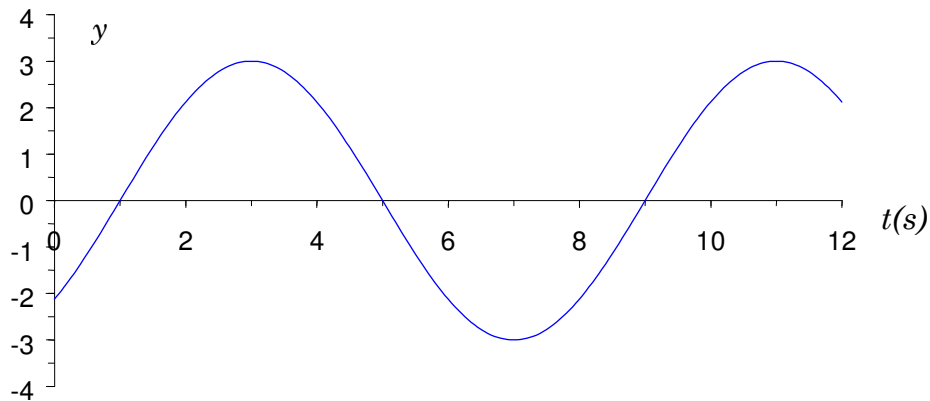


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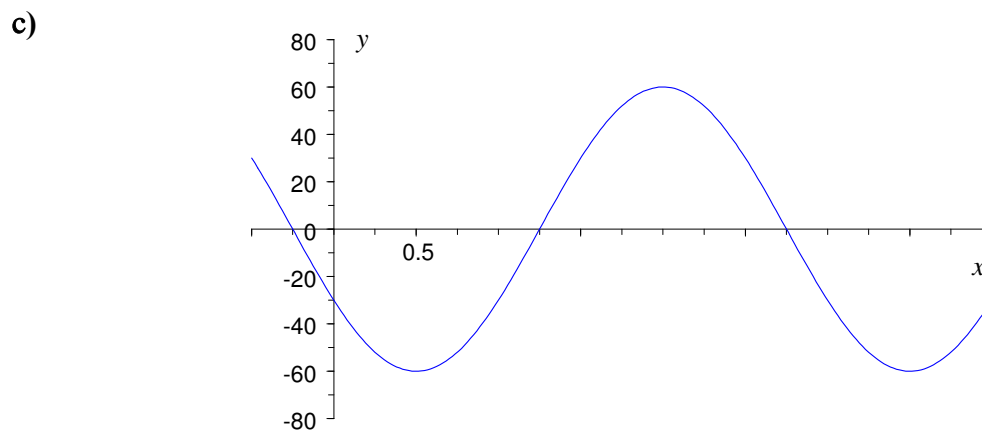
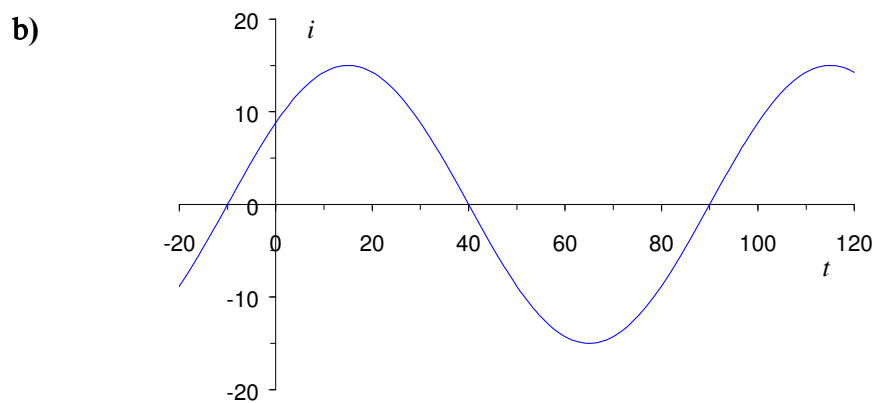
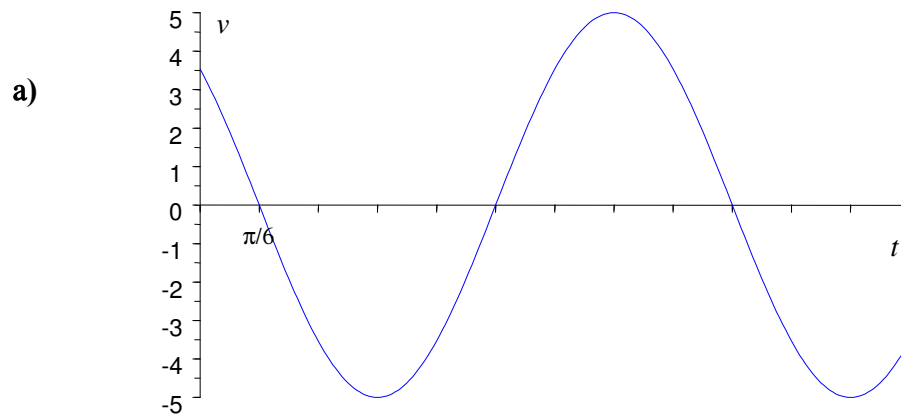
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### Answers

