

Math 2210-4
Monday 1/31

We discussed parametric
lines, with position
vector (from the origin to the point)

$$\vec{r}(t) = \vec{r}_0 + t\vec{v}$$

$$\vec{r}(t) = \langle x_0, y_0, z_0 \rangle + t \langle a, b, c \rangle$$

the position vector notation is
a more compact and useful description of
the curve than the equivalent notation

$$\begin{aligned} x &= x_0 + at \\ y &= y_0 + bt \\ z &= z_0 + ct \end{aligned}$$

Today we begin discussing general parametric curves (§13.1, 14.4, 14.5)

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{r}(t) &= \langle f(t), g(t), h(t) \rangle \\ &= f(t)\hat{i} + g(t)\hat{j} + h(t)\hat{k} \end{aligned}$$

position vector description

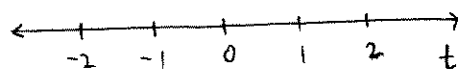
- often an interval is specified
for the t values, i.e. the domain
of $\vec{r}(t)$: $a \leq t \leq b$

Example 1 $\vec{r}(t) = \langle 2+t, 1+t^2 \rangle$
 $-2 \leq t \leq 2$

- plot some points
on this curve
- Find the Cartesian
(x - y) eqn satisfied by
all points on the curve,
then sketch it
("Solve for t ")

t	$\vec{r}(t)$
-2	
-1	
0	
1	
2	

domain



$\vec{r}(t)$

Homework:

Due Friday, February 4:

14.6 2, 5, 7, 8, 9, 13, 14, 21, 22, 25. Note several additional problems from last week.
13.1 3, 6, 9, 13, 17. In 3, 6 also verify that $dy/dx = (dy/dt)/(dx/dt)$ by computing both
expressions directly.

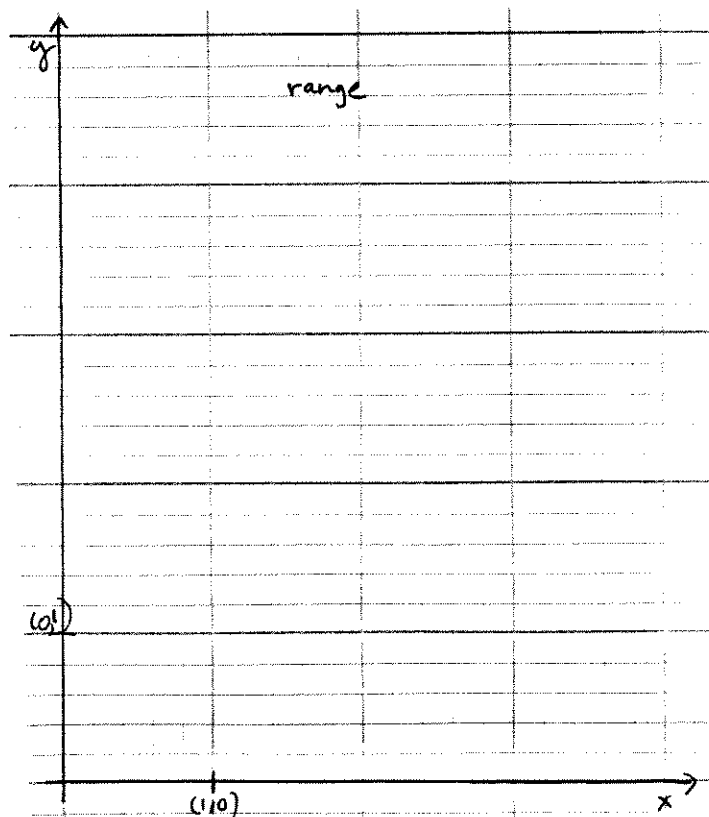
14.4 23, 25.

