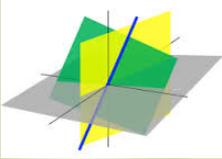
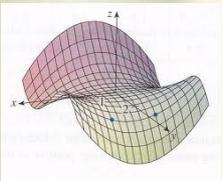


# Parametric Representations of Plane Curves

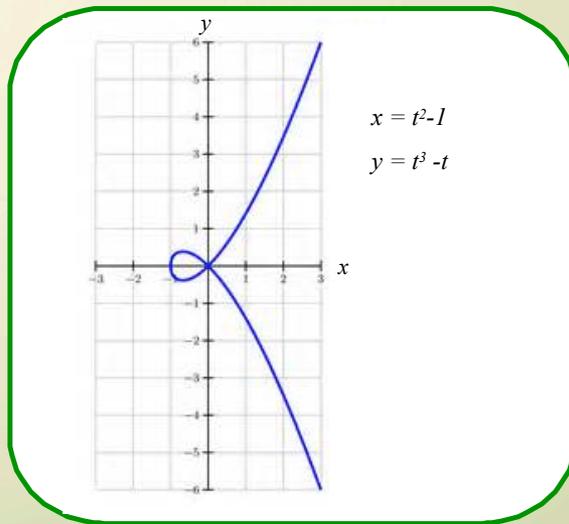


$$f_x = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h, y) - f(x, y)}{h}$$

$$f_y = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x, y+h) - f(x, y)}{h}$$



$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 \int_0^{2y} xy \, dx \, dy &= \int_0^1 \left[ \frac{x^2}{2} y \right]_{x=0}^{x=2y} dy \\ &= \int_0^1 \frac{(2y)^2}{2} y \, dy = \int_0^1 2y^3 \, dy \\ &= \left[ \frac{y^4}{2} \right]_{y=0}^{y=1} = \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$



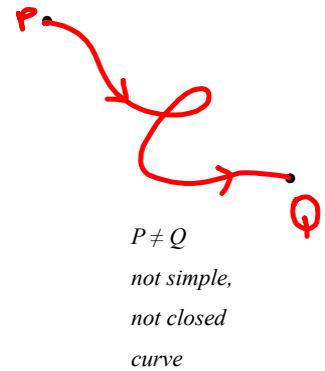
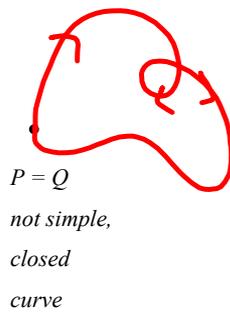
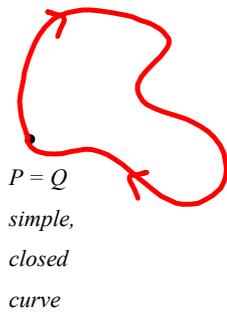
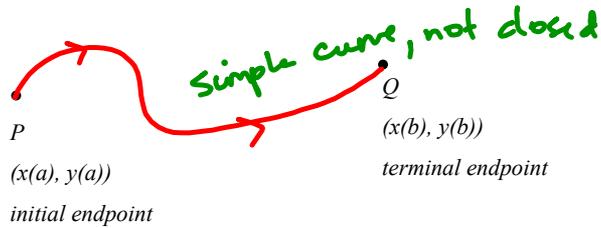
A plane curve is a 2-dimensional curve given by

$$x = f(t) \quad y = g(t) \quad t \in I$$

where  $f$  and  $g$  are continuous functions on the interval  $I, [a, b]$ .

$t$  is the parameter.  $t \in [a, b]$

(curve is given parametrically)

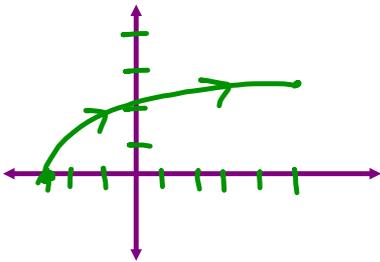


(simple: non-self-intersecting)

It can be hard to recognize the shape of a curve when given parametrically. Sometimes it is possible to eliminate the parameter.

