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1. Parametric and Polar Curves.

1.1. Curves defined by Parametric Eq.

x, y given as functions of a third variable t (parameter)

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

each t determines $(x, y) = (f(t), g(t))$

t varies \rightarrow Curve C . (parameter curve)

Remark A particle whose position is given by the parameter eqs. moves along the curve in the direction of the arrow as t increases.

Ex 1 Eliminate param to find a Cartesian eq of curve

$$x = t^2 - 3$$

$$t \in [-3, 3]$$

$$y = t + 2$$

$$t = y - 2$$

$$-3 \leq t \leq 3 \Rightarrow -1 \leq y \leq 5$$

$$x = (y - 2)^2 - 3$$

Examples of parametric curve in 2-D

① Circle $x^2 + y^2 = r^2$

$$x = r \cos t$$

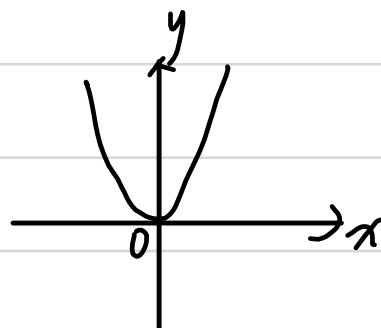
$$y = r \sin t \quad t \in [0, 2\pi)$$

② Parabola $y = x^2$

$$x = t$$

$$y = t^2$$

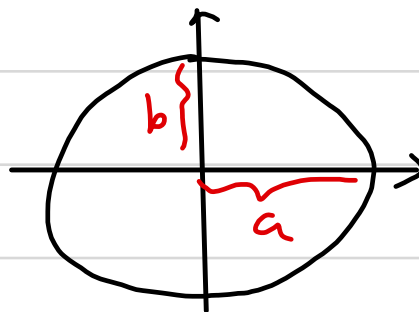
$$t \in (-\infty, +\infty)$$



③ Ellipse $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$

$$x = a \cos t$$

$$y = b \sin t \quad t \in [0, 2\pi)$$

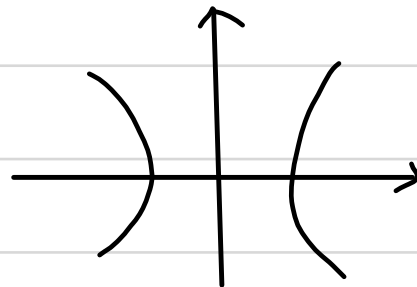


④ Hyperbola

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

$$x = a \sec t$$

$$y = b \tan t \quad t \in [0, \frac{\pi}{2}) \cup (\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}) \cup (\frac{3\pi}{2}, 2\pi)$$



Ex 2. Sketch the curve and indicate its direction.

$$x = \frac{1}{2} \cos \theta$$

$$y = 2 \sin \theta$$

$$\theta \in [0, \pi]$$

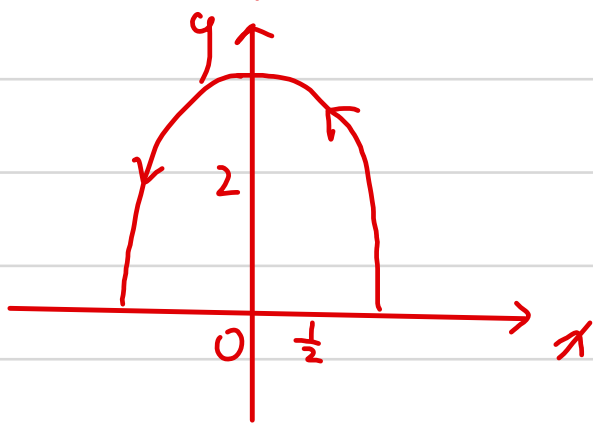
$$\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta = 1$$

$$2x = \cos \theta$$

$$\frac{1}{2}y = \sin \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow 4x^2 + \frac{1}{4}y^2 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x^2}{(\frac{1}{2})^2} + \frac{y^2}{2^2} = 1$$



1.2 Derivatives for Parametric Curves

f, g differentiable & continuous function

want to find tangent line of curve $(x, y) = (f(t), g(t))$.

(y is also a differentiable function of x)

By Chain Rule, we have

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

If $\frac{dx}{dt} \neq 0$.

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy/dt}{dx/dt} \quad (\text{slope of tangent line})$$

If $\frac{dx}{dt} = 0$

The tangent line is a vertical line

Ex3. Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ for $x = te^t$, $y = t + \sin t$

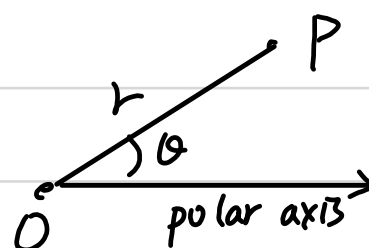
$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy/dt}{dx/dt} = \frac{1 + \cos t}{e^t + te^t}$$

1.3 Polar Coordinates

origin / pole: O

polar axis

r, θ .

