

## Graphing Tangent and Cotangent

$$y = a \tan[kx]$$
$$k > 0$$

**Period**  $p = \frac{\pi}{k}$

**Interval of One Cycle**  $= \left(-\frac{\pi}{2k}, \frac{\pi}{2k}\right)$

**Vertical Asymptotes**  $x = -\frac{\pi}{2k}$  and  $x = \frac{\pi}{2k}$

$$y = a \cot[kx]$$
$$k > 0$$

**Period**  $p = \frac{\pi}{k}$

**Interval of One Cycle**  $= \left(0, \frac{\pi}{k}\right)$

**Vertical Asymptotes**  $x = 0$  and  $x = \frac{\pi}{k}$

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Determine the period, interval of one cycle, x-intercept, vertical asymptotes, and use the information to sketch the curve.

1.  $y = \tan(2x)$

2.  $y = \tan(4x)$

3.  $y = \frac{1}{4} \tan\left(\frac{x}{3}\right)$

4.  $y = \tan\left(\frac{x}{4}\right)$

5.  $y = \frac{2}{3} \cot\left(\frac{1}{2}x\right)$

6.  $y = \cot\left(\frac{1}{3}x\right)$

7.  $y = -\cot(2x)$

8.  $y = -\cot(3x)$

9.  $y = -4\tan(\pi x)$

10.  $y = 3\tan(2\pi x)$

11.  $y = 2\cot(3\pi x)$

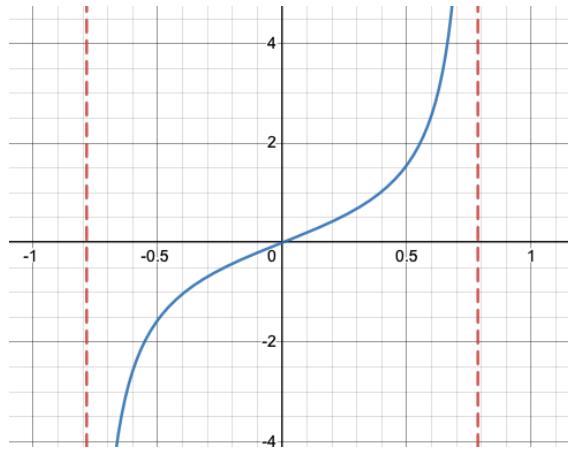
12.  $y = \frac{3}{2}\cot(4\pi x)$

13.  $y = 3\tan\left(-\frac{x}{4}\right)$

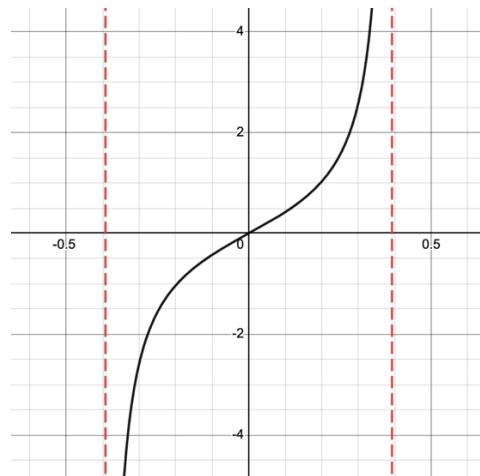
14.  $y = 2\tan\left(-\frac{x}{6}\right)$

## Answers

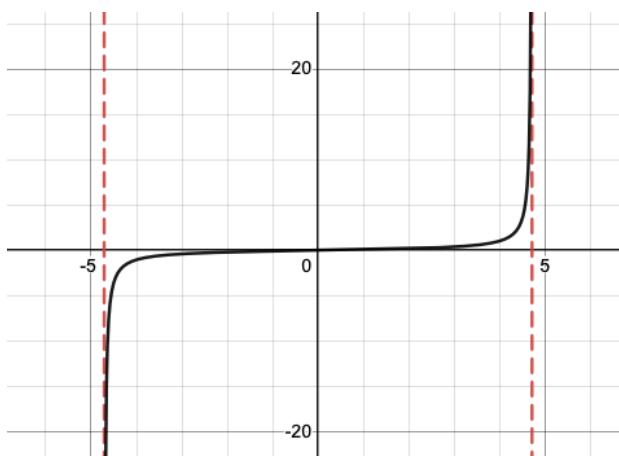
1.  $P = \frac{\pi}{2}$ , Interval  $= (-\frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{\pi}{4})$ , VA:  $x = -\frac{\pi}{4}$  and  $x = \frac{\pi}{4}$ , x-intercept:  $x = 0$



