

LESSON
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Review for Mastery

Graphs of Other Trigonometric Functions

Transformations of the tangent function change the period and/or asymptotes of the graph.

For $y = a \tan bx$:

Note: x is measured in radians.

- the period is $\frac{\pi}{|b|}$,
- the asymptotes are located at $x = \frac{\pi}{2|b|} + \frac{\pi n}{|b|}$, where n is an integer.

Use the graph of $f(x) = \tan x$ to sketch the graph of $g(x) = \tan \frac{1}{2}x$.

Step 1 Find b to identify the period.

$$b = \frac{1}{2}, \text{ and } \frac{\pi}{|b|} = \frac{\pi}{\left|\frac{1}{2}\right|} = 2\pi, \text{ so the period is } 2\pi.$$

There will be one full cycle between $-\pi$ and π .

Step 2 Use the period to identify the x -intercepts. The first x -intercepts of both $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ occur at 0. Because the period is 2π , the intercepts occur at $2\pi n$. For example, $-2\pi, 0,$ and 2π are x -intercepts.

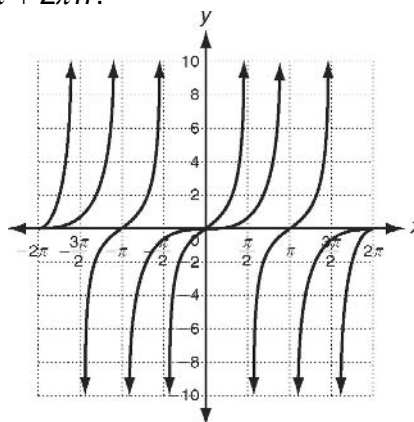
The intercepts shift 2π radians right and occur at integer multiples of 2π or the even multiples of π .

Step 3 Identify the asymptotes.

$$b = \frac{1}{2}, \text{ so the asymptotes occur at } x = \frac{\pi}{2\left|\frac{1}{2}\right|} + \frac{\pi n}{\left|\frac{1}{2}\right|} = \pi + 2\pi n.$$

Step 4 Graph $f(x) = \tan x$ and $g(x) = \tan \frac{1}{2}x$ on the same plane.

The x -intercepts of $g(x)$ are also x -intercepts of $f(x)$. The asymptotes are different. Because the period of $g(x)$ is 2π , there are fewer cycles of $g(x)$ in the same interval as $f(x)$.

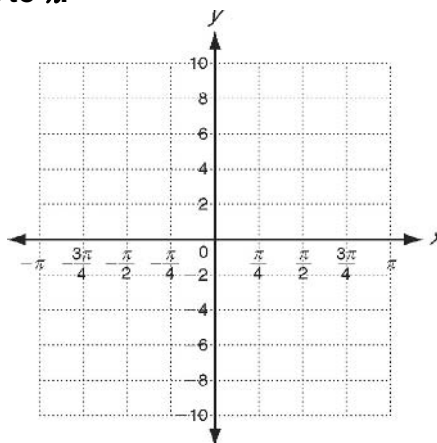


Complete to graph $g(x) = \tan 2x$. Use the interval from $-\pi$ to π .

- Find the period of $g(x)$. $\frac{\pi}{|b|} =$ _____
- Find the x -intercepts of $g(x)$.

- Find the asymptotes of $g(x)$.

- Sketch the graph of $f(x) = \tan x$.
Then graph $g(x) = \tan 2x$.



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Graphs of Other Trigonometric Functions (continued)

Transformations of the cotangent function are similar to transformations of the tangent function.

For $y = a \cot bx$:

- the period is $\frac{\pi}{|b|}$,
- the asymptotes are located at $x = \frac{\pi n}{|b|}$, where n is an integer.

This is the same as for tangent transformations.

Use the graph of $f(x) = \cot x$ to sketch the graph of $g(x) = \cot 2x$.

Step 1 Find b to identify the period.

$b = 2$, and $\frac{\pi}{|b|} = \frac{\pi}{|2|} = \frac{\pi}{2}$, so the period is $\frac{\pi}{2}$.

There will be one full cycle between 0 and $\frac{\pi}{2}$.

Step 2 Use the period to identify the x -intercepts.

The first x -intercept of $f(x)$ is $\frac{\pi}{2}$.

The first x -intercept of $g(x)$ occurs at $\frac{\pi}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2}$, or $\frac{\pi}{4}$.

The x -intercepts shift $\frac{\pi}{2}$ radians right.

From $-\pi$ to π the x -intercepts are $-\frac{3\pi}{4}$, $-\frac{\pi}{4}$, $\frac{\pi}{4}$, and $\frac{3\pi}{4}$.

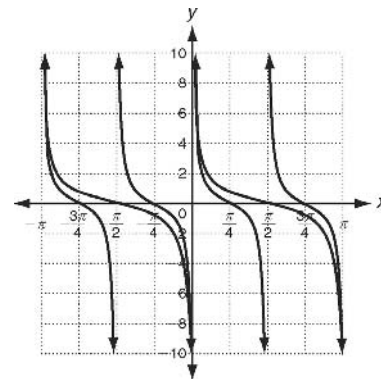
Step 3 Identify the asymptotes.

$b = 2$, so the asymptotes occur at $x = \frac{\pi n}{|2|} = \frac{\pi n}{2}$.

These are the multiples of $\frac{\pi}{2}$.

Step 4 Graph $g(x) = \cot 2x$.

- Sketch the asymptotes.
- Plot the intercepts.
- Then use $f(x) = \cot x$ as a guide to sketch the graph of $g(x) = \cot 2x$.



Complete to graph $g(x) = \cot \frac{1}{2} x$. Use the interval from -2π to 2π .

5. Find the period of $g(x)$. $\frac{\pi}{|b|} =$ _____

6. Find the x -intercepts of $g(x)$. _____

7. Where are the asymptotes of $g(x)$?

8. Sketch the graph of $g(x) = \cot \frac{1}{2} x$.

