

Trig Modelling Practice

The following problems are snippets from the textbook with the core function erased. Determine the general function for them, use the function to predict a value, and use the function to solve a problem.

1.

- a. A point on saw blade experiences motion around a circle with radius r . It makes n rotations per second. The blade sits so that the center is d units below the top of the table. Determine a function for the height of the point at time t . State the mapping notation of your function and describe its domain.

$$h(r, n, d, t) = r \cos(2\pi n \cdot t) - d$$

$$h: \mathbb{Q}_+ \times \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{Q}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{Q} \cap [-r-d, r-d]$$

$$r > 0, d \geq 0$$

- b. If the radius is 10 cm and it sits 8 cm below the top of the table, what percentage of one rotation will the point be above the table?

$$h(10, n, 8, t) = 10 \cos(2\pi n t) - 8 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \theta = 8/10 \Rightarrow \theta = \pm 0.644 + 2\pi m \quad m \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\pi n t = \pm 0.644 + 2\pi m$$

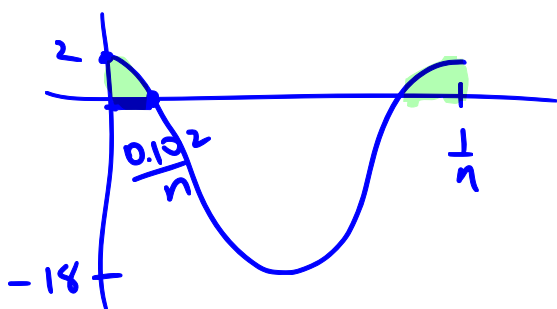
$$n t = \pm 0.102 + m$$

$$t = \pm \frac{0.102}{n} + \frac{m}{n}$$

$$\text{time above is } 0.204 \frac{\text{sec}}{n}$$

$$\text{out of } \frac{1}{n}$$

$$\Rightarrow 20.4\% \text{ of the time we are above 0}$$



2.

- a. A satellite follows a sinusoidal path over the Earth in orbit. It takes the satellite m minutes to orbit the Earth. On one side of the Earth, it reaches a maximum height of h_1 (km) and on the opposite side it reaches a min height of h_0 (km). [At t_0 minutes after noon, the satellite is at the min height.] Determine a function for the height of the satellite at time t . State the mapping notation of your function and describe its domain.

$$h(h_1, h_0, m, t_0, t) = -\frac{h_1 - h_0}{2} \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{m}(t - t_0)\right) + \frac{h_1 + h_0}{2}$$

$$h: \mathbb{Q}_+^2 \times \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{Q}^2 \rightarrow [h_0, h_1] \cap \mathbb{Q}$$

$h_1, h_0 > 0$ since the satellite hasn't crashed.

$t_0 \in \mathbb{Q}$ since a satellite can travel multiple km per second so I won't decimals. Since $t \in \mathbb{Q}$

- b. If $m = 200$ minutes, $h_1 = 300$ km and $h_0 = 220$ km, and at 12:47 pm the satellite is at the min height, determine the intervals of time from midnight to 6:00 am of that day that the satellite was more than 280 km above the Earth.

$$h(300, 220, 200, 47, t) = -40 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{100}(t - 47)\right) + 260 = 280$$

$$-40 \cos \theta + 260 = 280$$

$$\cos \theta = -\frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \theta = \pm \frac{2\pi}{3} + 2\pi n \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

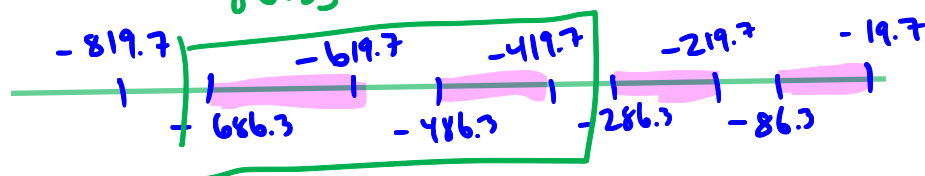
$$\Rightarrow \frac{\pi}{100}(t - 47) = \pm \frac{2}{3}\pi + 2\pi n$$

