

Trigonometry - Functions and Graphs Lesson #10: Reciprocal and Absolute Value Trigonometric Functions

Warm-Up *Review of Reciprocal Functions*

Recall the properties of reciprocal functions by completing the following:

- When $f(x) = 0$, the graph of $y = \frac{1}{f(x)}$ may have a vertical asymptote.
 - When $f(x)$ is positive, $\frac{1}{f(x)}$ is positive.
 - When $f(x)$ is negative, $\frac{1}{f(x)}$ is negative.
- When $f(x) = 1$, $\frac{1}{f(x)} = \underline{1}$. When $f(x) = -1$, $\frac{1}{f(x)} = \underline{-1}$.
 - The invariant points for a reciprocal transformation can be found where the lines $y = \pm 1$ intersect the graphs of $f(x)$ and $\frac{1}{f(x)}$.
- When $f(x)$ increases over an interval, $\frac{1}{f(x)}$ decreases over the same interval.
 - When $f(x)$ decreases over an interval, $\frac{1}{f(x)}$ increases over the same interval.
- When $f(x)$ approaches zero, $\frac{1}{f(x)}$ approaches $\pm \infty$ and the graph of $\frac{1}{f(x)}$ approaches a vertical asymptote.
 - When $f(x)$ approaches $\pm \infty$, $\frac{1}{f(x)}$ approaches zero and the graph of $\frac{1}{f(x)}$ approaches a horizontal asymptote.



- Remember: $\sin^{-1} x$ does **NOT** mean $\frac{1}{\sin x}$. $\sin^{-1} x$ represents the inverse of the function $\sin x$. The reciprocal of $\sin x$ is $\csc x$.
- The above properties can be used as a general aid to sketch the reciprocal trigonometric functions.

Sketching the Graph of a Reciprocal Trigonometric Function

Use the following general procedure to sketch the graph of a reciprocal trigonometric function.

- Sketch the vertical asymptotes.
- Mark the invariant points.
- Where y approaches zero on the original graph, y approaches positive or negative infinity on the reciprocal graph.



The graph of $y = \sin x$, $-2\pi \leq x \leq 2\pi$ is shown.

a) Graph $y = \csc x$, the reciprocal of $y = \sin x$, using the properties on the previous page.

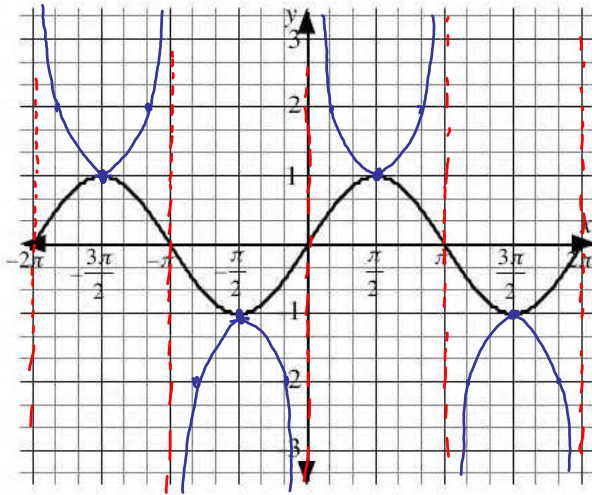
b) State the equations of the asymptotes.

$$x = -2\pi, x = -\pi, x = 0$$

$$x = \pi, x = 2\pi$$

c) List the invariant points.

$$\left(-\frac{3\pi}{2}, 1\right) \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, -1\right) \left(\frac{\pi}{2}, 1\right) \left(\frac{3\pi}{2}, -1\right)$$



d) Complete the table for $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

| Function | Domain | Range |
|--------------|---------------------------------|---|
| $y = \sin x$ | $x \in \mathbb{R}$ | $-1 \leq y \leq 1, y \in \mathbb{R}$ |
| $y = \csc x$ | $x \neq n\pi, n \in \mathbb{I}$ | $y \leq -1, y \geq 1, y \in \mathbb{R}$ |



Use a graphing calculator to:

a) Graph $y = \csc x$ and $y = \csc 2x$.

