

8.4 The Equations of Sinusoidal Functions (pt 1)

Today's Focus: Identify characteristics of the equations of sinusoidal functions

INVESTIGATION - $y = a \sin(bx + c) + d$

$$y = a \sin b(x - c) + d$$

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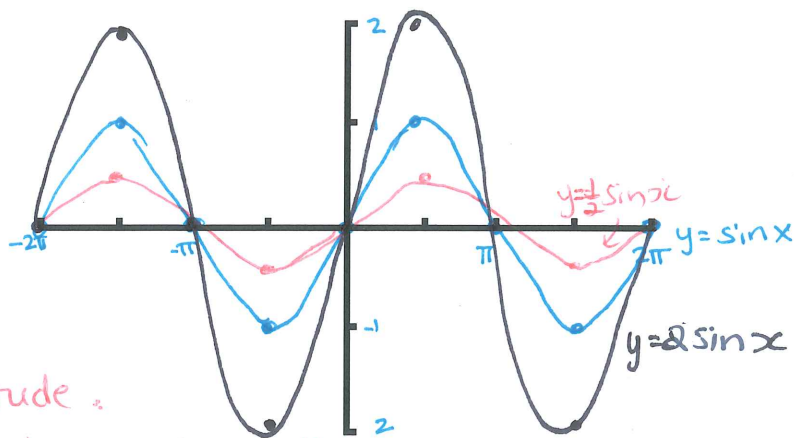
Remember, you must
be in **Radian mode**

Investigating the "a" value:

Graph $y = \sin(x)$

$y = 2 \sin(x)$

$y = 0.5 \sin(x)$



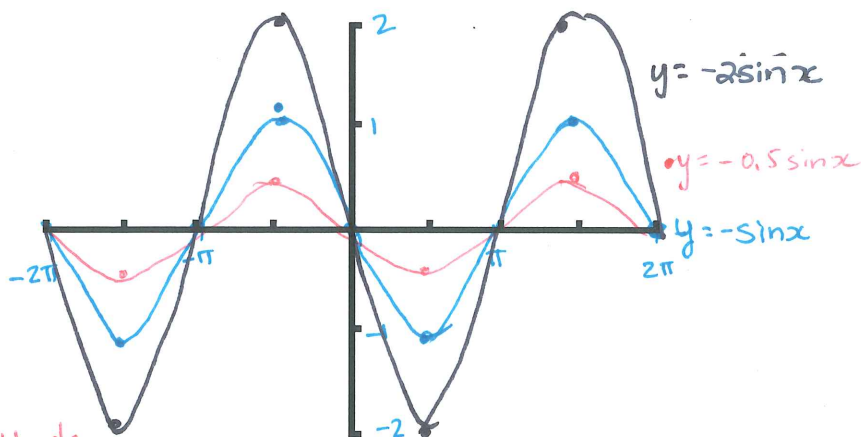
What has changed?

'a' changes the amplitude.
(min & max values have changed)

Graph $y = -\sin(x)$

$y = -2 \sin(x)$

$y = -0.5 \sin(x)$



What has changed?

• "flipped" / Reflected in x-axis
• max/min values \rightarrow amplitude

- The a-value of the graph is equivalent to the amplitude of the graph.
- If "a" is negative the graph of $y = a \sin(x)$ is flipped about the midline

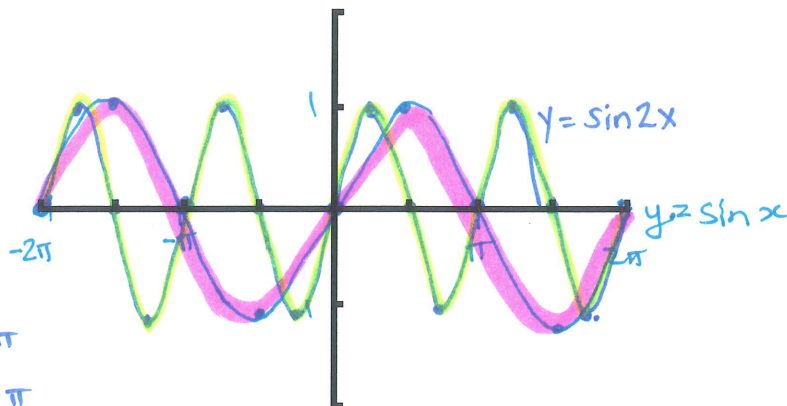
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Investigating the "b" value:

$$y = \sin bx$$

Graph $y = \sin(x)$

$$y = \sin(2x)$$



What has changed?

x-intercepts; Period $y = \sin x \rightarrow \text{period} = 2\pi$
 $y = \sin 2x \rightarrow \text{period} = \pi$

the 'b' value tells you how many complete rotations in 2π there are

For each equation, calculate $\frac{2\pi}{b}$.

