



6.3 Exploring Graphs of the Primary Trigonometric Functions

**Math Learning Target:**

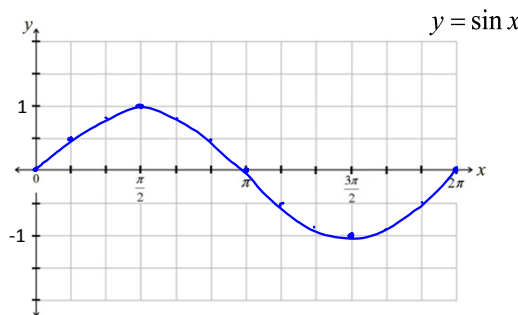
"I can use radians to graph the primary trigonometric functions.  
Also, I can create formulas that describe the location of various properties of these functions, such as zeros, minimum values, maximum values, etc."

1. Complete the table, except for the last row.

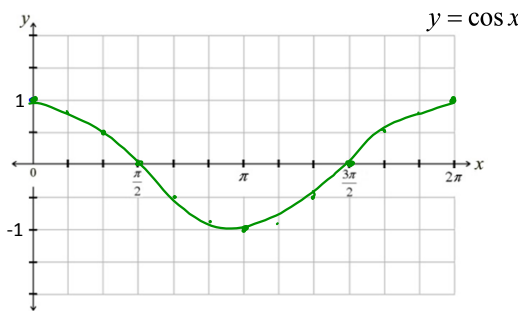
$\frac{5}{7} \frac{9}{6}$

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| $x$                     | 0 | $\frac{\pi}{6}$      | $\frac{\pi}{4}$      | $\frac{\pi}{3}$      | $\frac{\pi}{2}$ | $\frac{2\pi}{3}$     | $\frac{3\pi}{4}$      | $\frac{5\pi}{6}$      | $\pi$ | $\frac{7\pi}{6}$      | $\frac{5\pi}{4}$      | $\frac{4\pi}{3}$      | $\frac{3\pi}{2}$ | $\frac{5\pi}{3}$      | $\frac{7\pi}{4}$      | $\frac{11\pi}{6}$     | $2\pi$      |
| $\sin x$                | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$        | $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$ | $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ | 1               | $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ | $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$  | $\frac{1}{2}$         | 0     | $-\frac{1}{2}$        | $-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$ | $-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ | -1               | $-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ | $-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$ | $-\frac{1}{2}$        | 0           |
| $\cos x$                | 1 | $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ | $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$        | 0               | $-\frac{1}{2}$       | $-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$ | $-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ | -1    | $-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ | $-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$ | $-\frac{1}{2}$        | 0                | $\frac{1}{2}$         | $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$  | $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$  | 1           |
| $\frac{\sin x}{\cos x}$ | 0 | $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$ | 1                    | $\sqrt{3}$           | undef.          | $-\sqrt{3}$          | -1                    | $-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$ | 0     | $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$  | 1                     | $\sqrt{3}$            | undef.           | $-\sqrt{3}$           | -1                    | $-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$ | 0           |
| $x$                     |   | $30^\circ$           | $45^\circ$           | $60^\circ$           | $90^\circ$      | $120^\circ$          |                       |                       |       |                       | $225^\circ$           |                       |                  |                       |                       |                       | $330^\circ$ |

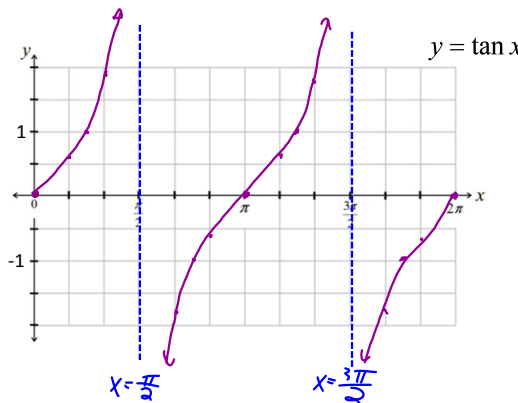
2. **Recall:**  $\tan x = \frac{\sin x}{\cos x}$ . Graph all three primary trigonometric functions (increments of  $\frac{\pi}{6}$  radians) on separate grids. Complete the properties in the table for each function.



$y = \sin x$   
 Period:  $2\pi$   
 Equation of horizontal axis:  $y=0$   
 Amplitude: 1  
 Minimum Value: -1  
 Maximum Value: 1  
 Domain:  $(-\infty, \infty)$   
 Range:  $[-1, 1]$   
 Zeros:  $0, \pi, 2\pi$



$y = \cos x$   
 Period:  $2\pi$   
 Equation of horizontal axis:  $y=0$   
 Amplitude: 1  
 Minimum Value: -1  
 Maximum Value: 1  
 Domain:  $(-\infty, \infty)$   
 Range:  $[-1, 1]$   
 Zeros:  $\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}$



$y = \tan x$   
 Period:  $\pi$   
 Equation of horizontal axis: None  
 Amplitude: undefined  
 Minimum Value: None  
 Maximum Value: None  
 Domain:  $[0, \frac{\pi}{2}) \cup (\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}) \cup (\frac{3\pi}{2}, 2\pi]$   
 Range:  $(-\infty, \infty)$   
 Zeros:  $0, \pi, 2\pi$   
 Asymptotes:  $x = \frac{\pi}{2}, x = \frac{3\pi}{2}$

**Recall:****The general term of an arithmetic sequence...** $t_n = a + (n-1)d$  where  $a$  is the first term and  $d$  is what the sequence terms increase or decrease by.

← common difference

3. It is more precise to write a set of values as a formula or expression.  
For example, the set of numbers  $\{2, 4, 6, 8, 10, \dots\}$  can be expressed as the expression  $2n$ , where  $n$  is an integer beginning at 1.

*Note: there are many formulas that can be found for this example!*

Let's determine some other ways...

$$\{2n, n \in \mathbb{N}\}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} 2n+2, n \in \mathbb{N} \\ 2n+4 \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{vs } 2n-2 \\ n \in \mathbb{Z}, n \geq 1 \end{array}$$

$n \in \mathbb{Z}$   
 $n \geq 2$

4. Create any formula that determines all values in the Domain for  $y = \tan x$ .  
*Note: there are many formulas that could work!*

$$\text{Asymptotes: } \left\{ \dots, -\frac{3\pi}{2}, -\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}, \frac{5\pi}{2}, \dots \right\}$$

$$\text{Domain: } \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \neq \frac{(2n+1)\pi}{2}, n \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$$

$$x \neq \frac{\pi}{2} + 2k\pi, k \in \mathbb{Z}$$