

# TO GRAPH SINE & COSINE with Transformations

Basic step by step walk thru

Given:  $y = A \sin/\cos (k\theta \pm c) \pm h$

## Meanings:

$h$ : vertical shift:

- moves graph up and down
- tells where midline of the graph is located
- the midline is where the functions of  $\sin$  &  $\cos$  equal zero

$A$ : amplitude: vertical stretch & compression

- means the distance the max & min values are from the midline
- $-A$  means max & min flip

$k$ : period change: horizontal stretch & compression

- means the distance on the  $x$ -axis that it takes for graph to start to repeat.
- mainly changes the values of your  $x$ -axis
- period of function is  $\frac{2\pi}{k}$

or  $2\pi \cdot$  reciprocal of  $k$

$c$ : phase shift: horizontal shift left & right

- moves graph left & right
- a phase shift can make  $\sin$  look like cosine & vice versa

• phase shift is found by  $\frac{c}{k}$   
+  $c$  moves left,  $-c$  moves right

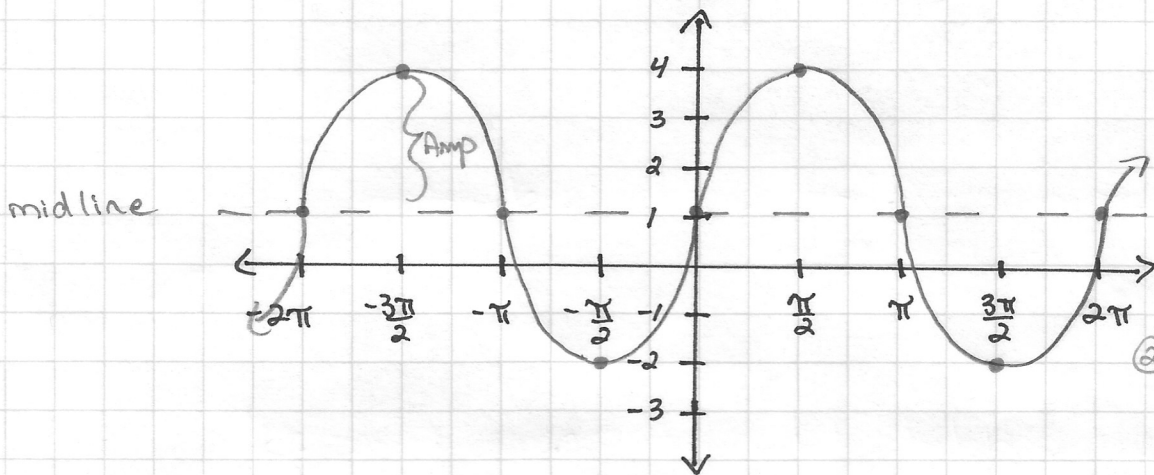
\* only have to divide by  $k$  if period changes

# Basic steps for graphing sine or cosine

• Given:  $y = A \sin/\cos (k\theta \pm c) \pm h$

- Steps:
- 1<sup>st</sup>: graph  $h \rightarrow$  the midline
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>: graph  $A \rightarrow$  distance from midline
  - 3<sup>rd</sup>: graph  $k \rightarrow$  period change (change  $x$ -axis values)
  - 4<sup>th</sup>: graph  $c \rightarrow$  shift graph left or right

Example #1:  $y = 3 \sin \theta + 1$

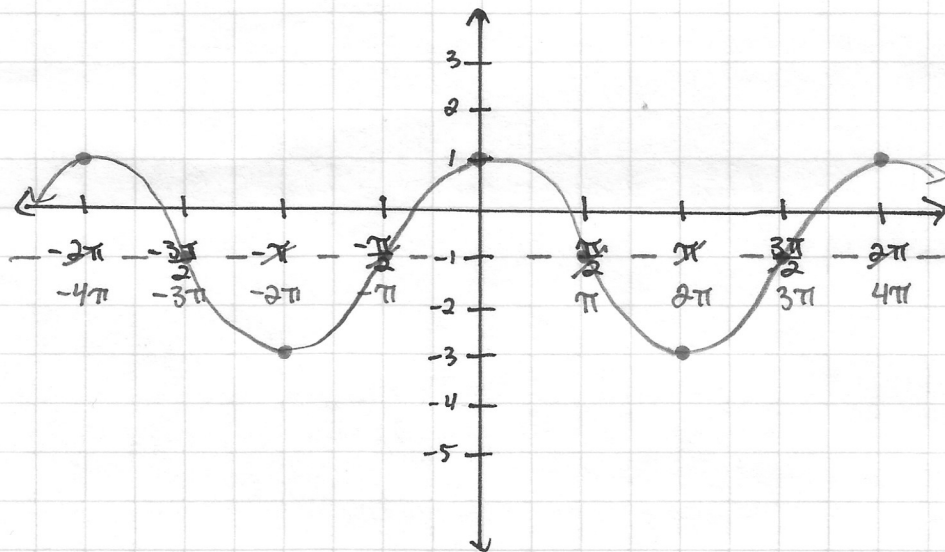


- ①  $h=1$  midline  
for  $\sin$ , zeros are at  $0\pi, \pi, 2\pi$   
those are the pts on midline

