



TOPIC

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Trigonometry-2

11.1. GRAPH OF TRIGONOMETRIC FUNCTIONS

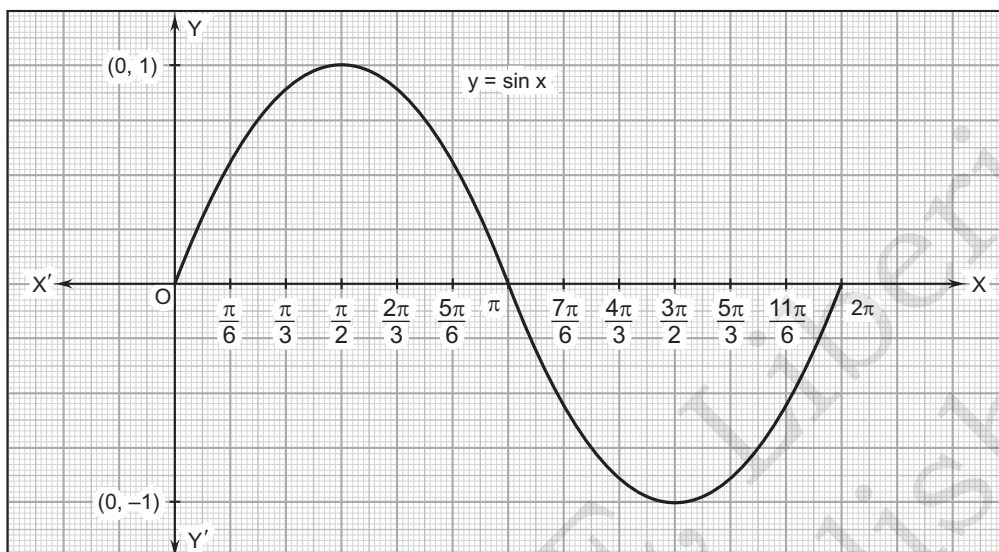
1. Graph of Sine Function

We know that $f(x) = \sin x$ is a periodic function with period 2π . Therefore, it is sufficient to know graph $f(x) = \sin x$ in the interval $[0, 2\pi]$. Using the periodicity of the function, we can draw the graph of $f(x) = \sin x$ in other intervals such as $[-2\pi, 4\pi]$ etc.

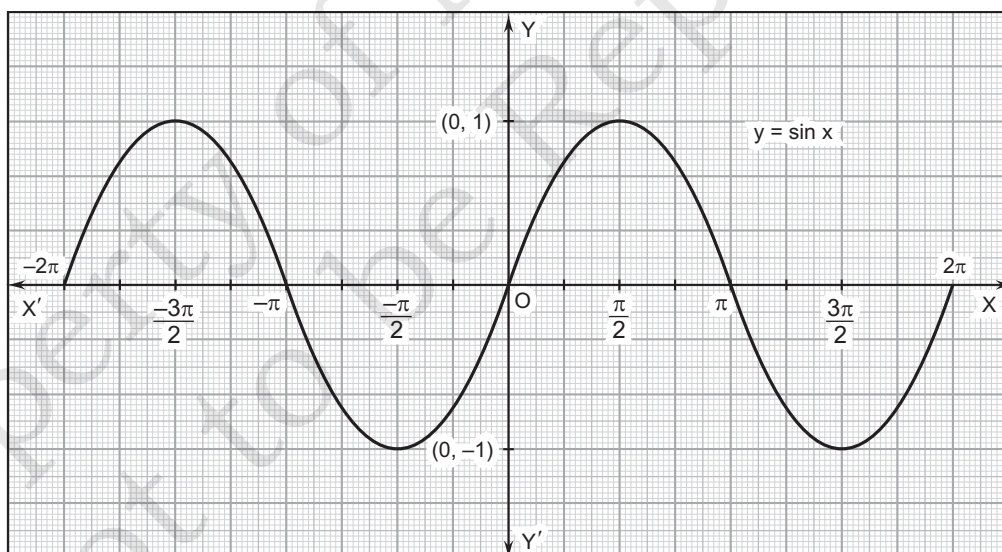
Border to draw the graph of $f(x) = \sin x$ in the interval $[0, 2\pi]$, we require the values of $\sin x$ at these points in $[0, 2\pi]$. These values are listed in the following table.

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|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| x | 0 | $\frac{\pi}{12}$ | $\frac{\pi}{8}$ | $\frac{\pi}{6}$ | $\frac{\pi}{4}$ | $\frac{\pi}{3}$ | $\frac{3\pi}{8}$ | $\frac{5\pi}{12}$ | $\frac{\pi}{2}$ |
| | $\frac{7\pi}{12}$ | $\frac{5\pi}{8}$ | $\frac{2\pi}{3}$ | $\frac{3\pi}{4}$ | $\frac{5\pi}{6}$ | $\frac{7\pi}{8}$ | $\frac{11\pi}{12}$ | 2π | |
| $y = \sin x$ | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ | $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ | 1 | $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 |
| | $-\frac{1}{2}$ | $-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ | $-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ | -1 | $-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ | $-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ | $-\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | |
| $y = \sin \alpha$ | 0 | 0.5 | 0.71 | 0.86 | 1 | 0.86 | 0.71 | 0.5 | 0 |
| | -0.5 | -0.71 | -0.86 | -1 | -0.86 | -0.71 | -0.5 | 0 | |

