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# Sinusoidal Functions

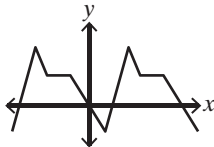


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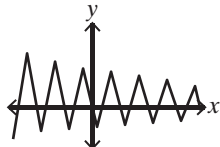
### Periodic function:

a function that repeats its values in regular intervals

e.g.



periodic

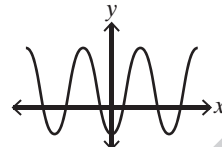


nonperiodic

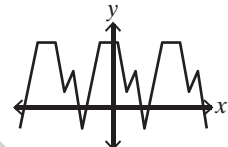
### Sinusoidal function:

a periodic function that resembles a smooth curve that is symmetrical

e.g.



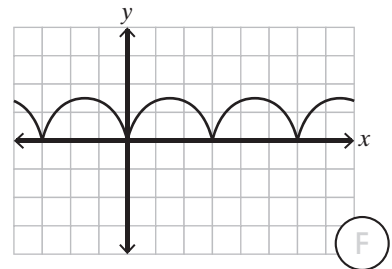
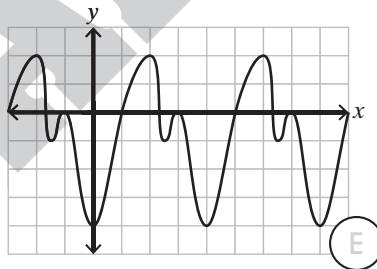
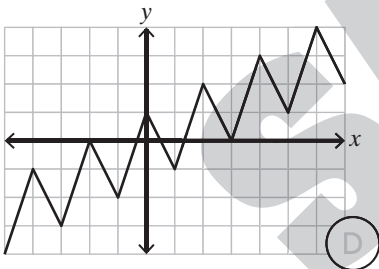
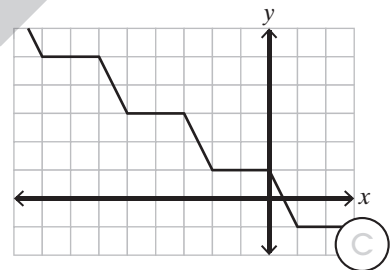
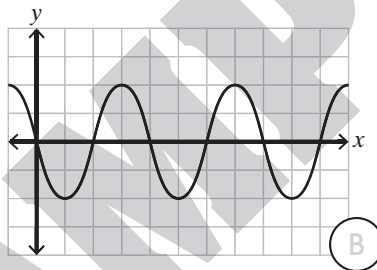
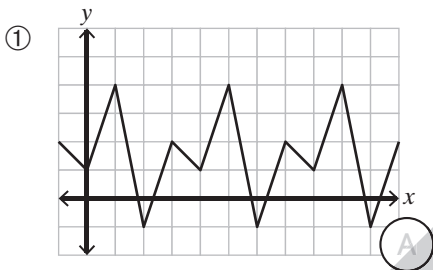
periodic and sinusoidal



periodic but not sinusoidal

## 6.1 Properties of Periodic Functions

Identify and check the graphs that are periodic. Then answer the question.



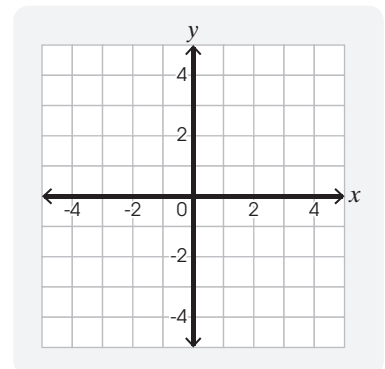
② Which table represents the values of a periodic function? Explain your choice. Then graph the function.

**A**

$x$	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4
$y$	2	0	-2	4	2	0	-2	4	2	0

**B**

$x$	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4
$y$	4	3	2	1	0	-1	-2	-3	-4	-5




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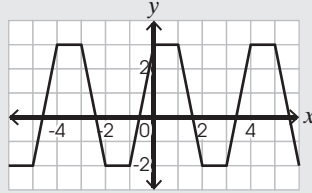
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### Example

Determine the key features of the periodic graph.