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

b) State an appropriate graphing calculator window where x is in radians.

c) Complete the table for $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

| Function | Domain | Range | Period | Equation of Asymptotes |
|---------------|---|------------------------|---|--|
| $y = \csc x$ | $x \neq n\pi, n \in \mathbb{I}$ | $y \leq -1 ; y \geq 1$ | 2π | $x = n\pi, n \in \mathbb{I}$ |
| $y = \csc 2x$ | $x \neq \frac{n\pi}{2}, n \in \mathbb{I}$ | $y \leq -1 ; y \geq 1$ | $\frac{2\pi}{2} = \frac{2\pi}{2} = \pi$ | $x = \frac{n\pi}{2}, n \in \mathbb{I}$ |

d) Complete the following statements based on your observations in a), b), c).

i) The graph of $y = \csc 2x$ is a transformation of the graph of $y = \csc x$ by a horizontal compression by a factor of $\frac{1}{2}$ about the y-axis.

ii) Compared to the asymptotes of $y = \csc x$, the asymptotes of the graph of $y = \csc 2x$ are twice as frequent.

Warm-Up #2 *Review of Absolute Value Functions*

Recall the properties of absolute value functions by completing the following:

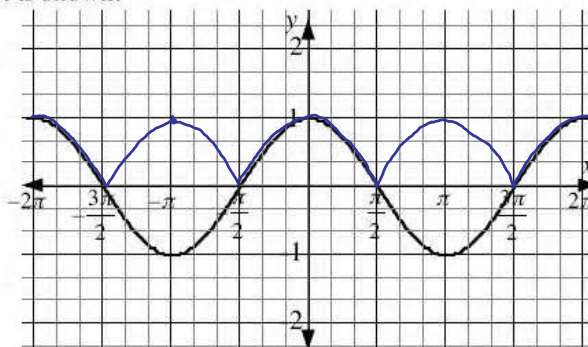
- When $f(x) \geq 0$, (i.e. the graph of $y = f(x)$ is above the x -axis), the graph of $y = |f(x)|$ is identical to the graph of $y = f(x)$.
- When $f(x) \leq 0$, (i.e. the graph of $y = f(x)$ is below the x -axis), the graph of $y = |f(x)|$ is a reflection of the graph of $y = f(x)$ in the x -axis.



The graph of $y = \cos x, -2\pi \leq x \leq 2\pi$ is shown.

- a) Sketch the graph of $y = |\cos x|$.
- b) State the domain and range of $y = |\cos x|$.

D: $\{x \mid x \in \mathbb{R}\}$
 R: $\{y \mid 0 \leq y \leq 1, y \in \mathbb{R}\}$

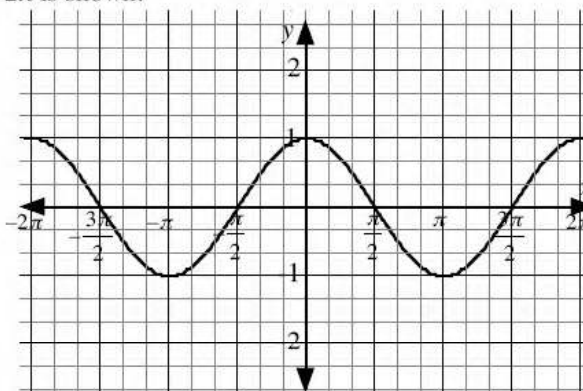


Complete Assignment Questions #1 - #12

Assignment

1. The graph of $y = \cos x, -2\pi \leq x \leq 2\pi$ is shown.

- a) Graph $y = \sec x$, the reciprocal of $y = \cos x$.
- b) State where $\sec x$ is undefined.
- c) List the invariant points.
- d) Complete the table for $x \in \mathbb{R}$.



| Function | Domain | Range |
|--------------|--------|-------|
| $y = \cos x$ | | |
| $y = \sec x$ | | |