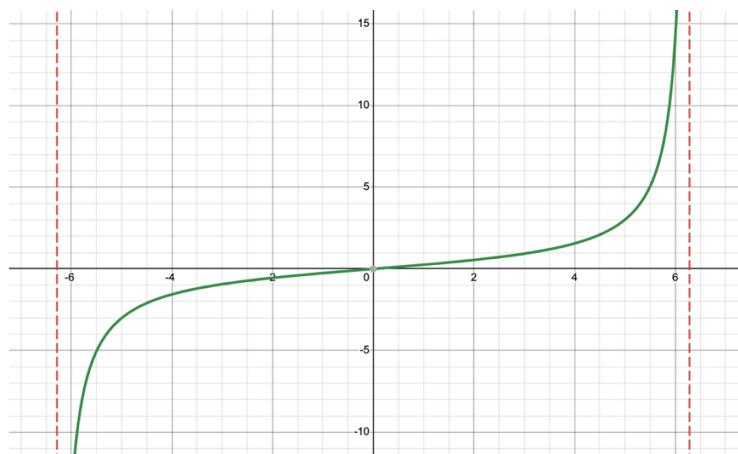
2. Period= $\frac{\pi}{4}$ , Interval= $(-\frac{\pi}{8}, \frac{\pi}{8})$ , VA:  $x = -\frac{\pi}{8}$ ,  $x = \frac{\pi}{8}$ , x-int:  $x = 0$



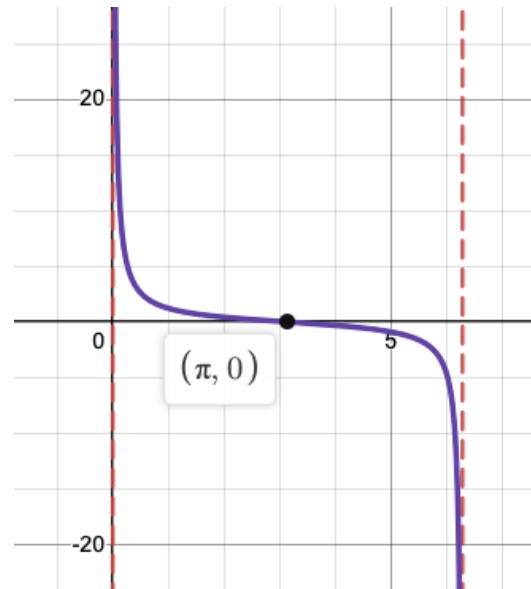
3.  $P = 3\pi$ , Interval  $= (-\frac{3\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2})$ , VA:  $x = -\frac{3\pi}{2}$  and  $x = \frac{3\pi}{2}$ , x-intercept:  $x = 0$



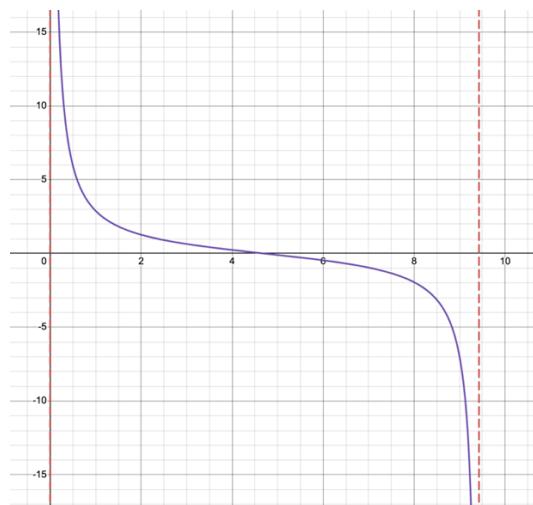
4. Period=4π, Interval=(-2π, 2π), VA:  $x = -2\pi, x = 2\pi$ , x-int:  $x = 0$