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b)  $i = 15A \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{50}t + \frac{\pi}{5}\right)$   $i = 15A \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{50}t - \frac{3\pi}{10}\right)$

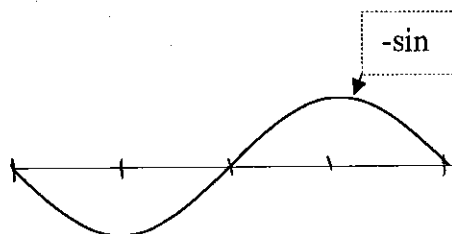
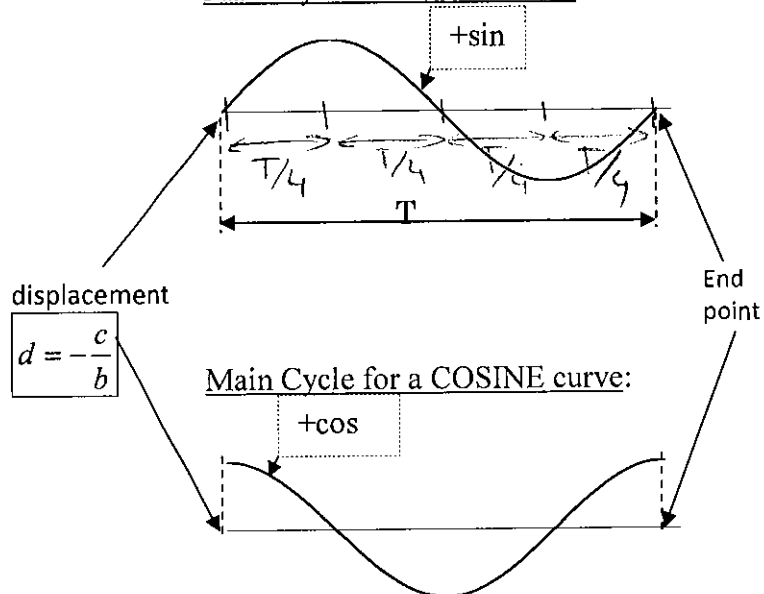
c)  $y = 60 \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}x - \frac{5\pi}{6}\right)$   $y = 60 \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}x - \frac{4\pi}{3}\right)$

# Obtaining a Trig Equation from a sinusoidal graph - pages 2, 3, 4

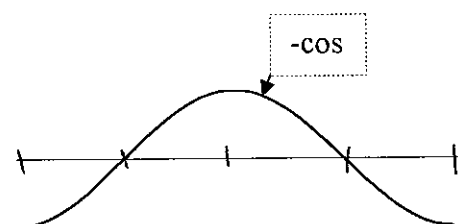
Recall:

When graphing  $y = a \sin(bx + c)$  and  $y = a \cos(bx + c)$  we do one cycle first:

Main Cycle for a SINE curve:



Main Cycle for a COSINE curve:



Amplitude (max positive y-value) =  $|a|$

Displacement or 1<sup>st</sup> Critical point (the beginning of the main cycle):

$$d = -\frac{c}{b}$$

so, when you solve for  $c$ , use  $c = -bd$

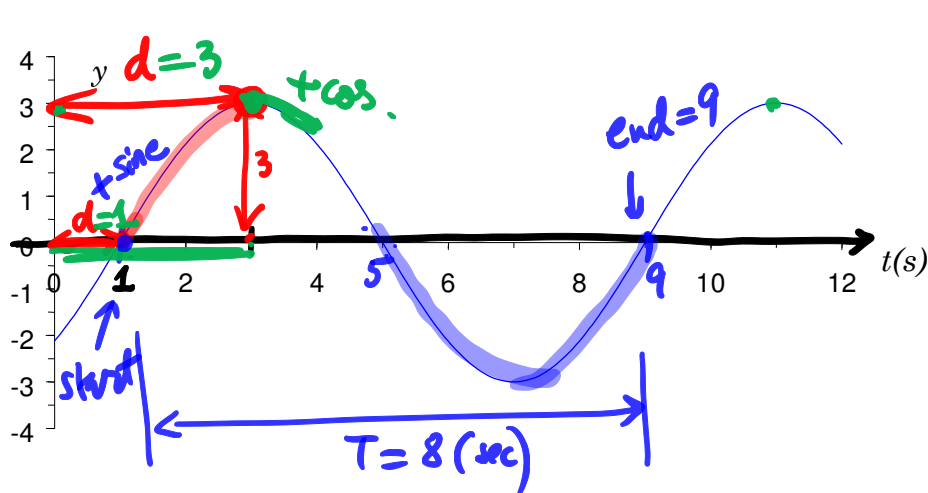
Period (length of one cycle):  $T = \frac{2\pi}{b}$  (in seconds) (so, when you solve for  $b$  use  $b = \frac{2\pi}{T}$ )

Frequency (number of cycles per second)  $f = \frac{1}{T}$  (Hz)

(consider  $bx + c = 0$  and solve for  $x$ )

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Given the graph write the equation either as a sine/cosine

$$y = a \cdot \sin(\omega \cdot t + \theta)$$

(OR)

$$y = a \cdot \cos(\omega \cdot t + \theta)$$

From the graph  
(Read)

Amplitude  $A=3 \Rightarrow$

$$a = \pm A$$

①

Period :  $T = \text{end} - \text{start} = \# \text{units start/end}$

$$T = 9 - 1 = 8 \text{ sec}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Find  $\omega$

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

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

②

Ex:  $\omega = \frac{2\pi}{8} = \frac{\pi}{4} \text{ rad/sec}$

③

To find phase angle  $\theta \rightarrow$  use eq.  $\omega \cdot d + \theta = 0 \rightarrow \theta = -\omega \cdot d$

To find start of a cycle/displacement/phase shift  $d$

④ For a sine wave : the displacement  $d$  = the distance to the y-axis from where the wave starts crossing t-axis

Sine wave:  $d = 1 \Rightarrow \theta = -\omega \cdot d = -\frac{\pi}{4} \cdot (1) = -\frac{\pi}{4} \Rightarrow \theta = -\frac{\pi}{4}$