$$t - 47 = \pm \frac{200}{3} + 200n$$

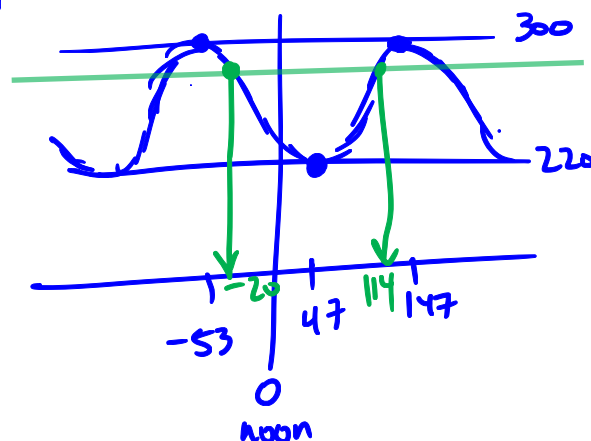
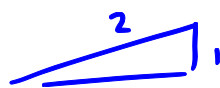
$$t = 113.67 \text{ or } -19.67 + 200n$$

-200

$$= -86.33$$



The satellite was higher than 280km from:



find $t \in [-720, -360]$

$3h + 20min = 1 \text{ period}$

12:33 am 41 sec -

1:40 am 19 sec

and

3:53 am 41 sec -

5:00 am 19 sec

3.

- a. The population of foxes in a region cycles from a minimum P_0 to maximum P_1 during a m month period (that is from P_0 to P_1 in m months). The population starts at P_1 on the first of month m_0 . Determine a function for the population of foxes at time t in months. State the mapping notation of your function and describe its domain.

$$F(P_0, P_1, m, m_0, t) = \frac{P_1 - P_0}{2} \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{m}(t - m_0)\right) + \frac{P_0 + P_1}{2}$$

$$F: \mathbb{N}^4 \times \mathbb{Q} \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \cap [P_0, P_1]$$

$$m_0 \leq 12 \text{ (since there are 12 months)}$$

$t \in \mathbb{Q}$ since we could consider the population of foxes on March 15th (But \mathbb{Z} would be a fine choice too)

- b. If $P_0 = 600$ and $P_1 = 1600$, $m = 12$ months, and m_0 is March 2020, determine the approximate dates between Jan 1, 2020 to December 31, 2024, the population of foxes is greater than 1000.

$$F(600, 1600, 12, 3, t) = 500 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{12}(t - 3)\right) + 1100 = 1000$$

$$5 \cos \theta + 11 = 10$$

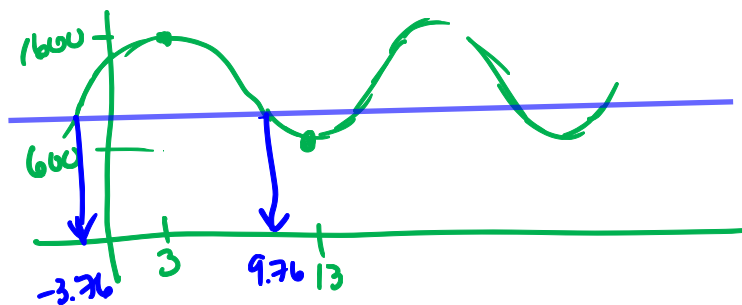
$$\theta = \pm 1.772 + 2\pi n \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\frac{\pi}{12}(t - 3) = \pm 1.772 + 2\pi n$$

$$t - 3 = \pm 6.76 + 24n$$

$$t = 9.76 \text{ or } -3.76 + 12n$$

$$\text{want } t \in [1, 13 \times 5) = [1, 65)$$



\Rightarrow The fox population is above 1000 from

Jan 1 2020 - Sep 22 2020, Aug 24 2021 - Sep 22 2022

or Aug 24 2023 - Sep 22 2024

4.