EX 1 Eliminate the parameter and sketch this curve.

$$\textcircled{1} x = t - 3 \quad \textcircled{2} y = \sqrt{t} \quad 0 \leq t \leq 8$$



$$\textcircled{1} t = x + 3$$

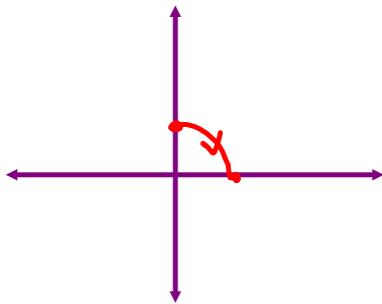
$$\textcircled{2} y = \sqrt{x + 3} \quad (\text{know the graph})$$

$$\text{start } t = 0, x = 0 - 3 = -3, y = 0$$

$$\text{end } t = 8, x = 8 - 3 = 5, y = \sqrt{8} = 2\sqrt{2}$$

EX 2 Eliminate the parameter  $t$ , graph the curve and tell if it is simple and closed.

$$\textcircled{1} x = \sqrt{t-3} \quad \textcircled{2} y = \sqrt{4-t} \quad \underline{3 \leq t \leq 4}$$



• yes, it's simple  
• no, it's not closed

$$\textcircled{1} x^2 = t - 3 \\ t = x^2 + 3$$

$$\textcircled{2} y = \sqrt{4 - (x^2 + 3)}$$

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

$$y^2 = 1 - x^2$$

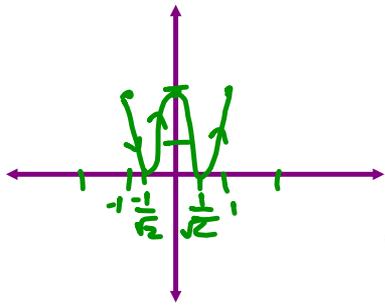
$$\underline{x^2 + y^2 = 1} \quad (\text{basic shape}) \\ (\text{circle})$$

start:  $t=3, x=0, y=1$

end:  $t=4, x=1, y=0$

EX 3 Eliminate the parameter  $\theta$ , graph the curve and tell if it is simple and closed.

①  $x = \sin \theta$       ②  $y = 2 \cos^2(2\theta)$        $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$



②

$$y = 2(\cos(2\theta))^2$$

$$y = 2(1 - 2\sin^2\theta)^2$$

$$y = 2(1 - 4\sin^2\theta + 4\sin^4\theta)$$

use trig  
identity:  
(double angle)  
 $\cos(2\theta) = 1 - 2\sin^2\theta$

plug in  $x = \sin\theta$ :

$$y = 2(1 - 4x^2 + 4x^4)$$

$$y = 8x^4 - 8x^2 + 2$$

$\theta \in \mathbb{R}$

①  $x = \sin\theta \Rightarrow x \in [-1, 1]$

②  $y = 2 \cos^2(2\theta) \Rightarrow y \in [0, 2]$

$0 \leq \cos^2(2\theta) \leq 1$

$0 \leq 2 \cos^2(2\theta) \leq 2$

$y = 2(1 - 2x^2)^2$

zeros: when  $2x^2 = 1$   
 $x = \pm 1/\sqrt{2}$

pts  $(-1, 2)$        $(0, 2)$   
 $(1, 2)$        $(\pm 1/\sqrt{2}, 0)$

Theorem A

Let  $f$  and  $g$  be continuously differentiable with  $f'(t) \neq 0$  on  $t \in (\alpha, \beta)$ .

