

**Pre-Calculus Notes: Chapter 6 – Graphs of Trigonometric Functions**Section 1 – Angles and Radian Measure

Angles can be measured in both degrees and radians. Radian measure is based on the circumference of a unit circle (a circle with a radius of 1).

Since the circumference of the unit circle is  $2\pi$ ,  $360^\circ = 2\pi$  radians. It is often helpful to convert between degrees and radians.

**Example 1**

a. Change  $115^\circ$  to exact (leave  $\pi$  in the answer) radian measure.

b. Change  $-\frac{7\pi}{8}$  to degrees.

c. Change  $215^\circ$  to exact radian measure.

d. Change  $3\pi$  to degrees.

**Example 2**

Use the unit circle (no calculator) to evaluate.

a.  $\sin \frac{2\pi}{3}$

b.  $\cos\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}\right)$

c.  $\cos 30^\circ$

d.  $\sin 225^\circ$

e.  $\tan \frac{\pi}{4}$

f.  $\cos \frac{5\pi}{6}$

g.  $\sin \frac{13\pi}{6}$

h.  $\tan \frac{25\pi}{6}$

Both degree and radian measure can be used to calculate arc length and area of a sector.

	Degrees	Radians
Arc Length	$s = \frac{x^\circ}{360^\circ} \cdot 2\pi r$	
Area of a Sector	$A = \frac{x^\circ}{360^\circ} \cdot \pi r^2$	

### Example 3

- a. Given a central angle of  $125^\circ$ , find the length of its intercepted arc in a circle of radius 7 centimeters. Round to the nearest tenth.
- b. A pendulum with length of 1.4 meters swings through an angle of  $30^\circ$ . How far does the bob at the end of the pendulum travel as it goes from left to right?

### Example 4

- a. Find the area of a sector if the central angle measures  $\frac{3\pi}{7}$  and the radius of the circle is 11 centimeters. Round to the nearest tenth.
- b. A sector has area of 15 square inches and central angle of 0.2 radians. Find the radius of the circle. Find the arc length of the sector.

Section 3 – Graphing Sine and Cosine Functions

Periodic Function \_\_\_\_\_

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Period \_\_\_\_\_

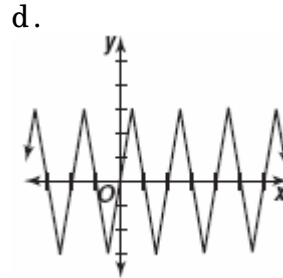
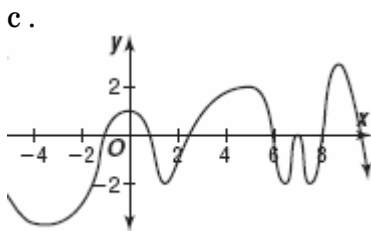
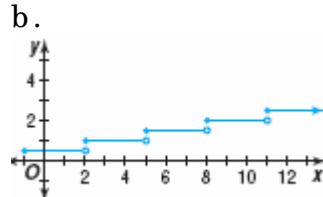
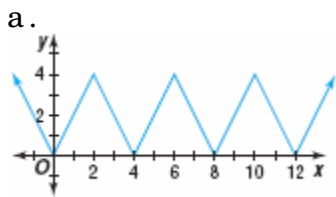
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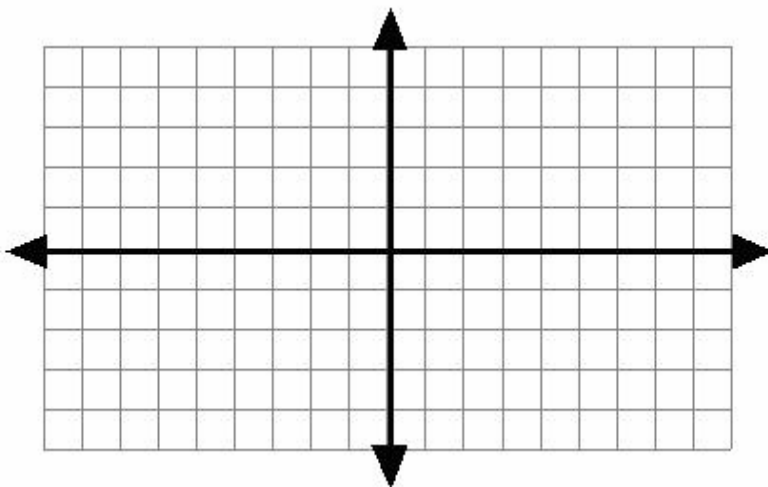
**Example 1**