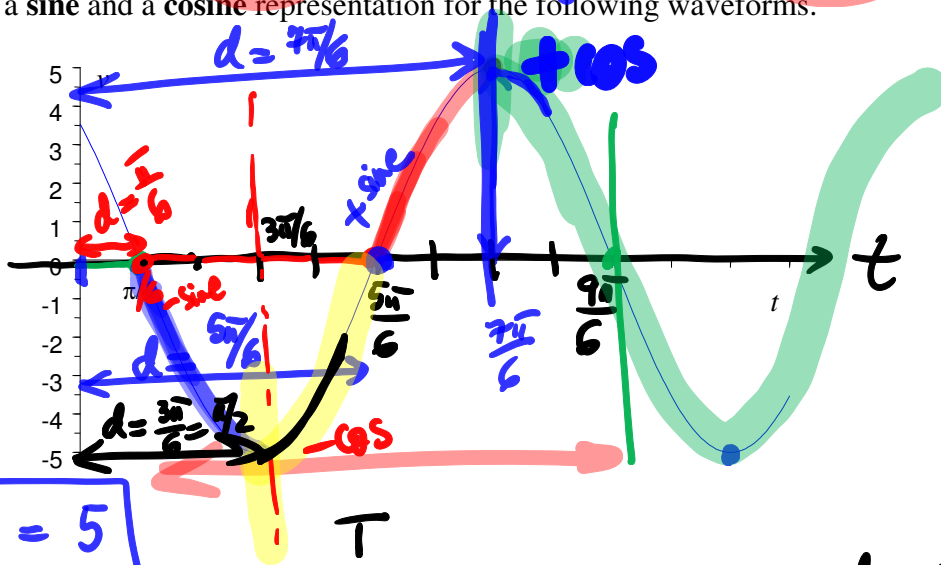
Sine wave eq:  $y = 3 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4} \cdot t - \frac{\pi}{4}\right)$  &  $y = 3 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4} \cdot t - \frac{3\pi}{4}\right)$

For a cosine wave : the displacement  $d$  = the distance to the y-axis to the top of waveform.   
 cosine wave  $d = 3$    
  $\theta = -\omega \cdot d = -\frac{\pi}{4} \cdot 3 = -\frac{3\pi}{4}$

$$y = a \cdot \sin(\omega \cdot t + \theta) \quad \text{or} \quad y = a \cdot \cos(\omega \cdot t + \theta)$$

**Exercise 1.** Find a sine and a cosine representation for the following waveforms.

a)



① Ampl.  $A = 5$

② Period  $T = \frac{4\pi}{3} \quad \text{or} \quad T = \text{end} - \text{start}$   
 $T = \frac{9\pi}{6} - \frac{\pi}{6} = \frac{8\pi}{6} = \frac{4\pi}{3}$

$$\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T} = \frac{2\pi}{4\pi/3} = \frac{2\pi \cdot 3}{4\pi} = \frac{3}{2} \Rightarrow \omega = \frac{3}{2} \text{ rad/sec}$$

③ Phase angle:  $\omega \cdot \cancel{t} + \theta = 0 \Rightarrow \theta = -\omega \cdot d$

displacement for y-axis to +sin, +cos

+sin:  $d = \frac{5\pi}{6}$

$$\theta = -\omega \cdot d = -\frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{5\pi}{6} = -\frac{5\pi}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = 5 \sin\left(\frac{3}{2}t - \frac{5\pi}{4}\right)$$

Answers

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-sine

$$d = \frac{\pi}{6}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = -\omega \cdot d = -\frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{\pi}{6} = -\frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\theta = -\frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$y = -5 \sin\left(\frac{3}{2} \cdot t - \frac{\pi}{4}\right)$$

+ cosine:

$$d = \frac{7\pi}{6}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = -\omega \cdot d$$

$$\theta = -\frac{3}{2} \cdot \left(\frac{7\pi}{6}\right) = -\frac{7\pi}{4}$$

$$y = 5 \cos\left(\frac{3}{2} \cdot t - \frac{7\pi}{4}\right)$$

- cosine:

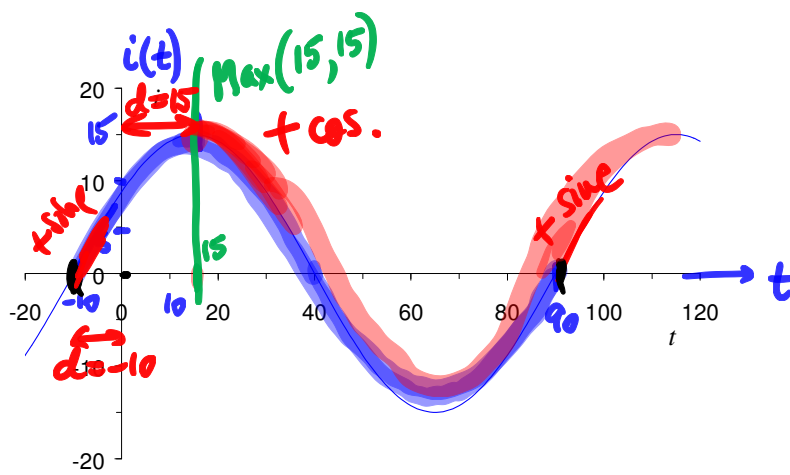
$$d = \frac{3\pi}{6} = \frac{\pi}{2} \Rightarrow$$

$$\theta = -\omega \cdot d$$

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$$\Rightarrow y = -5 \cos\left(\frac{3}{2} \cdot t - \frac{3\pi}{4}\right)$$

b)



+ sine, + cosine

$$\text{Ampl} = 15 \text{ A}$$

$$\text{Period: } T = 90 - (-10) = \boxed{100 \text{ sec}} \Rightarrow \text{ang. velocity}$$

$$\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T} = \frac{2\pi}{100} = \frac{\pi}{50} = \boxed{\frac{\pi}{50}} \text{ rad/sec}$$

$$\text{Phase angle: } \boxed{\theta = -\omega \cdot d} \rightarrow d = ?$$

$$\text{+ sine } \boxed{d = -10} \text{ (sec)} \Rightarrow \theta = -\frac{\pi}{50} \cdot (-10) = \boxed{\frac{\pi}{5}}$$

$$\boxed{y = 15 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{50} \cdot t + \frac{\pi}{5}\right)} \text{ (Amps)}$$

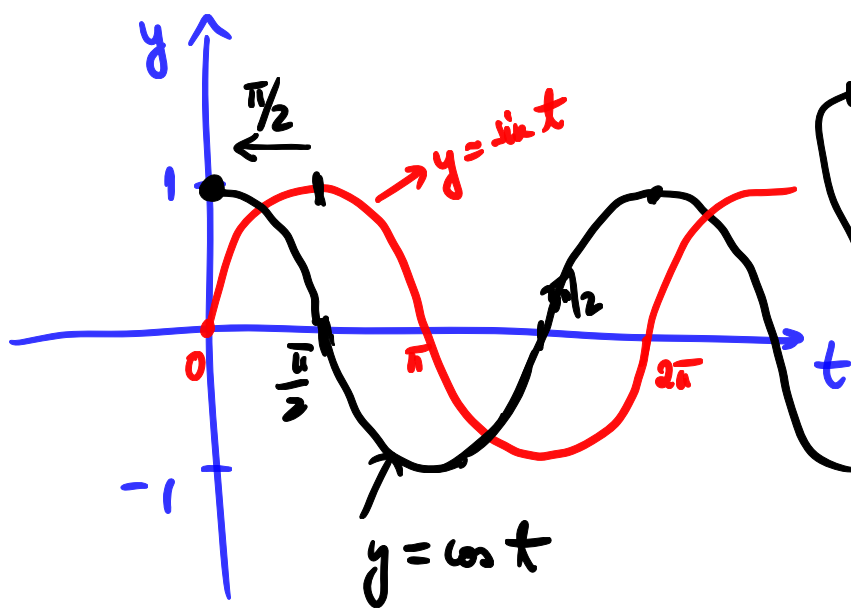
$$\text{+ cosine } \boxed{d = 15} \text{ (sec)} \Rightarrow \theta = -\omega \cdot d = -\frac{\pi}{50} \cdot 15 = \boxed{-\frac{3\pi}{10}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{y = 15 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{50} t - \frac{3\pi}{10}\right)}$$

$$\text{b) } i = 15A \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{50} t + \frac{\pi}{5}\right)$$

$$i = 15A \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{50} t - \frac{3\pi}{10}\right)$$





shift  $\frac{\pi}{2}$  left the graph of sine  
 $\Rightarrow$  graph cosine  
 shift  $\frac{\pi}{2}$  right the graph of cos  
 $\Rightarrow$  graph sine