- a. The altitude of the Sun follows a sinusoidal path. The maximum altitude it reaches is θ_1 degrees above the horizon at time t_1 (hours). The lowest it reaches is θ_2 degrees below the horizon at time t_2 (hours). Determine a function for the height of the Sun as a function of time t . State the mapping notation of your function and describe its domain.

$$A(\theta_1, \theta_2, t_1, t_2, t) = \frac{\theta_1 - \theta_2}{2} \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{t_2 - t_1}(t - t_1)\right) + \frac{\theta_1 + \theta_2}{2}$$

$\theta_1 > \theta_2$

$$A: \mathbb{Z}^2 \times \mathbb{Q}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \cap [\theta_1, \theta_2]$$

$\theta_1, \theta_2 \in [-90, 90]$, t, t_2 could be negative depending on the 0.
and $\theta_k \in \mathbb{Z}$

probably only to the nearest degree (making $\theta_k \in \mathbb{Q}$ would be fine too)

- b. If $\theta_1 = 63^\circ$ at 1:10 pm on June 3, 2021 and $\theta_2 = -18^\circ$ at 1:10 am on June 4, 2021. Then Determine the time of sunrise and sunset on June 4, 2021.

$$\theta = 0$$

$t=0$ is midnight June 4

$$A(63, -18, -10\frac{5}{6}, 1\frac{1}{6}, t) = 40.5 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{12}(t + 10\frac{5}{6})\right) + 22.5 = 0$$

$$\cos \theta = -5/9$$

$$\theta = \pm 2.16 + 2\pi n = \frac{\pi}{12}(t + 10\frac{5}{6})$$

$$t + 10\frac{5}{6} = \pm 8.25 + 24n$$

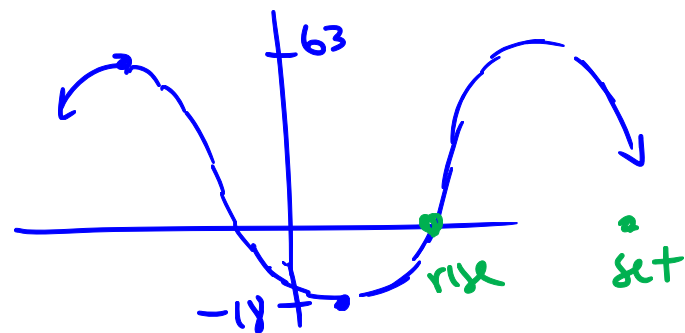
$$t = -2.58 \text{ or } -19.08 + 24n$$

$$+24$$

$$+24$$

$$= 21.42$$

$$4.92$$



Sun rise @ 4:55 am

Sun set @ 9:25 pm

5.

- a. Daily temperature follows a sinusoidal curve. In Vancouver, it reaches a minimal temperature of T_0 degrees Celsius at time t_0 and a maximal temperature of T_1 at time t_1 . Determine a function for the temperature as a function of the time t . State the mapping notation of your function and describe its domain.

$$T(T_0, T_1, t_0, t_1, t) = \frac{T_1 - T_0}{2} \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{t_1 - t_0}(t - t_1)\right) + \frac{T_1 + T_0}{2}$$

$$T: \mathbb{Z}^2 \times \mathbb{Q}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \cap [T_0, T_1]$$

negative values should be fine for anything

$T_u \in \mathbb{Z}$ as the weather is usually to the nearest degree Celsius

- b. If $T_0 = 15^\circ\text{C}$ at 6:00 am and $T_1 = 28^\circ\text{C}$ at 6:30 pm. Then determine the interval of times in the day when the temperature is above ~~20~~ 20°C

$$T(15, 28, 6, 18.5, t) = 6.5 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{12.5}(t - 18.5)\right) + 21.5 = 20$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \theta = -0.231$$

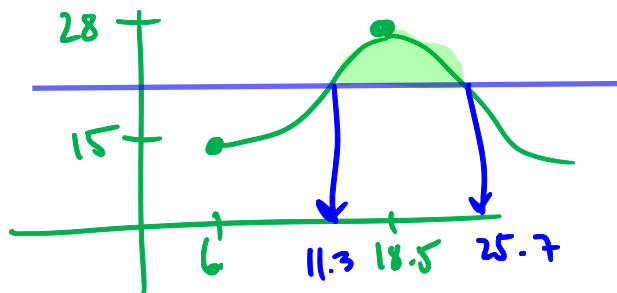
$$\theta = \pm 1.804 + 2\pi n \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\frac{\pi}{12.5}(t - 18.5) = \pm 1.804 + 2\pi n$$

$$t - 18.5 = \pm 7.177 + 25n$$

$$t = 25.68 \text{ or } 11.32 + 25n$$

-25
0.68



In this day, the temperature is above 20°C from
midnight - 12:40am and 11:20am - midnight

Generalize the scenarios in the textbook page 278-280 # 17-23. Think about a problem you could ask about them.