Determine if each function is periodic. If so, state the period.



Graphing the Cosine Function:  $y = \cos \theta$

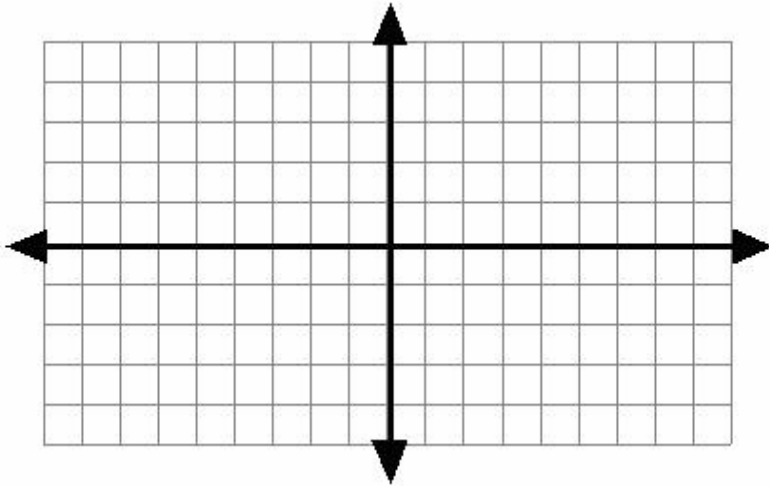
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$\cos \theta$	1	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$															



Domain:	Range:
Maximum:	Minimum:
y-intercept	x-intercept(s)

Graphing the Sine Function:  $y = \sin \theta$

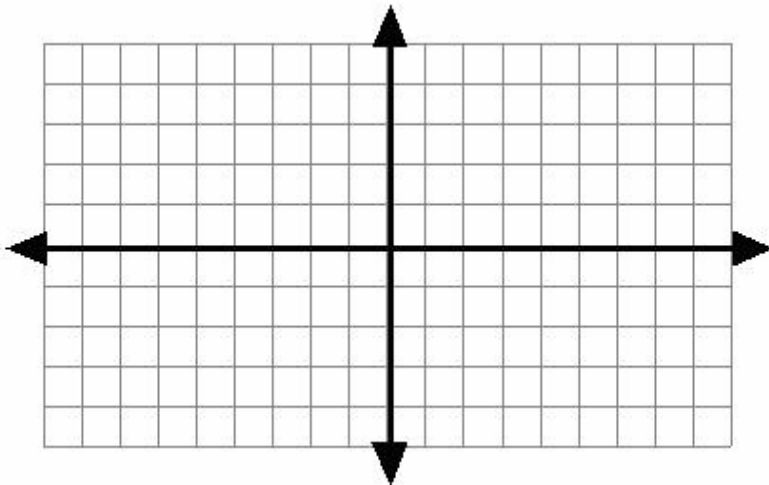
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$\sin \theta$																	



Domain:	Range:
Maximum:	Minimum:
y-intercept	x-intercept(s)

