen two types of transformations on trig graphs: **vertical stretches and horizontal stretches**.
- There are three more: **vertical translations (slides), horizontal translations, and reflections (flips)**.

More Transformations

➤ Here is the **full** general form for the sine function:

$$y = k + a \sin b(x - h)$$

➤ Just as with parabolas and other functions, **h** and **k** are **translations**:

➤ **h** slides the graph horizontally (opposite of sign)

➤ **k** slides the graph vertically

➤ Also, if **a** is negative, the graph is **flipped vertically**.

More Transformations

➤ To graph a sine or cosine graph:

1. Graph the original graph with the correct amplitude and period (like section 14.1).
2. Translate h units horizontally and k units vertically.
3. Reflect vertically at its new position if a is negative (or reflect first, then translate).

Examples

➤ Describe how each graph would be transformed:

1. $y = 2 + \sin x$

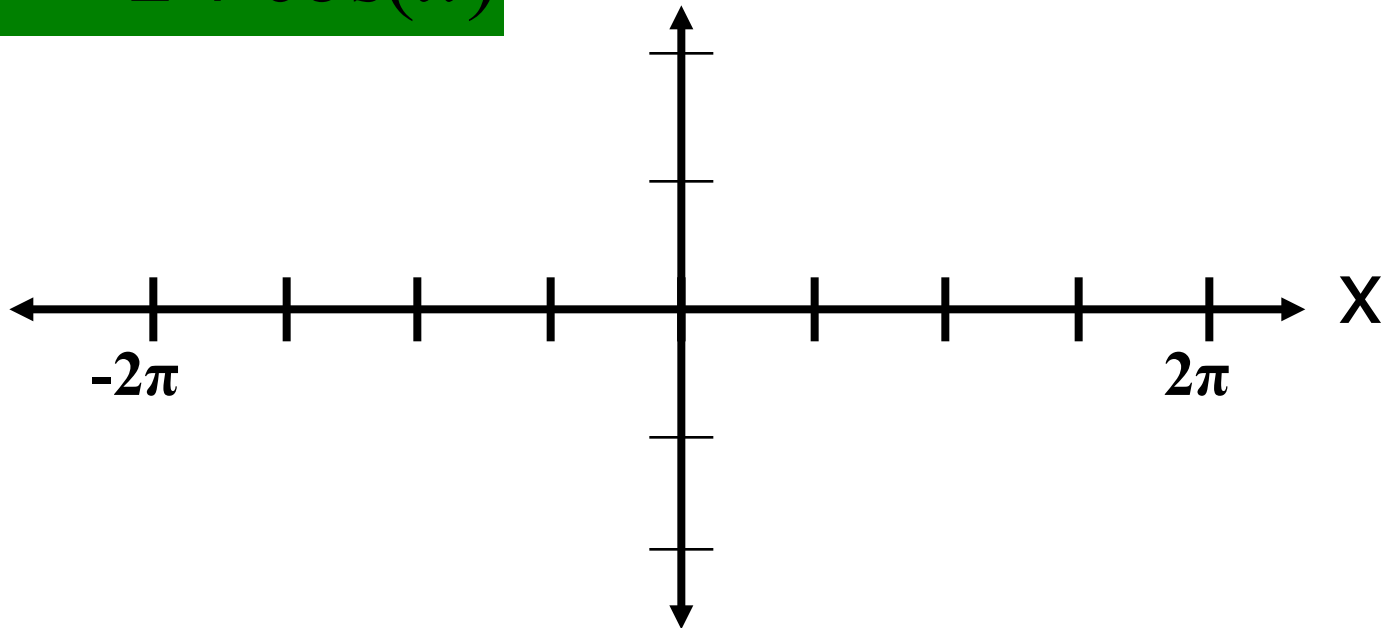
2. $y = \cos\left(x + \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$

3. $y = -2 - \sin(x - \pi)$

Examples

- State the amplitude and period, then graph:

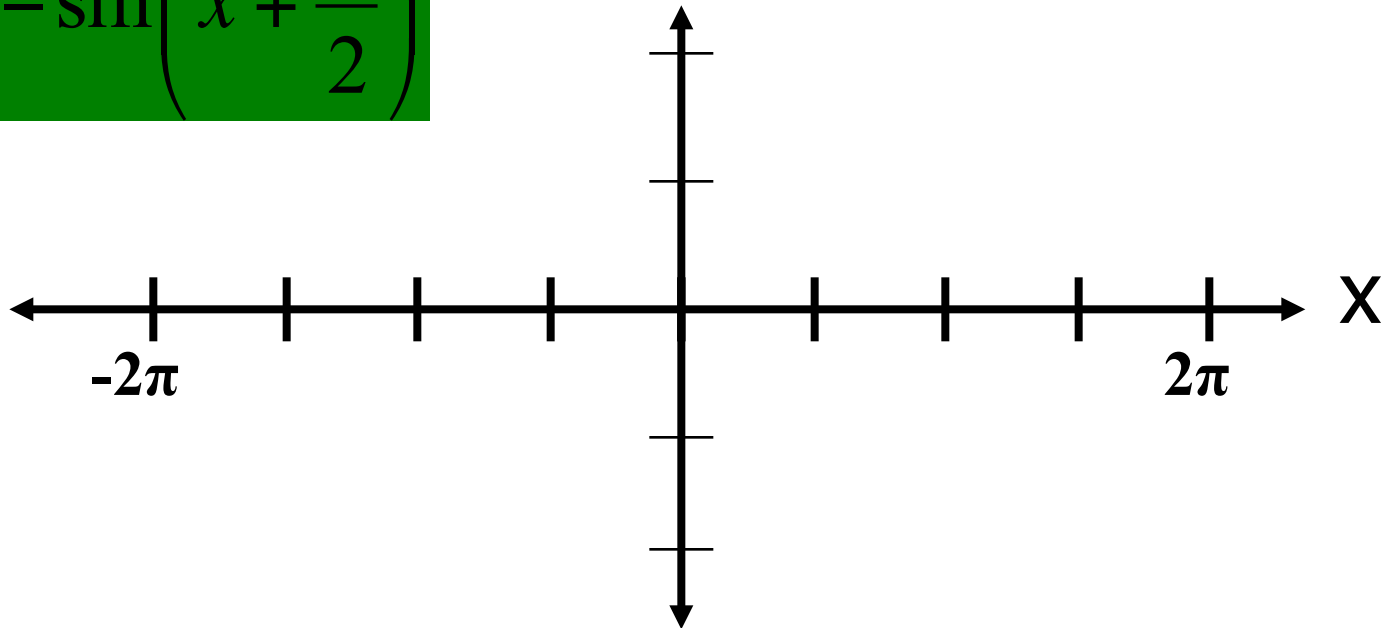
$$y = -2 + \cos(x)$$



Examples

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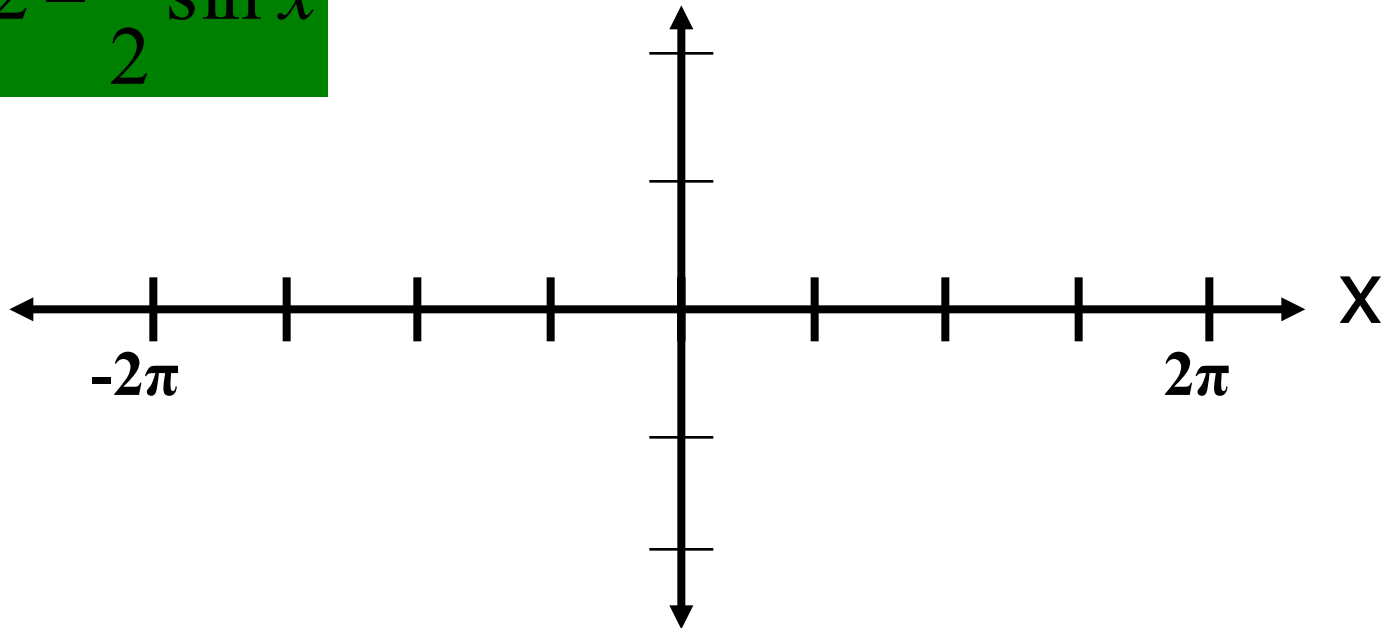
$$y = -\sin\left(x + \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$



Examples

- State the amplitude and period, then graph:

$$y = 2 - \frac{1}{2} \sin x$$



Examples

- Write an equation of the graph described:
- The graph of $y = \cos x$ translated up 3 units, right π units, and reflected vertically.

