

# Interpretation of Trig graphs

## \* Notes on terminology

{let's have a look at what is meant}  
{by some of 'notations' that will be used.}

where is the function:

- increasing → (+) gradient / moving ↑
- decreasing → (-) gradient / moving ↓
- undefined. → ASYMPTOTES !!  
                        ↳ Tan-graph.

$f(x) = 0$  →  $x$ -intercepts. (where it cuts the  $x$ -axis)

$f(x) > 0$  → where graph is above the  $x$ -axis

$f(x) < 0$  → where graph is below the  $x$ -axis.

What is the:

- max value {highest  $y$ -value}
- min value {lowest  $y$ -value}

$f(x) = g(x)$   $\rightarrow$  When 2 graphs are sketched, this is where they cut each other.

$f(x) > g(x)$   $\rightarrow$  where is  $f$  above the  $g(x)$  graph.

$f(x) \leq g(x)$   $\rightarrow$  where is  $g$  above the graph  $f(x)$ .

Domain :  $x \in \dots$

- the  $x$ -values the graph is sketched over.

Range :  $y \in \dots$

the  $y$ -values the graph covers.

## Examples:

i) Given  $f(x) = 3 \sin x$  and  
 $g(x) = \cos x - 2$ ,  $x \in [0^\circ, 360^\circ]$

- a) What is the period of  $f(x)$ ?
- b) State the amplitude of  $f(x)$ ?
- c) Give the amplitude of  $g(x)$ .
- d) Sketch  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  on separate axes.
- e) Use the graphs to answer the following.

For which values of  $x$  is;

- i)  $f(x) > 0$
- ii)  $g(x)$  increasing
- iii)  $f(x) = 0$

f) What is the maximum value of;

- i)  $f(x)$
- ii)  $g(x)$

g) What is minimum value of;

- $f(x)$
- $g(x)$