Graphing the Tangent Function:  $y = \tan \theta$

$\theta$	0	$\frac{\pi}{6}$	$\frac{\pi}{4}$	$\frac{\pi}{3}$	$\frac{\pi}{2}$	$\frac{2\pi}{3}$	$\frac{3\pi}{4}$	$\frac{5\pi}{6}$	$\pi$	$\frac{7\pi}{6}$	$\frac{5\pi}{4}$	$\frac{4\pi}{3}$	$\frac{3\pi}{2}$	$\frac{5\pi}{3}$	$\frac{7\pi}{4}$	$\frac{11\pi}{6}$	$2\pi$
$\tan \theta$																	



Domain:	Range:
Maximum:	Minimum:
y-intercept	x-intercept(s)

Example 2

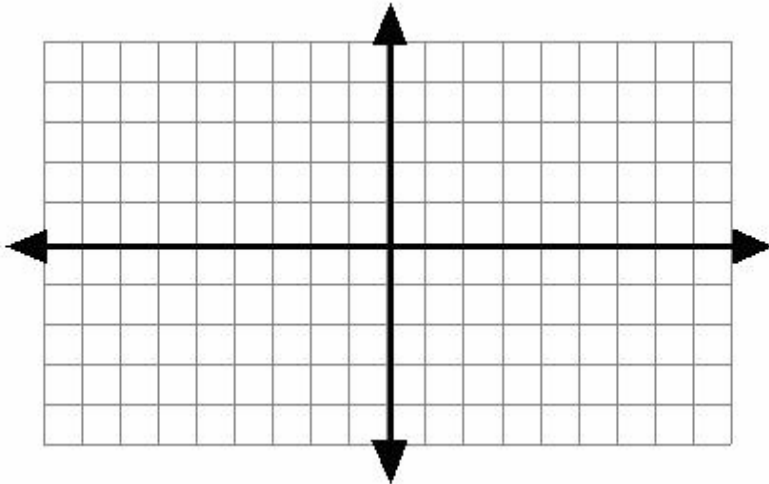
Find  $\sin 3\pi$  by referring to the graph of the sine function.

**Example 3**

Find the value of  $\theta$  for which  $\sin \theta = -1$  is true.

**Example 4**

Graph  $y = \sin x$  for  $2\pi \leq x \leq 4\pi$ .

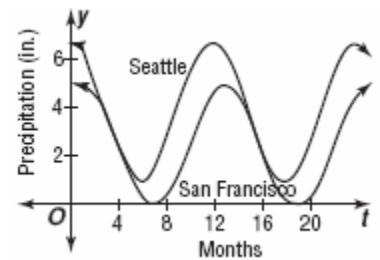


**Example 5**

The graph at the right shows the average monthly precipitation (in inches) for Seattle, Washington, and San Francisco, California, with January represented as 1.

Model for Seattle's precipitation: 
$$y = 3.45 + 2.55 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{6}t + 0.18\right)$$

Model for San Francisco's precipitation: 
$$y = 2.2 + 2.2 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{6}t - 0.41\right)$$



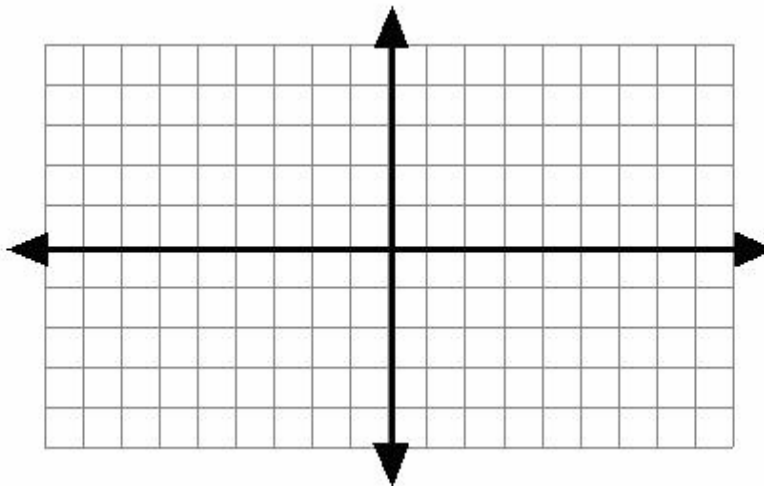
- What is the average precipitation for each city for month 13?
- Which city has the greater fluctuation in precipitation? Explain.

