

Exploring Trigonometric Graphs-2

Class XI

Teacher Reference

Aim: To explore effect of 'a' and 'b' on the graph of functions $a \sin(bx)$ and $a \cos(bx)$

Material: GeoGebra applet, student activity sheet

Instructions:

Task 1:

In the given applet keep the sine function checkbox selected and cosine function checkbox unselected.

Function	Amplitude	Period	Normal/Reflected/Stretch/Shrink
Keep slider 'b' at 1 and change 'a' to observe and answer			
$f(x) = 2\sin x$			
$f(x) = -2\sin x$			
$f(x) = 1.5 \sin x$			
$f(x) = -0.5 \sin x$			
Keep slider 'a' at 1 and change 'b' to observe and answer			
$f(x) = \sin 2x$			
$f(x) = \sin(-2x)$			
$f(x) = \sin(3.5x)$			
$f(x) = \sin(-0.5x)$			
Change slider 'a' and 'b' both to get the following curves and answer			
$f(x) = 0.5 \sin 2x$			
$f(x) = -2\sin(-2x)$			
$f(x) = 3\sin(2x)$			

From your observation above, what is the effect of 'a' and 'b' on the graph of the function $f(x) = a \sin(bx)$

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Task 2:

In the given applet keep the cosine function checkbox selected and sine function checkbox unselected.

Function	Amplitude	Period	Normal/Reflected/Stretch/Shrink
Keep slider 'b' at 1 and change 'a' to observe and answer			
$f(x) = 2\cos x$			
$f(x) = -2\cos x$			
$f(x) = 1.5 \cos x$			
$f(x) = -0.5 \cos x$			
Keep slider 'a' at 1 and change 'b' to observe and answer			
$f(x) = \cos 2x$			
$f(x) = \cos(-2x)$			
$f(x) = \cos(3.5x)$			
$f(x) = \cos(-0.5x)$			
Change slider 'a' and 'b' both to get the following curves and answer			
$f(x) = 0.5 \cos 2x$			
$f(x) = -2\cos(-2x)$			
$f(x) = 3\cos(2x)$			

From your observation above, what is the effect of 'a' and 'b' on the graph of the function $f(x) = a \sin(bx)$