

# Graphing Sine, Cosine, and Tangent

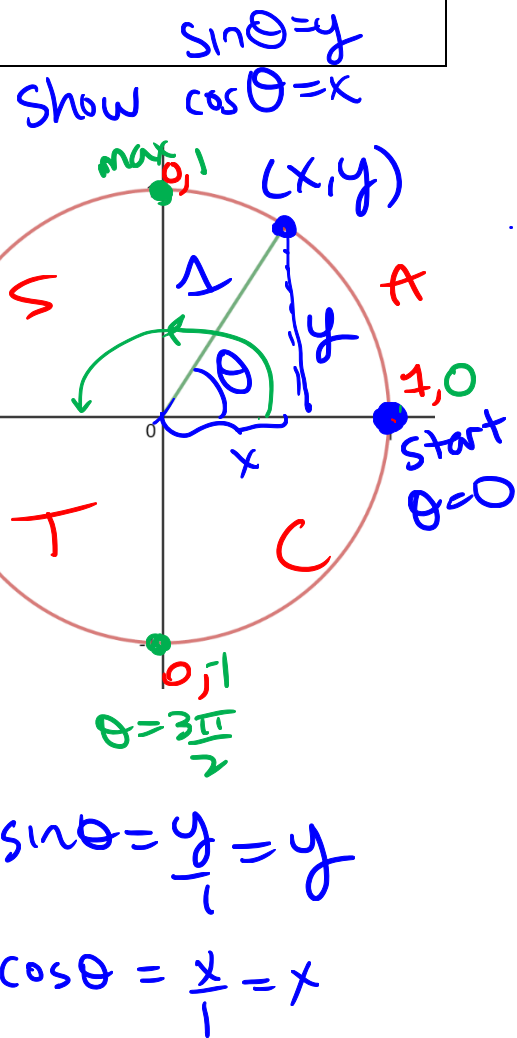
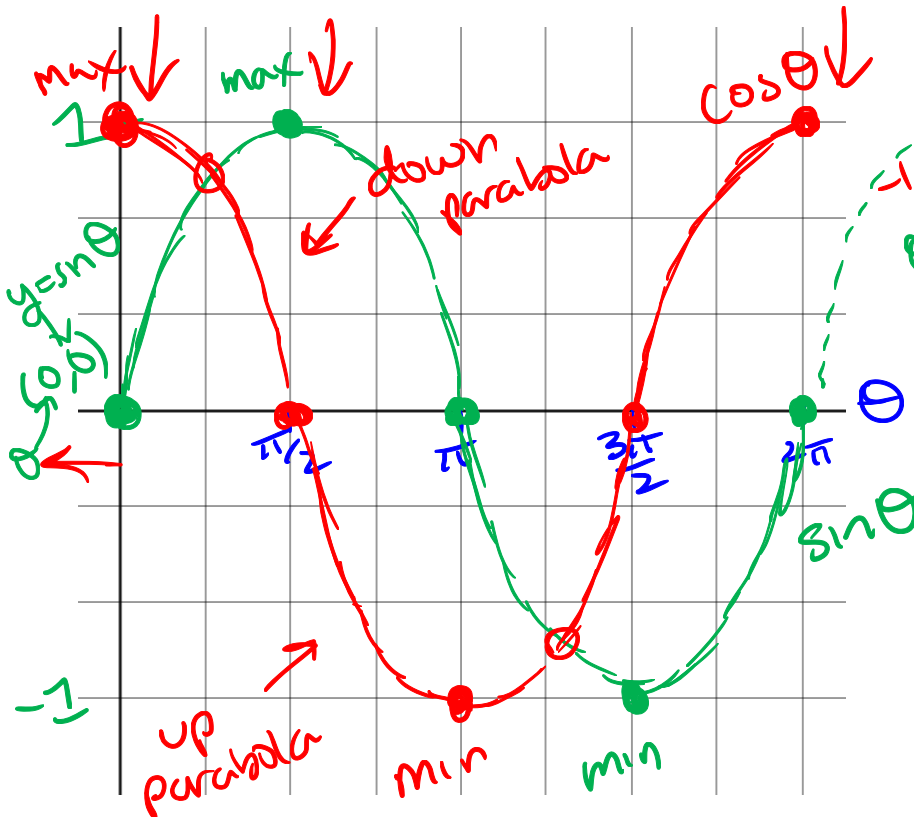
**Goal:**

- Can quickly graph/recognize the graph of cosine and sine and manipulate their amplitudes and periods
- Knows the general form of  $a \sin(bx)$  and key points along the curve.
- Can graph  $\tan \theta$  and describe its basic characteristics (period, zeros, asymptotes)

**Terminology:**

- Amplitude
- Period
- Sinusoidal curve
- Periodic function

Using a unit circle, graph the angle  $\theta$  and the values of  $\sin \theta$  and  $\cos \theta$ .