Section 4 – Amplitude and Period of Sine and Cosine Functions

Sketch the following functions on the axes below. Set the window of your graphing calculator to:  $x_{\min} = -2\pi$ ,  $x_{\max} = 2\pi$ ,  $x_{\text{sc1}} = \frac{\pi}{2}$ ,  $y_{\min} = -6$ ,  $y_{\max} = 6$ ,  $y_{\text{sc1}} = 1$ .

After graphing each equation, fill in the table below.

	$y = \sin x$	$y = 5 \sin x$	$y = \frac{1}{2} \sin x$
Period			
Minimum			
Maximum			
Range			
y-intercept			
x-intercept(s)			

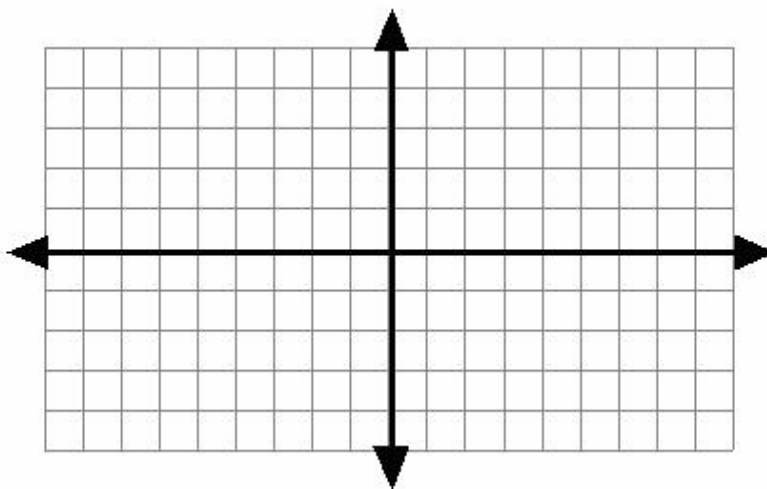


Amplitude \_\_\_\_\_

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Sketch the following functions on the axes below. Set the window of your graphing calculator to:  $x_{\min} = -6\pi$ ,  $x_{\max} = 6\pi$ ,  $x_{\text{sc1}} = \pi$ ,  $y_{\min} = -2$ ,  $y_{\max} = 2$ ,  $y_{\text{sc1}} = 1$ . After graphing each equation, fill in the table below.

	$y = \cos x$	$y = \cos 2x$	$y = \cos\left(\frac{x}{3}\right)$
Period			
Minimum			
Maximum			
Range			
y-intercept			
x-intercept(s)			



Period of Sine  
and Cosine  
Functions

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Frequency

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Determine the amplitude and period of each equation.

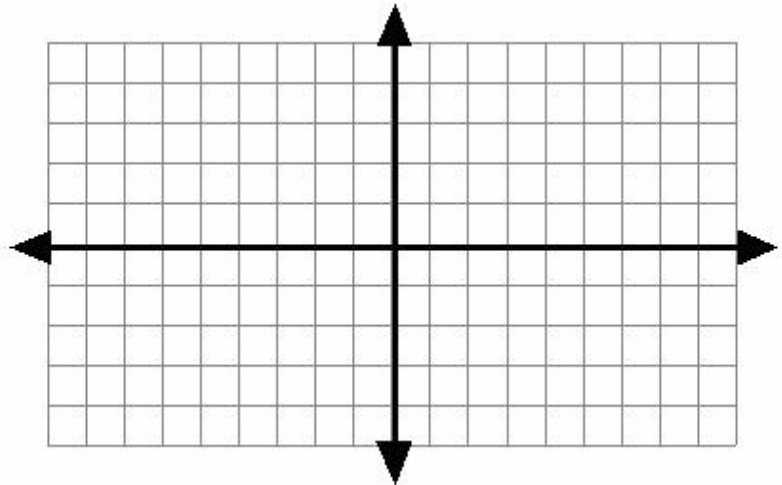
	Amplitude	Period
a.) $y = \frac{1}{4}\sin(2x)$		
b.) $y = 3\cos\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)$		
c.) $y = 5\sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{4}\right)$		
d.) $y = \frac{1}{2}\cos(3x)$		

