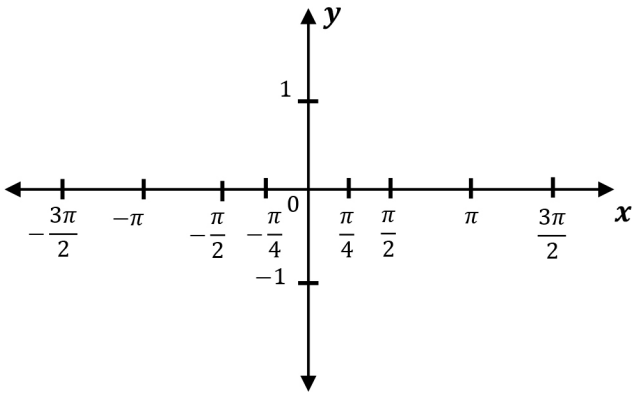
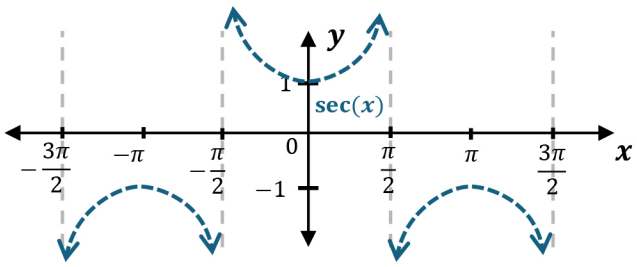
TOPIC: GRAPHS OF TANGENT & COTANGENT

Graphing the Tangent Function

◆ Recall: $\tan(x) = \frac{\sin(x)}{\cos(x)}$, so we can use the values of $\sin$ & $\cos$ to graph $\tan$.



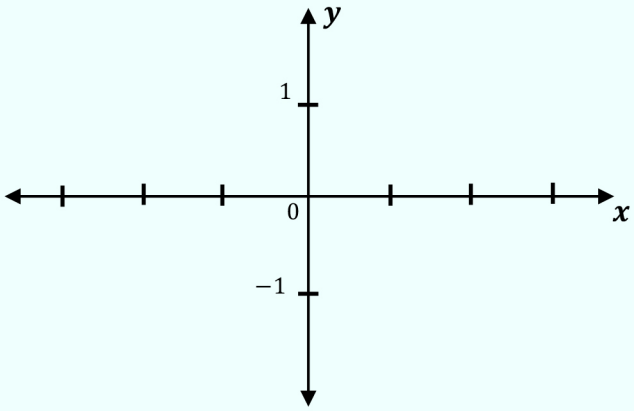
x	$-\frac{\pi}{2}$	$-\frac{\pi}{4}$	0	$\frac{\pi}{4}$	$\frac{\pi}{2}$
$\sin x$	-1	$-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$	0	$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$	1
$\cos x$	0	$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$	1	$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$	0
$\tan x$					



- ***Like*** $\sec(x)$, $\tan(x)$ *repeats* and has *asymptotes* where $\cos(x) = 0$, at _____ multiples of ____.
- ***Unlike*** *other* trig functions, $\tan(x)$ has a period of ____. In general, New $y = \tan(bx) \rightarrow \text{Period } (T) =$ ——— *(Period of Tangent)*

◆ You can use all of the same transformation rules you used for $\sin$ & $\cos$ to stretch and shift graphs of $\tan$!

EXAMPLE Graph the function $y = \tan\left(\frac{\pi}{2}x\right)$.



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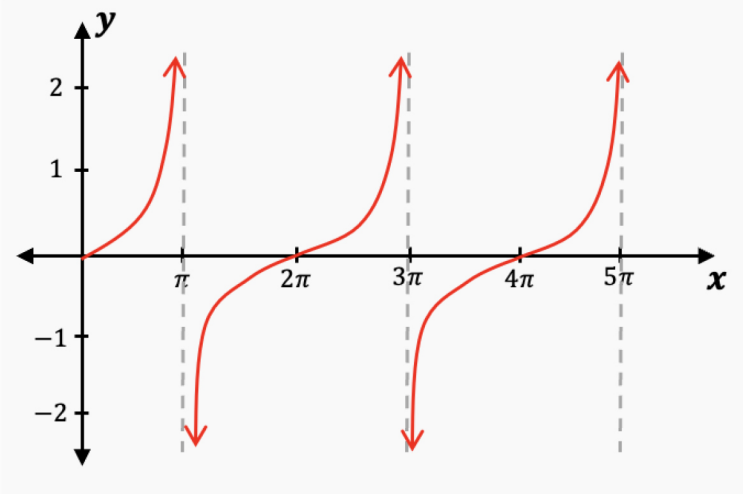
PRACTICE Below is a graph of the function $y = \tan(bx)$. Determine the value of b.



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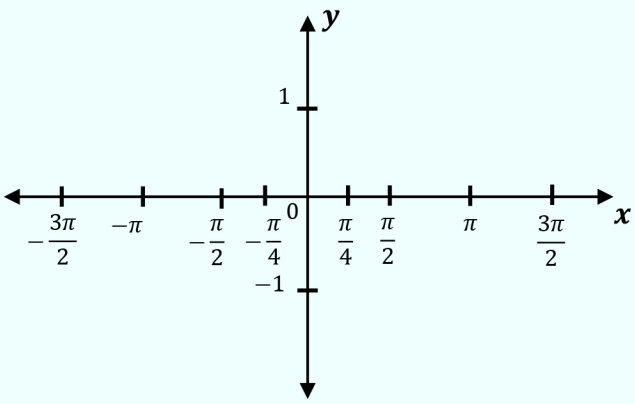
EXAMPLE Graph the function $y = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \tan\left(x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$.



