

# Math 1060 ~ Trigonometry

## 7 Graphing The Cosine and Sine Functions

### Learning Objectives

In this section you will:

- Graph the cosine and sine functions.
- Learn the properties of the cosine and sine functions, including domain and range, period, phase shift, amplitude and vertical shift.
- Identify cosine and sine functions as periodic functions.
- Determine whether a periodic function is even or odd.
- Use properties to graph periodic functions.
- Write an equation from the graph of a sine or cosine function.

$$\sin^2 u + \cos^2 u = 1$$

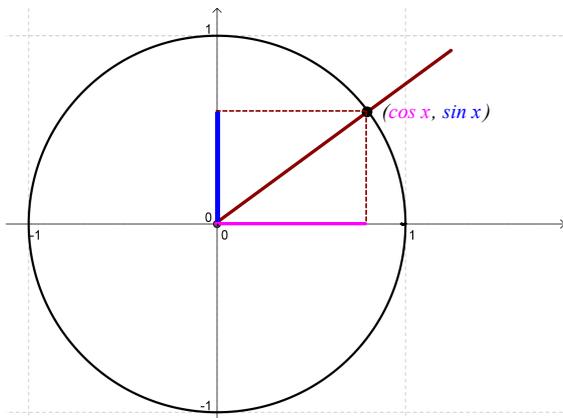
$$\sin 2u = 2 \sin u \cos u$$

$$\frac{a}{\sin A} = \frac{b}{\sin B} = \frac{c}{\sin C}$$

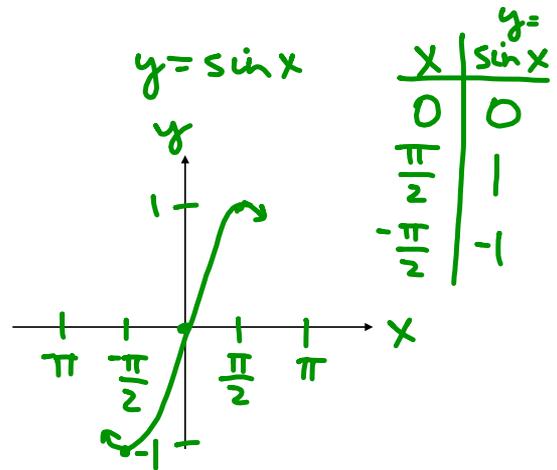
$$c^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab \cos C$$