**Solution:**

period: 4 ← The graph repeats its cycle every 4 units on the  $x$ -axis.

peak: 3 ← the maximum  $y$ -value

trough: -2 ← the minimum  $y$ -value

range:  $\{y \in \mathbb{R} \mid 3 \geq y \geq -2\}$  ← all possible values of  $y$

equation of the axis:  $y = \frac{3 + (-2)}{2}$   
 $y = 0.5$

amplitude:  $\frac{3 - (-2)}{2} = 2.5$  ← can also be determined using the function's axis  
 $3 - 0.5 = 2.5$  or  $0.5 - (-2) = 2.5$

**Try This**

period: \_\_\_\_\_

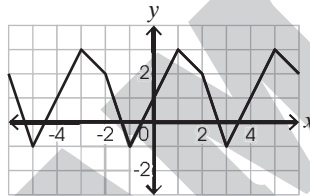
peak: \_\_\_\_\_

trough: \_\_\_\_\_

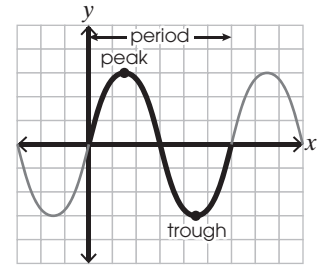
range: \_\_\_\_\_

equation of the axis: \_\_\_\_\_

amplitude: \_\_\_\_\_



### Key Features of Periodic Functions



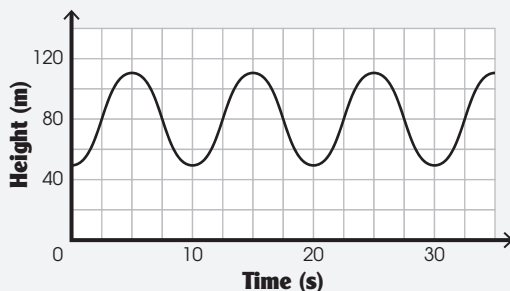
- **period:**  
the horizontal distance needed for the graph of a periodic function to complete one cycle
- **peak:**  
the maximum point on a graph
- **trough:**  
the minimum point on a graph
- **range:**  
the set of all  $y$ -values
- **equation of the axis:**  
the equation of the horizontal line halfway between the maximum and minimum values  

$$y = \frac{\text{max. value} + \text{min. value}}{2}$$
- **amplitude:**  
half the difference between the maximum and minimum values; or the vertical distance from the function's axis to the maximum or minimum value

Determine the key features of the periodic graphs.

③

#### Height of a Blade on a Wind Turbine



period: \_\_\_\_\_

peak: \_\_\_\_\_

trough: \_\_\_\_\_

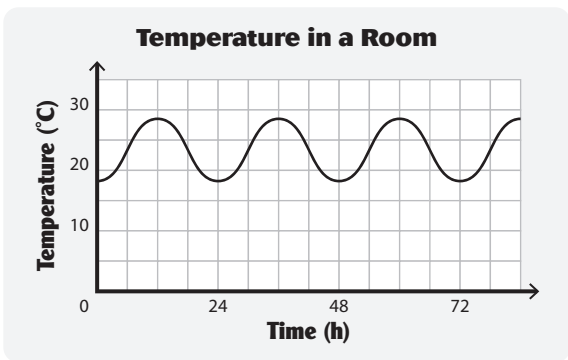
amplitude: \_\_\_\_\_

range: \_\_\_\_\_

equation of the axis: \_\_\_\_\_

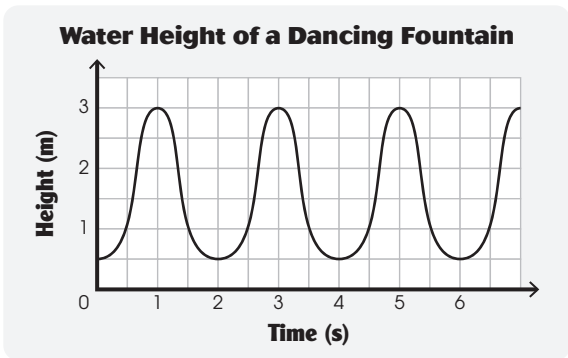


④



period: \_\_\_\_\_ | range: \_\_\_\_\_  
 peak: \_\_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_\_  
 trough: \_\_\_\_\_ | equation of the axis: \_\_\_\_\_  
 amplitude: \_\_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_\_