**Characteristics:**

- If  $\theta$  goes clockwise we go -ve direction ( $\theta$ -axis)
- $\cos \theta$  is symmetric over y-axis  $\cos -\theta = \cos \theta$
- $\frac{\pi}{4} + \pi n$   $\sin \theta$  and  $\cos \theta$  intersect.
- Same wavelength (?)  $\Rightarrow$  same gap between peaks.  $\sin \theta$  is  $\cos \theta$  shifted

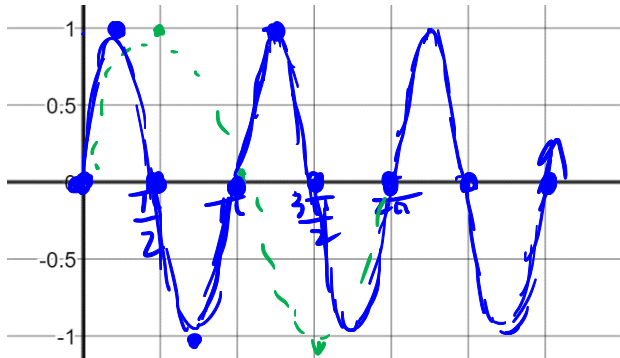


**Definition:** The *period* is the length of one complete cycle of a periodic function. Not necessarily how long it takes to repeat itself, but how long it takes to repeat the pattern.

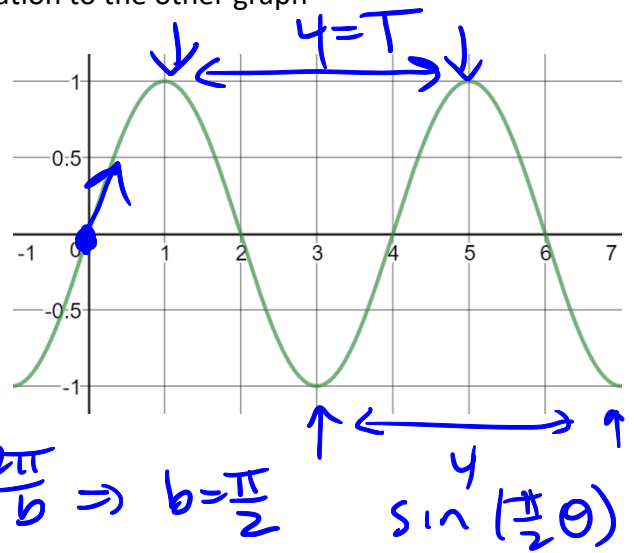
For sine and cosine,

$$T = \frac{2\pi}{b}$$

**Example:** Graph the equation  $\sin(2\theta)$  and determine the equation to the other graph



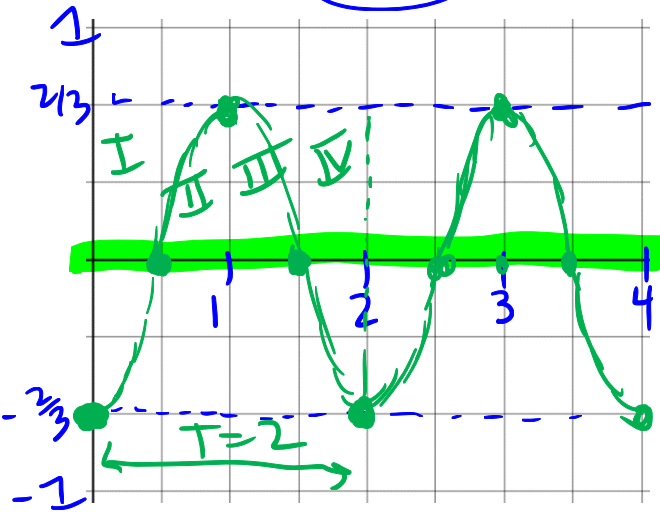
$$T = \pi$$



$$4 = \frac{2\pi}{b} \Rightarrow b = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