**Example 1**

Graph each function.

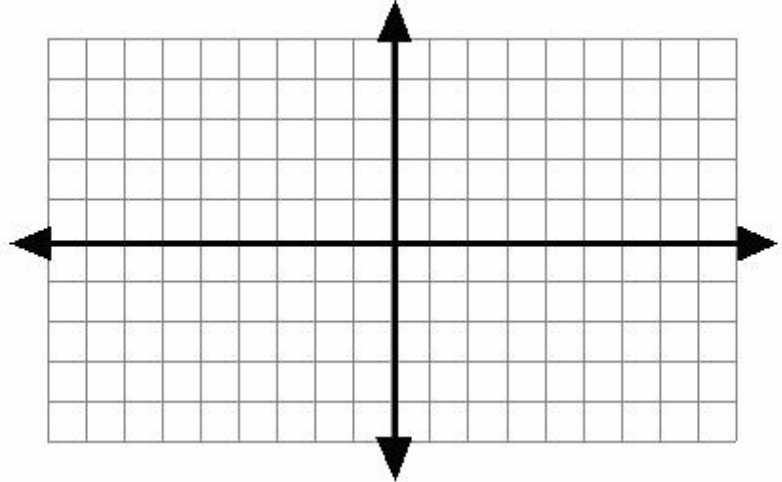
a.

$$y = \cos \frac{\theta}{4}$$



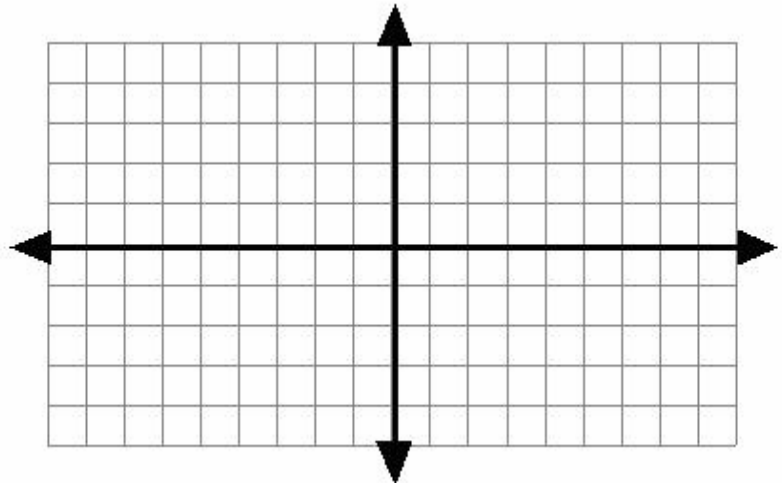
b.

$$y = -2 \sin \theta$$



c.

$$y = 5 \cos 2\theta$$



**Example 2**

Write an equation of the sine function with amplitude 2 and period  $\frac{\pi}{2}$ .



### Example 3

A pendulum swings a total distance of 0.30 meter. The center point is zero. It completes a cycle every 2 seconds.

- Assuming that the pendulum is at the center point and heading right at  $t = 0$ , find an equation for the motion of the pendulum
- Determine the distance from a center at 1 second, 1.5 seconds, 1.75 seconds, and 2 seconds.

### Example 4

The Sears Building in Chicago sways back and forth at a vibration frequency of about 0.1 Hz. On average, it sways 6 inches from true center. Write an equation of the sine function that represents this behavior.