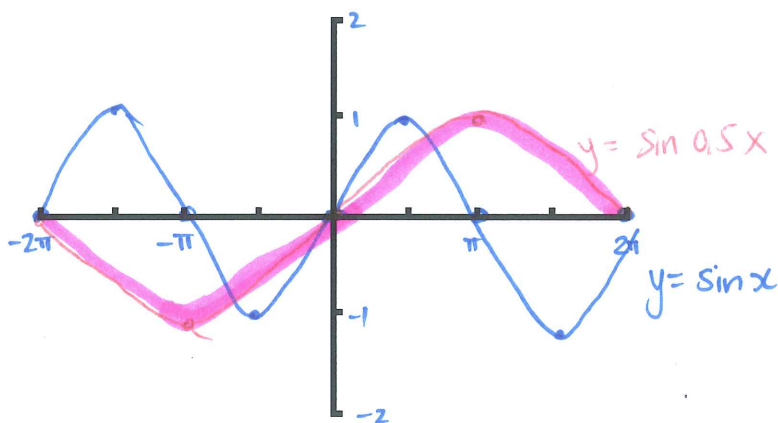
$$\sin x \rightarrow \frac{2\pi}{1} = 2\pi = \text{period}$$

$$\sin 2x \rightarrow \frac{2\pi}{2} = \pi = \text{period}$$

$$\therefore \text{period} = \frac{2\pi}{b} \text{ or } b = \frac{2\pi}{\text{period}}$$

Graph $y = \sin(x)$

$$y = \sin(0.5x)$$



What has changed?

- x-intercepts
- Period.

For each equation, calculate $\frac{2\pi}{b}$.

$$y = \sin x \rightarrow \frac{2\pi}{1} = 2\pi \rightarrow \text{period}$$

$$y = \sin 0.5x = \frac{2\pi}{0.5} = 4\pi \rightarrow \text{period}$$

- If $|b|$ is bigger than 1 the period of the $y = \sin(bx)$ is compressed.
 - We can say the graph has been horizontally compressed.
- If $|b|$ is between 0 and 1 the period of the $y = \sin(bx)$ is expanded.
 - We can say the graph has been horizontally expanded.
- If b is negative then $y = \sin(bx)$ is reflected in the y-axis.

$y = \sin(x - c)$ "PHASE SHIFT"

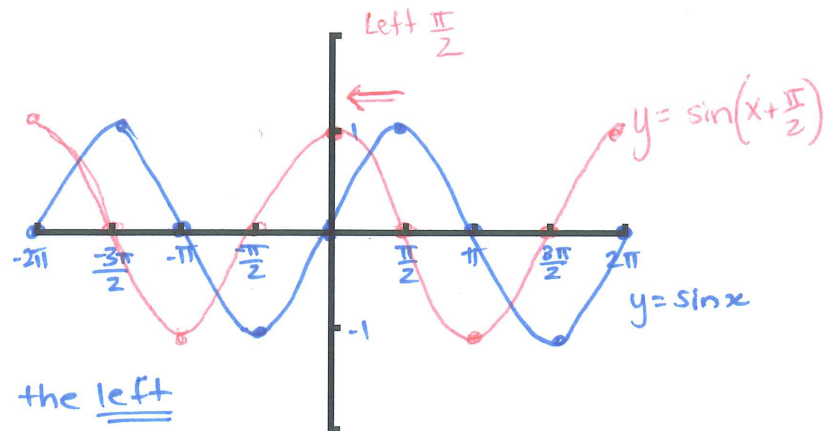
Investigating the "c" value:

Graph $y = \sin(x)$

$$y = \sin(x + \pi/2)$$

What has changed? x-ints; y-int

The graph was shifted $\frac{\pi}{2}$ to the left



What is the new starting point for the function?

