

Section 13.5 Translations and Stretches of Trigonometric Functions

General Equations and Transformation of Sine, Cosine, Tangent Graphs

$$y = A \sin(B(x \pm C)) + D$$

$$y = A \cos(B(x \pm C)) + D$$

$$y = \tan(B(x \pm C)) + D$$

Where:

Amplitude = A

Horizontal Translation (Phase Shift) = C

Frequency = B

Vertical Translation = D

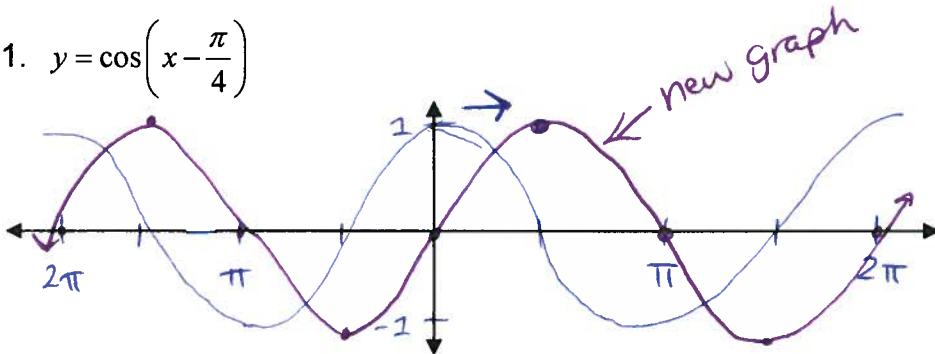
Period = $2\pi/B$ or π/B

***Don't forget, this works the same way as other functions before with horizontal translations. So $+C$ moves you left and $-C$ moves you right. Also in this case a horizontal stretch or compress changes the period. If you stretch the function, the period gets larger and if you compress it the period gets smaller. If your $|B|$ value is greater than one it will compress and if it is less than one it will stretch. A vertical stretch or compress will change the amplitude from 1 to $|A|$.

In this section you should do all graphing by hand. Also, all homework problems are in radians.

Example: Graph the following for $-2\pi \leq x \leq 2\pi$

1. $y = \cos\left(x - \frac{\pi}{4}\right)$

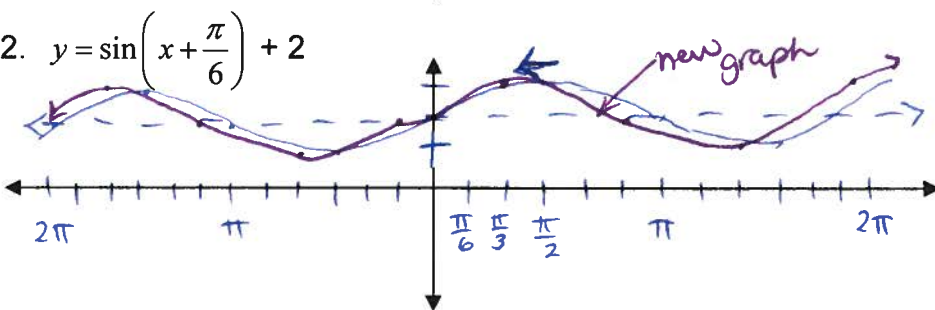


Amplitude: 1

Period: 2π

Horizontal Translation: Right $\pi/4$

2. $y = \sin\left(x + \frac{\pi}{6}\right) + 2$



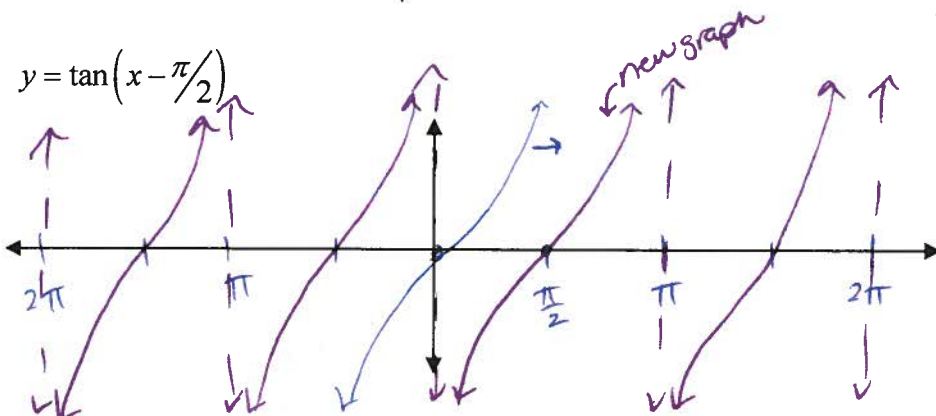
Amplitude: 1

Period: 2π

Horizontal Translation: left $\pi/6$

Vertical Translation: up 2

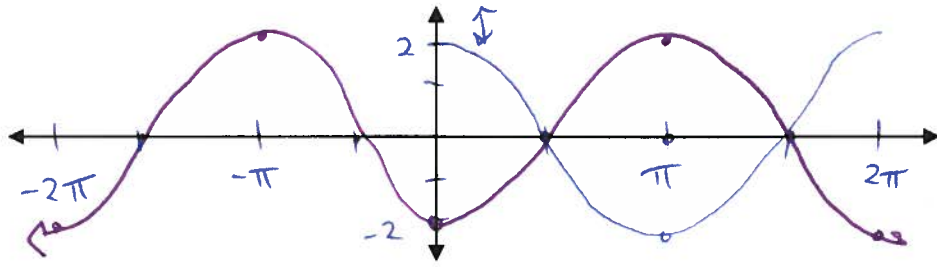
3. $y = \tan\left(x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$



