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One of the rides at a theme park is a room where the floor and ceiling both move up and down for 10π seconds.

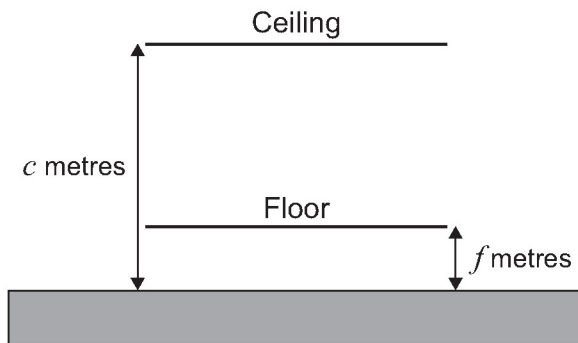
At time t seconds after the ride begins, the distance f metres of the floor above the ground is

$$f = 1 - \cos t$$

At time t seconds after the ride begins, the distance c metres of the ceiling above the ground is

$$c = 8 - 4 \sin t$$

The ride is shown in the diagram below.



12 (a) Show that the initial distance between the floor and ceiling is 8 metres.

[1 mark]

12 (b) Show that the distance d metres between the floor and ceiling at time t is given by

$$d = 7 + R \cos(t + \alpha)$$

where R and α are positive constants to be found.

[5 marks]

12 (c) Hence, find the minimum distance between the ceiling and the floor.

Give your answer to the nearest centimetre.

[2 marks]