14.5 1, 7, 15, 23. In 15, 23 also sketch the curves. For 15 sketch the curve onto the
cylinder $y^2 + z^2 = 1$. For 23 use the auxillary "cylinder" $y^2 - x^2 = 1$, whose cross section
is a hyperbola.

$$\begin{aligned} x &= f(t) \\ y &= g(t) \\ z &= h(t) \end{aligned}$$

equivalent description

- if the curve lies in the x - y plane
 $\vec{r}(t) = \langle f(t), g(t) \rangle$ i.e. $\begin{aligned} x &= f(t) \\ y &= g(t) \end{aligned}$



Example 2

If the curve $x=f(t)$ $y=g(t)$ is locally a graph $y=F(x)$, then the slope of this graph is

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near some
given point

Compute $\frac{dy}{dx}$ both ways
(see box)

for Example 1, at the point (1,2)

$$F'(x) = \frac{dy}{dx}$$

but x, y are also funcs of t , so

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{dy}{dx} \frac{dx}{dt} \quad \text{1210 chain rule!}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy/dt}{dx/dt}$$

Some favorite curves in the plane:

Example 3

Show $\vec{r}(t) = \langle a \cos t, b \sin t \rangle$
($a, b > 0$)

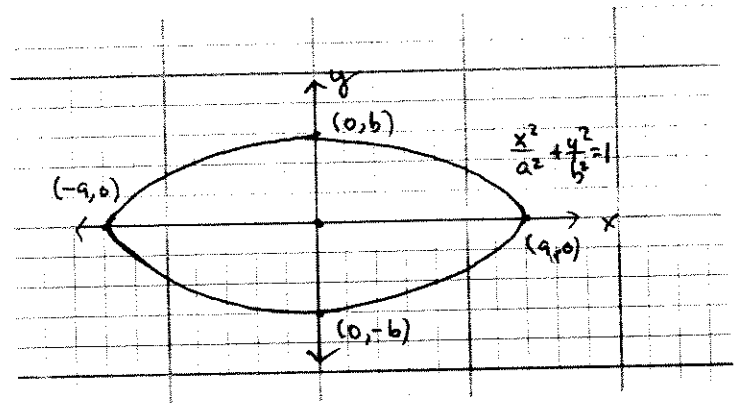
is the position vector of a curve
traveling around the ellipse

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

What is a good domain t -interval
so that $\vec{r}(t)$ describes a simple
closed curve, traveling once around
the ellipse?

starts &
ends at
the same place,
 $\vec{r}(a) = \vec{r}(b)$

" $\vec{r}(t)$ doesn't
cross itself"
i.e.
no self intersections,
 $\vec{r}(t)$ is one to one



Example 4 Show $\vec{r}(t) = \langle a \cosh t, b \sinh t \rangle$
 $(a, b > 0)$

parameterizes half of the hyperbola

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

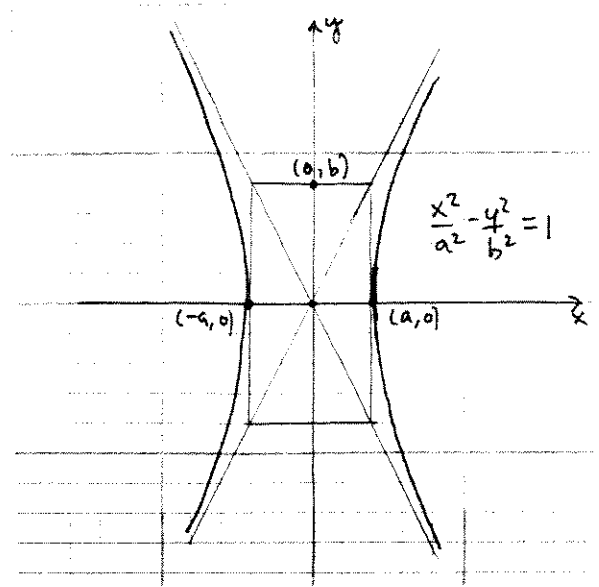
How would you parameterize the other half?

Recall,

$$\cosh t = \frac{1}{2}(e^t + e^{-t})$$

$$\sinh t = \frac{1}{2}(e^t - e^{-t})$$

$$\cosh^2 t - \sinh^2 t = 1 !$$



Example 5: Sketch the curve of intersection between the cylinder

$$x^2 + y^2 = 4$$

and the plane $y + z = 2$

Then, find a parametric representation of this curve!