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BC Topic 12 - Parametric Equations
due Friday, January 26

Rectangular coordinates: (x, y)

Polar coordinates: (r, θ)

Parametric coordinates: (x, y, t) ← This one looks rectangular but moves through time.

Desmos can show this with animation. →



On paper, you will just see a timelapse.



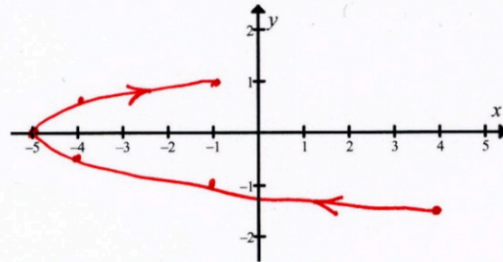
Example 1. Plot points to sketch the curve described by the parametric equations. Mark the orientation on the curve.

$$x = t^2 - 5$$

$$y = \frac{t}{2}$$

$$-3 \leq t \leq 2$$

t	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2
x	4	-1	-4	-5	-4	-1
y	$-\frac{3}{2}$	-1	$-\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1



Example 2. Change the following to rectangular form by eliminating the parameter. Then graph.

$$x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{t+1}} \text{ and } y = \frac{t}{t+1}, t > -1$$

$$x^2 = \frac{1}{t+1}$$

$$\frac{1}{x^2} = t+1$$

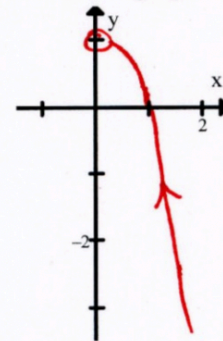
$$\frac{1}{x^2} - 1 = t$$

$$y = \frac{\frac{1}{x^2} - 1}{\frac{1}{x^2} - 1 + 1}$$

$$y = \frac{\frac{1}{x^2} - 1}{\frac{1}{x^2}}$$

$$y = \frac{1 - x^2}{1}$$

$$y = 1 - x^2, x > 0$$



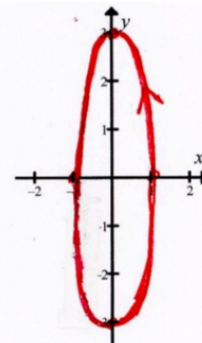
Example 3. Eliminate the parameter to sketch the curve.

$$x = \cos \theta \text{ and } y = 3 \sin \theta, 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$$

$$\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta = 1$$

$$x^2 + \left(\frac{y}{3}\right)^2 = 1$$

$$x^2 + \frac{y^2}{9} = 1$$



Example 5. Find the slope and concavity of $x = \sqrt{t}$ and $y = \frac{1}{4}t^2 - 1$, $t \geq 0$ at the point $(2,3)$.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dx}{dt} &= \frac{1}{2}t^{-\frac{1}{2}} & \text{slope} &= \frac{dy}{dx} \Big|_{(2,3)} & \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} &= \frac{\frac{3}{2}t^{\frac{1}{2}}}{\frac{1}{2}t^{-\frac{1}{2}}} \\ \frac{dy}{dt} &= \frac{1}{2}t & &= \frac{dy}{dx} \Big|_{t=4} & &= 3t \\ \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{\frac{1}{2}t}{\frac{1}{2}t^{-\frac{1}{2}}} & &= 4^{\frac{3}{2}} & \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \Big|_{t=4} &= 12 \\ &= t^{\frac{3}{2}} & &= 8 & & \text{The curve is conc. upward.} \end{aligned}$$

Example 6. Write an equation of a tangent line to the curve defined by $x = t - 1$ and $y = \frac{1}{t} + 1$ at the point when $t = 1$.

$$\begin{aligned} x(1) &= 0 & \frac{dx}{dt} &= 1 & \frac{dy}{dx} \Big|_{t=1} &= -1 \\ y(1) &= 2 & \frac{dy}{dt} &= -t^{-2} & \text{Tan. Line:} & \\ \text{point: } & (0, 2) & \frac{dy}{dx} &= -t^{-2} & y - 2 &= -1(x - 0) \end{aligned}$$

Arc Length: If a curve is smooth and does not intersect itself the length of an arc is given by

$$\text{arc length} = \int_a^b \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2} dt$$

Example 7. Using the parametric equations from example 6, find the arc length on the interval $1 \leq t \leq 3$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{A.L.} &= \int_1^3 \sqrt{1^2 + (-t^{-2})^2} dt \\ &= 2.147 \end{aligned}$$

**Use a TI-84 or TI-Nspire for all calculator questions.
Desmos will be unavailable on the quiz.**

Using these parametric equations, eliminate the parameter to write the corresponding rectangular equation. Sketch the curve indicating the orientation without using a calculator.

1. $x = 2t - 3$, $y = \frac{2}{3}t + 4$ 2. $x = t^3$, $y = t^2$ 3. $x = \sqrt{t}$, $y = 4 - t$ 4. $x = t^4$, $y = 4 \ln t$

5. Use a calculator set in parametric mode to graph the curve represented by the parametric equations $x = -3 + 4 \cos \theta$ and $y = 1 + 2 \sin \theta$. Then eliminate the parameter.

6. Given the parametric equations $x = -2t + 1$ and $y = t^3 + 3$:

a. Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ and $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$

b. Find an equation of the tangent line when $t = 1$.

c. Use concavity to determine if the tangent line is above the curve or below the curve.

Find all points at which each curve has horizontal and vertical tangents.

9. $x = 2t + 1$, $y = t^2$

10. $x = t^2 + 1$, $y = t^2 + 4t$

11. $x = t^2 - t + 3$, $y = 4t^3 - 12t$

Given the parametric equations $x = -3t - 5$ and $y = t^3 - 12t + 3$ (without using a calculator):

13. Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ and $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ in terms of t .

14. Use the second derivative test to determine if the curve has a local maximum, a local minimum, or neither when $t = 2$.

15. Use the second derivative test to determine if the curve has a local maximum, a local minimum, or neither at the point $(1, 19)$.

16. Use the second derivative test to determine if the curve has a local maximum, a local minimum, or neither at the point $(-8, -8)$.

Show an integral setup and find the length of each arc on the given interval with a calculator.

17. $x = 3t - t^2$, $y = 4t^{\frac{3}{2}}$ $1 \leq t \leq 2$

18. $x = t + \cos t$, $y = t - \sin t$ $0 \leq t \leq \pi$

19. $x = \arccos t$, $y = \ln \sqrt{1 + t^2}$ $0 \leq t \leq \frac{1}{2}$

20. Find the length of the arc between the two y -intercepts of $x = t^2 - 1$ and $y = 2t$.

1. $y = \frac{1}{3}x + 5$ 2. $y = x^{\frac{2}{3}}$ 4. $y = \ln x$ 5. $\left(\frac{x+3}{4}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{y-1}{2}\right)^2 = 1$

6a. $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{3}{2}t^2$, $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{3}{2}t$ b. $y - 4 = -\frac{3}{2}(x+1)$ c. below

9. H.T: (1,0) V.T: none 10. H.T: (5,-4) V.T: (1,0)

11. H.T: (3,-8), (5,8) V.T: $\left(\frac{11}{4}, -\frac{11}{2}\right)$

13. $\frac{dy}{dx} = -t^2 + 4$, $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{2}{3}t$ 14. min. 15. max. 17. 7.336 or 7.337

18. 3.678 19. .538 20. 4.591