

**Meteorology** The table shows the mean monthly high temperature  $T$  (in degrees Fahrenheit) and mean monthly precipitation  $P$  (in inches) for Cheyenne, Wyoming where  $t$  is the month, with  $t = 1$  corresponding to January. (Data Source: NOAA)

DATA

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Month, $t$	$T$	$P$
1	39.5	0.33
2	40.5	0.47
3	47.5	1.05
4	54.9	1.78
5	64.7	2.34
6	75.3	2.34
7	83.4	2.19
8	81.2	1.95
9	71.8	1.48
10	58.8	0.93
11	46.5	0.59
12	38.2	0.49

- Use a graphing utility to plot both sets of data in separate viewing windows.
- Does each set of data appear to fit a sine curve? Explain your reasoning.
- Use the *sine regression* feature of a graphing utility to find sine models to fit each set of data.
- Use a graphing utility to graph each model from part (c) with the corresponding original data. How well does each model fit the original data?
- What is the period of each model? Are the periods what you expected? Explain your reasoning.
- What is the amplitude of each model? Interpret the meaning of the amplitude of each model in the context of the problem.
- At what values of  $t$  does each sine model reach its maximum and minimum? What do these values represent in the context of the problem?