Period: π

Horizontal Translation: right $\pi/2$

4. $y = -2 \cos x$



Amplitude: 2

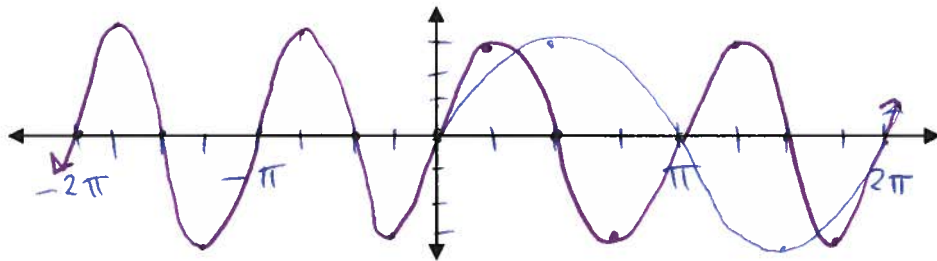
Period: 2π

Horizontal Phase Shift: none

Vertical Shift: none

Vertical reflection!

5. $y = 3 \sin(2x)$



Amplitude: 3

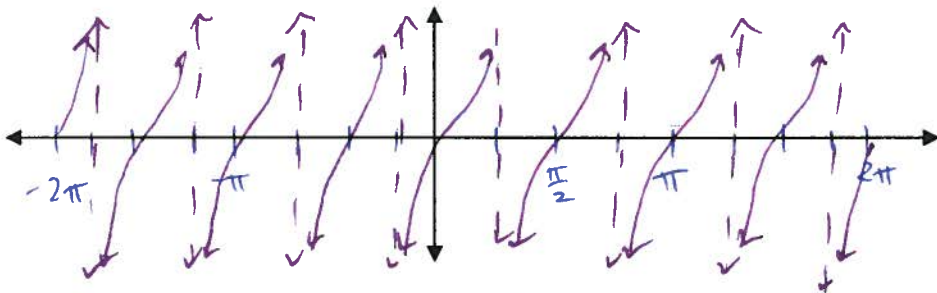
Period: $\frac{2\pi}{B} = \frac{2\pi}{2} = \pi$

Horizontal Phase Shift: none

Vertical Shift: none

* horizontal compress $\frac{1}{2}$

6. $y = \tan 2x$



Amplitude: —

Period: $\pi/B = \pi/2$

Horizontal Phase Shift: none

Vertical Shift: none

* horizontal compress $\frac{1}{2}$

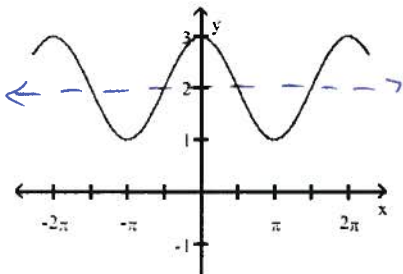
* original asymptotes at $\pm \frac{\pi}{2}$ now at $\pm \frac{1}{2}(\frac{\pi}{2}) = \pm \frac{\pi}{4}$

When writing an equation for a given graph, keep in mind what the parent function looks like

Example: Write an equation for the functions below.

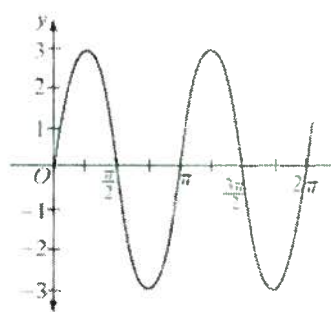
* we will do this again in 13.6

a.



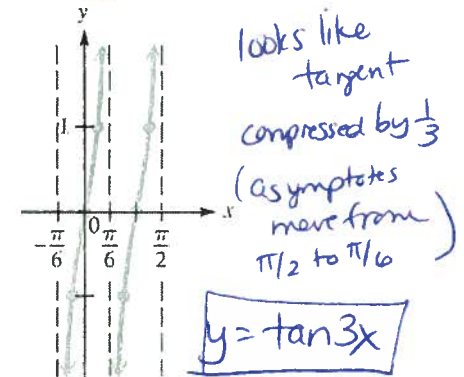
looks like cosine
but moved up 2
Amplitude = 1
Period = 2π
 $y = \cos x + 2$

b.



looks like sine
but amplitude = 3
and compressed by $\frac{1}{2}$
(2 cycles in $[0, 2\pi]$)
 $y = 3 \sin 2x$

c.



looks like tangent
compressed by $\frac{1}{3}$
(asymptotes move from $\pi/2$ to $\pi/6$)

$y = \tan 3x$