

Section 4.6 Graphs of Other Trigonometric Functions

Objective: In this lesson you learned how to sketch the graphs of other trigonometric functions.

I. Graph of the Tangent Function

Because the tangent function is odd, the graph of

$y = \tan x$ is symmetric with respect to the origin.

The period of the tangent function is π . The tangent

function has vertical asymptotes at $x = \frac{\pi}{2} + n\pi$, where n is an integer. The domain of the

tangent function is ALL x , $x \neq \frac{\pi}{2} + n\pi$, and the range of the function is $(-\infty, +\infty)$.

Describe how to sketch the graph of a function of the form $y = a \tan(bx - c)$.

- 1) Identify Asymptotes
- 2) Identify Key points ($x = -\pi/4, 0, \pi/4$)
- 3) Identify the period
- 4)

What you should learn:

How to sketch the graphs of tangent functions

II. Graph of the Cotangent Function

The period of the cotangent function is π . The domain of

the cotangent function is ALL x , $x \neq n\pi$, and

the range of the cotangent function is $(-\infty, +\infty)$.

The vertical asymptotes of the cotangent function occur at $x = n\pi$, where n is an integer.

III. Graphs of the Reciprocal Functions

At a given value of x , the y -coordinate of $\csc x$ is the reciprocal

of the y -coordinate of $\sin x$.

The graph of $y = \csc x$ is symmetric with respect to the

origin. The period of the cosecant function is 2π . The cosecant function has

vertical asymptotes at $x = n\pi$, where n is an integer. The domain of the cosecant function is

ALL x ; $x \neq n\pi$, and the range of the cosecant functions is

$(-\infty, -1]$ AND $[1, +\infty)$.

What you should learn:

How to sketch the graphs of cotangent functions

What you should learn:

How to sketch the graphs of secant and cosecant functions

At a given value of x , the y -coordinate of $\sec x$ is the reciprocal of the y -coordinate of $\cos x$. The graph of $y = \sec x$ is symmetric with respect to the y -axis. The period of the secant function is 2π . The secant function has vertical asymptotes at $x = \frac{\pi}{2} + n\pi$. The domain of the secant function is All x , $x \neq \frac{\pi}{2} + n\pi$, and the range of the secant function is $(-\infty, -1]$ and $[1, +\infty)$.

To sketch a graph of a secant or cosecant function, you:

- 1) Make a quick sketch of its reciprocal function
- 2) locate all max & min values for your domain
- 3) Graph vertical asymptotes at zeros of the reciprocal function
- 4) Sketch the graph.

→ $\sin x, \cos x,$
 $\tan x$

In comparing the graphs of cosecant and secant functions with those of the sine and cosine functions, note that the "hills" and "valleys" are interchanged.

Section 4.6 Examples – Graphs of Other Trigonometric Functions

(1) Describe the translations occurring from the graph of f to the graph of g .

$$f(x) = \tan x$$

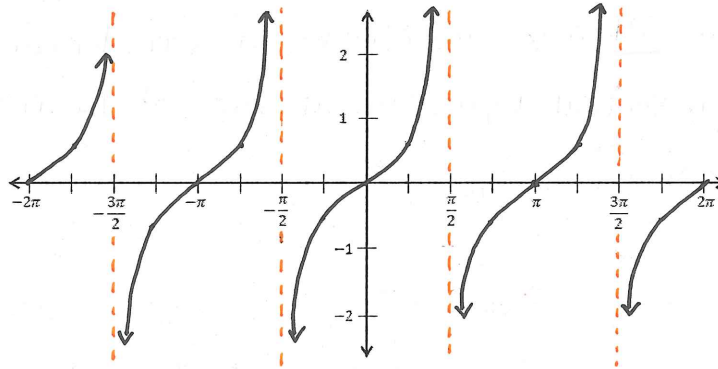
$$g(x) = \tan\left(x + \frac{\pi}{4}\right)$$

horizontal shift $\leftarrow \frac{\pi}{4}$

(2) Sketch 2 full periods of the graphs of f

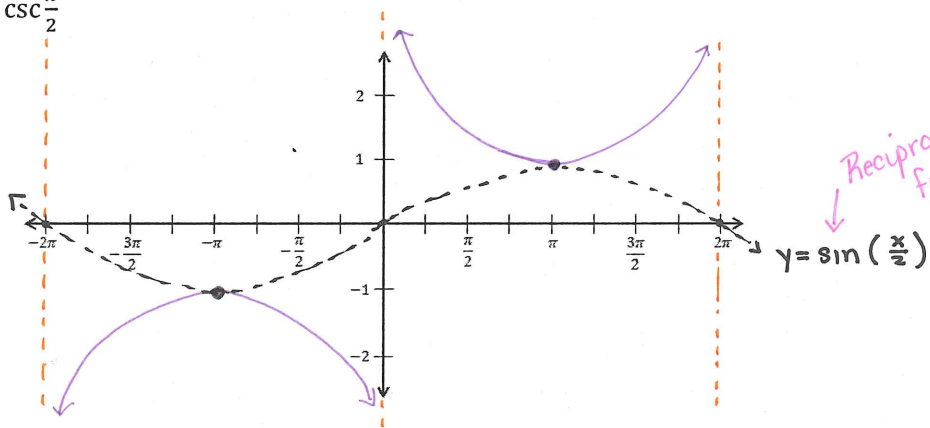
a. $f(x) = \frac{1}{2} \tan x$

vertical shrink by $\frac{1}{2}$



b. $f(x) = \csc \frac{x}{2}$

Period = $\frac{2\pi}{1/2} = 4\pi$



c. $f(x) = -\frac{1}{2} \sec x$

Vertical Shrink by $\frac{1}{2}$
reflect over x-axis