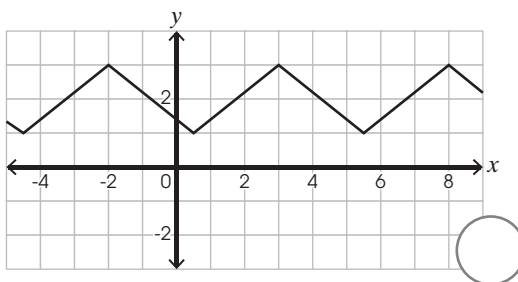
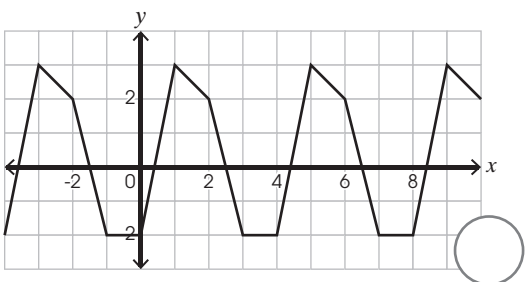
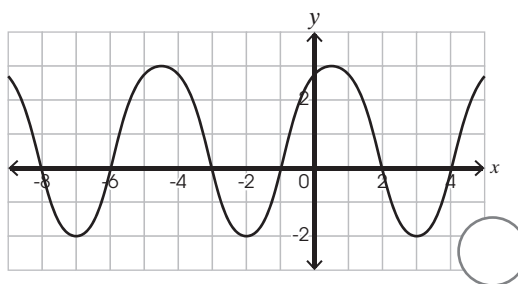
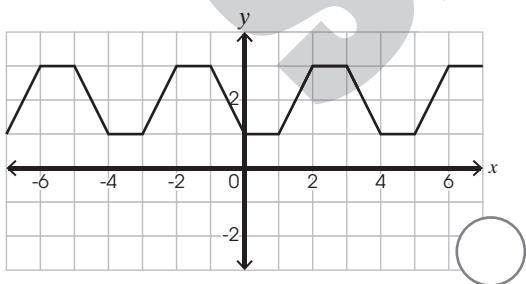
⑤



period: \_\_\_\_\_ | range: \_\_\_\_\_  
 peak: \_\_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_\_  
 trough: \_\_\_\_\_ | equation of the axis: \_\_\_\_\_  
 amplitude: \_\_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_\_

Complete the table. Then match the graphs.

Graph	A	B	C	D
period	4	4	5	5
peak	3	3	3	3
amplitude	_____	1	_____	2.5
equation of the axis	$y = 0.5$	_____	$y = 2$	_____



Determine whether each scenario will produce a periodic or a nonperiodic graph. For the periodic graphs, determine the independent and dependent variables.

- ⑦ May is skipping with a jump rope.

\_\_\_\_\_ • independent variable: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ • dependent variable: \_\_\_\_\_

- ⑧ The water level of a bay is changing due to tides.

\_\_\_\_\_ • independent variable: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ • dependent variable: \_\_\_\_\_

- ⑨ Kobe is swimming and he wants to find out the distance he has swum.

\_\_\_\_\_ • independent variable: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ • dependent variable: \_\_\_\_\_



**HINT**

An independent variable is a variable whose values are chosen and is usually presented on the  $x$ -axis.

A dependent variable is a variable whose values are calculated and is usually presented on the  $y$ -axis.

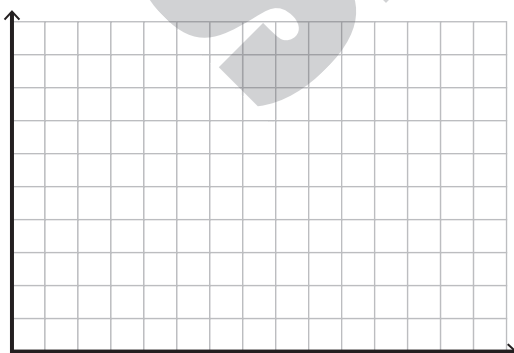
e.g. Jody is jogging.

- independent variable: time
- dependent variable: distance jogged

A table of values is given for each scenario. Plot the points and answer the question.

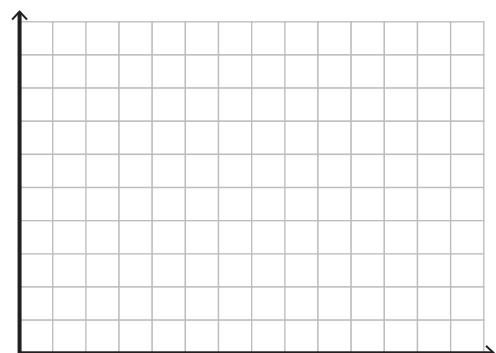
- ⑩ Water is pumped into and removed from a tube. The table records the amount of water in the tube at specific times.

Time (min)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Amount (mL)	200	250	250	190	200	250	250	200



- Joshua is on a Ferris wheel. His height above the ground over time is recorded in the table.

Time (s)	0	15	30	45	60	75	90
Height (m)	2	8	2	8	2	8	2



- ⑪ Which graph is periodic? Find its period, peak, trough, range, equation of the axis, and amplitude.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_