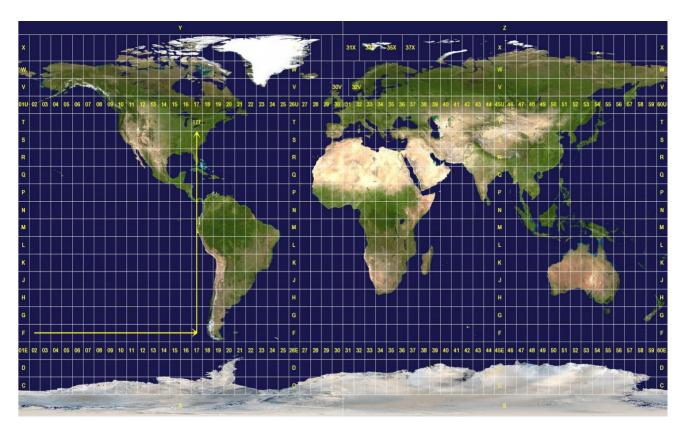
Project 3: Periodic Models



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Introduction:

As a means for us to construct periodic models describing sunrise, sunset and day length at three locations we had to choose three different cities:

- Northern Hemisphere Dublin.
- Close to the Equator- Singapore
- Close to North Pole-Finnmark

The latitudes of these cities are;

- Dublin with a latitude of 53°
- Singapore with a latitude of 1°
- Finnmark with a latitude of 70°

We chose a variety of cities to get a wide range of results to analyze.

Objectives:

1. Obtain a sinusoidal model of the form

 $A(t) = a + b \sin \omega (t - t0)$

for the sunrise time in day for three cities.

- 2. Obtain a sinusoidal model for the sunset time for each of the three cities.
- 3. Obtain a sinusoidal model for the day length for each of the three cities.
- 4. For each of the three locations, compare the sunset, sunrise, and day length models.
- 5. Use these models to estimate the sunrise time, sunset time, and day length for 14 March 2024 in Dublin.
- 6. Calculate the errors (the differences between your estimations and the values given in the calendar for that date.

Assumptions:

- 1. 1^{st} January 2024 is where t = 0.
- 2. t = 172 on the Summer Solstice 21st June.
- 3. t = 355 on the Winter Solstice 21st December.
- 4. A(t) needs to be expressed as the number of hours after midnight.

Calculations

For all, we let:

$$\omega = \frac{2Pi}{366}, \alpha = \frac{(\max + \min)}{2}, b = \frac{(\max - \min)}{2}, t \rightarrow \alpha + b \cdot \sin(\omega \cdot (t - t_0))$$

Dublin:

Dublin Daylength:

min =
$$7 + \frac{29}{60} + \frac{56}{3600}$$

max = $17 + \frac{12}{3600}$
 $t_0 = solve\left(\omega \cdot (172 - x) = \frac{Pi}{2}, x\right)$
 $C = t$

Dublin Sunrise:

$$min = 4 + \frac{56}{60}$$

$$max = 9 + \frac{40}{60}$$

$$t_0 = solve\left(\omega \cdot (364 - x) = \frac{Pi}{2}, x\right)$$

$$A = t$$

Dublin Sunset:

$$\min = 17 + \frac{6}{60}$$

$$\max = 21 + \frac{57}{60}$$

$$t_0 = solve\left(\omega \cdot (176 - x) = \frac{Pi}{2}, x\right)$$

$$B = t$$

Finnmark:

Finnmark Daylength:

$$\max = 18 + \frac{29}{60} + \frac{03}{3600}$$

$$\min = 6 + \frac{11}{60} + \frac{03}{3600}$$

$$t_0 = solve\left(\omega \cdot (172 - x) = \frac{Pi}{2}, x\right)$$

$$C = t$$

Finnmark Sunrise

$$\max = 10 + \frac{15}{60}$$

$$\min = 4 + \frac{8}{60}t_0 = solve\left(\omega \cdot (362 - x) = \frac{Pi}{2}, x\right)$$

$$A = t$$

Finnmark Sunset:

$$\max = 22 + \frac{38}{60}$$

$$\min = 16 + \frac{24}{60}$$

$$t_0 = solve\left(\omega \cdot (174 - x) = \frac{Pi}{2}, x\right)$$

$$B = t$$

Singapore:

Singapore Daylength:

$$\max = 12 + \frac{11}{60} + \frac{46}{3600}$$

$$\min = 12 + \frac{3}{60} + \frac{4}{3600}$$

$$t_0 = solve\left(\omega \cdot (172 - x) = \frac{Pi}{2}, x\right)$$

$$C = t$$

Singapore Sunrise:

$$\max = 7 + \frac{16}{60}$$

$$\min = 6 + \frac{46}{60}$$

$$t_0 = solve\left(\omega \cdot (41 - x) = \frac{Pi}{2}, x\right)$$

$$A = t$$

Singapore Sunset:

$$\max = 19 + \frac{21}{60}$$

$$\min = 18 + \frac{50}{60}$$

$$t_0 = solve\left(\omega \cdot (45 - x) = \frac{Pi}{2}, x\right)$$

$$B = t$$

Methods:

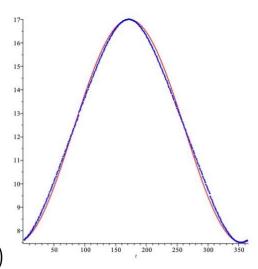
To get a clear view of our data we decided to graph the information we found in our sinusoidal methods against the actual times of the daylength, sunrise and sunset.

Results:

(we rounded all values to 2 significant points in the report for neatness)

Dublin:

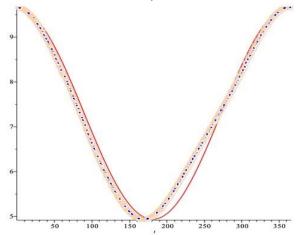
Dublin Daylength:



$$C = 12.25 + 4.75 \cdot \sin(0.017 \cdot (t - 0.017(172 - x)))$$

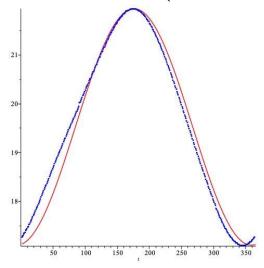
Dublin Sunrise:

$$A = 7.3 + 2.37 \cdot \sin \left(0.017 \cdot \left(t - \left(0.017 \cdot (364 - x) \right) \right) \right)$$



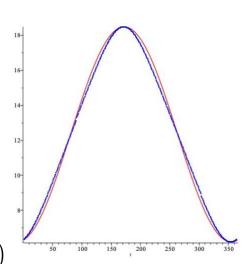
Dublin Sunset:

 $B = 19.53 + 2.43 \cdot \sin(0.017 \cdot (t - 0.017(176 - x)))$



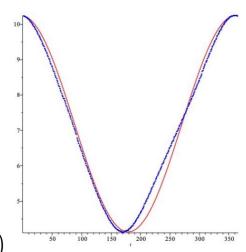
Finnmark:

Finnmark Daylength:



$$C = 12.34 + 6.14 \cdot \sin(0.017 \cdot (t - 0.017(172 - x)))$$

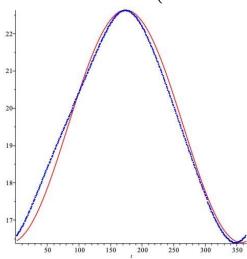
Finnmark Sunrise:



$$A = 7.19 + 3.058 \cdot \sin \left(0.017 \cdot \left(t - 0.017(362 - x) \right) \right)$$

Finnmark Sunset:

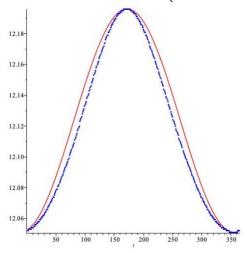
$$B = 19.52 + 3.12 \cdot \sin(0.017 \cdot (t - 0.017(174 - x)))$$



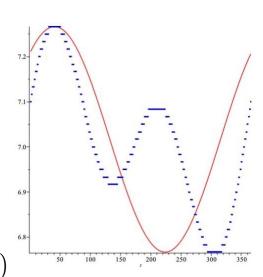
Singapore:

Singapore Daylength:

$$C = 12.12 + 0.073 \cdot \sin(0.017 \cdot (t - 0.017(172 - x)))$$

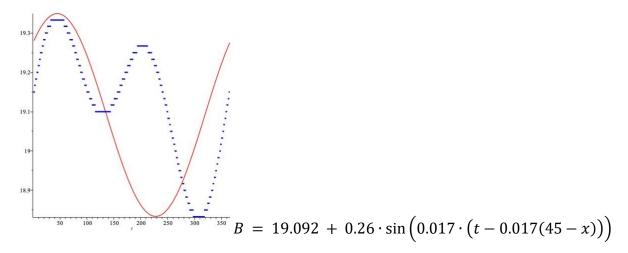


Singapore Sunrise:



$$A = 7.017 + 0.25 \cdot \sin(0.017 \cdot (t - 0.017(41 - x)))$$

Singapore Sunset:



March 14th 2024 (according to sinusoidal formula)

Sunrise: 7:55:20Sunset: 19:05:25

• Day length: 11:43:19

Errors:

Dublin:

Day length

for
$$i$$
 from 1 to 364 do
 $err[i] := evalf(sb[i][2] - A(i))$
end do:
 $AbsErr := \sqrt{add(err[i]^2, i = 1..364)}$

$$RelErr := \frac{AbsErr}{\sqrt{add(sb[i][2]^2, i=1..364)}}$$

AbsErr := 142.6258326

RelErr := 0.3809990165

Sunrise

for i from 1 to 364 do

$$err[i] := evalf(sa[i][2] - A(i))$$

end do:

$$AbsErr := \sqrt{add(err[i]^2, i = 1..364)}$$

$$RelErr := \frac{AbsErr}{\sqrt{add(sa[i][2]^2, i=1..364)}}$$

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Sunset

for i from 1 to 364 do

$$err[i] := evalf(sc[i][2] - A(i))$$

end do:
 $AbsErr := \sqrt{add(err[i]^2, i = 1..364)}$

$$RelErr := \frac{AbsErr}{\sqrt{add(sc[i][2]^2, i=1..364)}}$$

Finnmark:

for i from 1 to 364 do

$$err[i] := evalf(sa[i][2] - A(i))$$

end do:
 $AbsErr := \sqrt{add(err[i]^2, i = 1..364)}$

$$RelErr := \frac{AbsErr}{\sqrt{add(sa[i][2]^2, i=1..364)}}$$

Singapore:

for
$$i$$
 from 1 to 364 do
 $err[i] := evalf(sc[i][2] - A(i))$
end do:
 $AbsErr := \sqrt{add(err[i]^2, i = 1..364)}$

$$RelErr := \frac{AbsErr}{\sqrt{add(sc[i][2]^2, i=1..364)}}$$

AbsErr := 134.3380827

RelErr := 0.9465880066

AbsErr := 3.169631594

RelErr := 0.01307848079

AbsErr := 156.9217304

RelErr := 1.103225723

AbsErr := 0.1713436953

RelErr := 0.0007411939015

Conclusion:

- As a result our periodic models describing sunrise, sunset and day length at three locations we had to choose three different cities are:
- Dublin and Finnmark had similar results as the graphs for daylength, sunrise and sunset look the same and got us similar results.
- In other hand Singapore gave us an awkward result and graph for sunset and sunrise due to the latitude of the city being 1°