105 Algebra and Trigonometry

Review 6

Problem 1. Consider the function
$$y = -2\cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}x + \frac{\pi}{3}\right)$$
.

(a) Find the amplitude, the period, and the shift.

(b) Graph the function.

Solution. (a) We identify the coefficients in this expression as

$$a = -2, b = \frac{2\pi}{3}, c = -\frac{\pi}{3}.$$

Next we compute the amplitude $\mid\!a\!\mid\!=\!2$, the period $\frac{2\pi}{b}\!=\!3$, and the shift



Problem 2 (a) Find the standard restricted domain over which the function y from Problem 1 is one-to-one.

(b) Find the inverse function to this restriction of *y*.

(c) Graph the function \boldsymbol{y} with the restricted domain and the inverse function in the same coordinate system.

Solution (a) the standard interval where the function $\cos x$ is one-to-one is $[0, \pi]$. Respectively for the function y we have to consider the interval

$$0 \le \frac{2\pi}{3}x + \frac{\pi}{3} \le \pi$$

Whence
$$-\frac{\pi}{3} \le \frac{2\pi}{3} x \le \frac{2\pi}{3}$$
, and $-\frac{1}{2} \le x \le 1$

(b) We consider the interval above and solve the equation

$$y = -2\cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}x + \frac{\pi}{3}\right) \text{for } x.$$
$$-\frac{y}{2} = \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}x + \frac{\pi}{3}\right),$$
$$\frac{2\pi}{3}x + \frac{\pi}{3} = \arccos\left(-\frac{y}{2}\right),$$
$$x = \frac{3}{2\pi}\arccos\left(-\frac{y}{2}\right) - \frac{1}{2}$$

Therefore the inverse function is defined as

$$y^{-1}(x) = \frac{3}{2\pi} \arccos\left(-\frac{x}{2}\right) - \frac{1}{2}$$

(C) The graphs of y and y^{-1} are shown below.



Problem 3 Consider the function $y = tan\left(\frac{1}{3}x - \frac{\pi}{6}\right)$.

(a) Find the period and the shift.

(b) Graph the function.

Solution (a) the period is $\pi \div (1/3) = 3\pi$, the shift is $\pi/6 \div 1/3 = \pi/2$.

(b) The graph is shown below



Problem 4(a) Find the standard restricted domain over which the function y from Problem 1 is one-to-one.

(b) Find the inverse function to this restriction of *y* .

(c) Graph the function \boldsymbol{y} with the restricted domain and the inverse function in the same coordinate system.

(a) The standard interval where $\tan x$ is one-to-one is $(-\pi/2, \pi/2)$.

Respectively for y we have $-\frac{\pi}{2} < \frac{1}{3}x - \frac{\pi}{6} < \frac{\pi}{2}$, whence $-\pi < x < 2\pi$.

(b) Over this restricted domain we have $\frac{1}{3}x - \frac{\pi}{6} = \arctan y$, whence $x = 3\arctan y + \pi/2$, and

$$y^{-1}(x) = 3 \arctan x + \pi/2.$$

(c) The graphs are shown below.



Problem 5 (a) Find the exact value (no calculators!) of csc(arctan(-7/5)).

(b) Rewrite $tan(arcsin(\sqrt{x}))$ as an equivalent algebraic expression.

Solution (a) First notices that because the functions csc and arctan are both odd functions we have

$$\csc(\arctan(-7/5)) = \csc(-\arctan(7/5)) = -\csc(\arctan(7/5))$$

To find the value of $\csc(\arctan(7/5))$ consider the right triangle with an acute angle θ , opposite side 7, and adjacent side 5. Then

 $\csc(\arctan(-7/5)) = \csc\theta = 7/\sqrt{5^2 + 7^2} = 7/\sqrt{74}$, whence the answer to part (a) is $-7/\sqrt{74}$.

(b) Consider the right triangle with an acute angle θ , opposite side \sqrt{x} , and hypotenuse 1. Then

$$\tan(\arcsin(\sqrt{x})) = \tan \theta = \frac{\sqrt{x}}{\sqrt{1 - (\sqrt{x})^2}} = \frac{\sqrt{x}}{\sqrt{1 - x}} = \sqrt{\frac{x}{1 - x}}.$$