

# Tide/port problem

$$f(x) = a \cdot f(b(x-h)) + k$$

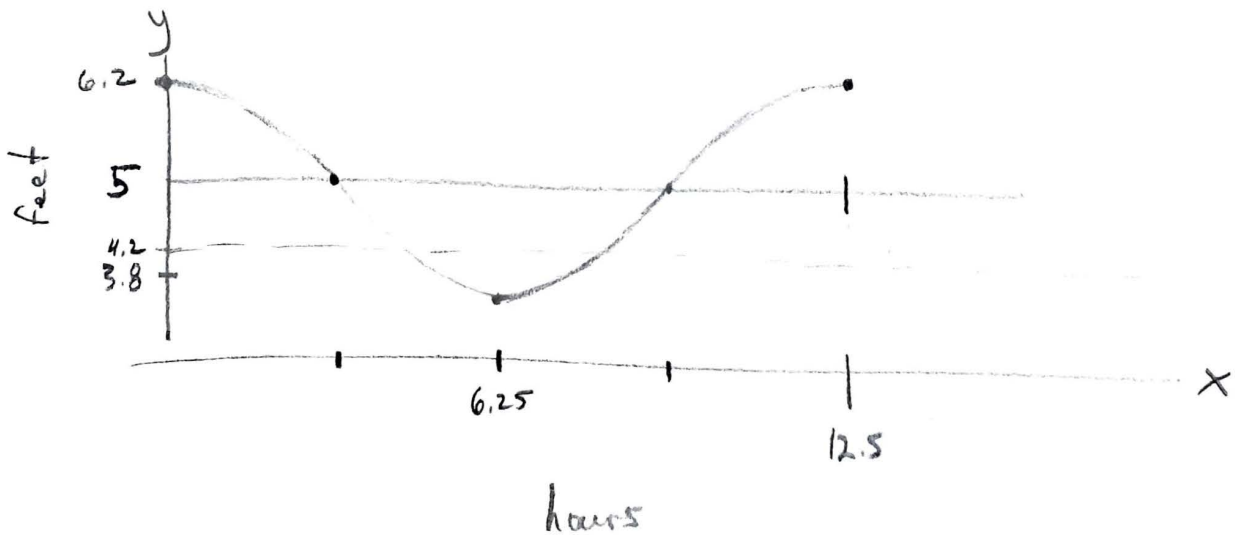
$$f(x) = a \cdot \cos(b(x-h)) + k$$

• Period =  $\left[ \frac{2\pi}{b} = 12.5 \text{ hours} \right] \frac{b}{12.5}$   
Solve for b  $\boxed{b \approx .503}$

• vertical shift = average of the max & min = avg depth  
 $\boxed{k = 5}$

• amplitude = avg depth - min =  $5 - 3.8$   
 $\boxed{a = 1.2}$

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$$4.2 = 1.2 \cos(.503x) + 5$$

$$-5 = -5$$

$$\frac{-0.8}{1.2} = \frac{1.2 \cos(.503x)}{1.2}$$

$$-0.6 = \cos(.503x)$$

$$\cos^{-1} = \cos^{-1}$$

(in radians)  $\cos^{-1}(-0.6) = .503x$

$$\cos^{-1}(-0.6) = 2.3$$

2.3

$\pi + (\pi - 2.3)$

$$2.3 = .503x$$

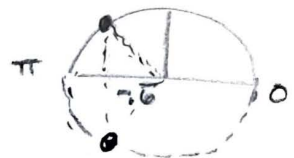
$$.503 = .503$$

$$x = 4.57 \text{ hrs}$$

$$3.98 = .503x$$

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$$x = 7.92$$



boat can't enter the port between 4.57 & 7.92 hours  
past high tide. (4 hrs 34 min 7 hrs 55 min)

The boat can enter the port within (4.57 hours)  
before or after high tide 4 hrs 34 min

$$.57 \text{ hrs} \cdot \frac{60 \text{ min}}{1 \text{ hr}} = 34.2 \text{ min}$$