Trig. identities:

$$\sin(A) = \cos\left(A - \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \quad (*)$$

Recall prev. ex b)

$$i(t) = 15 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{50}t + \frac{\pi}{5}\right)$$

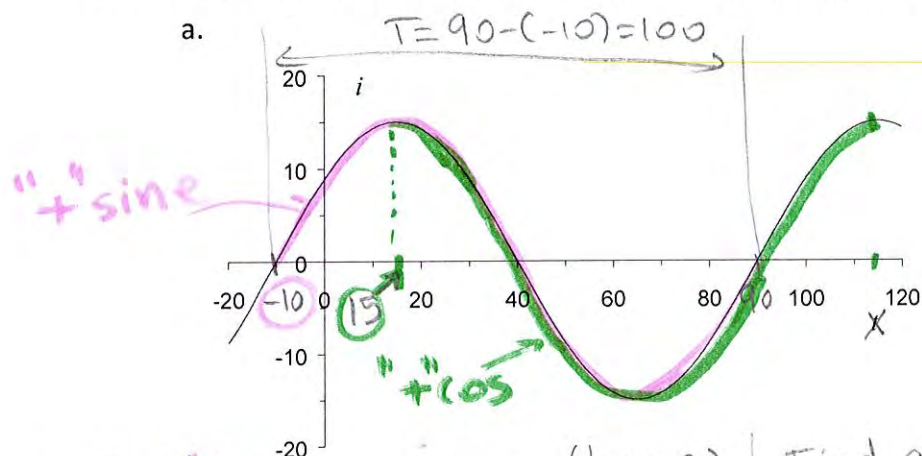
Use trig identity  $(*)$  to convert sine  $\rightarrow$  cosine

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow i(t) &= 15 \sin\left(\underbrace{\frac{\pi}{50}t + \frac{\pi}{5}}_A\right) = 15 \cos\left(A - \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \\ &= 15 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{50}t + \frac{\pi}{5} - \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

cosine waveform

$$i(t) = 15 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{50}t - \frac{3\pi}{10}\right)$$

1. Find a sine and a cosine representation for the following waveforms.



Find a "+" sine:  $y = 15 \sin(bx + c)$

Find  $b = \frac{2\pi}{T} = \frac{2\pi}{100} = \frac{\pi}{50}$

Find  $c = -db$

$d = -10$  for a "+" sine cycle

$\Rightarrow c = -(-10) \cdot \frac{\pi}{50} = \frac{\pi}{5}$

So  $y = 15 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{50}x + \frac{\pi}{5}\right)$

Find a "+" cos:  $y = 15 \cos(bx + c)$

Find  $b = \frac{\pi}{50}$  - same as for sin

Find  $c = -db$

$d = 15$  for a "+" cos cycle

$\Rightarrow c = -15 \cdot \frac{\pi}{50} = -\frac{3\pi}{10}$

$\Rightarrow y = 15 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{50}x - \frac{3\pi}{10}\right)$

Another method for obtaining the cos equation:

$$y = 15 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{50}x + \frac{\pi}{5}\right) = 15 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{50}x + \frac{\pi}{5} - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

$$\sin(A) = \cos\left(A - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

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Another method for getting these equations:

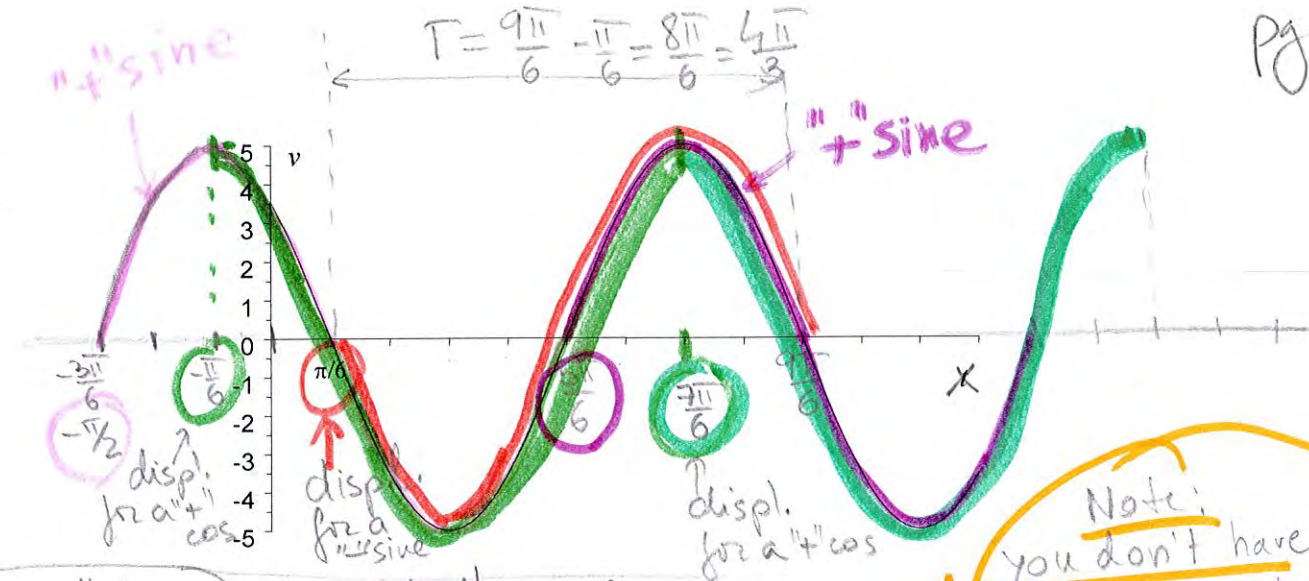
Find a "+" sine  $y = 15 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{50}(x + 10)\right) = 15 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{50}x + \frac{\pi}{5}\right)$

↑ this becomes "0" if  $x = -10$  - displ. for a "+" sine

OR  $y = 15 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{50}(x - 15)\right) = 15 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{50}x - \frac{3\pi}{10}\right)$

↑ this becomes "0" if  $x = 15$  - displ. for a "+" cos

b.



Find a "+" sine  $y = 5 \sin(bx + c)$

$$\text{Find } b = \frac{2\pi}{T} = \frac{2\pi}{4\pi/3} = \frac{3}{2}$$

Find  $c = -db$

$$d = \frac{5\pi}{6} \text{ OR } -\frac{\pi}{2} \text{ for a "+" sine}$$

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$$b = \frac{3}{2} \text{ (same)}$$

Find  $c = -db$

$$d = \frac{\pi}{6} \text{ for a "-" sine}$$

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Find a "+" cos:  $y = 5 \cos(bx + c)$

$$b = \frac{3}{2} \text{ (same)}$$

Find  $c = -db$

$$d = -\frac{\pi}{6} \text{ OR } \frac{7\pi}{6} \text{ for a "+" cos}$$

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$$\text{OR } c = -\left(\frac{7\pi}{6}\right) \left(\frac{3}{2}\right) = -\frac{7\pi}{4} \Rightarrow y = 5 \cos\left(\frac{3}{2}x - \frac{7\pi}{4}\right)$$

Note:  
you don't have  
to find ALL these  
equations!

these represent  
the same eq.

Since

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

and there is a  
 $2\pi$  phase angle  
difference!

$$-\frac{5\pi}{4} + 2\pi = \frac{3\pi}{4}$$

these represent  
the same eq.

