

Math Modeling:

The Sound of Music and Other Frightening Thoughts _____

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1. Consider the wages of staff at a factory below:

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Staff | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| Salary | 15k | 18k | 16k | 14k | 15k | 15k | 12k | 17k | 90k | 95k |

What is the **mean** salary for these ten employees? What is the median salary? Which measure of central tendency is a more accurate reflection of the typical salary of a worker?

MEAN _____

MEDIAN _____

WHICH IS BEST? _____

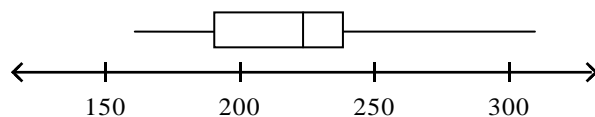
2. Opal Divine’s restaurant offers several hamburgers and other “house specialties.”

| | |
|--------------------------|---------|
| Divine Burger | \$8.95 |
| Southwest | \$10.95 |
| Divine Patty Melt | \$9.95 |
| Newport Club | \$10.95 |
| Rock-A-Fella | \$10.95 |
| Nacho | \$10.95 |
| Urban Bubba | \$9.95 |
| Bandera | \$9.95 |
| Chicken Tenders Basket | \$7.95 |
| Fish and Chips | \$8.95 |
| Baja Fish Tacos | \$9.25 |
| Zihuatanejo Shrimp Tacos | \$11.95 |
| Smoked Pulled Pork Tacos | \$9.45 |

Which measure of central tendency best describes the cost of an entrée?

What is the numerical value? SHOW WORK:

3. The box and whisker plot below shows player statistics for the Houston Rockets.



Players' Weight (lb.)

a. What is the range of the players' weight?

b. What is the median weight?

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4. The box and whisker plot shows data for airline departure delays for 3 days. What conclusions can you make regarding the range and median values?

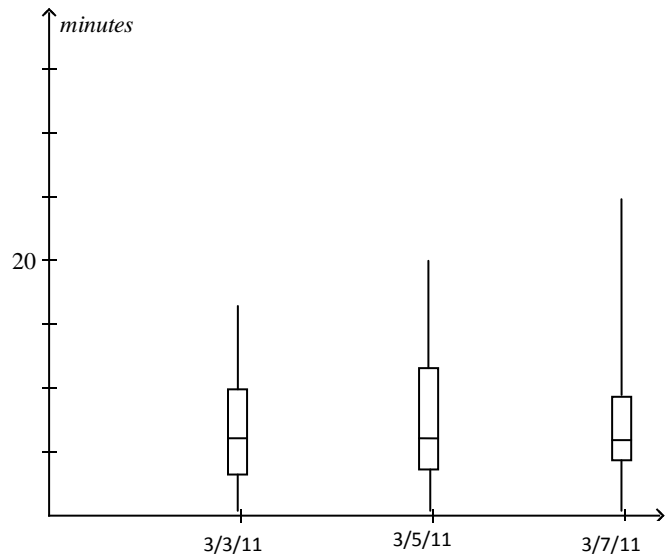
Date 3/3/11:
Range: _____ Median: _____

Date 3/5/11:
Range: _____ Median: _____

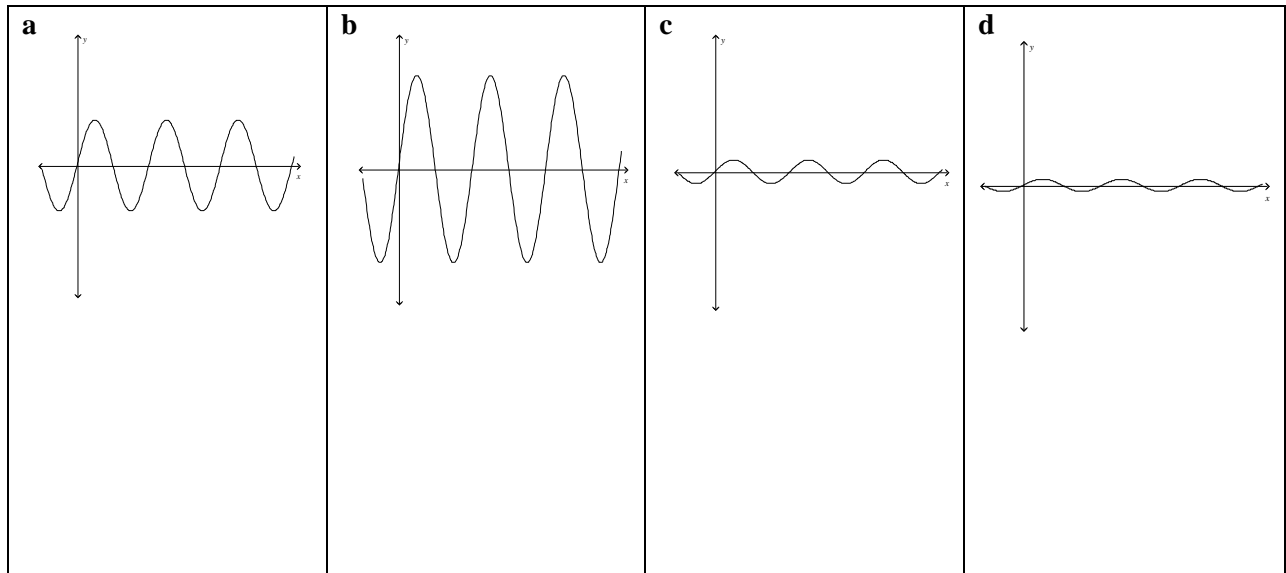
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Range: _____ Median: _____

So what is in common?