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Graphing the Cotangent Function

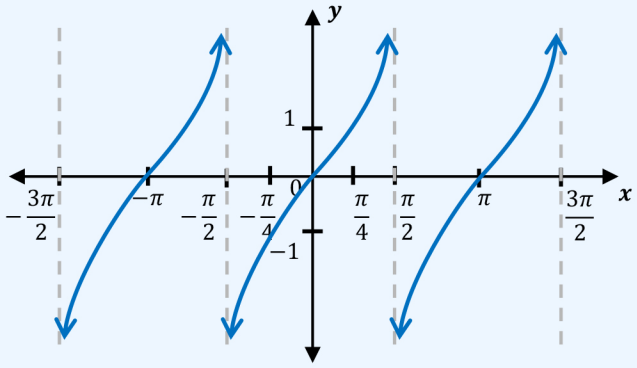
Recall **Reciprocal Identities**

$$\cot(x) = \frac{\cos(x)}{\sin(x)} = \frac{1}{\tan(x)}$$

◆ We can use the graph of tan to graph cot.

- $\cot(x)$ is similar to $\tan(x)$ but _____ upside-down, and has asymptotes at different values.

Recall **Tangent**

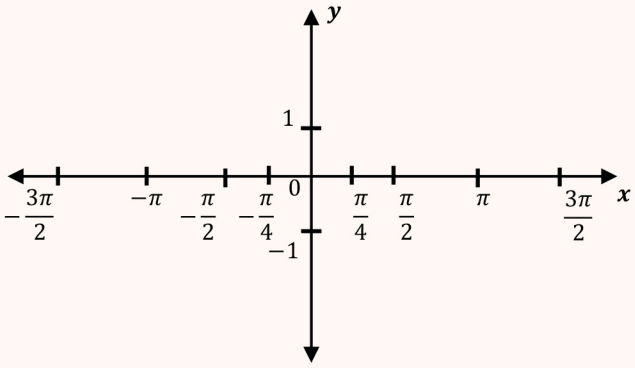


- Repeats every $[\pi \mid 2\pi]$

$$y = \tan(bx) \rightarrow \text{Period } (T) = \frac{\pi}{b}$$

- Asymptotes: **[odd | integer]** multiple of $\left[\frac{\pi}{2} \mid \pi\right]$

New **Cotangent**

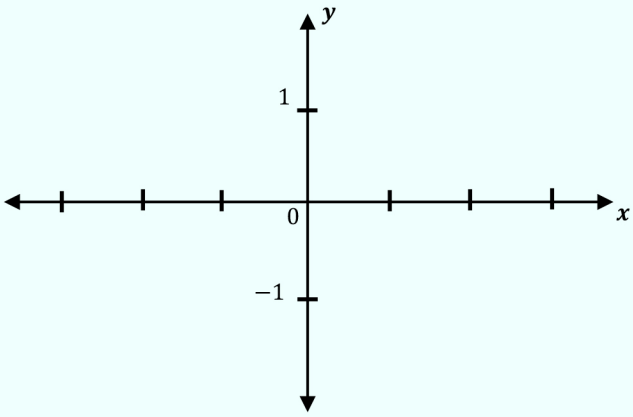


- Repeats every $[\pi \mid 2\pi]$

$$y = \cot(bx) \rightarrow \text{Period } (T) =$$

- Asymptotes: **[odd | integer]** multiple of $\left[\frac{\pi}{2} \mid \pi\right]$

EXAMPLE Graph the function $y = \cot(\pi x)$.



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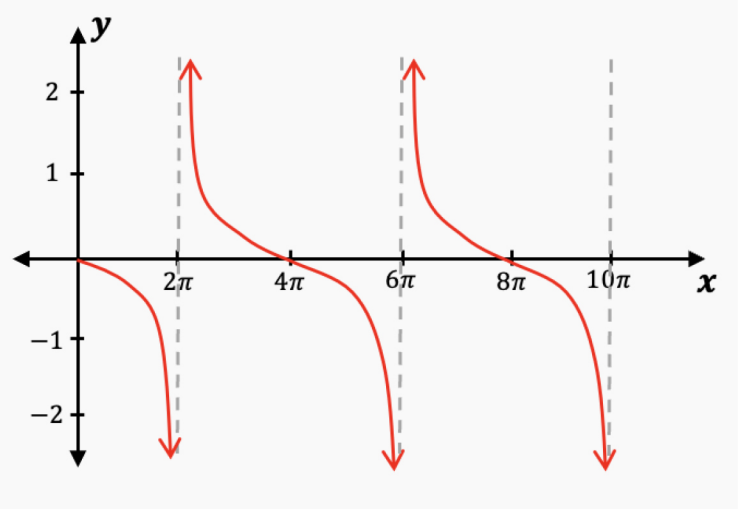

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EXAMPLE Graph the function $y = -2 \cdot \cot\left(\frac{1}{4}x\right)$.