On suitable scale we plot the point $(0, 0)$ $(\pi/6, 0.5)$, $(\pi/4, 0.71)$, $(\pi/3, 0.86)$ $(\pi/2, 1)$, $(2\pi/3, 0.86)$, $(2\pi/4, 0.71)$, $(5\pi/6, 0.5)$, $(\pi, 0)$, $(7\pi/6, -0.5)$, $(5\pi/4, -0.71)$, $(4\pi/3, -0.86)$ $(3\pi/3, -0.86)$, $(3\pi/2, -1)$, $(3\pi/3, -0.86)$, $(7\pi/4, -0.71)$, $(11\pi/6, -0.5)$ and $(2\pi, 0)$ in the xy -plane and join them by a free curve to obtain the curve $y = \sin x$ i.e., the graph of $f(x) = \sin x$ in the interval $[0, 2\pi]$ as shown in figure.

Graph of $f(x) = \sin x$ in $[0, 2\pi]$

As $f(x) = \sin x$ is a periodic function with period 2π . The graph of $f(x) = \sin x$ in the interval $[-2\pi, 0]$ is identical to its graph in $[0, 2\pi]$ as shown in figure.

Graph of $f(x) = \sin x$ in $[-2\pi, 2\pi]$

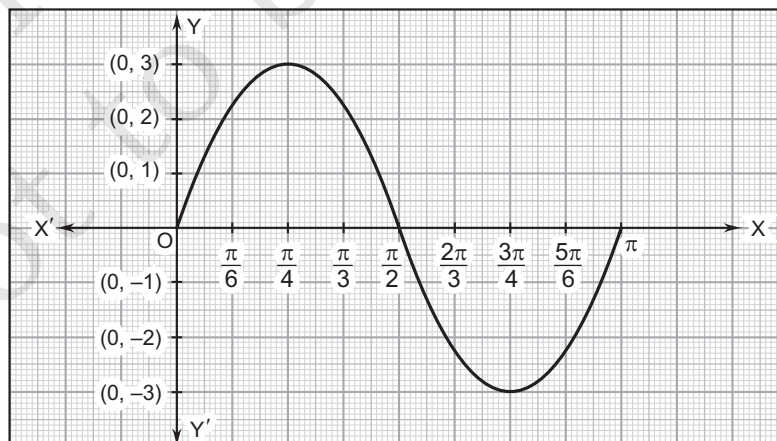
Example 1. Sketch the graph of the function $f(x) = 3 \sin 2x$.

Solution. We know that $g(x) = \sin x$ is periodic function with period 2π . Therefore $f(x) = 3 \sin 2x$ is periodic function with period π . So, we will draw the graph of $f(x) = 3 \sin 2x$ is periodic function with period π . So,

we will draw the graph of $f(x) = 3 \sin 2x$ in the interval $[0, \pi]$ and to draw (or know) its graph in other intervals such as $[-\pi, 0]$, $[\pi, 2\pi]$ etc. You may use the periodicity of the function. The value of $f(x) = 3 \sin 2x$ at various points in $(0, x)$ are listed in the following table.

| | | | | | | | | |
|---------------|-----------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| x | 0 | $\frac{\pi}{12}$ | $\frac{\pi}{8}$ | $\frac{\pi}{6}$ | $\frac{\pi}{4}$ | $\frac{\pi}{3}$ | $\frac{3\pi}{8}$ | $\frac{5\pi}{12}$ |
| | $\frac{\pi}{2}$ | $\frac{7\pi}{12}$ | $\frac{5\pi}{8}$ | $\frac{2\pi}{3}$ | $\frac{3\pi}{4}$ | $\frac{5\pi}{6}$ | $\frac{7\pi}{8}$ | $\frac{11\pi}{12}$ |
| $2x$ | 0 | $\frac{\pi}{6}$ | $\frac{\pi}{4}$ | $\frac{\pi}{3}$ | $\frac{\pi}{2}$ | $\frac{2\pi}{3}$ | $\frac{3\pi}{4}$ | $\frac{5\pi}{6}$ |
| | π | $\frac{7\pi}{6}$ | $\frac{5\pi}{4}$ | $\frac{4\pi}{3}$ | $\frac{3\pi}{2}$ | $\frac{5\pi}{3}$ | $\frac{7\pi}{4}$ | $\frac{11\pi}{6}$ |
| $y = \sin 2x$ | 0 | $\frac{3}{2}$ = 1.5 | $\frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}$ = 2.1 | $\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}$ = 2.59 | 3 | $\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}$ = 2.58 | $\frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}$ = 2.1 | $\frac{3}{2}$ = 1.5 |
| | 0 | $-\frac{3}{2}$ = -1.5 | $-\frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}$ = -2.1 | $-\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}$ = -2.58 | -3 | $-\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}$ = -2.58 | $-\frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}$ = -2.1 | $\frac{3}{2}$ = -1.5 |

The points $(0, 0)$ $(\pi/12, 1.5)$, $(\pi/8, 2.1)$, $(\pi/6, 2.58)$, $(\pi/4, 3)$, $(\pi/3, 2.58)$, $(3\pi/8, 2.13)$ $(5\pi/12, 1.5)$, $(\pi/2, 0)$, $(7\pi/12, -1.5)$, $(5\pi/8, -2.13)$, $(2\pi/3, -2.58)$ $(3\pi/4, -3)$, $(5\pi/6, -2.58)$, $(7\pi/8, -2.13)$, $(11\pi/12, -1.5)$ and $(\pi, 0)$ are plotted on a suitable scale in the xy -plane and joined by a free hand curve to obtain the graph of the function $f(x) = 3 \sin 2x$ i.e., the curve $y = 3 \sin 2x$ as shown in figure.



