

Trig Modelling Practice

The following problems are snippets from the textbook with the core function erased. Determine the general equation for them, use the equation to predict a value, and use the equation 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 an equation for the height of the point at time t .

$$T = \frac{1}{n} \text{ sec} \quad \text{midline is } -d \quad \text{amp} = r$$

$$b = 2\pi n$$

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

↓
 t in seconds

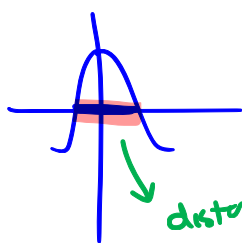
- b. If the radius is 10 cm and it sits 8 cm below the top of the table, ^{what %} ~~how long~~ in one rotation will the point be above the table?

$$r = 10 \quad d = 8 \quad H(t) > 0$$

$$10 \cos(2\pi n t) - 8 > 0 \Rightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{4}{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \pm 0.673 + 2\pi N = 2\pi n t, \quad N \in \mathbb{Z}$$

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



distance above 0, one period is $\frac{1}{n}$ seconds
is $\frac{0.204}{n}$ sec \Rightarrow % above 0 is $\frac{\frac{0.204}{n}}{\frac{1}{n}} = 20.4\%$

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 an equation for the height of the satellite at time t .

$$T = m \quad (\text{min}) \quad H_{\max} = h_1 \quad H_{\min} = h_0 \quad ; \quad t_0 \text{ after 12pm} \\ b = \frac{2\pi}{m} \quad @ \quad h_0$$

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

t is time after noon in min $t=0$ is 12pm

- 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 height of the satellite at 5:10 pm.

$$t_0 = 47 \quad t = 5.60 \times 60 = 310$$

$$H(t) = -40 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{100}(t - 47)\right) + 260$$

$$\Rightarrow H(310) = 275.9 \text{ km}$$

- c. 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.

$$H(t) = 280 = -40 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{100}(t - 47)\right) + 260$$

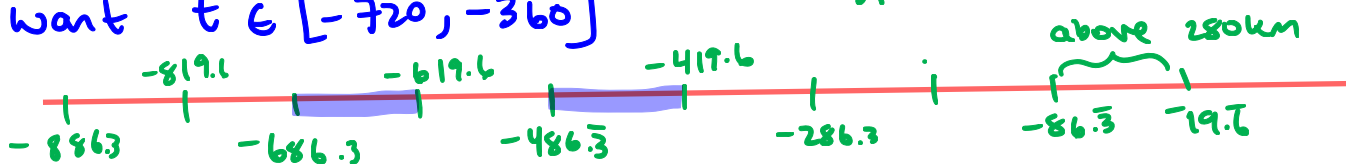
$$\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{100}(t - 47)\right) = -\frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \frac{\pi}{100}(t - 47) = \pm \frac{2\pi}{3} + 2\pi n$$

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

$$t = 113.\bar{6} \text{ or } -19.\bar{6} + 200n$$

starts end.

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



Above 280 km between 12:34 am - 1:40 am and 3:54 am - 5:00 am

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_0 on the first of month m_0 . Determine an equation for the population of foxes at time t in months.

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

half period m \rightarrow time t in months $t=1 \equiv \text{Jan } 1^{\text{st}}$
 $\Rightarrow T = 2m$ $b = \frac{\pi}{m}$ $t=0 \equiv \text{Dec } 1^{\text{st}}$

- b. If $P_0 = 600$ and $P_1 = 1600$, $m = 12$ months, and m_0 is March 2020, determine the population of foxes on June 28th, 2021.

$$P(t) = 500 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{12}(t - 3)\right) + 1100$$

June 28th, 2021 $\Rightarrow t = 18.93$ $P(18.93) = 842$ foxes

- c. Determine the approximate dates between Jan 1, 2020 to December 31, 2024, the population of foxes is greater than 1000.

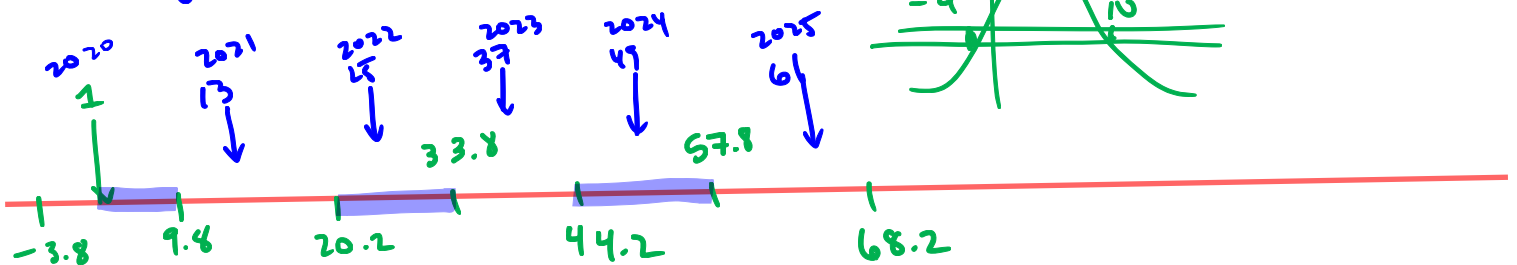
$t \in [1, 61)$ \uparrow 5 years

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

$$\frac{\pi}{12}(t - 3) = \pm 1.77 + 2\pi n$$

$$\Rightarrow t = 9.77 \text{ (end) or } -3.77 + 24n \text{ (start)}$$

$$t - 3 = \pm 6.77 + 24n$$



$P(t) \geq 1000$ from Jan 1, 2020 - Sep 23, 2020 and
 Aug 7, 2021 - Sep 23, 2022 and
 Aug 7, 2023 - Sep 23, 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 an equation for the height of the Sun as a function of time t .

$$T = |t_2 - t_1| \cdot 2$$

$$b = \frac{\pi}{|t_2 - t_1|}$$

t is in hours. $t=0$ is midnight

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

- b. If $\theta_1 = 38^\circ$ at 1:20 pm on March 14, 2021 and $\theta_2 = -42^\circ$ at 1:20 am on March 15, 2021. Then what was the height of the Sun at 10 am on March 15?

