

- Fox Population Problem Naturalists find that the populations of some kinds of predatory animals vary periodically. Assume that the population of foxes in a certain forest varies sinusoidally with time. Records started being kept when time t = 0 years. A minimum number, 200 foxes, occurred when t = 2.9 years. The next maximum, 800 foxes, occurred at t = 5.1 years.
 - a. Sketch a graph of this sinusoid.
 - b. Write an equation expressing the number of foxes as a function of time, t.
 - c. Predict the population when t = 7.
 - d. Foxes are declared to be an endangered species when their population drops below 300. Between what two nonnegative values of twere foxes first endangered?
 - e. Show on your graph that your answers to part (d) are correct.
- 4. Tarzan Problem Tarzan is swinging back and forth on his grapevine. As he swings, he goes back and forth across the river bank, going alternately over land and water (Figure 2-12f). Jane decides to model mathematically his motion and starts her stopwatch. Let t be the number of seconds the stopwatch reads and let y be the number of meters Tarzan is from the river bank. Assume that y varies sinusoidally with t, and that y is positive when Tarzan is over water and negative when he is over land.

Jane finds that when t = 2, Tarzan is at one end of his swing, where y = -23. She finds that when t = 5 he reaches the other end of his swing and y = 17.

- a. Sketch a graph of this sinusoidal function.
- b. Write an equation expressing Tarzan's distance from the river bank in terms of t.
- c. Predict y when:
 - i. t = 2.8
 - ii. t = 6.3

iii. t = 15

d. Where was Tarzan when Jane started the stopwatch?