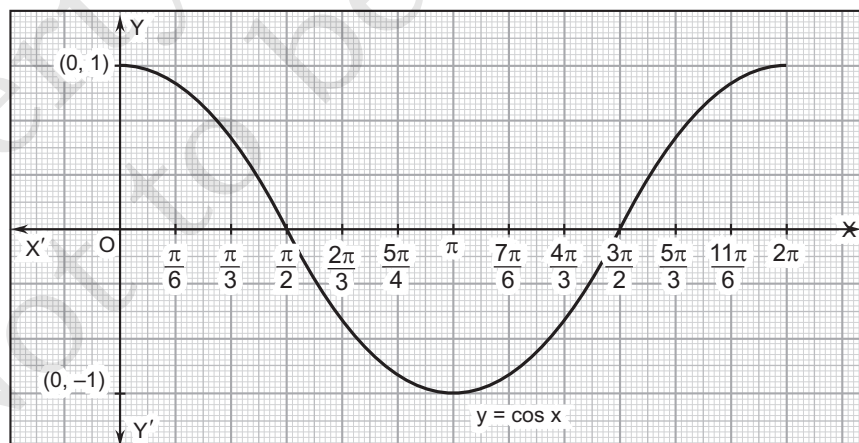
Graph of $f(x) = 3 \sin 2x$ in $[0, \pi]$

2. Graph of Cosine Function

We have learnt that $f(x) = \cos x$ is a periodic function with period 2π . In order to draw the graph of $f(x) = \cos x$ it is sufficient to know its graph in $[0, 2\pi]$. The values of $f(x) = \cos x$ at various points in $[0, 2\pi]$ are given in the following table.

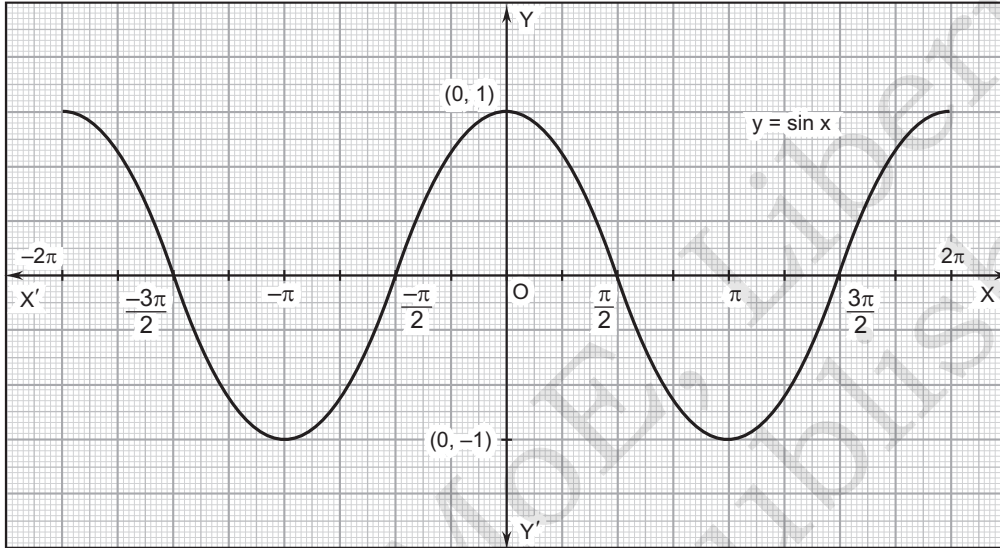
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|----------|-------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------|
| x | 0 | $\frac{\pi}{6}$ | $\frac{\pi}{4}$ | $\frac{\pi}{3}$ | $\frac{\pi}{2}$ | $\frac{2\pi}{3}$ | $\frac{3\pi}{4}$ | $\frac{5\pi}{6}$ | |
| | π | $\frac{7\pi}{6}$ | $\frac{5\pi}{4}$ | $\frac{4\pi}{3}$ | $\frac{3\pi}{2}$ | $\frac{5\pi}{3}$ | $\frac{7\pi}{4}$ | $\frac{11\pi}{6}$ | 2π |
| $\cos x$ | 1 | $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | $-\frac{1}{2}$ | $-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ | $-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ | |
| | -1 | $-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ | $-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ | $-\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | $-\frac{1}{2}$ | $-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ | $-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ | 1 |

On a suitable scale, let us plot the points $(0, 1)$, $(\pi/6, \sqrt{3}/2)$, $(\pi/4, 1/\sqrt{2})$, $(\pi/3, 1/2)$, $(\pi/2, 0)$, $(2\pi/3, -1/2)$, $(3\pi/4, -1/\sqrt{2})$, $(5\pi/6, -\sqrt{3}/2)$, $(\pi, -1)$, $(7\pi/6, -\sqrt{3}/2)$, $(5\pi/4, -1/\sqrt{2})$, $(4\pi/3, -1/2)$, $(3\pi/2, 0)$, $(5\pi/3, 1/2)$, $(7\pi/4, 1/\sqrt{2})$, $(11\pi/6, \sqrt{3}/2)$, and $(2\pi, 1)$ in the xy -plane. Now join these points by a free hand curve to obtain the graph of the function $f(x) = \cos x$ i.e. the curve $y = \cos x$ as shown in figure.