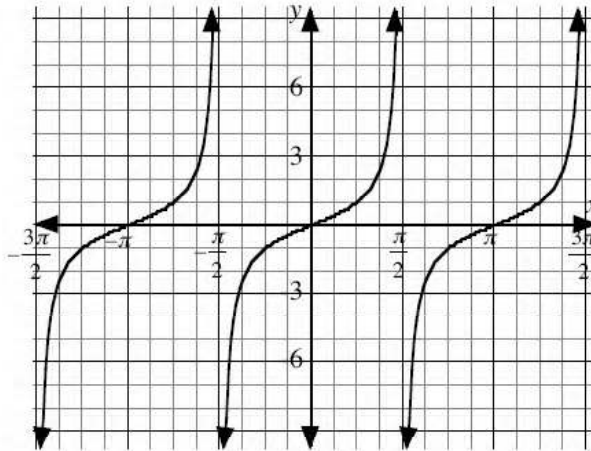
2. The graph of $y = \tan x$, $-\frac{3\pi}{2} \leq x \leq \frac{3\pi}{2}$ is shown.

a) Graph $y = \cot x$, the reciprocal of $y = \tan x$.

b) State the equations of the asymptotes of $y = \cot x$.

c) List the invariant points.

d) Complete the table for $x \in \mathfrak{R}$.



| Function | Domain | Range |
|--------------|--------|-------|
| $y = \tan x$ | | |
| $y = \cot x$ | | |

3. Use a graphing calculator to:

a) Graph $y = \csc x$ and $y = \csc\left(x + \frac{\pi}{4}\right)$

b) State an appropriate graphing calculator window in radians.

c) Complete the table for $x \in \mathfrak{R}$.

| Function | Domain | Range | Period | Equation of Asymptotes |
|--|--------|-------|--------|------------------------|
| $y = \csc x$ | | | | |
| $y = \csc\left(x + \frac{\pi}{4}\right)$ | | | | |

4. Use a graphing calculator to:

a) Graph $y = \sec x$ and $y = \sec 3x$

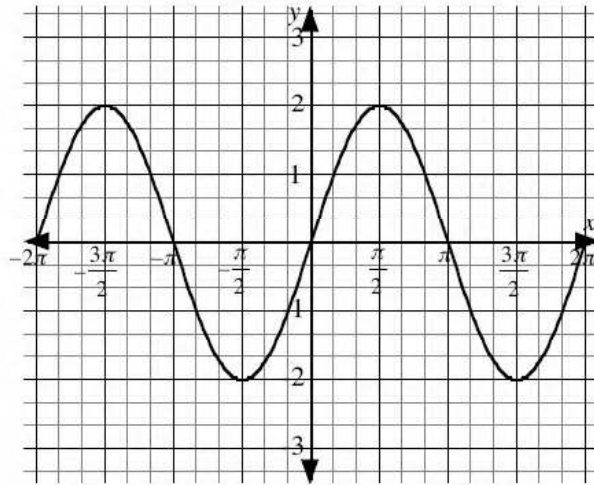
b) State an appropriate graphing calculator window in radians.

c) Complete the table for $x \in \mathfrak{R}$.

| Function | Domain | Range | Period | Equation of Asymptotes |
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| $y = \sec x$ | | | | |
| $y = \sec 3x$ | | | | |

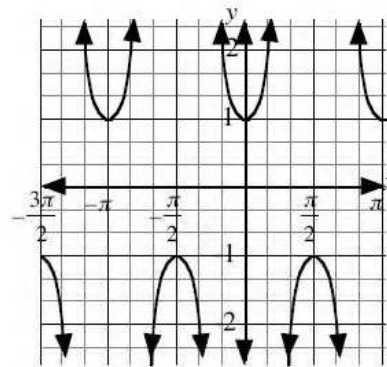
5. The graph of $y = 2 \sin x$, $-2\pi \leq x \leq 2\pi$ is shown.

- a) Graph the reciprocal of $y = 2 \sin x$.
- b) State the equation of the reciprocal function.