$$f(x) = \sin x$$

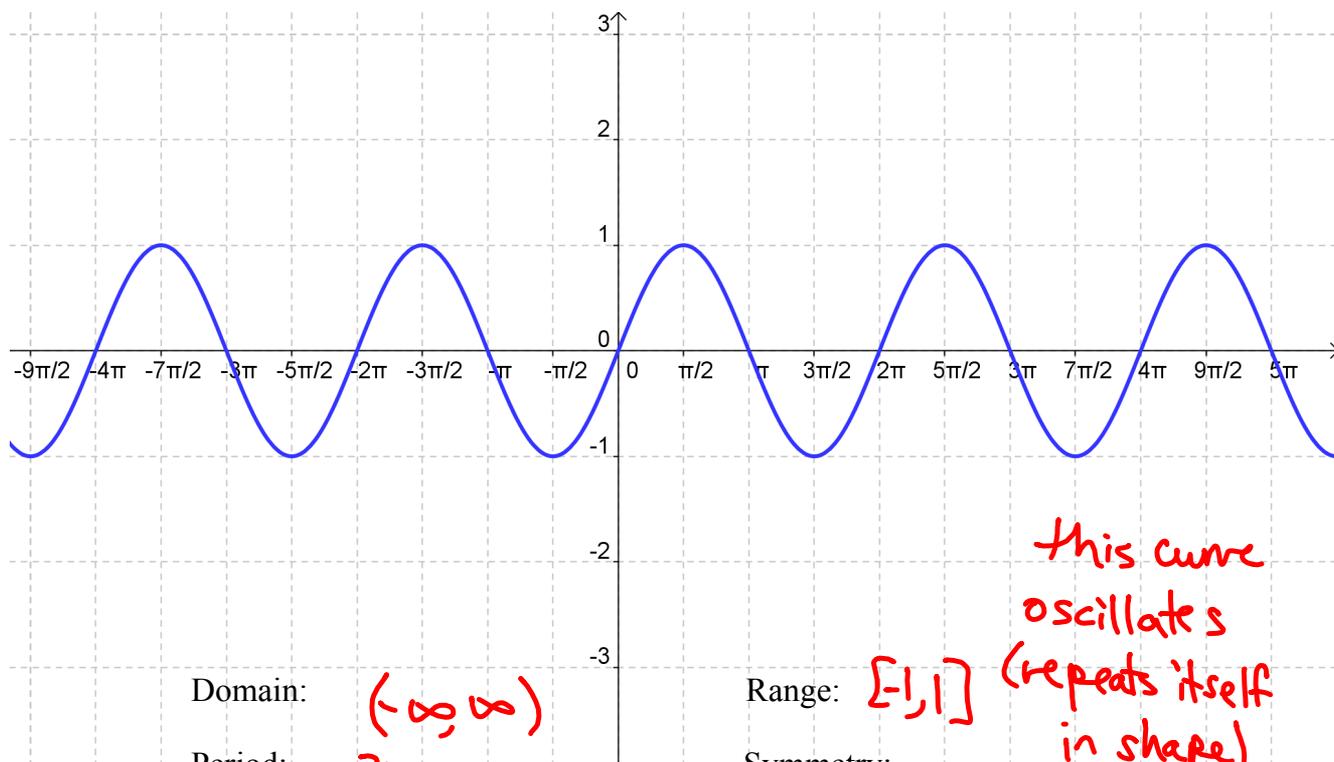
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$$-1 \leq \sin x \leq 1$$



Graph of  $f(x) = \sin x$



Domain:  $(-\infty, \infty)$

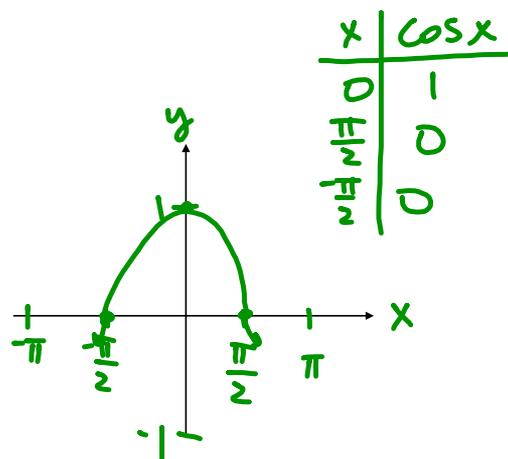
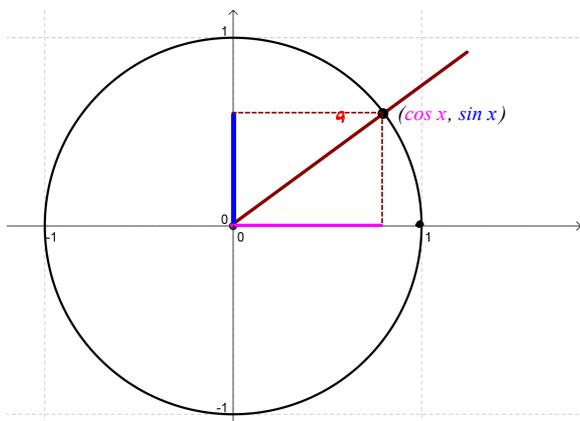
Period:  $2\pi$   
(horizontal length until  
shape repeats  
itself)

Range:  $[-1, 1]$  (repeats itself  
in shape)