Graph of $f(x) = \cos x$, $0 \leq x \leq 2\pi$

The cosine function *i.e.* $f(x) = \cos x$ is an even function and the graph of an even function is symmetric about y -axis. So the graph of $f(x) = \cos x$ in $[-2\pi, 2\pi]$ is as shown in figure.



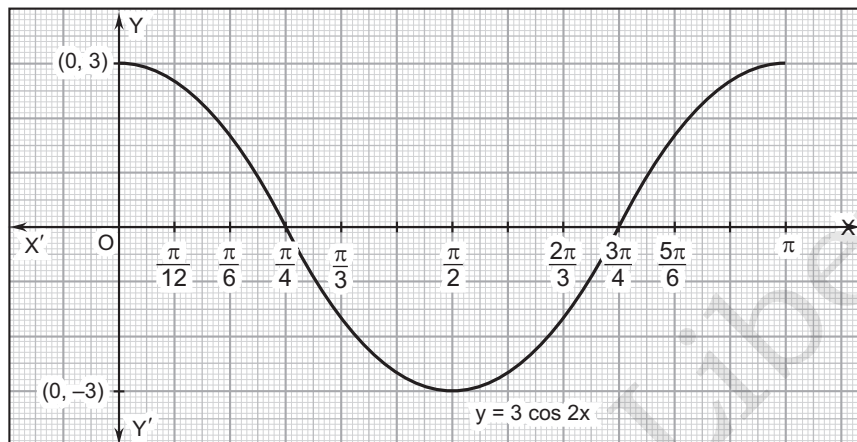
Graph of $f(x) = \cos x, -2\pi \leq x \leq 2\pi$.

Example 2. Draw the graph of $f(x) = 3 \cos 2x$.

Solution. We know that $\cos x$ is a periodic function with period 2π . Therefore, $f(x) = 3 \cos 2x$ is period with period π . So, it is sufficient to draw the graph of $f(x) = 3 \cos 2x$ in the interval $[0, \pi]$. The values of $3 \cos 2x$ for different values of x in $[0, \pi]$ are listed below.

| | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| x | 0 | $\frac{\pi}{12}$ | $\frac{\pi}{8}$ | $\frac{\pi}{6}$ | $\frac{\pi}{4}$ | $\frac{\pi}{3}$ | $\frac{3\pi}{8}$ | $\frac{5\pi}{12}$ | $\frac{\pi}{2}$ |
| | $\frac{7\pi}{12}$ | $\frac{5\pi}{8}$ | $\frac{2\pi}{3}$ | $\frac{3\pi}{4}$ | $\frac{5\pi}{6}$ | $\frac{7\pi}{8}$ | $\frac{11\pi}{12}$ | π | |
| $3 \cos 2x$ | 3 | $\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}$ | $\frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}$ | $\frac{3}{2}$ | 0 | $-\frac{3}{2}$ | $-\frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}$ | $-\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}$ | -3 |
| | $-\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}$ | $-\frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}$ | $-\frac{3}{2}$ | 0 | $-\frac{3}{2}$ | $-\frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}$ | $-\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}$ | 3 | |

Now, plot the points whose x -coordinates are points in the first row of the above table and the corresponding values in the second row as y -coordinates, By joining these points by a free hand curve, we obtain the graph of $f(x) = 3 \cos 2x$ as shown in figure.

Graph of $f(x) = 3 \cos 2x$, $0 \leq x \leq \pi$

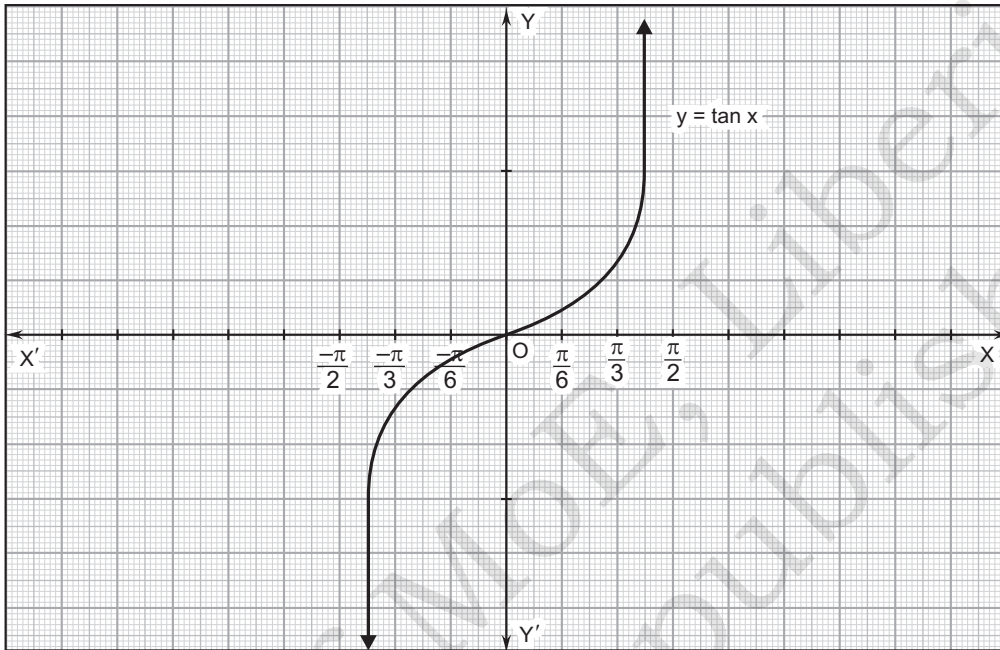
3. Graph of Tangent Function

The tangent function function *i.e.* $f(x) = \tan x$ is a periodic function with period π . So, it is sufficient to know the graph of $f(x) = \tan x$ over an interval of length π , in particular the interval $(-\pi/2, \pi/2)$. The values of $f(x) = \tan x$ at standard points in $(-\pi/2, 0)$ are negative of the corresponding values in $(0, \pi/2)$ and also listed in the following table:

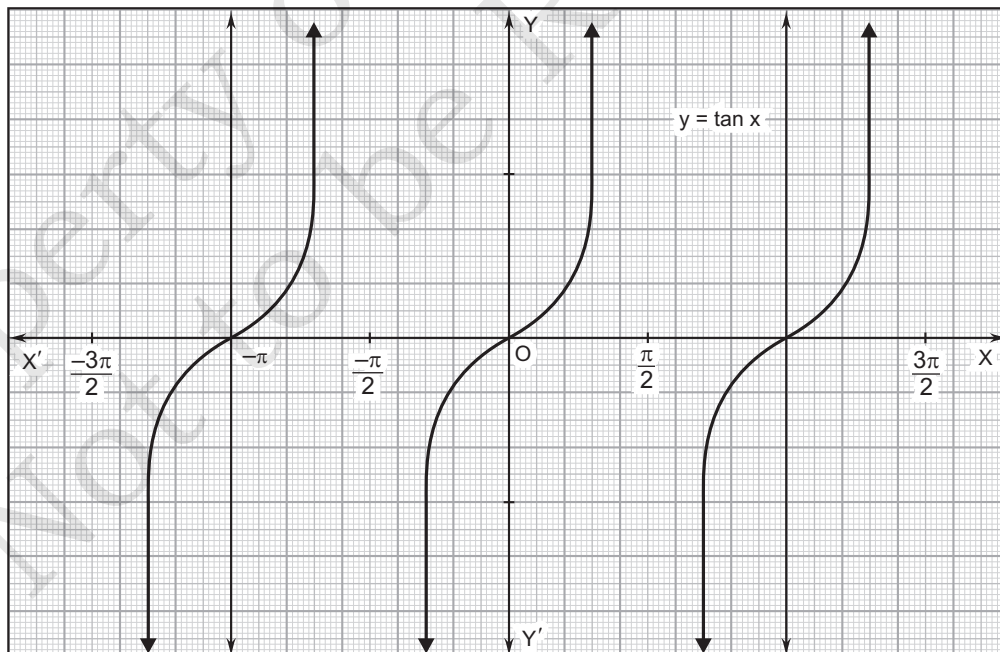
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|-----------------|---------------------------------|---|------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|---|---|
| x | $-\frac{\pi}{2}$ | $-\frac{5\pi}{12}$ | $-\frac{\pi}{3}$ | $-\frac{\pi}{4}$ | $-\frac{\pi}{6}$ | $-\frac{\pi}{12}$ | 0 |
| | $\frac{\pi}{12}$ | $\frac{\pi}{6}$ | $\frac{\pi}{4}$ | $\frac{\pi}{3}$ | $\frac{5\pi}{12}$ | $\frac{\pi}{2}$ | |
| $f(x) = \tan x$ | $-\infty$ | $-\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}+1}{\sqrt{3}-1}\right)$ | $-\sqrt{3}$ | -1 | $-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ | $-\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}-1}{\sqrt{3}+1}\right)$ | 0 |
| | $\frac{\sqrt{3}-1}{\sqrt{3}+1}$ | $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ | 1 | $\sqrt{3}$ | $\frac{\sqrt{3}+1}{\sqrt{3}-1}$ | ∞ | |

We also observe that $\tan x$ is an increasing function in $(0, \pi/2)$ and as $x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}$ from the left the values of $f(x) = \tan x$ tend to infinity. So, the curve $y = \tan x$ gets closer and closer to the line values of $f(x) = \tan x$ tend to infinity. So, the curve $y = \tan x$ gets closer and closer to the line $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$ as $x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}$ from the left but it never touches the line $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$. The graph of $f(x) = \tan x$ is symmetric in opposite quadrants as the function is an odd function. By plotting the points $(\pi/3, \sqrt{3})$ $(-\pi/4, -1)$,

$(-\pi/6, -1/\sqrt{3})$, $(0, 0)$, $(\pi/6, 1/\sqrt{3})$, $(\pi/4, 1)$, $(\pi/3, \sqrt{3})$ and joining by a free hand curve, we obtain the sketch of the curve $y = \tan x$ as shown in figure.