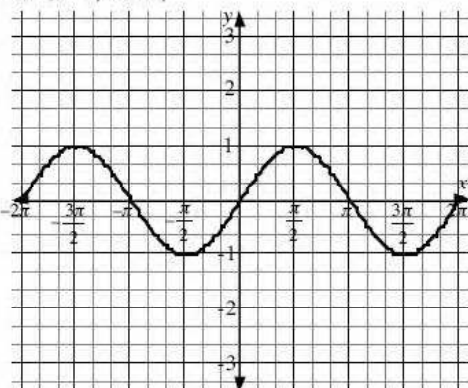
6. The graph of the function $y = \sec 2x$ is shown.

- a) Graph the reciprocal of $y = \sec 2x$.
- b) State the equation of the reciprocal function.

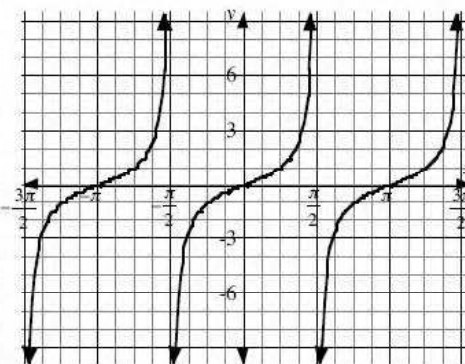


7. Sketch the following graphs

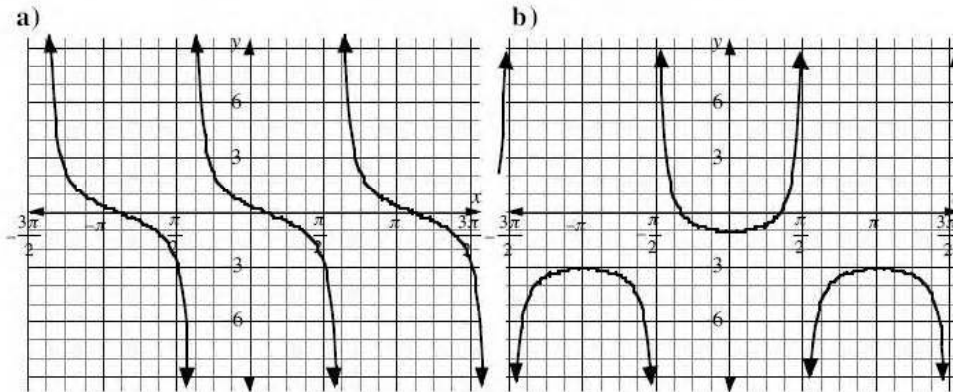
a) $y = |\sin x|$



b) $y = |\tan x|$



8. The graph represents a reciprocal trigonometric function after a single transformation. Determine the equation of each graph. Verify with a graphing calculator.



Multiple Choice

9. Which of the following describes the asymptotes for $y = \sec x$?

- A. $x = n\pi, n \in I$
- B. $x = \frac{\pi}{2} + n\pi, n \in I$
- C. $x = 2n\pi, n \in I$
- D. $x = \frac{\pi}{2} + 2n\pi, n \in I$

10. The minimum positive value of y on the graph of $y = \csc \frac{1}{2}x$ is

- A. $\frac{1}{2}$
- B. 1
- C. 2
- D. impossible to determine

11. The graph of $y = \sec 2x$ is a transformation of the graph of $y = \csc 2x$ by a horizontal translation of
- A. $\frac{\pi}{2}$ radians left B. $\frac{\pi}{2}$ radians right C. $\frac{\pi}{4}$ radians left D. $\frac{\pi}{4}$ radians right

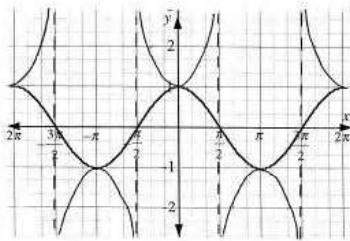
Numerical Response

12. The graph of $y = 4\sin x$ and its reciprocal are drawn. If the reciprocal graph has equation $y = k\csc x$, then the value of k to the nearest hundredth is _____.