And the other? Highest to lowest?



5. Which graph shows the louder sound?



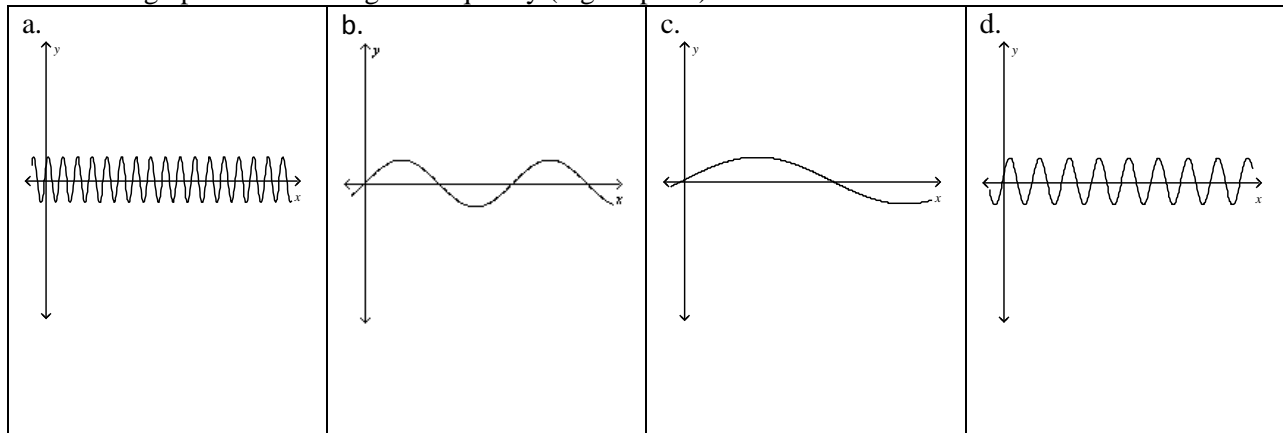
6. A period of $\frac{1}{8} \frac{\text{seconds}}{\text{cycle}}$ is equivalent to what frequency? (what is the relationship between period and frequency?)

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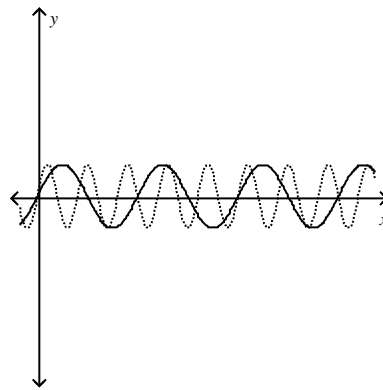
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7. Which graph shows the higher frequency (higher pitch)?



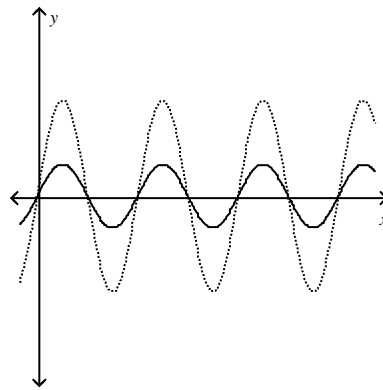
8. What is the same?

- a. Frequency
- b. Period
- c. Amplitude
- d. Nothing



9. Which is a false statement?

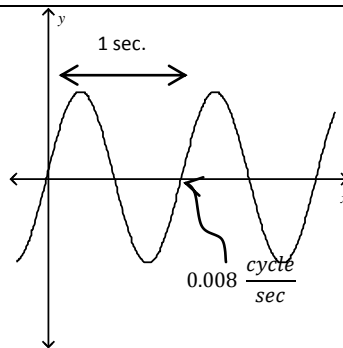
- a. Amplitudes are equal
- b. Frequencies are equal
- c. Periods are equal
- d. Dashed curve is louder than solid curve



10. Study the curve. What is the frequency?

What is the period?

given sound data, model with a sin regression (STAT CLAC C)



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11. For the following table of data, which is a better fit a linear regression or a quadratic regression?
Now calculate the regression equation.

| x | y |
|---|-------|
| 0 | 0.5 |
| 1 | 66.5 |
| 2 | 100.5 |
| 3 | 102.5 |

ans: _____

12. For the following table of data, which is a better fit a linear regression or a quadratic regression?
Now calculate the regression equation.

| time | cost |
|------|------|
| 0 | -21 |
| 5 | -41 |
| 8 | 43 |
| 11 | 199 |

ans: _____

13. Financial advisors presented the following table of data to their clients. The advisors were asked what the estimated value of the investment would be in 10 years (120 months)?

| months | value (thousand) |
|--------|------------------|
| 6 | 70 |
| 12 | 121 |
| 18 | 172 |
| 24 | 223 |
| 30 | 274 |

Use a regression equation to determine the value.

ans. _____