## Section 5 – Translations of Sine and Cosine Functions

A horizontal translation or shift of a trigonometric function is called a **phase shift**.

Given the general form,  $y = A\cos(k\theta - c) + h$  or  $y = A\sin(k\theta - c) + h$ :

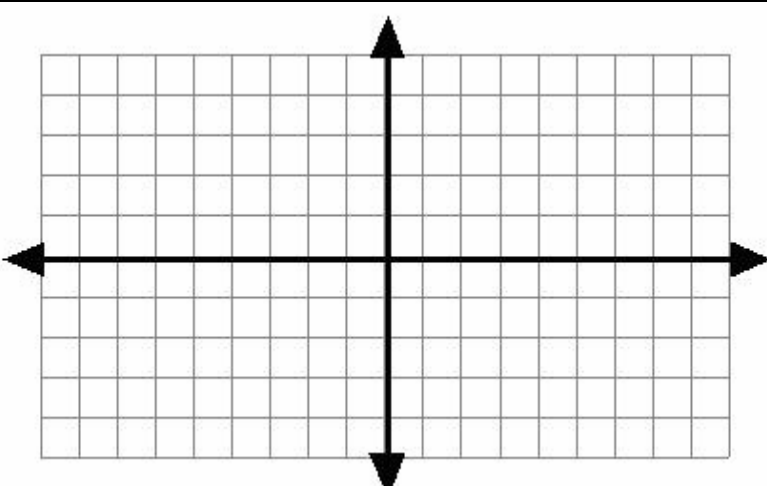
Amplitude \_\_\_\_\_

Period \_\_\_\_\_

Phase Shift \_\_\_\_\_

Vertical Shift \_\_\_\_\_

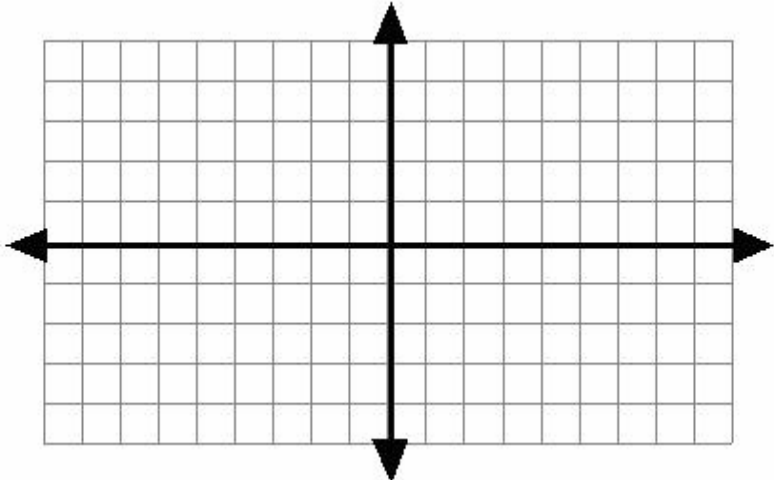
Examples: Graph each equation.

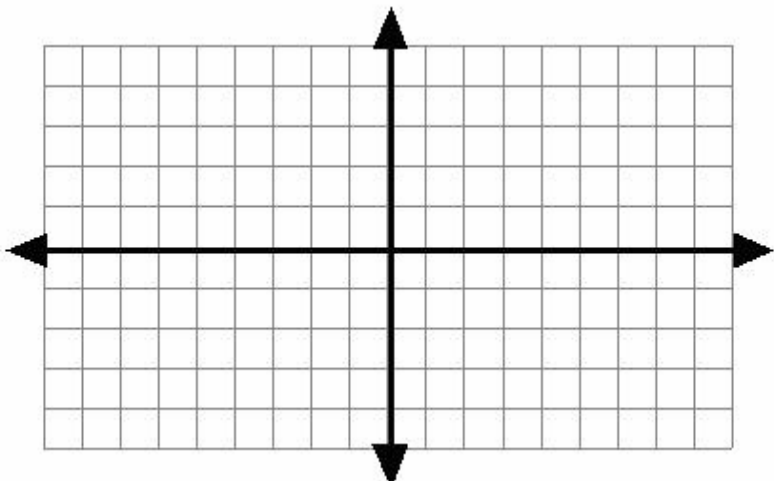
1. $y = \cos(\theta + \pi)$	
Amplitude	
Period	
Phase Shift	
Vertical Shift	