13. The maximum value, to the nearest tenth, of the function $f(x) = |\cos x - 2|$ is _____.

Answer Key

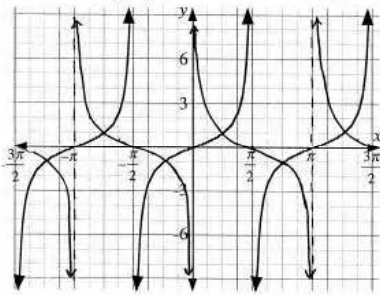
1. a) see graph below b) $x = -\frac{3\pi}{2}, -\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}$ c) $(-2\pi, 1), (\pi, -1), (0, 1), (\pi, -1), (2\pi, 1)$



d) see table below

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| $y = \sec x$ | $x \neq \frac{\pi}{2} + n\pi, n \in I, x \in \mathbb{R}$ | $y \leq -1$ and $y \geq 1, y \in \mathbb{R}$ or $ y \geq 1, y \in \mathbb{R}$ |

2. a) see graph below b) $x = -\pi, x = 0, x = \pi$



c) $\left(-\frac{5\pi}{4}, -1\right), \left(-\frac{3\pi}{4}, 1\right), \left(-\frac{\pi}{4}, -1\right), \left(\frac{\pi}{4}, 1\right), \left(\frac{3\pi}{4}, -1\right), \left(\frac{5\pi}{4}, 1\right)$

d) See table below

| Function | Domain | Range |
|--------------|--|--------------------|
| $y = \tan x$ | $x \neq \frac{\pi}{2} + n\pi, n \in I, x \in \mathbb{R}$ | $y \in \mathbb{R}$ |
| $y = \cot x$ | $x \neq n\pi, n \in I, x \in \mathbb{R}$ | $y \in \mathbb{R}$ |

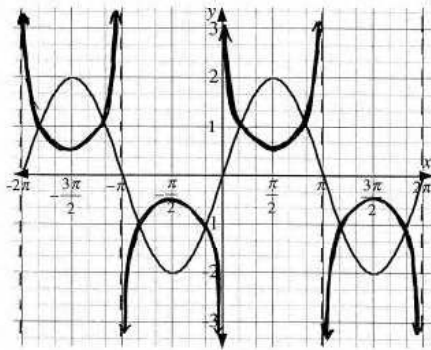
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|---|--|--|--------|-------------------------------------|
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| $y = \csc \left(x + \frac{\pi}{4}\right)$ | $x \neq n\pi - \frac{\pi}{4}, n \in I, x \in \mathbb{R}$ | $y \leq -1$ and $y \geq 1, y \in \mathbb{R}$ | 2π | $x = n\pi - \frac{\pi}{4}, n \in I$ |

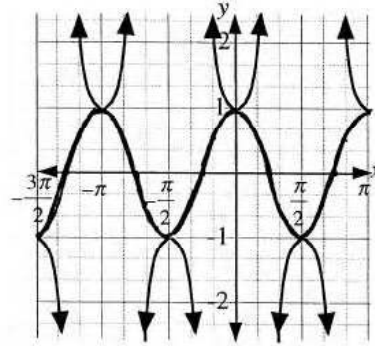
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| $y = \sec 3x$ | $x \neq \frac{\pi}{6} + n\frac{\pi}{3}, n \in I, x \in \mathfrak{R}$ | $y \leq -1$ and $y \geq 1, y \in \mathfrak{R}$ | $\frac{2\pi}{3}$ | $x = \frac{\pi}{6} + n\frac{\pi}{3}, n \in I$ |

5. a) see graph below b) $y = \frac{1}{2} \csc x$



6. a) see graph below b) $y = \cos 2x$



7. a) see graph below b) see graph below

8. a) $y = \cot\left(x + \frac{3\pi}{8}\right)$ b) $y = \sec x - 2$

9. B

10. B

11. C

12. 0.25 13. 3.0