14.3: trigonometric Identities

- Reciprocal Identities
- Quotient Identities
- Pythagorean Identities
- Opposite Angles Identity

Key Vocabulary

1. **Identity:** a statement of equality between two expressions that is true for *all* values of the variable(s)
2. **Trigonometric Identity:** an identity involving trigonometric expressions
3. **Counterexample:** an example that shows an equation is false.

Prove that $\sin(x)\tan(x) = \cos(x)$ is not a trig identity by producing a counterexample.

- You can do this by picking almost any angle measure.
- Use ones that you know exact values for:
 - $0, \pi/6, \pi/4, \pi/3, \pi/2,$
and π

Reciprocal Identities

$$\sin \theta = \frac{1}{\csc \theta}$$

$$\csc \theta = \frac{1}{\sin \theta}$$

$$\text{(or } \sin \theta \csc \theta = 1$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{1}{\sec \theta}$$

$$\sec \theta = \frac{1}{\cos \theta}$$

$$\cos \theta \sec \theta = 1$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{1}{\cot \theta}$$

$$\cot \theta = \frac{1}{\tan \theta}$$

$$\tan \theta \cot \theta = 1$$

Quotient Identities

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

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



Why?

Do you remember the Unit Circle?

- What is the equation for the unit circle?

$$x^2 + y^2 = 1$$

- What does $x = ?$ What does $y = ?$
(in terms of trig functions)

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



**Pythagorean
Identity!**

Take the Pythagorean Identity and discover a new one!

Hint: Try dividing everything by $\cos^2\theta$

$$\frac{\sin^2\theta}{\cos^2\theta} + \frac{\cos^2\theta}{\cos^2\theta} = \frac{1}{\cos^2\theta}$$

$$\tan^2\theta + 1 = \sec^2\theta$$

Quotient
Identity

another
Pythagorean
Identity

Reciprocal
Identity

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$$\frac{\sin^2\theta}{\sin^2\theta} + \frac{\cos^2\theta}{\sin^2\theta} = \frac{1}{\sin^2\theta}$$

$$1 + \cot^2\theta = \csc^2\theta$$

Quotient
Identity

a third
Pythagorean
Identity

Reciprocal
Identity

Opposite Angle Identities

sometimes these are called even/odd identities

$$\sin(-\theta) = -\sin \theta$$

$$\cos(-\theta) = \cos \theta$$

$$\tan(-\theta) = -\tan \theta$$

Simplify each expression.



$$\frac{\csc \theta}{\cot \theta}$$



$$\cos x \csc x \tan x$$



$$\cos x \cot x + \sin x$$

Using the identities you now know,
find the trig value.

1

If $\cos\theta = 3/4$,
find $\sec\theta$.

$$0^\circ < \theta < 90^\circ$$

2

$\theta = 3/5$,
find $\csc\theta$.

$$\frac{3\pi}{2} < \theta < 2\pi$$

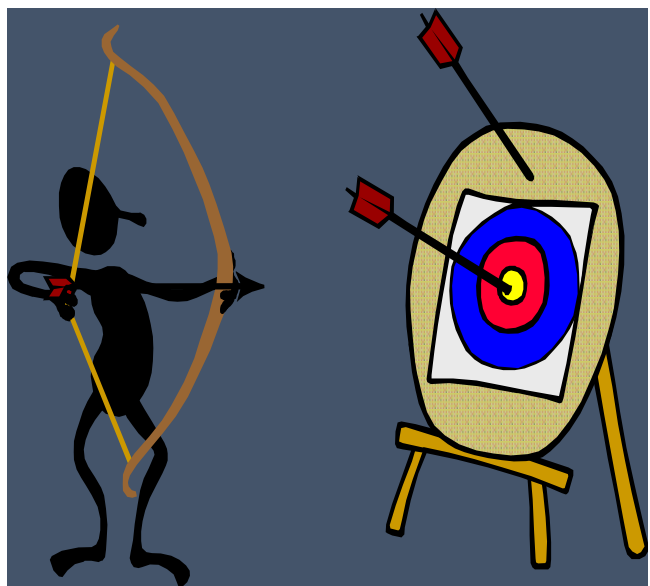
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$\sin\theta = -1/3, 180^\circ < \theta < 270^\circ$; find $\tan\theta$

4

$\sec\theta = -7/5, \pi < \theta < 3\pi/2$; find $\sin\theta$

– Similarities and Differences



- a) How do you find the amplitude and period for sine and cosine functions?

- b) How do you find the amplitude, period and asymptotes for tangent?

- c) What process do you follow to graph any of the trigonometric functions?