

Day 8: Application #1

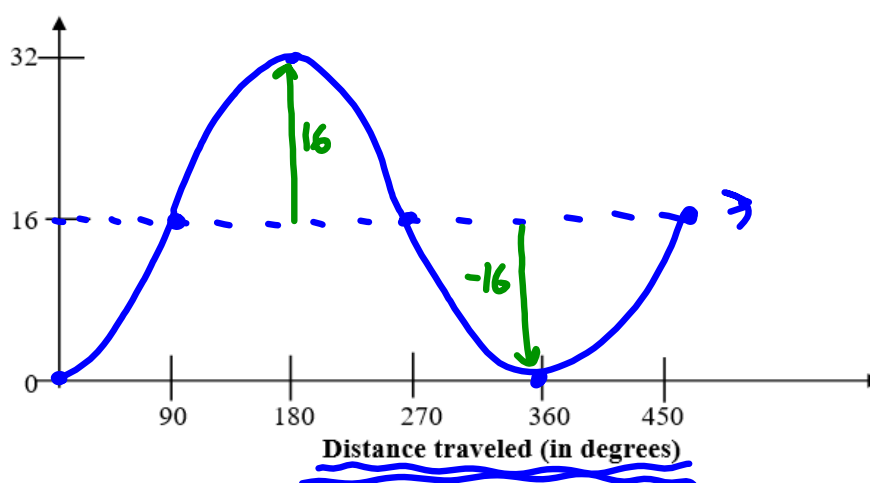
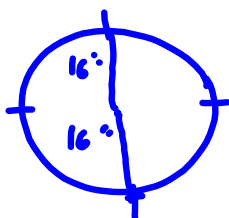
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A car's tire has a diameter of 32 inches. It runs over a nail, but it is able to continue moving. Write a cosine function that describes the height of the nail above the ground as a function of the wheel's angular distance.

A. Sketch the curve

Max 32
Min 0

Height of nail
(in inches)



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B. Identify the vertical shift

$$f(x) = A \cos(\omega(x-h)) + k$$

$$k: 16$$

A

C. Identify the amplitude

$$\text{amp}: 16$$

D. Find the horizontal shift

none

W

E. Find the cycle (distance of each rotation) and period

Since the function will consist of angular distance, we'll use 360 degrees for each cycle.

$$1 \text{ cycle in } 360^\circ \quad \omega = 1$$

F. Write the equation to model this situation.

$$f(x): -16 \cos(1x) + 16$$

G. If the car wheel frame covers the top half of the wheel, when will the nail be visible?

$$(0, 90) \quad (270, 450)$$

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$$\begin{array}{c} \text{amp} \\ [-3, 3] \\ \pm k + s \\ [,] \end{array}$$

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