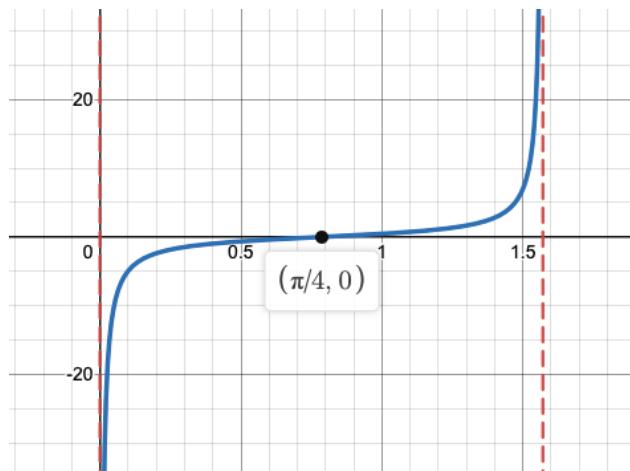
5.  $P = 2\pi$ , Interval =  $(0, 2\pi)$ , VA:  $x = 0$  and  $x = 2\pi$ , x-intercept:  $x = \pi$



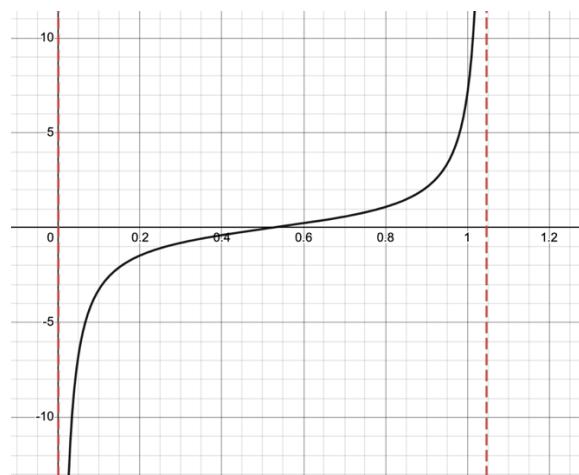
6. Period= $3\pi$ , Interval= $(0, 3\pi)$ , VA:  $x = 0, x = 3\pi$ , x-int:  $x = \frac{3\pi}{2}$



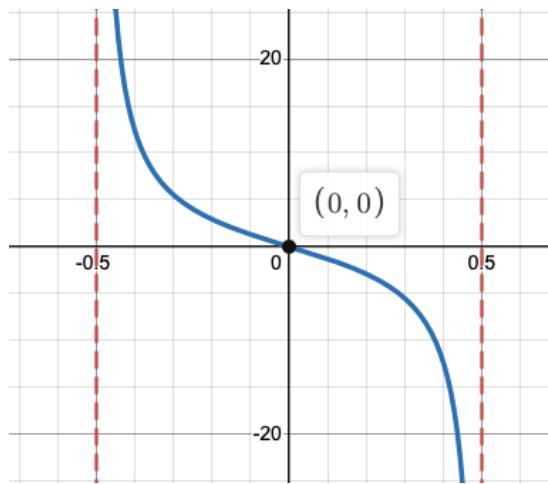
7.  $P = \frac{\pi}{2}$ , Interval  $= (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$ , VA:  $x = 0$  and  $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$ , x-intercept:  $x = \frac{\pi}{4}$



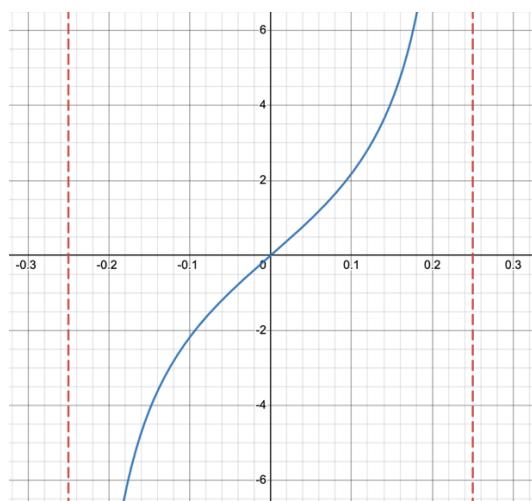
8. Period= $\frac{\pi}{3}$ , Interval= $(0, \frac{\pi}{3})$ , VA:  $x = 0, x = \frac{\pi}{3}$ , x-int:  $x = \frac{\pi}{6}$