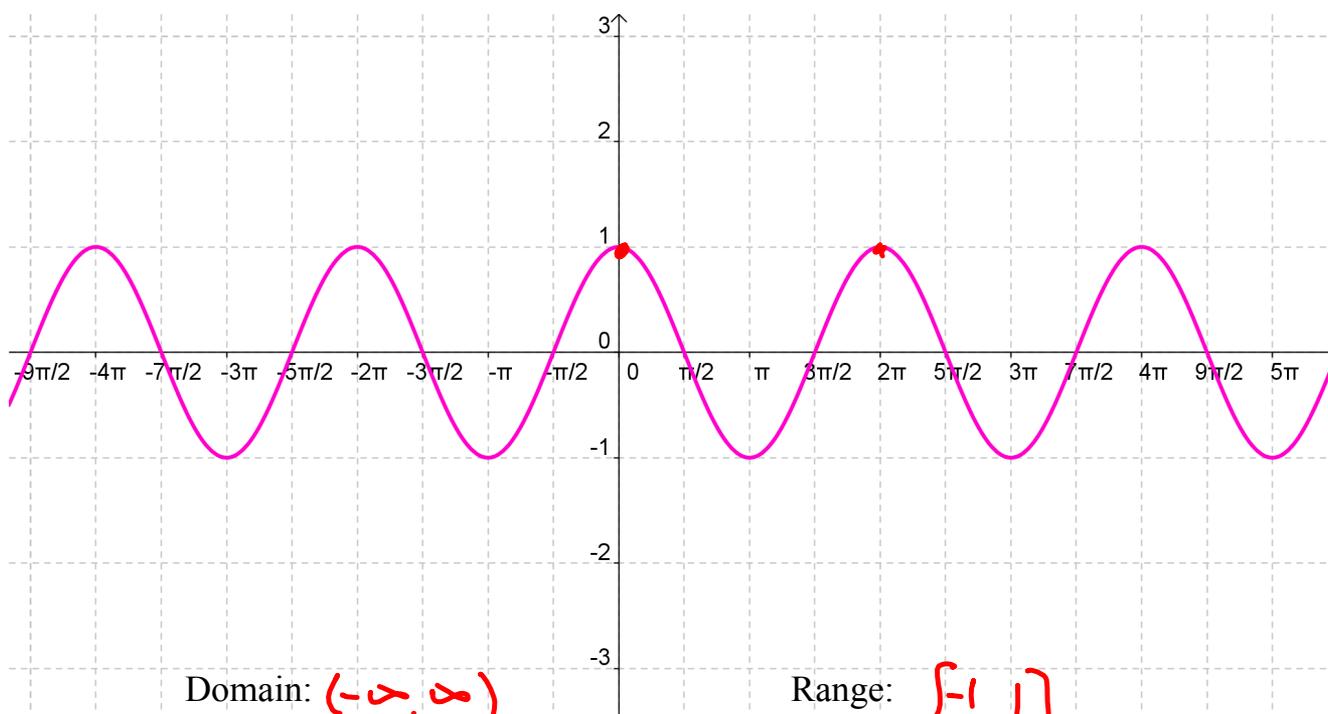
Symmetry:  
wrt origin.  
(odd fn)