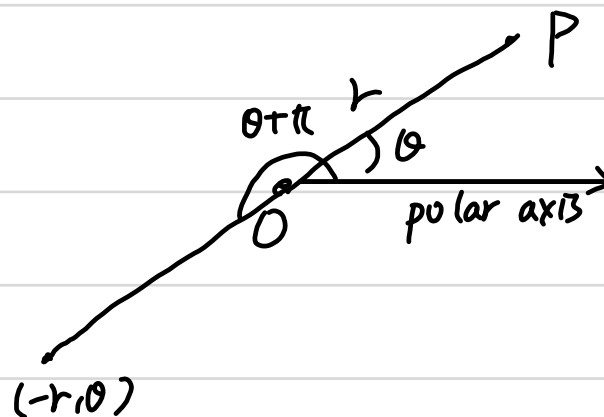


P is represented by (r, θ) polar coordinates of P.

$\theta > 0$ ↺

$\theta < 0$ ↻

$$(-r, \theta) = (r, \theta + \pi)$$



Polar & Cartesian

(r, θ)

(x, y)

$$x = r \cos \theta$$

$$y = r \sin \theta$$

$$\theta = \arccos \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} = \arcsin \frac{y}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}$$

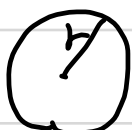
$$\cos \theta = \frac{x}{r}$$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{y}{r}$$

$$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$

Basic curves

① $r = a$



② $\theta = 0$

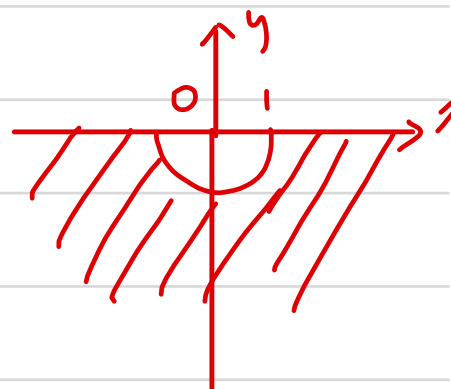
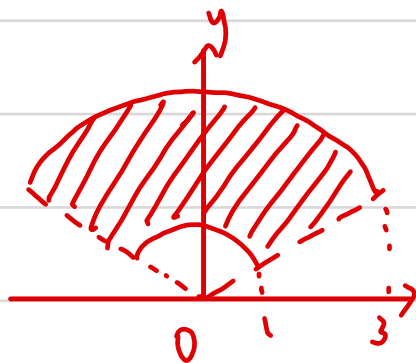


Symmetry

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|---|------------------|----------------|----------------------------|
| ① | replace θ | by $-\theta$ | symmetric about polar axis |
| ② | r | $-r$ | pole |
| | θ | $\theta + \pi$ | pole |
| ③ | θ | $\pi - \theta$ | $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$ |

Ex 4 Sketch region

- (a) $1 \leq r \leq 3$. $\frac{\pi}{6} < \theta < \frac{5\pi}{6}$
- (b) $r \geq 1$ $\pi \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$



Ex 5 Find Cartesian eq. of the curve

- (a) $r = 5 \cos \theta$
- (b) $\theta = \frac{\pi}{3}$
- (c) $r = a \sin \theta + b \cos \theta$ $ab \neq 0$
- (a) $r^2 = 5r \cos \theta \Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 = 5x$
- (b) $y = \sqrt{3}x$
- (c) $x^2 + y^2 = ay + bx$

2. Calculus in Polar Coordinates

2.1 Slope of tangent lines

$$r = f(\theta)$$

$$\begin{cases} x = r \cos \theta = f(\theta) \cos \theta \\ y = r \sin \theta = f(\theta) \sin \theta \end{cases}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy/d\theta}{dx/d\theta} = \frac{f'(\theta) \sin \theta + f(\theta) \cos \theta}{f'(\theta) \cos \theta - f(\theta) \sin \theta}$$

2.2 Area of Regions bounded by Polar Coordinates

R bounded by $r=f(\theta)$, $r=g(\theta)$ $f \geq g \geq 0$ in $[\alpha, \beta]$
 $\theta = \alpha$, $\theta = \beta$

Area of R :

$$\int_{\alpha}^{\beta} \frac{1}{2} [f^2(\theta) - g^2(\theta)] d\theta$$