- ②  $A=3$  Amplitude  
max & min are 3 spaces from midline

\* Last draw curves

Example #2:  $y = 2 \cos \frac{1}{2}\theta - 1$



- ①  $h=-1$  midline  
Zeros for cosine  
 $\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}$

- ② Amp is 2

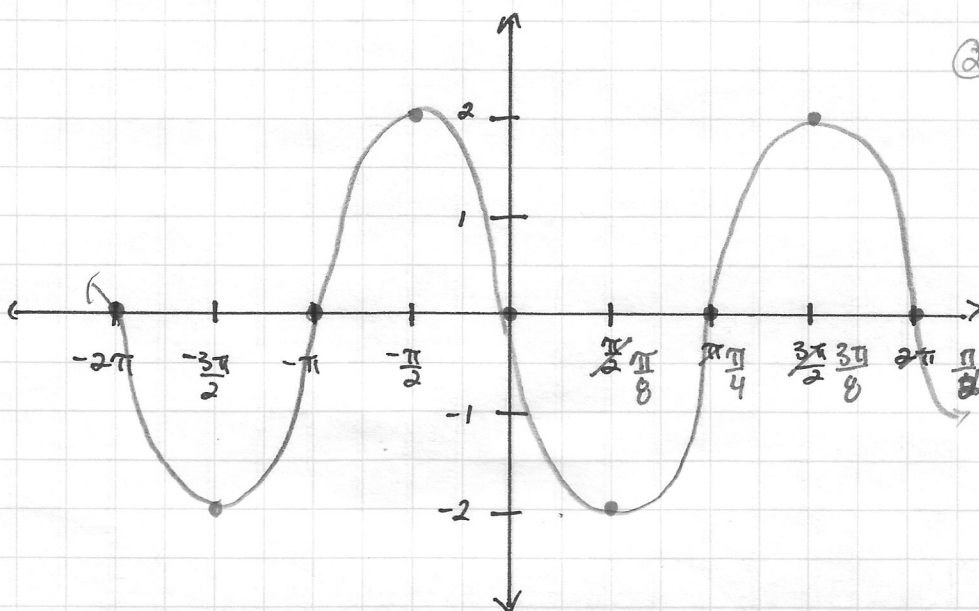
- ③  $k =$  period change

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} 2\pi \cdot 2 \\ \text{or} \\ \frac{2\pi}{\frac{1}{2}} \end{array} \right\} \text{means period is } 4\pi$$

\* means multiply  $x$ -axis by 2

EXAMPLE 3:

$$y = -2 \sin 4\theta$$



① no h so zeros are on x-axis

②  $A = 2$  max/min 2 spaces from

- flips max/min

③ Period:  $k = 4$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \frac{2\pi}{4} \\ \text{or} \\ 2\pi \cdot \frac{1}{4} \end{array} \right\} = \frac{1}{2}\pi \text{ or } \frac{\pi}{2}$$

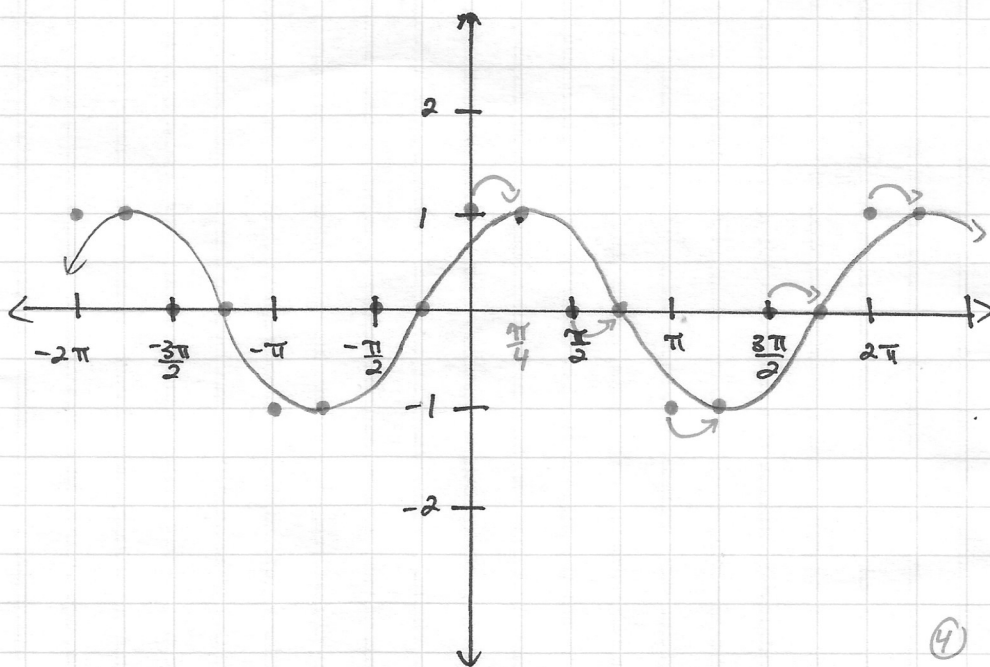
$$\frac{2\pi}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{4} = \frac{\pi}{8} \quad \pi - \frac{1}{4} = \frac{4\pi}{4}$$