Graph of $f(x) = \tan x$, $-\frac{\pi}{2} < x < \frac{\pi}{2}$



Graph of $f(x) = \tan x$, $-\frac{3\pi}{2} < x < \frac{3\pi}{2}$

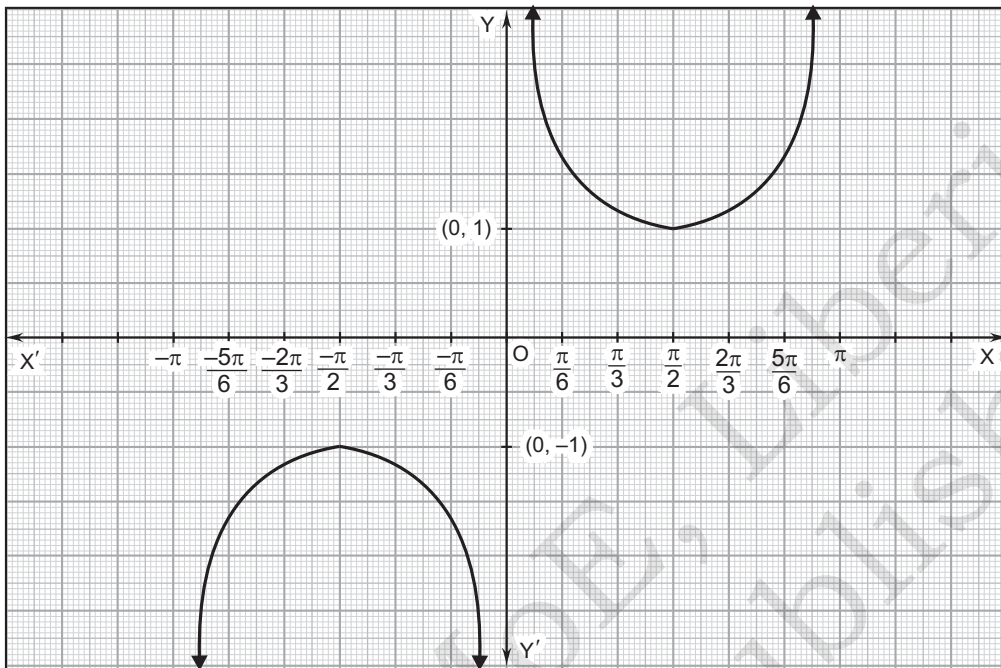
The function $f(x) = \tan x$ is a periodic function with period π . So, the graph of $f(x) = \tan x$ on $(\pi/2, 3\pi/2)$ and $(-3\pi/2, -\pi/2)$ is same as its graph on $(-\pi/2, \pi/2)$ as shown in figure.

4. Graph of Cosecant Function

The cosecant function is the reciprocal of the sine function which is periodic with period 2π . So, $f(x) = \operatorname{cosec} x$ is periodic with period 2π . Also, $f(x)$ is defined for all $x \in \mathbb{R} - \{n\pi; n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$. In order to know about the graph of $f(x) = \operatorname{cosec} x$, it is sufficient to draw it on an interval of length 2π . Let us choose $[0, 2\pi]$ as interval. The values of $f(x) = \operatorname{cosec} x$ at some standard points in $[0, 2\pi]$ are listed in the following table. We observe that when x is close to zero or π in $(0, \pi)$ the values of $f(x)$ tend to infinity. When $x \rightarrow \pi$ or $x \rightarrow 2\pi$ in $(\pi, 2\pi)$ the values of $f(x) \rightarrow -\infty$.

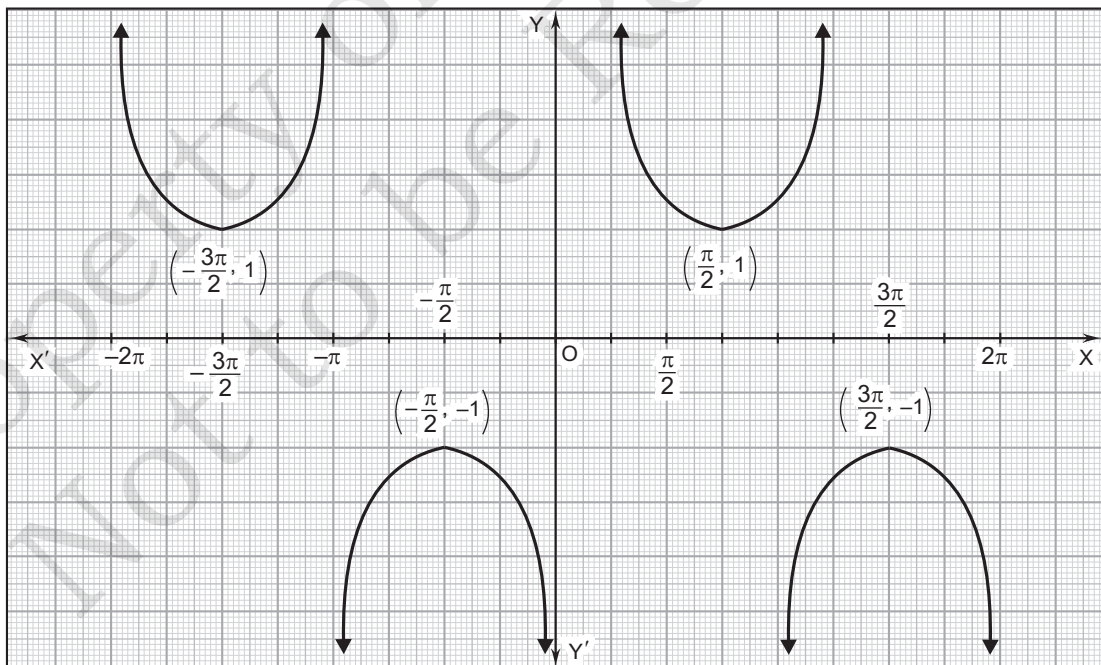
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|---------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|
| x | 0^+ | $\frac{\pi}{6}$ | $\frac{\pi}{4}$ | $\frac{\pi}{3}$ | $\frac{\pi}{2}$ | $\frac{2\pi}{3}$ | $\frac{3\pi}{4}$ |
| | $\frac{5\pi}{6}$ | π^- | π^+ | $\frac{7\pi}{6}$ | $\frac{5\pi}{4}$ | $\frac{4\pi}{3}$ | $\frac{3\pi}{2}$ |
| $f(x) = \operatorname{cosec} x$ | $\rightarrow \infty$ | 2 | $\sqrt{2}$ =1.41 | $\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$ =1.5 | 1 =1.15 | $\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$ =1.41 | $\sqrt{2}$ |
| | 2 | $\rightarrow \infty$ | $\rightarrow \infty$ | -2 | $-\sqrt{2}$ =-1.41 | -1.15 | -1 |

