

MA104 - Differential Calculus Lesson 28: Parametric Equations I

1. Use the table below to fill in values to help you plot (including arrows indicating direction) the parametric curve given by

$$x = \sin(t), y = \sin(2t), \quad 0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$$

t	$x(t)$	$y(t)$
0		
$\frac{\pi}{2}$		
π		
$\frac{3\pi}{2}$		
2π		

Mathematica Commands:

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x[t_]=Sin[t]
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y[t_]=Sin[2t]
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Plotting: ParametricPlot[{x[t],y[t]},{t,0,2*Pi}]
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Animating: Animate[ParametricPlot[{x[t],y[t]},{t,0,T},PlotRange->{{-2,2},{-2,2}},  
{T,0,2*Pi,0.1}]
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2. Notes on Circles:

3. Eliminating the parameter - Two types: trig and not trig...

(a) $x = 1 + 3t, y = 2 - t^2$

(b) $x = 4 \cos(\theta), y = 4 \sin(\theta)$

Problems

1. Sketch the following curves by hand or with Mathematica. Indicate with an arrow the direction in which the curve is traced as the parameter increases.

$$(a) \begin{aligned} x &= \sqrt{t} \\ y &= 1 - t \end{aligned}$$

$$(b) \begin{aligned} x &= 1 + \sin(t) \\ y &= 5 \cos(t) \end{aligned}, \quad 0 \leq t \leq 2\pi.$$

$$(c) \langle \sqrt{s}, \sin(s) \rangle, \quad 0 \leq s \leq 3\pi.$$

2. For each of the parametric equations above, eliminate the parameter to find a Cartesian equation of the curve.

(a)

(b)

(c)