Pre-Calculus Formative Ticket #10 October 6, 2020

Sinusoidal Models Word Problems

1.

D(t) models the distance (in thousands of km) from the earth to the Moon t days after the moon's perigee (when it's closest to the earth). Here, t is entered in radians.

$$D(t) = -21\cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{29.5}t\right) + 384$$

How many days after its perigee does the moon first reach 380 thousands of $\,\mathrm{km}$ from the Earth? Round your final answer to the nearest whole day.

2.

E(t) models the daily amount of energy (in kilojoules, ${
m kJ}$) that a solar panel in Pago Pago generates, t days after the autumn equinox. Here, t is entered in radians.

$$E(t) = 624 \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{365}t\right) + 8736$$

What is the first day after the autumn equinox that the solar panel generates $8400~\mathrm{kJ}$? Round your final answer to the nearest whole day.

3.

Antonio's toy boat is bobbing in the water under a dock. The vertical distance H (in cm) between the dock and the top of the boat's mast t seconds after its first peak is modeled by the following function. Here, t is entered in radians.

$$H(t) = 5\cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}t\right) - 35.5$$

How long does it take the toy boat to bob down from its peak to a height of -35 cm? Round your final answer to the nearest tenth of a second.