$(0, 1)$

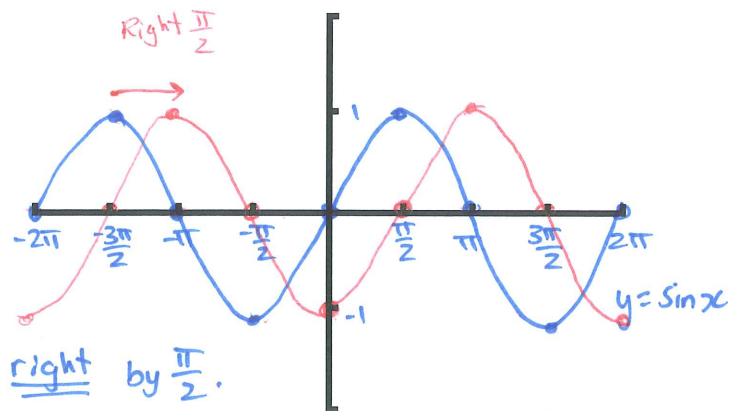
Graph $y = \sin(x)$

$$y = \sin(x + (-\pi/2))$$

or $y = \sin(x - \frac{\pi}{2})$

What has changed? x-int; y-int

the graph has shifted to the right by $\frac{\pi}{2}$.



What is the new starting point for the function?

$(0, -1)$

- If c is bigger than zero (positive), then the graph of $y = \sin(x + c)$ is horizontally shifted to the left.
- If c is smaller than zero (negative), then the graph $y = \sin(x + c)$ is horizontally shifted to the right.

$$y = \sin(x - c)$$

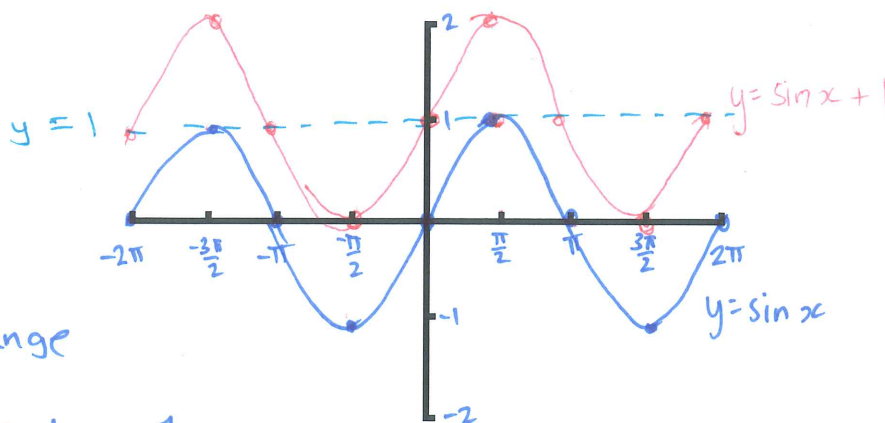
ex. $y = \sin(x - 3) \rightarrow 3$ right

$y = \sin(x + \frac{\pi}{3}) \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{3}$ left

Investigating the "d" value:

Graph $y = \sin(x)$

$$y = \sin(x) + 1$$



What has changed?

max/min, x-int; y-int; range

• The graph was shifted up 1.

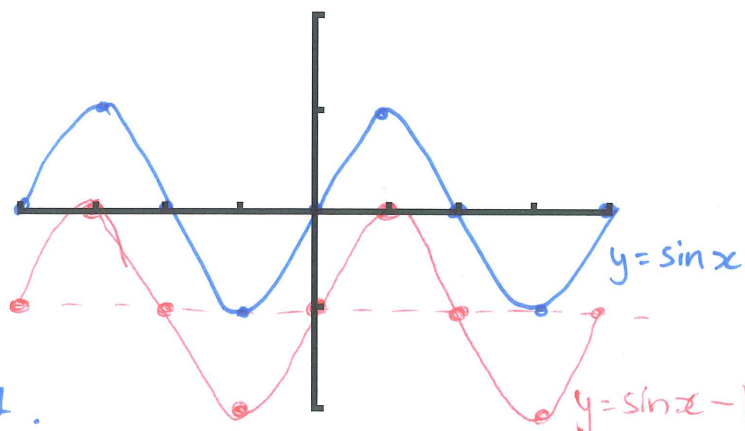
What is the midline value for each function?

$$y = \sin x \rightarrow \boxed{y=0}$$

$$y = \sin x + 1 \rightarrow \boxed{y=1}$$

Graph $y = \sin(x)$

$$y = \sin(x) - 1$$



What has changed?

max/min, x-int; y-int; range

• Graph was shifted down 1.

