

## 2.5 Representing Sinusoidal Functions

### KEY CONCEPTS

- The equation of a sinusoidal function can be determined given its graph or a description of its properties.
- Transformations can be used to adjust the basic sine and cosine functions to match given period, phase shift, intercepts, amplitude, vertical shift, and range.
- The graph of  $y = \sin x$  is a horizontal translation of the graph of  $y = \cos x$ . Similarly, the graph of  $y = \cos x$  is a horizontal translation of the graph of  $y = \sin x$ .

### Example

Write an equation of the form  $y = a \sin [k(x - d)] + c$  that represents the graph of  $y = \sin x$  after it has been reflected in the  $x$ -axis, vertically stretched by a factor of 4, horizontally compressed by a factor of  $\frac{1}{3}$ , shifted  $45^\circ$  right, and translated 5 units up.

### Solution

The graph is reflected in the  $x$ -axis and vertically stretched by a factor of 4, so  $a = -4$ .

The equation becomes  $y = -4 \sin x$ .

The graph is horizontally compressed by a factor of  $\frac{1}{3}$ , so  $k = 3$ .

The equation becomes  $y = -4 \sin 3x$ .

The graph is shifted  $45^\circ$  to the right, so  $d = 45^\circ$ .

The equation becomes  $y = -4 \sin [3(x - 45^\circ)]$

The vertical shift is 5 units up, so  $c = 5$ .

The equation of the transformed graph is  $y = -4 \sin [3(x - 45^\circ)] + 5$ .

### A

1. **Use Technology** Graph the functions in each set on the same screen. Compare the functions.
  - a)  $f(x) = \sin x$ ,  $f(x) = \cos(x - 90^\circ)$ , and  $f(x) = \cos(x + 270^\circ)$
  - b)  $f(x) = \cos x$ ,  $f(x) = \sin(x + 90^\circ)$ , and  $f(x) = \sin(x - 270^\circ)$

2. **a)** Write an equation of a sine function with amplitude 3 and period  $180^\circ$ . Is more than one equation possible? Explain.  
**b)** State the key features of the function from part a).  
**c)** Sketch the function from part a), showing all the key features.

3. a) Write an equation of a sine function with amplitude  $\frac{1}{4}$  and period  $720^\circ$  through  $(180^\circ, \frac{1}{4})$ . Is more than one equation possible? Explain.
- b) State the key features of the function from part a).
- c) Sketch the function from part a), showing all the key features.
4. a) Write an equation of a cosine function with amplitude 6 and period  $120^\circ$ . If more than one equation is possible, write another equation.
- b) State the key features of the function(s) from part a).
5. a) Write an equation of a cosine function with amplitude  $\frac{1}{3}$  and period  $1080^\circ$ . If more than one equation is possible, write another equation.
- b) State the key features of the function(s) from part a).
6. A sinusoidal function has amplitude 4, period  $180^\circ$ , and a maximum at  $(0^\circ, \frac{5}{2})$ .
- a) Represent the function as a transformed sine function.
- b) Represent the function as a transformed cosine function.
- c) Refer to your answers to parts a) and b). Which was easier? Explain.
- d) Sketch one full cycle of the function.
7. A sinusoidal function has amplitude 5, period  $120^\circ$ , and a maximum at  $(30^\circ, 3)$ .
- a) Explain how you can use the given information to determine the other key features of the function.
- b) Sketch a graph of the function.
- c) Represent the function as a transformed sine function.
- d) Represent the function as a transformed cosine function.

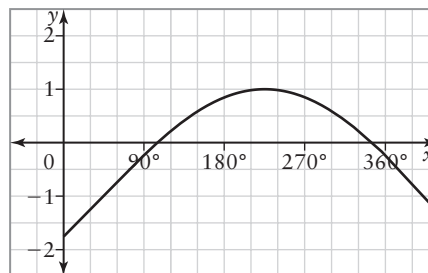
## B

8. a) Use Technology Graph  $f(x) = 4 \sin [3(x - 30^\circ)]$  and  $g(x) = 4 \cos [3(x - 30^\circ)]$ , using graphing technology. How do the graphs compare?
- b) What phase shift on  $g(x)$  would make it represent the same graph as  $f(x)$ ?
- c) Use your answer to part b) to rewrite  $g(x)$  as a sine function.