By plotting points $(\pi/6, 2)$, $(\pi/4, \sqrt{2})$, $(\pi/3, 2\sqrt{3})$, $(\pi/2, 1)$, $(2\pi/3, 2\sqrt{3})$, $(3\pi/4, \sqrt{2})$, $(5\pi/6, 2)$, $(7\pi/6, -2)$, $(5\pi/4, -\sqrt{2})$, $(4\pi/3, -2\sqrt{3})$, $(3\pi/2, -1)$, $(5\pi/3, -2\sqrt{3})$, $(7\pi/4, -\sqrt{2})$, $(11\pi/6, -2)$ and following these observations, we obtain the graph of the function $f(x) = \operatorname{cosec} x$ i.e. the curve $y = \operatorname{cosec} x$ as shown in figure.



Graph of $f(x) = \operatorname{cosec} x$, $-\pi < x < \pi$, $x \neq 0$

The function $f(x) = \operatorname{cosec} x$ is a periodic function with periodic 2π . So, the graph of $f(x) = \operatorname{cosec} x$ in the interval $[-2\pi, 2\pi]$ is as shown in figure.

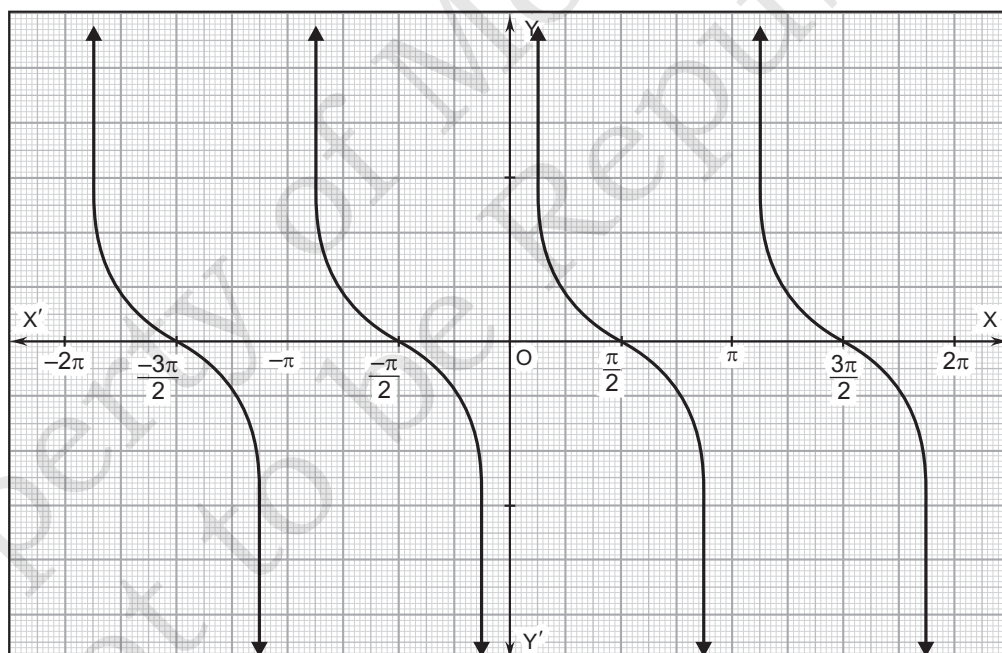


Graph of $y = \operatorname{cosec} x$, $-2\pi < x < 2\pi$

5. Graph of Contangent Functions

We have learnt that the cotangent function i.e. $f(x) = \cot x$ is a periodic function with period π . So, it is sufficient to know the graph of $f(x) = \cot x$ over an interval of length π , in particular the interval $(0, \pi)$. The values of $f(x) = \cot x$ at some standard values of x in $(0, \pi)$ are listed in the following table. We also observe the $\cot x$ is decreasing function in $(0, \pi)$ and as $x \rightarrow 0^-$ the values of $\cot x \rightarrow +\infty$. So, the curve $y = \cot x$ gets closer and closer to the line $x = 0$ i.e. y -axis as $x \rightarrow 0^+$. We also observe that $\cot x \rightarrow -\infty$ as $x \rightarrow \pi^-$ which means that the curve $y = \cot x$ gets closer and closer to the line $x = \pi$ as $x \rightarrow \pi$ from left hand side.

By plotting the values of $f(x) = \cot x$ at various points in $(0, \pi)$ and keeping in mind the above observations, we obtain the graph of $f(x) = \cot x$ in $(0, \pi)$ as shown in figure. As $f(x) = \cot x$ is periodic function with period π so the graphs of $f(x) = \cot x$ in $(-2\pi, -\pi)$, $(-\pi, 0)$ and $(\pi, 2\pi)$ are similar to the curve $y = \cot x$ in $(0, \pi)$ as shown in figure.



