

Sketching Trigonometric Functions

$y = A \sin(B(x - C)) + D$ or $y = A \cos(B(x - C)) + D$

A - Vertical stretch/compression ($|A| = \text{amp}$)

B - Horizontal stretch/compression ($p = \frac{2\pi}{|B|}$)

C - Phase Shift (left/right)

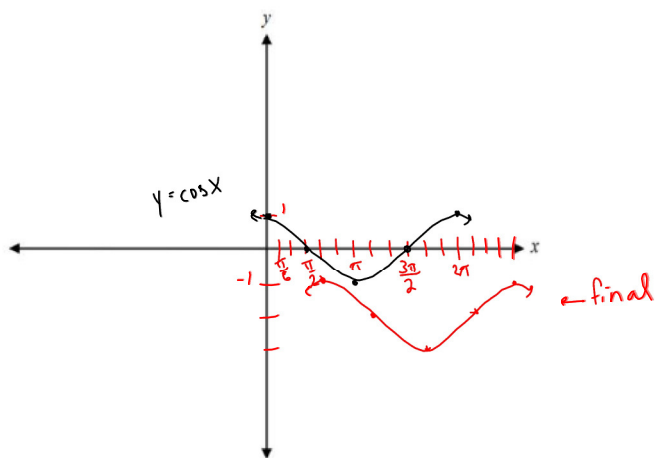
D - Displacement (up/down)

↑
period

Ex.1) Sketch $y = \cos\left(x - \frac{2\pi}{3}\right) - 2$

Starts at max

↑
right $\frac{2\pi}{3}$
 $\frac{4\pi}{6}$



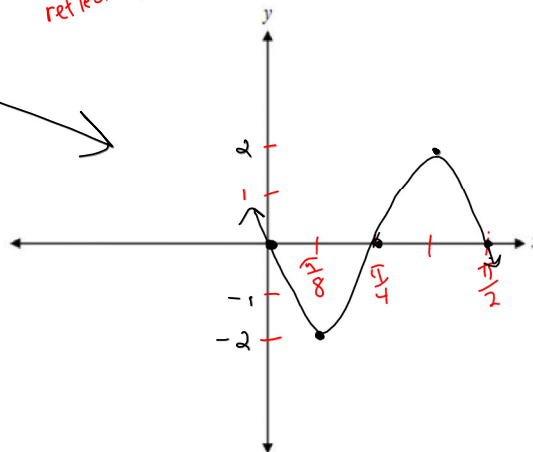
Ex. 2) Sketch the graph of at least one period of the function $y = -2\sin(4x)$.

Mult
y-values
of
1 and -1
by (-2)

min -2
max 2

period = $\frac{2\pi}{|B|}$
 $= \frac{2\pi}{4}$
 $= \frac{\pi}{2}$

reflected
mult by 2



med min med max med

$\frac{\pi}{2} \div 4$

$\frac{\pi}{8}$ ← scale

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Ex. 3) Sketch $y = 2 \sin(2(x - \pi)) + 1$

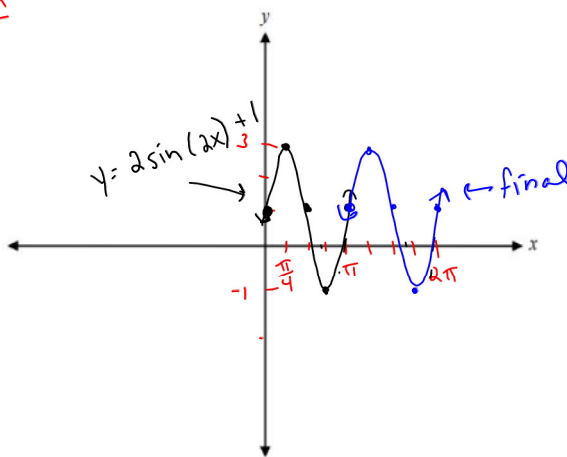
max 3
min -1
med 1
med = $\frac{\text{max} + \text{min}}{2}$
= $\frac{3 + (-1)}{2}$
= 1

period = $\frac{2\pi}{2}$
= π

$\pi \div 4$

$\frac{\pi}{4}$ ← scale

right π units
(or $\frac{4\pi}{4}$)



Ex. 4) Sketch the graph of $y = 2 \sin\left(\frac{1}{2}\left(x - \frac{\pi}{3}\right)\right) - 1$ for $0 \leq x \leq 4\pi$.

max 1
min -3
med -1

period = $\frac{2\pi}{\frac{1}{2}}$
= 4π

$4\pi \div 4$
 π ← scale