$$f(x) = \cos x$$

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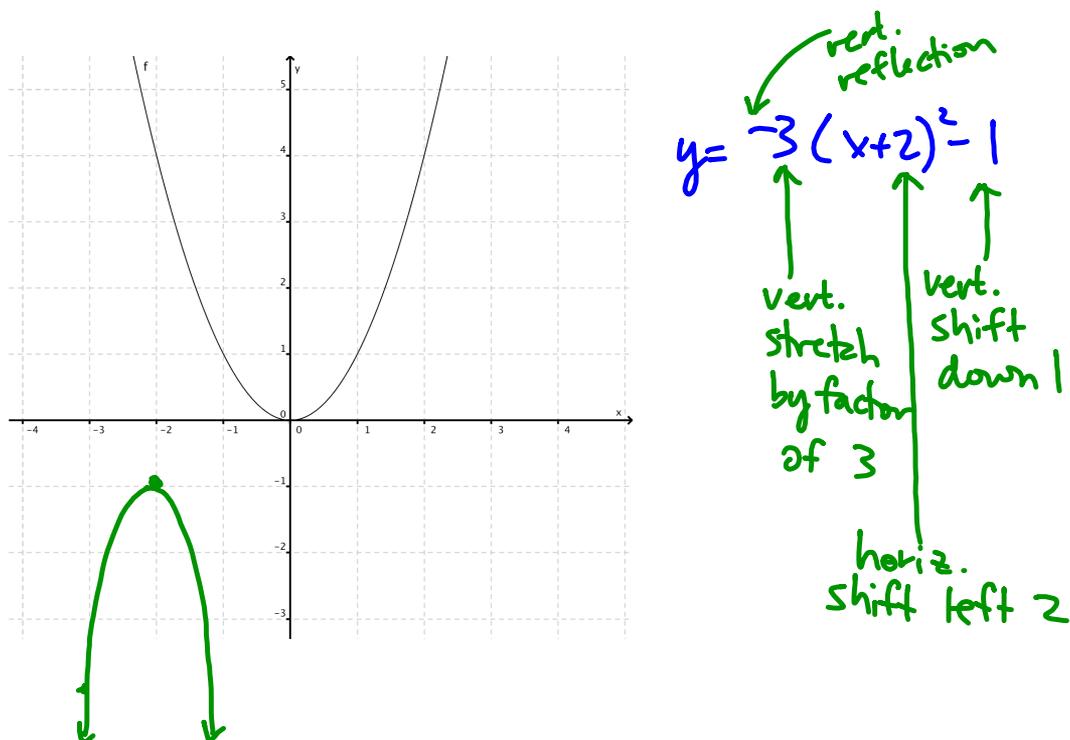
Symmetry: wrt y-axis  
(even fn)

How can you graph  $y = 2 \sin(x - \frac{\pi}{3}) + 1$  ?

This is a transformation of the basic  $y = \sin x$  curve.

It may help to remember transformations to one of the algebraic functions.

How does the graph of  $y = -3(x+2)^2 - 1$  relate to the graph of  $y = x^2$ ?



In general, remember the effect of  $a$ ,  $h$  and  $k$  on the graph of  $y = x^2$ .  
 $y = a(x-h)^2 + k$

$(h,k)$  new vertex  $\left( \begin{array}{l} h = \text{horiz. shift} \\ k = \text{vert. shift} \end{array} \right)$

$|a| = \text{vert. "stretch" factor}$   $\left( \begin{array}{l} \text{if } |a| > 1, \text{ stretch} \\ \text{if } |a| < 1, \text{ shrink} \end{array} \right)$

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{if } a > 0, \text{ no vert. reflection (concave up)} \\ \text{if } a < 0, \text{ vert. reflection (concave down)} \end{array} \right.$

$$y = A \sin(b(x-h)) + k$$

What effect do  $A$ ,  $b$ ,  $h$  and  $k$  have on the graph of trigonometric functions?

Let's look at it one part at a time:  $y = A \sin x$

- Amplitude:  $|A|$   $y = \sin x, y = \cos x$   
 $A = 1$

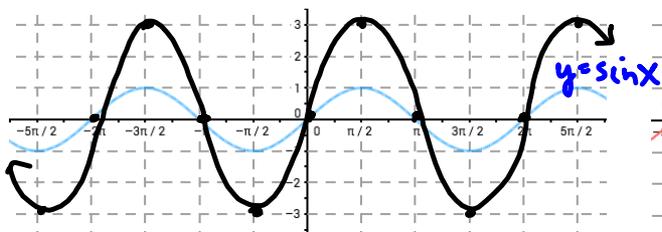
amplitude = max distance (vertically) traveled from

the horizontal axis of oscillation; it's half the distance from highest  $y$ -value to lowest  $y$ -value.

