

AP Precalculus
Writing Sinusoidal Equations from Features

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96 problems · Four activity formats

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Topic focus

Across 96 tasks this topic asks for existence decision and first contradiction, equivalence decision and decisive normalized evidence, one compatible rule and sufficiency explanation, one complete rule and parameter verification, one example rule or impossibility proof and one sine rule with directional check.

8 PDFs and a README; 152 buyer pages.

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Answer each question and record the matching bank letter. Give exact values. Give the whole requested response, including any reasoning the question asks for.

A nonconstant sinusoid has the exact global features shown. The timed events are consecutive. Construct one cosine rule, allowing a negative cosine coefficient when convenient, and verify the range, period, and event times.

Required response

event	value	x
global minimum	-3	$-\frac{5}{2}$
next global maximum	1	$\frac{5}{2}$

Bank label: _____

Determine which sinusoidal parameters are forced by the partial exact features and which remain free. Demonstrate any nonuniqueness by checking the two explicit candidate constructions, or replace either if it fails.

The first proposed rule is $y = 3 \cos(2\pi \frac{x+\frac{5}{2}}{6})$.

The second proposed rule is $y = 3 \cos(2\pi \frac{x+\frac{5}{2}}{3})$.

The global range is $[-3, 3]$.

The two stated maxima are not specified to be consecutive.

Maxima occur at $x = -\frac{5}{2}$ and $x = \frac{7}{2}$.

Bank label: _____

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Required response

event	value	x
global minimum	-3	$\frac{3}{2}$
next global maximum	3	$\frac{21}{2}$

Bank label: _____

Two rules are proposed as constructions for the same feature data. Decide whether they define the same function for every real x . Normalize sign, period, family, and phase; agreement at one landmark alone is not sufficient.

The claimed period is 10.

The claimed range is $[-4, 4]$.

The reference input is $x = -\frac{3}{2}$.

The first proposed rule is $y = 4 \sin(2\pi \frac{x+\frac{3}{2}}{10})$.

The second proposed rule is $y = 4 \cos(2\pi \frac{x-1}{10})$.

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Answer each question and show your reasoning in the workspace. Give exact values rather than decimals unless the question supplies a decimal. Give the whole requested response, including any reasoning the question asks for.

An exact partial graph is supplied with its global range, labeled events and directions, and the stipulation that the curve continues sinusoidally. Construct one compatible cosine rule and explain why clipping does or does not hide needed information.

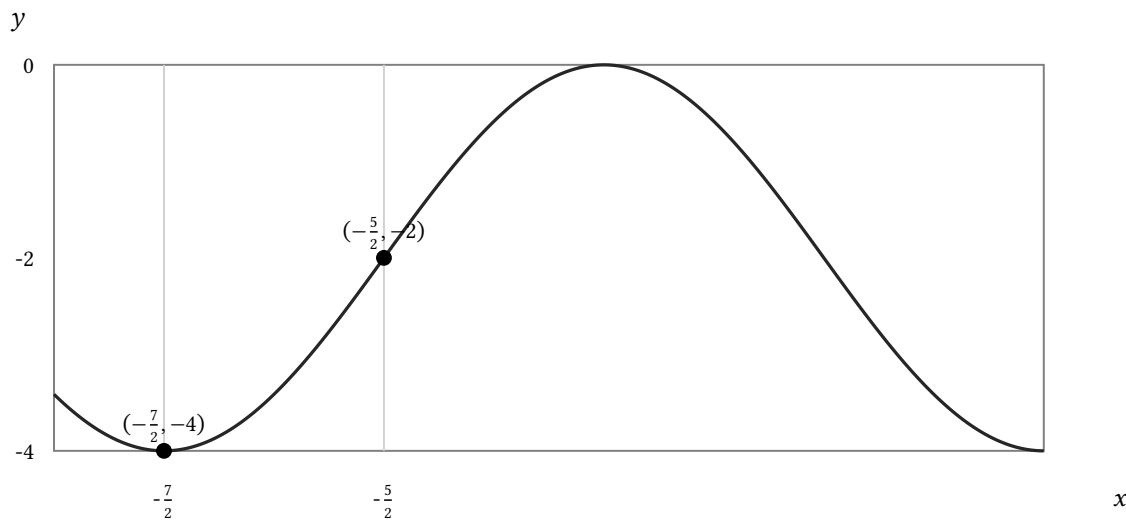
The curve continues sinusoidally beyond the displayed interval.

The global range is $[-4, 0]$.

The labeled minimum is $(-\frac{7}{2}, -4)$.

The labeled upward midline is $(-\frac{5}{2}, -2)$.

The displayed x -interval is $[-4, \frac{1}{2}]$.



event	x	y
minimum	$-\frac{7}{2}$	-4
upward midline	$-\frac{5}{2}$	-2

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Begin at START. Answer the card, then find the matching final answer at the top of another card. Use the recording sheet for your reasoning. Visit each card once and continue to FINISH.

Incoming: No compatible sinusoidal function exists: the range forces midline $\frac{-2+2}{2} = 0$, not 1.

A nonconstant sinusoid has the exact global features shown. The timed events are consecutive. Construct one cosine rule, allowing a negative cosine coefficient when convenient, and verify the range, period, and event times.



event	value	x
global maximum	0	$\frac{21}{2}$
next global maximum	0	$\frac{57}{2}$
global minimum	-6	not specified

Your response: _____

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Evaluate the supplied statement or method. Say whether it is correct, repair it if it is not, and verify the result exactly. Not every prompt contains an error.

Audit the student's multi-parameter reconstruction against every exact feature. Identify the earliest failed parameter relation, retain valid deductions, give a corrected complete rule, and verify the repaired model.

Preserve the valid deductions when repairing the model.

The supplied features are: range $[0, 6]$, period 4, upward midline at $x = 1$.

The student proposes $y = 3 + 3 \sin(2\pi \frac{x-1}{8})$.

Two rules are proposed as constructions for the same feature data. Decide whether they define the same function for every real x . Normalize sign, period, family, and phase; agreement at one landmark alone is not sufficient.

The claimed period is 14.

The claimed range is $[-3, 1]$.

The reference input is $x = \frac{11}{2}$.

The first proposed rule is $y = -1 + 2 \sin(2\pi \frac{x-\frac{11}{2}}{14})$.

The second proposed rule is $y = -1 + 2 \sin(2\pi \frac{x-9}{14})$.

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Full Worked Solutions - excerpt

Worked example

Problem. Test whether one nonconstant sinusoidal function can have every exact feature shown. Check range, recurrence, event direction, and single-valuedness before attempting a formula.

The claimed midline is $y = 1$.

The global range is $[-2, 2]$.

Answer. No compatible sinusoidal function exists: the range forces midline $\frac{-2+2}{2} = 0$, not 1 .

Explanation and check.

The first decisive contradiction is that the range forces midline $\frac{-2+2}{2} = 0$, not 1 . Therefore the feature set is inconsistent.

Worked example

Problem. Test whether one nonconstant sinusoidal function can have every exact feature shown. Check range, recurrence, event direction, and single-valuedness before attempting a formula.

The claimed midline is $y = -1$.

The global range is $[-4, 0]$.

Answer. No compatible sinusoidal function exists: the range forces midline $\frac{-4+0}{2} = -2$, not -1 .

Explanation and check.

The first decisive contradiction is that the range forces midline $\frac{-4+0}{2} = -2$, not -1 . Therefore the feature set is inconsistent.