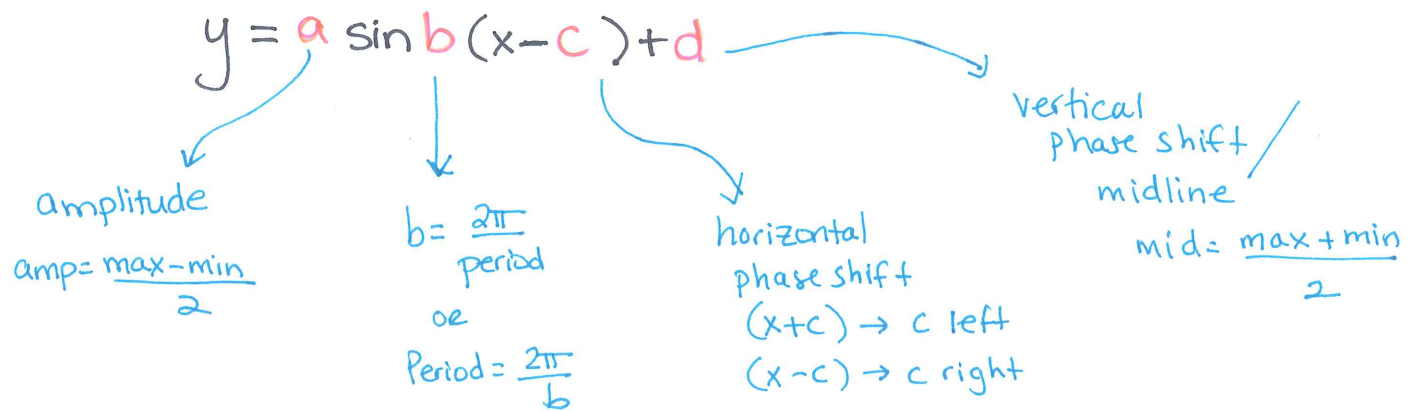
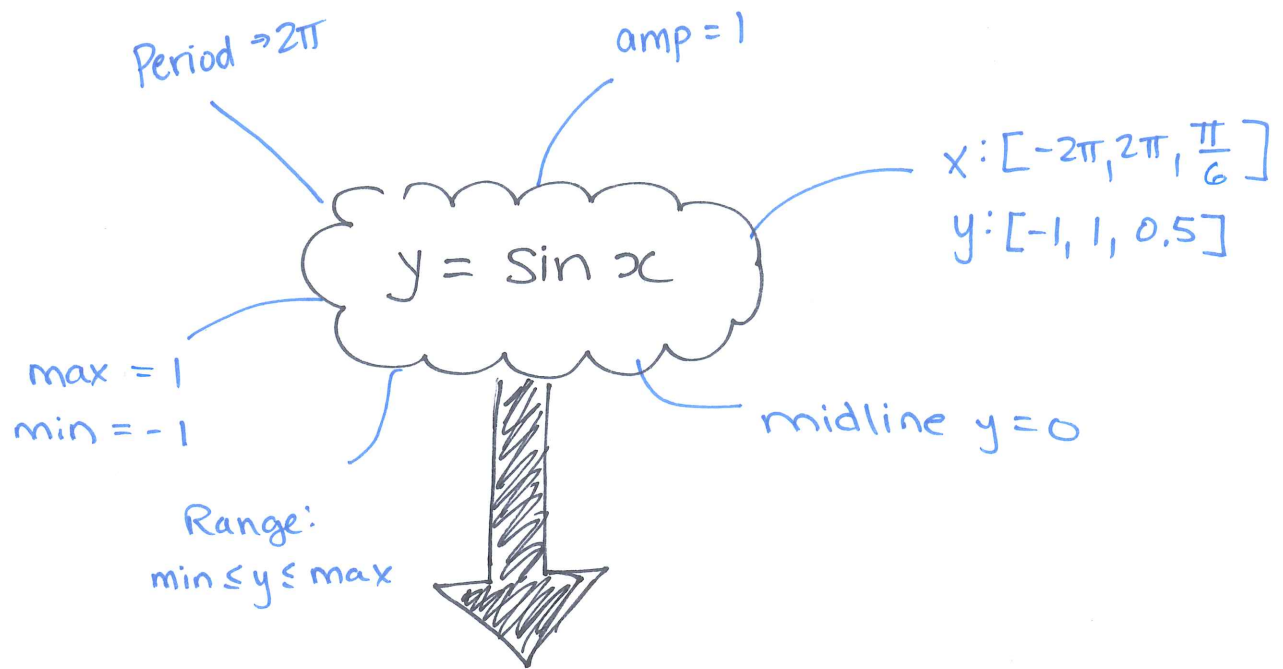
What is the median value for each function?

$$y = \sin x \rightarrow \boxed{y=0}$$

$$y = \sin x - 1 \rightarrow \boxed{y=-1}$$

- If d is larger than 0 (positive), then the graph of $y = \sin(x) + d$ shifts up.
- If d is smaller than 0 (negative), then the graph of $y = \sin(x) + d$ shifts down.

$$y = a \sin b(x - c) + d$$



Note: $\max = d + a$
 $\min = d - a$