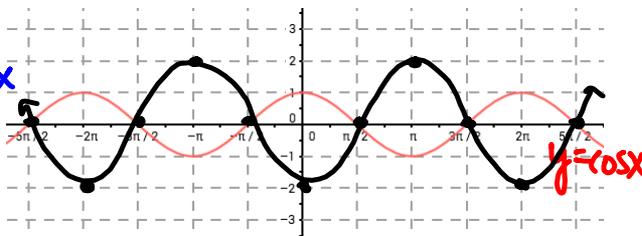
multiplying by  $A$  (on the outside of the fn) causes a vertical stretch/shrink

Ex 1: Graph each of these.

$$y = 3 \sin x \quad A = 3$$



$$y = -2 \cos x \quad A = 2$$



vert. stretch by factor of 2

and vert. reflection

## Periodic Functions

A function is periodic if there is a real number  $p$  so that  $f(x+p) = f(x)$ . The smallest positive number  $p$ , if it exists is called the period of  $f$ .

$$y = \sin(bx)$$

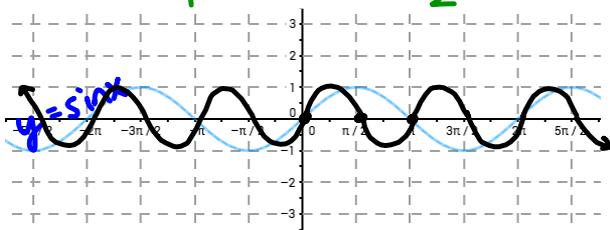
$$\Rightarrow \text{period} = 2\pi \left(\frac{1}{b}\right) = \frac{2\pi}{b}$$

- Period = horiz. distance before graph repeats itself.  
(normally for  $y = \sin x$  and  $y = \cos x$  period =  $2\pi$ )

Ex 2: Graph each of these.

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

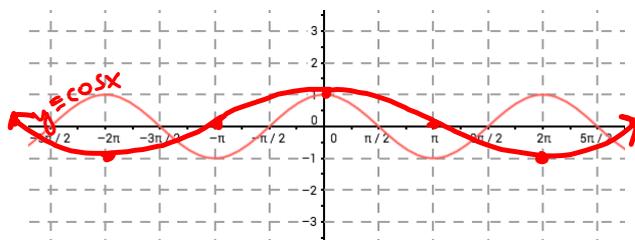
$$\text{period} = \frac{2\pi}{2} = \pi$$



$$\text{amplitude} = 1 \quad (0, 0)$$

$$\text{period} = \frac{2\pi}{1/2} = 4\pi$$

$$y = \cos\left(\frac{1}{2}x\right)$$



$$\text{amplitude} = 1 \quad (0, 1)$$

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

note:  $x-h=0$   
 $x=h$

• Horizontal shift (phase shift) =  $h$

shift  
(rt  $\frac{\pi}{2}$ )

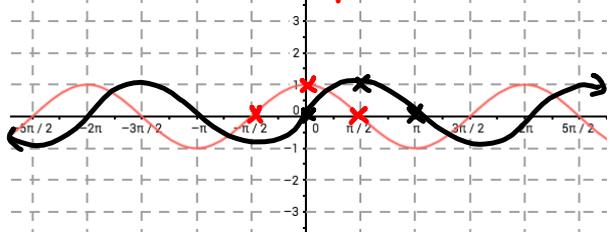
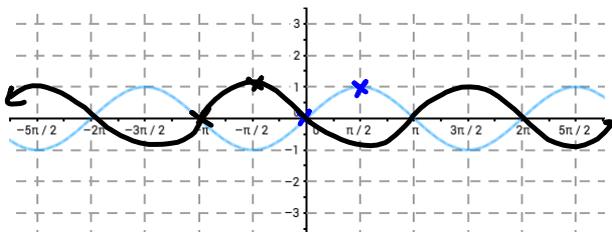
Ex 3: Graph each of these.

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

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

horiz. shift =  $-\pi$

horiz. shift =  $\frac{\pi}{2}$



amp. = 1  
period =  $2\pi$

Note:  
this is  
same as  
 $y = -\sin x$

amp = 1  
period =  $2\pi$

Note:  
this is  
same  
as  
 $y = \sin x$

$$y = \sin(b(x - h))$$

- Period =  $\frac{2\pi}{b}$
- Horizontal shift =  $h$

WARNING:

must be in form

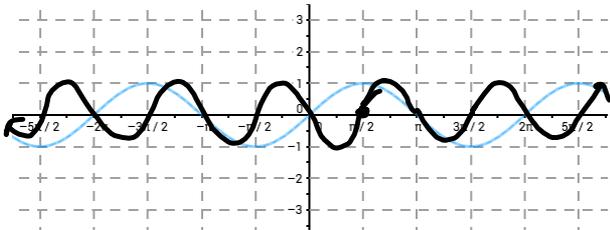
$y = \sin(b(x-h))$  to decide  
horiz shift.