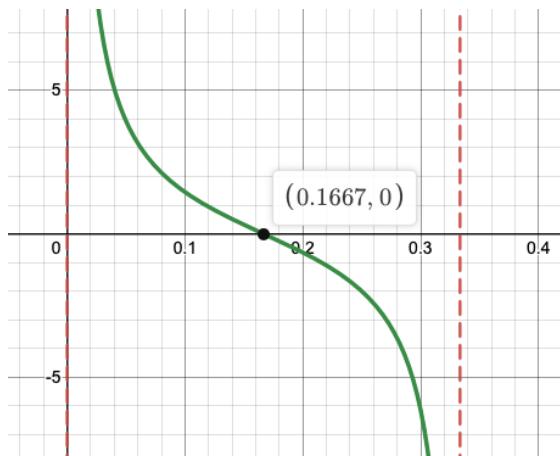
9.  $P = 1$ , Interval  $= \left(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right)$ , VA:  $x = -\frac{1}{2}$  and  $x = \frac{1}{2}$ , x-intercept:  $x = 0$



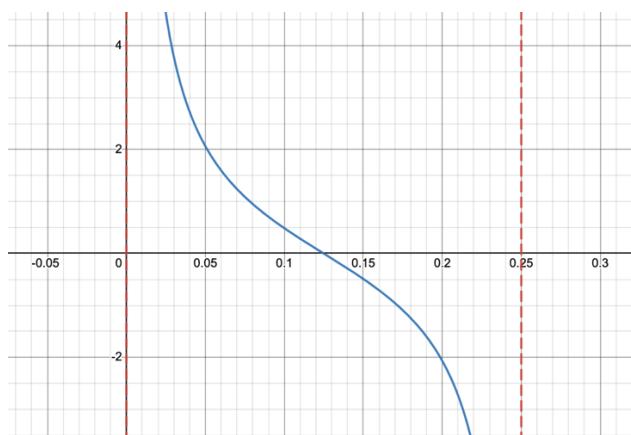
10. Period= $\frac{1}{2}$ , Interval= $\left(-\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}\right)$ , VA:  $x = -\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $x = \frac{1}{4}$ , x-int:  $x = 0$



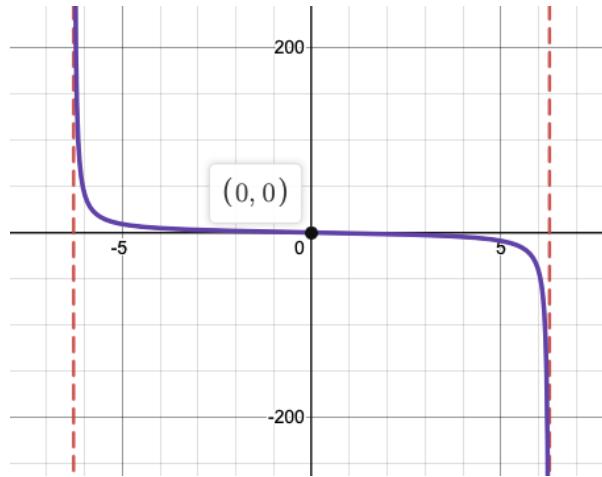
11.  $P = \frac{1}{3}$ , Interval  $= (0, \frac{1}{3})$ , VA:  $x = 0$  and  $x = \frac{1}{3}$ , x-intercept:  $x = \frac{1}{6}$



12. Period= $\frac{1}{4}$ , Interval= $(0, \frac{1}{4})$ , VA:  $x = 0, x = \frac{1}{4}$ , x-int:  $x = \frac{1}{8}$



13.  $P = 4\pi$ , Interval  $= (-2\pi, 2\pi)$ , VA:  $x = -2\pi$  and  $x = 2\pi$ , x-intercept:  $x = 0$



14. Period=6 $\pi$ , Interval=(-3 $\pi$ , 3 $\pi$ ), VA:  $x = -3\pi$ ,  $x = 3\pi$ , x-int:  $x = 0$