$t=0$ is midnight on Mar 15 $\Rightarrow t_2 = 1.\bar{3}$
 $t_1 = -10.\bar{6}$

$$A(t) = 40 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{12} (t + 10.\bar{6})\right) - 2$$

$$A(10) = 23.7^\circ$$

- c. Determine the time of sunrise and sunset on March 15, 2021.

$$A(t) = 0 = 40 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{12} (t + 10.\bar{6})\right) - 2$$

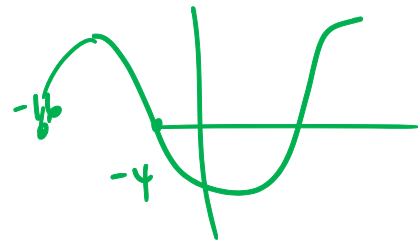
$$\frac{\pi}{12} (t + 10.\bar{6}) = \pm 1.52 + 2\pi n$$

$$t + 10.\bar{6} = \pm 5.81 + 24n$$

$$t = -4.86 \quad \text{or} \quad -16.48 + 24n$$

set
rise

$$\equiv 19.14 \quad \text{or} \quad 7.52$$



\Rightarrow rise @ 7:31 am and sets @ 7:08 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 an equation for the temperature as a function of the time t .

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

↓
time
in
hours
 $t=0$
is
midnight

- b. If $T_0 = -1^\circ\text{C}$ at 6:00 am and $T_1 = 9^\circ\text{C}$ at 7:00 pm. Then what was the temperature at 10:30 am and 10:30 pm?

$$T(t) = 5 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{13} (t - 19)\right) + 4$$

$$T(10.5) = 1.7^\circ\text{C} \quad \text{@ 10:30 am} ; \quad T(22.5) = 7.3^\circ\text{C} \quad \text{@ 10:30 pm}$$

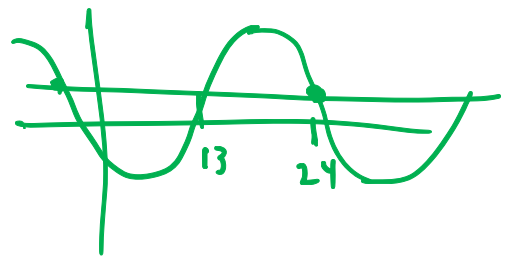
- c. Determine the interval of times in the day when the temperature is above 5°C .

$$T(t) = 5 = 5 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{13} (t - 19)\right) + 4$$

$$\frac{\pi}{13} |t - 19| = \pm 1.37 + 2\pi n$$

$$t - 19 = \pm 5.67 + 26n$$

$$t = 24.67 \quad \text{or} \quad 13.33 + 26n$$



The temp is above 5°C from 1:20 pm until a bit after midnight (12:40 am the next day)

17. Turn on at T_0 (min) ; turn off at T_1 (max)
takes m min to heat up

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

★ ask how long in a cycle is the room above/below τ degrees.

18. H_1 is max height, H_0 is min height, bounces n times in 10 seconds.

$$H(t) = \frac{H_1 - H_0}{2} \cos\left(\frac{\pi n}{5} t\right) + \frac{H_1 + H_0}{2}$$

↳ height above the floor at time t in sec.

★ ask what % of the time is the spring above or below height h .

19.) Radius = R , $T = t_0$ seconds ; height get on is h (m)

$$H(t) = -R \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{t_0} t\right) + (R+h)$$

↳ height of the rider t sec after getting on.

★ ask how long it takes to get from height h_0 to h_1 .

20. Blade = b (cm) max height of Blade = H_{\max}
 makes n rotations / min

$$H(t) = b \cos(2\pi n \cdot t) + (H_{\max} - b)$$

↳ t in min.

→ ask for how long in a 1 min span is the blade above/below h (cm).

21. Min Temp = T_0 on date d_0 ; max temp = T_1 on date d_1 .

$$T(d) = \frac{T_1 - T_0}{2} \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{|d_1 - d_0|} \cdot d\right) + \frac{T_1 + T_0}{2}$$

→ ask which day the temp was between T_1 and T_2 → here $d=1$ is Jan 1st and $d=0$ is Dec 31st.

22. period = T (years) max return = P_1 in year t_1 , min return of P_0

$$P(t) = \frac{P_1 - P_0}{2} \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{T} (t - t_1)\right) + \frac{P_1 + P_0}{2}$$

→ ask what years they have a positive return.

23. Make n turns in a t_0 interval
distance of a turn is r (m)

$$H(t) = r \sin\left(\frac{2\pi n}{t_0} \cdot t\right)$$



horiz. distance of skier away from midline

★ ask how a new skier's
parameters would be different
vs a veteran.