Ex 4: Graph each of these.

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

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

period =  $\frac{2\pi}{2} = \pi$ , horiz. shift =  $\frac{\pi}{2}$

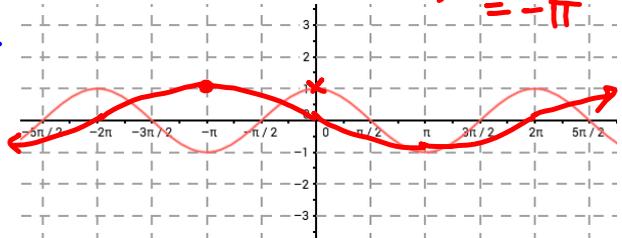


amp = 1

$$y = \cos\left(\frac{1}{2}x + \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

$$y = \cos\left(\frac{1}{2}(x + \pi)\right)$$

period =  $\frac{2\pi}{1/2} = 4\pi$ , horiz. shift =  $-\pi$



amp = 1

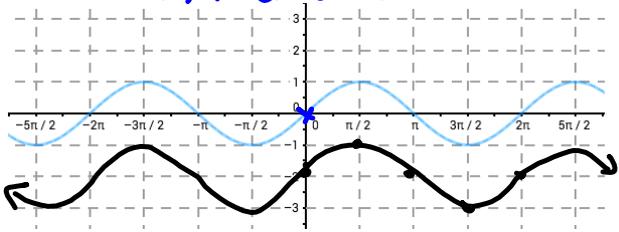
$$y = \sin(x) + k$$

Vertical Shift =  $k$

Ex 5: Graph each of these.

$$y = \sin x - 2$$

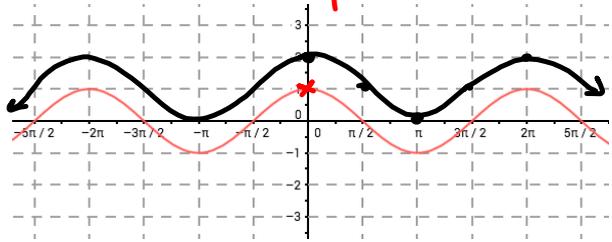
shift down 2



amp = 1  
period =  $2\pi$

$$y = \cos x + 1$$

shift up 1



amp = 1  
period =  $2\pi$

So, when we graph a sine or cosine function there are these things to consider:

- Amplitude
- Period
- Phase shift (horizontal)
- Vertical shift

Ex 6: List the transformations of this function.

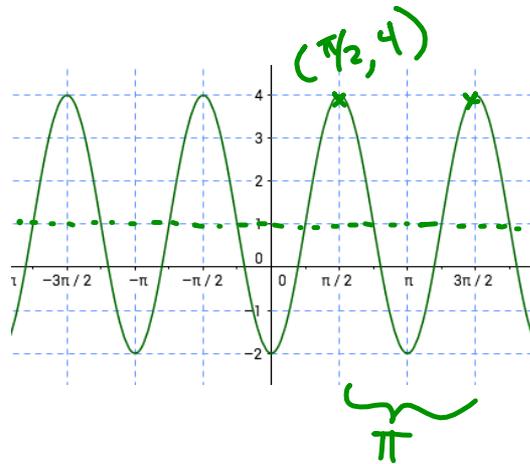
$$y = 3 \cos(2x - \pi) + 1 = 3 \cos\left(2\left(x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)\right) + 1$$

Amplitude  $3$  ✓

Period  $\frac{2\pi}{2} = \pi$  ✓

Phase shift (horizontal)  $\frac{\pi}{2}$  (right) ✓

Vertical shift  $1$  (up) ✓



Ex 7: List the transformations of this function.  $f(x) = -2\sin(4x - \pi) - 2$ .