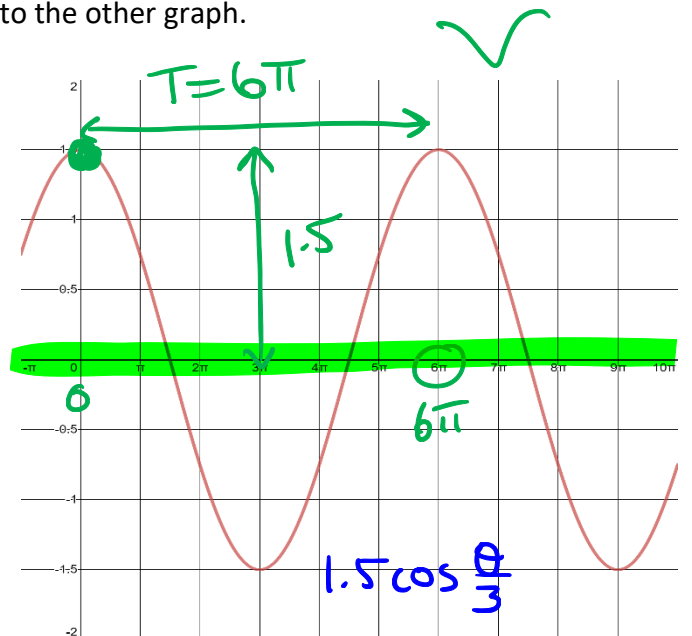
$$\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\theta\right)$$

