

Finding Amplitude, Period and Midline of a Sinusoidal Function

Quick Review	
<p><i>Amplitude</i> is half the height of the wave. The amplitude of the basic sinusoidal function is 1, so the <i>amplitude</i> is equivalent to the vertical stretch of the function.</p>	<p>Example: $f(x) = 4\cos(3x) + 25$ $g(x) = 4\sin(3x) + 25$ The <i>amplitude</i> for both of these functions is 4.</p>
<p>A function is <i>periodic</i> if its values repeat at regular intervals: $f(x+c) = f(x)$. The <i>period</i> of a sinusoidal function is the smallest interval c for which the graph completes one full cycle. The <i>period</i> of the basic sinusoidal functions is 2π.</p>	<p>Example: $f(x) = 4\cos(3x) + 25$ $g(x) = 4\sin(3x) + 25$ The <i>period</i> for both of these functions is $\frac{2\pi}{3}$.</p>
<p>The <i>midline</i> of a sinusoidal function is the horizontal line midway between the function's maximum and minimum values. It is equivalent to the vertical shift. The <i>midline</i> of the basic functions is $y = 0$.</p>	<p>Example: $f(x) = 4\cos(3x) + 25$ $g(x) = 4\sin(3x) + 25$ The <i>midline</i> for both of these functions is $y = 25$.</p>

Problems

Find the amplitude, period and midline of each of the following functions.

1. $f(x) = \cos\left(\frac{2x}{3}\right)$

2. $f(x) = 5\sin(7x) - 13$

3. $f(x) = 5 - 2\cos(x)$

4. $g(x) = \frac{4}{5}\sin(2x) + 1$

5. $h(x) = \frac{1}{3} \sin\left(\frac{x}{3}\right) + 18$

6. $f(x) = 12 + \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}x\right)$

7. $g(x) = 3 \cos(x)$

8. $h(x) = 3 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{3}x\right) - 4$

9. $f(x) = \sin(x) - \pi$

10. $f(x) = \pi \cos(\pi x)$