

9. [11 points] A group of marine biologists are studying life in the Challenger Deep, the deepest known point in the world's ocean. They use a special submarine to take samples of sea water for their study. Let  $S(t)$  be the depth of the submarine (in miles)  $t$  minutes after it started collecting sea water samples. In this problem, depth will always be a positive number.

a. [5 points] Find a formula for  $S(t)$  assuming that:

- $S(t)$  is a sinusoidal function.
- The submarine rises in 4 hours from a maximum depth of 6 miles to half a mile below the sea level (the closest point it gets to the surface).
- The submarine reaches its maximum depth 30 minutes after it starts taking sea water samples.

*Solution:* We know that  $S(t)$  has a maximum at  $t = 30$ , then  $S(t) = A \cos(B(t - 30)) + k$  with  $A > 0$ . The amplitude of  $S(t)$  is  $\frac{6-0.5}{2} = 2.75$ . The period of  $S(t)$  is 480 (8 hours) and its midline is  $y = \frac{6+0.5}{2} = 3.25$ . Then  $A = 2.75$ ,  $B = \frac{2\pi}{480} = \frac{\pi}{240}$  and  $k = 3.25$ .

**Answer:**  $S(t) = 2.75 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{240}(t - 30)\right) + 3.25$

- b. [6 points] During a second expedition, the depth of the submarine (in miles) is given by the function

$$D(t) = 3 + 2.5 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{90}t\right)$$

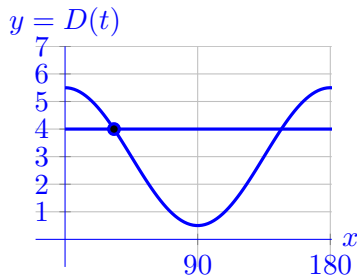
where  $t$  represents the time in minutes after the submarine started collecting samples. Once the submarine reaches a depth of 4 miles for the first time, how much time passes before it is at a depth of 4 miles for the second time? Your answer must be in exact form. Show all your work and include units.

*Solution:* Setting  $D(t) = 4$  and solving for  $t$ :

$$3 + 2.5 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{90}t\right) = 4$$

$$\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{90}t\right) = 0.4$$

$$\frac{\pi}{90}t = \cos^{-1}(0.4) \quad \text{then} \quad t_1 = \frac{90}{\pi} \cos^{-1}(0.4).$$



**Answer:**  $180 - 2t_1 = 180 - \frac{180}{\pi} \cos^{-1}(0.4)$

A different approach using two consecutive solutions  $t_1$  and  $t_2$  where find  $t_2$  from the equation

$$\frac{\pi}{90}t = 2\pi - \cos^{-1}(0.4) \quad \text{then} \quad t_2 = \frac{90}{\pi}(2\pi - \cos^{-1}(0.4)) = 180 - \frac{90}{\pi} \cos^{-1}(0.4)$$

yields

**Answer:**  $t_2 - t_1 = 180 - \frac{180}{\pi} \cos^{-1}(0.4)$