

Figure 4

A scientist is studying the flight of seabirds in a colony.

She models the height above sea level, H metres, of one of the birds in the colony by the equation

$$H = \frac{140}{A + 45\sin 2t^{\circ} - 28\cos 2t^{\circ}} \qquad 0 \leqslant t \leqslant T$$

where t seconds is the time after the bird leaves its nest and A and T are constants.

Figure 4 is a sketch showing the graph of H against t.

Given that this seabird's nest is 20 m above sea level,

(a) find a complete equation for *H*.

$$45\sin 2t^{\circ} - 28\cos 2t^{\circ} \equiv 53\sin(2t - \alpha)^{\circ} \qquad 0 < \alpha < 90$$

(b) find the value of α to one decimal place.

Find, according to this model,

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(d) the limitation on the value of T.

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