$$= -2 \sin\left(4\left(x - \frac{\pi}{4}\right)\right) - 2$$

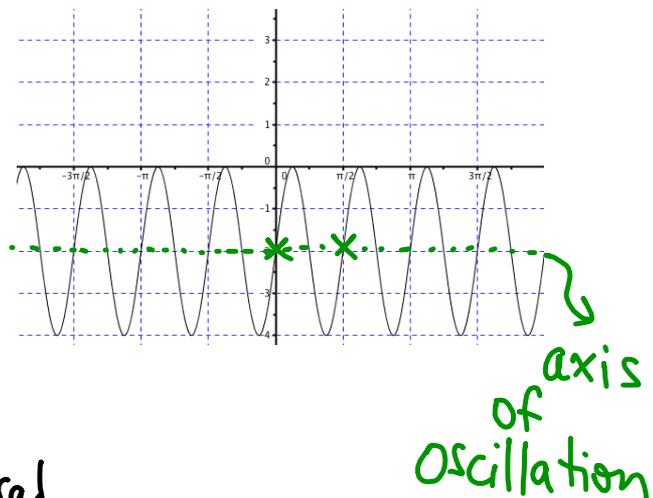
Amplitude  $|-2| = 2$

Period  $\frac{2\pi}{4} = \frac{\pi}{2}$

★ Phase shift (horizontal)  $\frac{\pi}{4}$  (right)

Vertical shift  $-2$  (down)

★ reflection: vertical



Ex 8: Analyze the transformations and write a function equation of this graph using the cosine function and then one using the sine function.

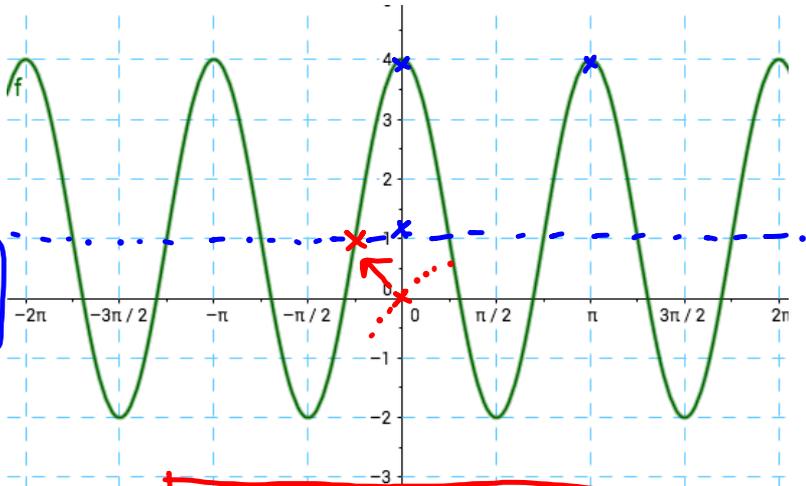
① Period:  $\pi = \frac{2\pi}{2}$

Amplitude: 3

Horizontal shift: 0

Vertical shift: 1

$$y = 3\cos(2x) + 1$$



② period =  $\pi$   
 amp = 3  
 vertical shift = 1  
 horiz. shift =  $-\frac{\pi}{4}$   
 $x = -\frac{\pi}{4} \Leftrightarrow x + \frac{\pi}{4} = 0$

$$y = 3\sin\left(2\left(x + \frac{\pi}{4}\right)\right) + 1$$

Here are some applets in case you want to play with the transformation variables.

 <http://www.anlyzemath.com/trigonometry/sine.htm>

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Here are instructions and the equation format from the text for graphing a periodic (sinusoidal) function.

For  $\omega > 0$ , the functions

$$C(x) = A\cos(\omega x + \phi) + B \text{ and } S(x) = A\sin(\omega x + \phi) + B$$

- have period  $\frac{2\pi}{\omega}$
- have amplitude  $|A|$
- have phase shift  $-\frac{\phi}{\omega}$
- have vertical shift  $B$