$$\frac{3\pi}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{4} = \frac{3\pi}{8} \quad 2\pi \cdot \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

\* means take x-axis & multiply by 1/4

Example 4:

$$y = \cos\left(\theta - \frac{\pi}{4}\right)$$



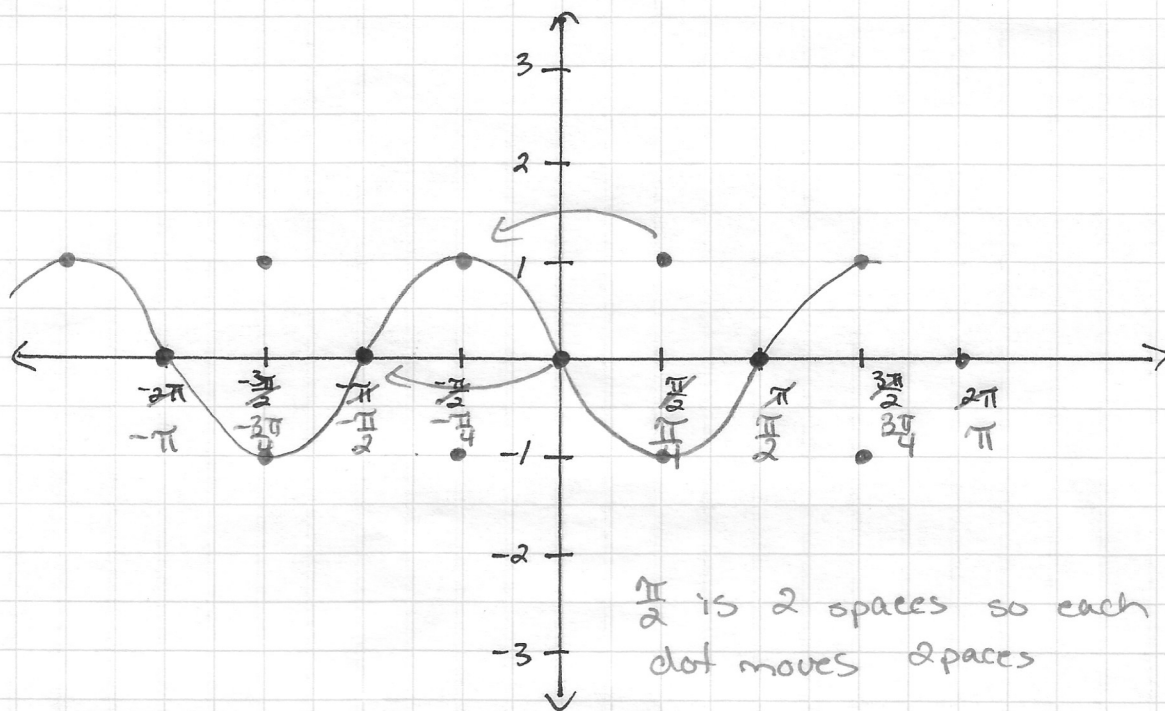
① no h so midline is x-axis

②  $A = 1$  max/min 1 space from midline

③ no k show x-axis stays same

④  $c = \frac{\pi}{4}$  & is neg so each pt moves right  $\frac{\pi}{4}$

Example 5:  $y = \sin(2\theta + \pi)$



① midline is on x-axis since no  $h$

② so zeros are at  $\pi$  values

② Amp is 1 so max & min are 1 space away

③  $k$  is 2 so period changes

$$2\pi \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \pi \quad \text{period is } \pi$$

\* multiply x-axis by  $\frac{1}{2}$  & change x-axis

④ since  $k$  is 2 &  $c$  is  $\pi$

phase shift is  $\pi \cdot \frac{1}{2}$  which is  $\frac{\pi}{2}$   
 so each pt moves  $\frac{\pi}{2}$  spaces to the left since it is +.