2. $y = \sin(4\theta - \pi)$	
Amplitude	
Period	
Phase Shift	
Vertical Shift	

3. $y = 3 \sin \theta + 2$	
Amplitude	
Period	
Phase Shift	
Vertical Shift	

4. $y = 2 \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{4} + \pi\right) - 1$	
Amplitude	
Period	
Phase Shift	
Vertical Shift	

5. $y = \cos(\theta + \pi)$	
Amplitude	
Period	
Phase Shift	
Vertical Shift	

6. $y = 2\cos\left(\theta + \frac{\pi}{2}\right) - 3$	
Amplitude	
Period	
Phase Shift	
Vertical Shift	

Examples: Use the given information to write an equation.

7. Write an equation of a cosine function with amplitude 5, period  $2\pi$ , phase shift  $\frac{\pi}{8}$ , and vertical shift -2.

8. Write an equation of a sine function with amplitude 7, period  $3\pi$ , phase shift  $\pi$ , and vertical shift 7.

## Section 6 – Modeling Real-World Data with Sinusoidal Functions

### Example 1

An average seated adult breathes in and out every 4 seconds. The average minimum amount of air in the lungs is 0.08 liter, and the average maximum amount of air in the lungs is 0.82 liter. Suppose the lungs have a minimum amount of air at  $t = 0$ , where  $t$  is time in seconds.

a. Write a function that models the amount of air in the lungs.

b. Determine the amount of air in the lungs at 5.5 seconds.

### Example 2

The tide in a coastal city peaks every 11.6 hours. The tide ranges from 3.9 meters to 3.3 meters. Suppose that the low tide is at  $t = 0$ , where  $t$  is time in hours.

a. Write a function that models the height of the tide.

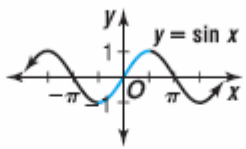

b. Determine the height of the tide at 6.2 hours.

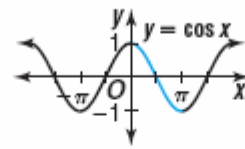
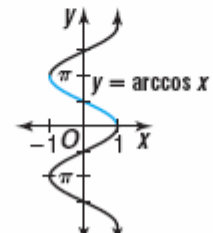
### Example 3

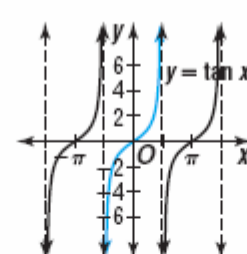
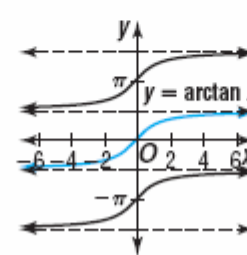
The average monthly temperatures for the city of Seattle, Washington, are given below. Write a sinusoidal function that models the monthly temperatures, using  $t = 1$  to represent January.

Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
41°	44°	47°	50°	56°	61°	65°	66°	61°	54°	46°	42°

Section 8 – Trigonometric Inverses and Their Graphs

Relation	Ordered Pairs	Graph	Domain	Range
$y = \sin x$	$(x, \sin x)$	 A Cartesian coordinate system showing the graph of the sine function, $y = \sin x$ . The x-axis is labeled with $-\pi$ , $0$ , and $\pi$ . The y-axis is labeled with $-1$ , $0$ , and $1$ . The curve passes through the origin $(0,0)$ and has a period of $2\pi$ .	all real numbers	$-1 \leq y \leq 1$
$y = \arcsin x$	$(\sin x, x)$	 A Cartesian coordinate system showing the graph of the arcsine function, $y = \arcsin x$ . The x-axis is labeled with $-1$ , $0$ , and $1$ . The y-axis is labeled with $-\pi$ , $0$ , and $\pi$ . The curve passes through the origin $(0,0)$ and is restricted to the interval $[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}]$ .	$-1 \leq x \leq 1$	all real numbers

Relation	Ordered Pairs	Graph	Domain	Range
$y = \cos x$	$(x, \cos x)$	 A Cartesian coordinate system showing the graph of the cosine function, $y = \cos x$ . The x-axis is labeled with $-\pi$ , $0$ , and $\pi$ . The y-axis is labeled with $-1$ , $0$ , and $1$ . The curve passes through $(0,1)$ and has a period of $2\pi$ .	all real numbers	$-1 \leq y \leq 1$
$y = \arccos x$	$(\cos x, x)$	 A Cartesian coordinate system showing the graph of the arccosine function, $y = \arccos x$ . The x-axis is labeled with $-1$ , $0$ , and $1$ . The y-axis is labeled with $-\pi$ , $0$ , and $\pi$ . The curve passes through $(0,\pi/2)$ and is restricted to the interval $[0, \pi]$ .	$-1 \leq x \leq 1$	all real numbers

$y = \tan x$	$(x, \tan x)$	 A Cartesian coordinate system showing the graph of the tangent function, $y = \tan x$ . The x-axis is labeled with $-\pi$ , $0$ , and $\pi$ . The y-axis is labeled with $-6$ , $-4$ , $-2$ , $2$ , $4$ , and $6$ . Vertical asymptotes are shown at $x = \pm\pi/2$ .	all real numbers except $\frac{\pi}{2}n$ , where $n$ is an odd integer	all real numbers
$y = \arctan x$	$(\tan x, x)$	 A Cartesian coordinate system showing the graph of the arctangent function, $y = \arctan x$ . The x-axis is labeled with $-6$ , $-4$ , $-2$ , $0$ , $2$ , $4$ , and $6$ . The y-axis is labeled with $-\pi$ , $0$ , and $\pi$ . Horizontal asymptotes are shown at $y = \pm\pi/2$ .	all real numbers	all real numbers except $\frac{\pi}{2}n$ , where $n$ is an odd integer

Because we want to focus on a part of the inverse that is a function, we determine a restricted domain for working with inverses of sine, cosine, and tangent.

Function	Domain	Range
$y = \sin x$	$-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$	$-1 \leq y \leq 1$
$y = \arcsin x$	$-1 \leq x \leq 1$	$-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq y \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$
$y = \cos x$	$0 \leq x \leq \pi$	$-1 \leq y \leq 1$
$y = \arccos x$	$-1 \leq x \leq 1$	$0 \leq y \leq \pi$
$y = \tan x$	$-\frac{\pi}{2} < x < \frac{\pi}{2}$	all real numbers
$y = \arctan x$	all real numbers	$-\frac{\pi}{2} < y < \frac{\pi}{2}$

Examples – Find each value.

1.  $\arcsin\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$

2.  $\cos^{-1}\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$

3.  $\sin^{-1}0$

4.  $\arcsin\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)$

5.  $\sin^{-1}\left(\cos\frac{\pi}{2}\right)$

6.  $\tan^{-1}\left(\sin\frac{\pi}{4}\right)$

7.  $\cos\left(\arctan\sqrt{3} - \arcsin\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)$

8.  $\sin(\tan^{-1}1 - \sin^{-1}1)$

9. Determine whether  $\sin^{-1}(\sin x) = x$  is true or false for all values of  $x$ . If false, give a counterexample.