Since

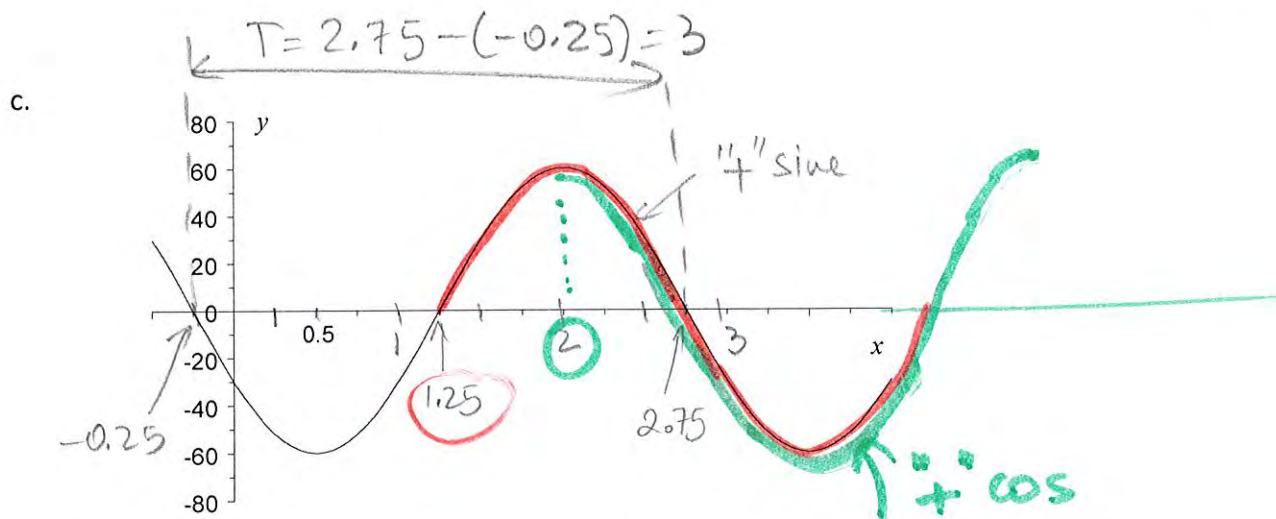
$$\sin(\theta) = -\sin(\theta \pm \pi)$$

and there is a " $\pi$ "  
or " $-\pi$ " phase angle  
difference!

$$\frac{3\pi}{4} - \pi = -\frac{\pi}{4}$$

Same;  $2\pi$  phase  
angle difference





Find a  $\frac{1}{4}$  sine  $y = 60 \sin(bx + c)$

Find  $b = \frac{2\pi}{T} = \frac{2\pi}{3}$

Find  $c = -db$

$d = 1.25$  for a  $\frac{1}{4}$  sine

$$\Rightarrow c = -1.25 \left( \frac{2\pi}{3} \right) = -\frac{5}{4} \cdot \frac{2\pi}{3} = -\frac{5\pi}{6} \Rightarrow y = 60 \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}x - \frac{5\pi}{6}\right)$$

Find a  $\frac{1}{4}$  cosine  $y = 60 \cos(bx + c)$

$b = \frac{2\pi}{3}$  (same)

Find  $c = -db$

$d = 2$  for a  $\frac{1}{4}$  cos

$$\Rightarrow c = -2 \cdot \frac{2\pi}{3} = -\frac{4\pi}{3} \Rightarrow y = 60 \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}x - \frac{4\pi}{3}\right)$$

OR  $y = 60 \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}x - \frac{5\pi}{6}\right) = 60 \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}x - \frac{5\pi}{6} - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$

$(\sin(A) = \cos(A - \frac{\pi}{2}))$

$$= -\frac{5\pi}{6} - \frac{\pi}{2} = -\frac{5\pi}{6} - \frac{3\pi}{6} = -\frac{8\pi}{6} = -\frac{4\pi}{3}$$