**Practice:** Graph  $\frac{2}{3}\cos(\pi\theta)$  and determine the equation to the other graph.



$$\text{amplitude} = +\frac{2}{3} > 0$$

$$T = \frac{2\pi}{\pi} = 2$$



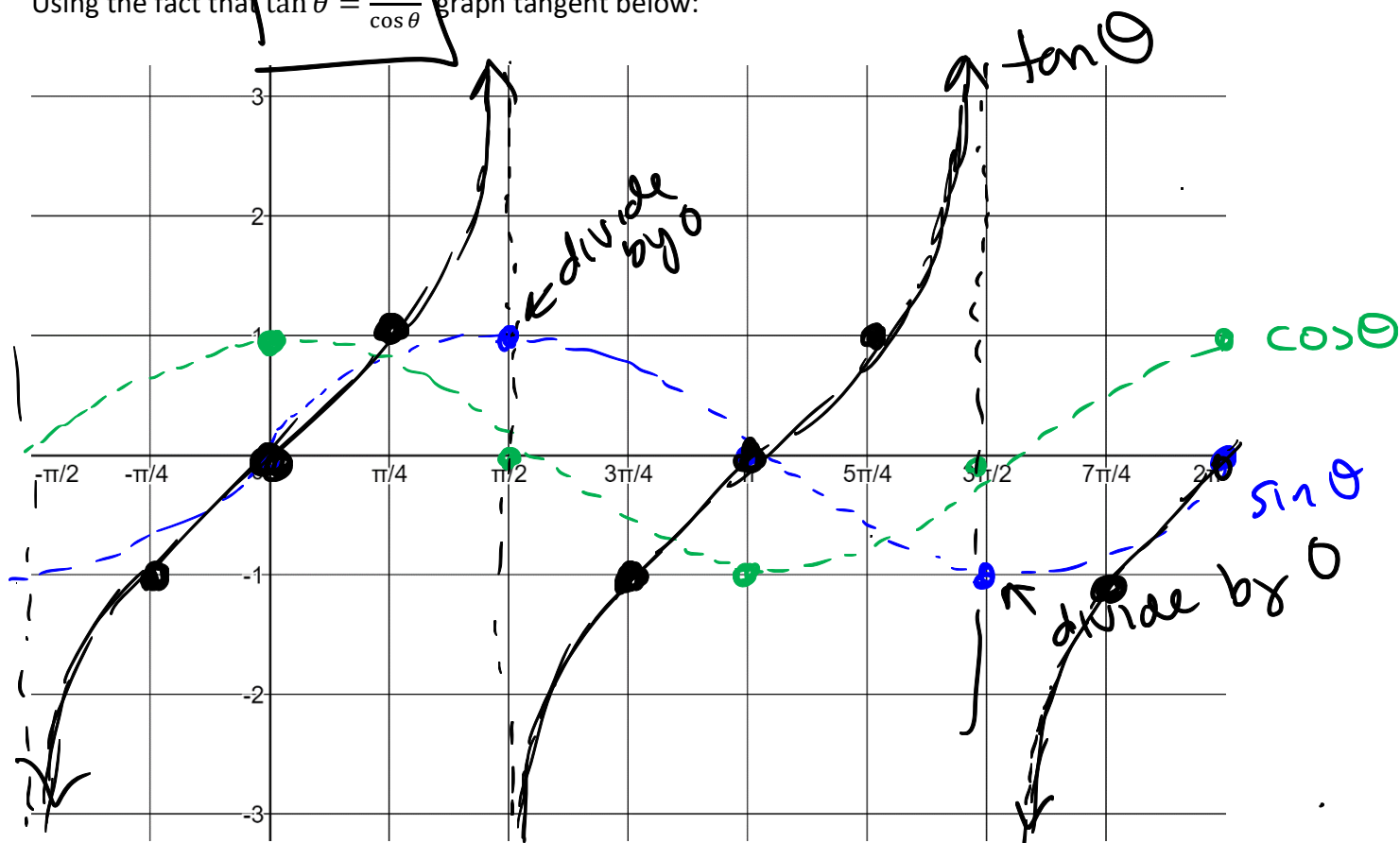
$$a = 1.5$$

$$b = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$T = \frac{2\pi}{b} = 6\pi$$

$$1.5 \cos \frac{\pi}{3} \theta$$

Using the fact that  $\tan \theta = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta}$  graph tangent below:



Characteristics:

→ period is  $\pi$

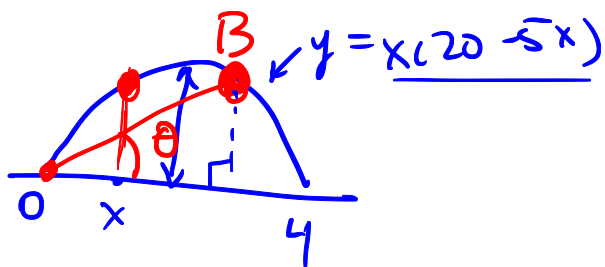
→ zeros @  $\theta = n\pi, n \in \mathbb{Z}$  (same as  $\sin \theta$ )

→ asymptotes @  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2} + n\pi, n \in \mathbb{Z}$  (zeros of  $\cos \theta$ )

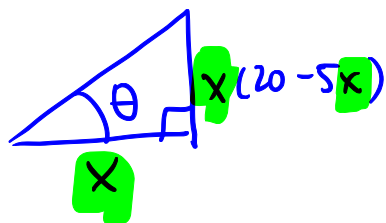
→ a ROY is the same as ROX

The textbook uses this section to introduce you into building trig equations that model moving lengths of triangles (an important part of calculus called **related rates**).

**Example:** A baseball is hit and travels along the curve  $y = x(20 - 5x)$  where  $y$  is the vertical distance and  $x$  is the horizontal distance from the ball to the batter. Relate the angle the baseball makes with the batter and the horizontal distance away from the batter.



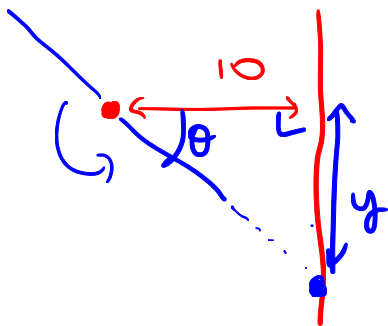
$$\tan \theta = \frac{x(20 - 5x)}{x}$$



$$\Rightarrow \tan \theta = 20 - 5x$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1}(20 - 5x) = \arctan(20 - 5x)$$

**Practice:** A police light shines light in two opposite directions and makes a full revolution every 1 second. If the light is positioned 10m from a wall write an expression for the distance the light travels along the wall as a function of the angle and then as a function of time.



change in  $\theta$  is  $2\pi$  rad/sec

$$\tan \theta = \frac{y}{10}$$

$$y = 10 \tan \theta = 10 \tan(2\pi t)$$

$$\theta(t) = 2\pi t + \pi$$

$$\theta(t) = 2\pi t$$

$$\theta(0) = 0$$

$$\theta(1) = 0 = 2\pi$$

$$\theta(0.5) = \pi$$

**Suggested Practice Problems:** 5.1 # 4-10, 13-15, 20  
5.3 # 3, 5, 8-12

**Textbook Reading:** 5.1 and 5.3 page 222-231 and 256-261.  
Key Ideas page 232 and 262

**Next Class:** Transformations of Trig Function