Graph of $y = \cot x, -2\pi < x < 2\pi$

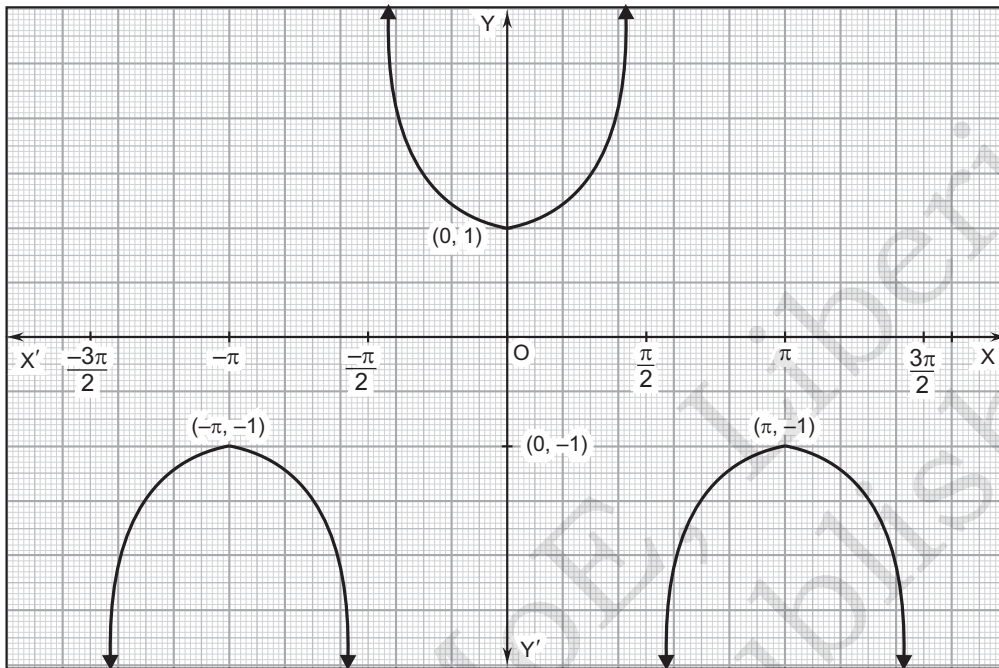
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|--------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-------------------|-----------|
| x | 0^+ | $\frac{\pi}{6}$ | $\frac{\pi}{4}$ | $\frac{\pi}{3}$ | $\frac{\pi}{2}$ | $\frac{2\pi}{3}$ | $\frac{3\pi}{4}$ | $\frac{5\pi}{6}$ | π^- |
| | π^+ | $\frac{7\pi}{6}$ | $\frac{5\pi}{4}$ | $\frac{4\pi}{3}$ | $\frac{3\pi}{2}$ | $\frac{5\pi}{3}$ | $\frac{7\pi}{4}$ | $\frac{11\pi}{6}$ | 2π |
| $y = \cos x$ | $\rightarrow\infty$ | $\sqrt{3}$ | 1 | $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ | 0 | $-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ | -1 | $-\sqrt{3}$ | $-\infty$ |
| | $+\infty$ | $\sqrt{3}$ | 1 | $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ | 0 | $-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ | -1 | $-\sqrt{3}$ | $-\infty$ |

6. Graph of Secant Function

Similar to the other trigonometric functions the secant function is also a periodic function with period π . In order to know that graph of the secant function i.e. $f(x) = \sec x$, it is sufficient to draw it in an interval of length π , in particular the interval $(-\pi/2, \pi/2)$. We observe that the value of $f(x)$ tend to infinity as $x \rightarrow -\pi/2$ from right hand side. So, the graph of $f(x) = \sec x$ come closer and closer to $x = -\pi/2$ and $x = \pi/2$ but it never touches them. The value of $f(x) = \sec x$ at some standard points in $(-\pi/2, \pi/2)$ are listed in the following table.

| | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| x | $-\frac{\pi^+}{2}$ | $-\frac{\pi}{3}$ | $-\frac{\pi}{4}$ | $-\frac{\pi}{6}$ | 0 | $\frac{\pi}{6}$ | $\frac{\pi}{4}$ |
| | $\frac{\pi}{3}$ | $\frac{\pi^-}{2}$ | $\frac{\pi^+}{2}$ | $\frac{2\pi}{3}$ | $\frac{3\pi}{4}$ | $\frac{5\pi}{6}$ | π |
| $f(x) = \sec x$ | $\rightarrow\infty$ | 2 | $\sqrt{2}$ | $\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$ | 1 | $\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$ | $\sqrt{2}$ |
| | 2 | ∞ | $-\infty$ | -2 | $-\sqrt{2}$ | $-\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$ | -1 |

By plotting the points given by the above table and joining them by a free hand curve. We obtains the graph of $f(x) = \sec x$ i.e., the curve $y = \sec x$ as shown in figure.



Graph of $y = \sec x$, $-\frac{3\pi}{2} < x < \frac{3\pi}{2}$

EXERCISE

1. Sketch the graphic of the function $f(x) = 3 \sin \left(2x - \frac{\pi}{4} \right)$.
2. Draw the graph of $y = 3 \cos 2x$.
3. Draw the graph of $f(x) = \cos \left(2x - \frac{\pi}{4} \right)$.