Then the parametric equations  $x = f(t)$  and  $y = g(t)$

define  $y$  as a differentiable function of  $x$  and

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy/dt}{dx/dt} \quad \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{dy'/dt}{dx/dt} \quad \text{where } y' = \frac{dy}{dx}$$

EX 4 Find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  and  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$  (without eliminating the parameter.)

a)  $x = \sqrt{3}\theta^2 \quad y = -\sqrt{3}\theta^3 \quad \theta \neq 0$

$$y' = \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy/d\theta}{dx/d\theta} = \frac{-3\sqrt{3}\theta^2}{2\sqrt{3}\theta} = -\frac{3}{2}\theta$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{dy'/d\theta}{dx/d\theta} = \frac{-3/2}{2\sqrt{3}\theta} = \frac{-3}{4\sqrt{3}\theta} = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4\theta}$$

$$\frac{dy}{d\theta} = -3\sqrt{3}\theta^2$$

$$\frac{dx}{d\theta} = 2\sqrt{3}\theta$$

$$\frac{dy'}{d\theta} = -3/2$$

b)  $x = \frac{2}{1+t^2} \quad y = \frac{2}{t(1+t^2)} \quad t \neq 0$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{-2(2t)}{(1+t^2)^2} = \frac{-4t}{(1+t^2)^2}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{0 - 2(1+3t^2)}{t^2(1+t^2)^2}$$

$$y' = \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy/dt}{dx/dt} = \frac{-2(1+3t^2)}{t^2(1+t^2)^2} \cdot \frac{(1+t^2)^2}{-4t} = \frac{-2(1+3t^2)}{t^2(-4t)} = \frac{1+3t^2}{2t^3}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{-2(1+3t^2)}{t^2(1+t^2)^2}$$

$$\frac{dy'}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{1+3t^2}{2t^3} \right) = \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{1}{2}t^{-3} + \frac{3}{2}t^{-1} \right)$$

$$= -\frac{3}{2}t^{-4} - \frac{3}{2}t^{-2} = -\frac{3}{2} \left( \frac{1}{t^4} + \frac{1}{t^2} \right)$$

$$= -\frac{3}{2} \left( \frac{t^2+1}{t^4} \right)$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{dy'/dt}{dx/dt} = \frac{-\frac{3}{2} \left( \frac{t^2+1}{t^4} \right)}{\frac{-4t}{(1+t^2)^2}}$$

$$= \frac{-\frac{3}{2} \left( \frac{t^2+1}{t^4} \right) \cdot (1+t^2)^2}{-4t}$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{3(1+t^2)^3}{8t^5}$$

Length of a curve:  $L = \int_a^b \underbrace{\sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2}}_{ds} dt$   
 (arc length)

EX 5 Find the length of the curve given by

$$x = \sin \theta - \theta \cos \theta \quad \theta \in [\pi/4, \pi/2]$$

$$y = \cos \theta + \theta \sin \theta$$

$ds =$  "a little bit of arc length"

$$L = \int_{\pi/4}^{\pi/2} \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{d\theta}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{d\theta}\right)^2} d\theta$$

$$L = \int_{\pi/4}^{\pi/2} \sqrt{(\theta \sin \theta)^2 + (\theta \cos \theta)^2} d\theta$$

$$= \int_{\pi/4}^{\pi/2} \underbrace{\theta^2 (\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta)}_{=1} d\theta$$

$$= \int_{\pi/4}^{\pi/2} \sqrt{\theta^2} d\theta = \int_{\pi/4}^{\pi/2} \theta d\theta$$

$$= \frac{\theta^2}{2} \Big|_{\pi/4}^{\pi/2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\pi^2}{4} - \frac{\pi^2}{16} \right) = \frac{3\pi^2}{32}$$

$$\frac{dx}{d\theta} = \cos \theta - (\cos \theta + \theta(-\sin \theta))$$

$$= \cos \theta - \cos \theta + \theta \sin \theta = \theta \sin \theta$$

$$\frac{dy}{d\theta} = -\sin \theta + (\sin \theta + \theta \cos \theta)$$

$$= \theta \cos \theta$$

note:  $\sqrt{\theta^2} = |\theta|$