- ★9. Represent the graph of  $f(x) = 4 \sin [3(x - 30^\circ)]$  with an equation using a cosine function.

10. Represent the graph of  $f(x) = 5 \sin [2(x + 45^\circ)]$  with an equation using a cosine function.

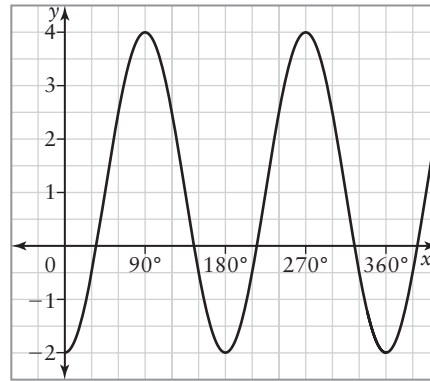
11. Consider this function.



- a) Determine the amplitude, maximum and minimum values, vertical shift, period, and phase shift relative to the graph of  $y = \sin x$ .
- b) Write the equation of a transformed sine function that represents the graph.
12. A sinusoidal function has amplitude 4, period  $180^\circ$ , and a maximum at  $(45^\circ, 6)$ .
- a) Explain how you can use the information to identify other key features of the graph.
- b) Sketch a graph of a function with these key features.
- c) Represent the function in two different ways, using first the sine function and then the cosine function.

13. Write an equation of the form  $y = a \sin [k(x - d)] + c$  that represents the graph of  $f(x) = \sin x$  after it has been vertically stretched by a factor of 3, horizontally compressed by a factor of  $\frac{1}{2}$ , shifted  $55^\circ$  to the left, and translated 5 units down.
14. Write an equation of the form  $y = a \cos [k(x - d)] + c$  that represents the graph of  $f(x) = \cos x$  after it has been vertically compressed by a factor of  $\frac{1}{5}$ , horizontally stretched by a factor of 3, shifted  $38^\circ$  to the right, and translated 2 units up.
15. Write an equation of the form  $y = a \sin [k(x - d)] + c$  that represents the graph of  $y = \sin x$  after it has been reflected in the  $x$ -axis, vertically stretched by a factor of 7, horizontally stretched by a factor of 2, reflected in the  $y$ -axis, shifted  $20^\circ$  to the left, and translated 3 units down.
16. Write an equation of the form  $y = a \cos [k(x - d)] + c$  that represents the graph of  $y = \cos x$  after it has been reflected in the  $x$ -axis, vertically compressed by a factor of  $\frac{2}{3}$ , horizontally compressed by a factor of  $\frac{1}{4}$ , reflected in the  $y$ -axis, shifted  $49^\circ$  to the right, and translated 2 units up.
17. A sinusoidal function has amplitude 3, period  $180^\circ$ , a maximum at  $(45^\circ, 5)$ , and a minimum at  $(135^\circ, -1)$ .
- Represent the function with an equation using a sine function.
  - Represent the function with an equation using a cosine function.

★ 18. Consider the following graph.



- Write an equation of a sine function that represents the graph.
- Write an equation of a cosine function that represents the graph.

C

19. Jacob is recording data for the time and height of high tide and low tide. He records a high tide of 18 m at 8:00 a.m. and low tide of 8 m at 2:00 p.m.
- Construct a sinusoidal model for the water depth using a cosine function, where time is measured in hours past high tide.
  - Construct a sinusoidal model for the water depth using a sine function, where time is measured in hours past low tide.
20. Consider the function  $y = a \sin [k(x - d)] + c$ .
- Write expressions for the coordinates of the maxima.
  - Write expressions for the coordinates of the minima.
21. Repeat question 20 for  $y = a \cos [k(x - d)] + c$ .