

Ex Sketch the curve given by

$$x = 3\cos\theta, \quad y = 4\sin\theta \quad 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$$

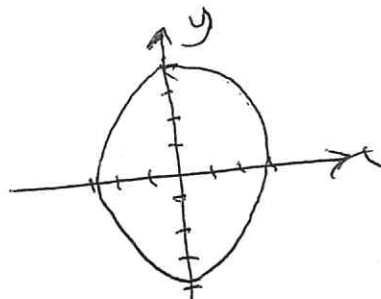
by elimination θ and finding the corresponding rectangular equation:

Solution : $\cos\theta = \frac{x}{3}, \quad \sin\theta = \frac{y}{4}$

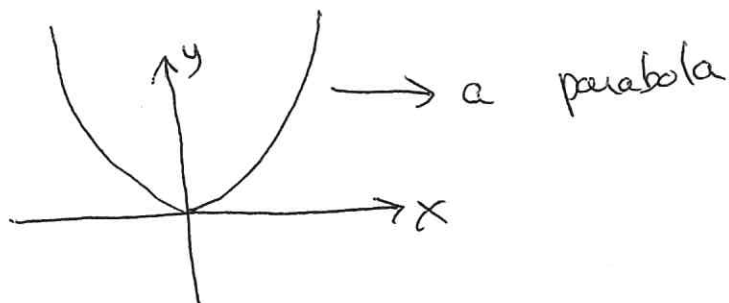
Use $\cos^2\theta + \sin^2\theta = 1$

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

$$\frac{x^2}{3^2} + \frac{y^2}{4^2} = 1$$



Ex $\left. \begin{array}{l} x = e^t \\ y = e^{2t} \end{array} \right\}$ solution. $x = e^t$
 $y = (e^t)^2, \quad y = x^2$



The Cycloid

Roll a wheel along a flat straight line

Map out the path of a particle on the edge of the wheel

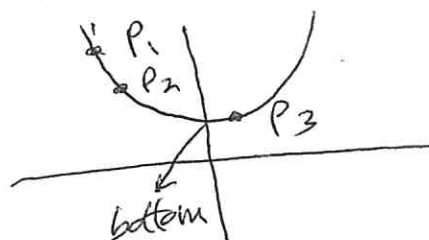
The equations (parametric) of a cycloid are

$$x = r(\theta - \sin\theta)$$

$$y = r(1 - \cos\theta)$$

The cycloid gives the solution to two classic problems in mechanics

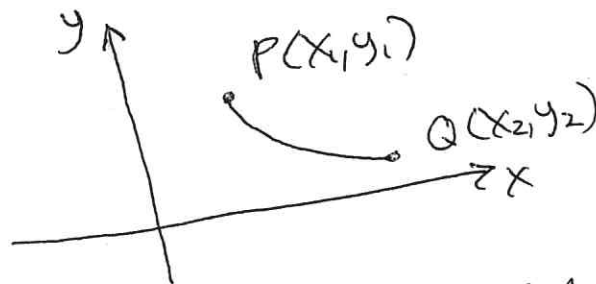
- 1) The Tautochrone problem
Same time



A particle is acted upon
by gravity and only gravity

~~The particle moves along a curve. What should the curve be so that the particle moves the distance in the same time?~~ Think of it this way. What should the shape of the curve be so that two particles will reach the bottom of the curve at the same time, if they start moving at the same time. Answer part of an inverted cycloid.

The Brachistochrone Problem
shortest time



The only force acting on the particle is gravity.

What is the path from P to Q of shortest time,

Answer part of an inverted cycloid

Calculus of curves given parametrically

Tangent If f and g are differentiable functions and we want to find the tangent line at a point on the curve given parametrically $x = x(t)$, $y = y(t)$. The chain rule gives

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

If $\frac{dx}{dt} \neq 0$, then

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\frac{dy}{dt}}{\frac{dx}{dt}} \quad (1)$$

We can use (1) to find the slope $\frac{dy}{dx}$ of the tangent line to a parametric curve without having to eliminate the parameter t .

Note If the curve has a horizontal tangent, then $\frac{dy}{dt} = 0$
 " " " " vertical " " $\frac{dx}{dt} = 0$

To find the second derivative: $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right) = \frac{\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right)}{\frac{dx}{dt}}$

Ex Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ for the curve given by $x = \cos t$, $y = \sin t$

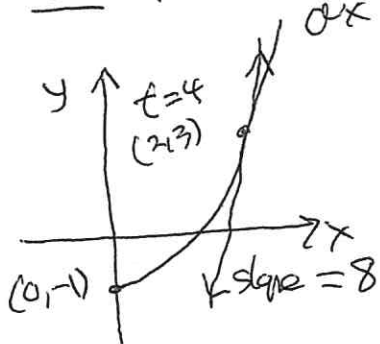
Solution $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\frac{dy}{dt}}{\frac{dx}{dt}} = \frac{\frac{d}{dt} \sin t}{\frac{d}{dt} \cos t} = \frac{\cos t}{-\sin t} = -\cot(t)$

Note The graph of the curve given by: $x = \cos t$, $y = \sin t$ is the unit circle, centered at the origin, $x^2 + y^2 = 1$. In calc I, you found $\frac{dy}{dx}$ using implicit differentiation



$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-x}{y} = \frac{-\cos t}{\sin t} = -\cot(t)$$

Ex Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ for the curve given by: $x = \sqrt{t} = t^{\frac{1}{2}}$, $y = \frac{1}{4}(t^{\frac{3}{2}})$, $t \geq 0$



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

so at $(x,y) = (2,3)$, when $t=4$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 4^{\frac{3}{2}} = 8$$

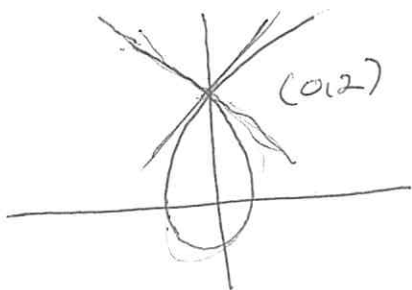
To test for concavity

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{\frac{d}{dt} \left[\frac{dy}{dx} \right]}{dx/dt} = \frac{\frac{d}{dt} (t^{\frac{3}{2}})}{\frac{dx}{dt}} = \frac{\frac{3}{2}t^{\frac{1}{2}}}{\frac{1}{2}t^{-\frac{1}{2}}} = 3t$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 3t$$

so at $(2,3)$, $t = 3 \cdot 4 = 12 > 0$
 so the curve is concave up
 at $t=4$, $(x,y) = (2,3)$

Ex A curve with two tangents at a point
Prolate cycloid



$$x = 2t - \pi \sin t$$

$$y = 2 - \pi \cos t$$

Find equations of both tangent lines.

Solution
For $(x, y) = (0, 2)$, we have $t = -\frac{\pi}{2}$ or $t = +\frac{\pi}{2}$

$$\text{And } \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy/dt}{dx/dt} = \frac{\pi \sin t}{2 - \pi \cos t}$$

$$\text{We have } \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{\pi}{2} \text{ when } t = -\frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\pi}{2} \text{ when } t = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

We have our slopes, our pt is (0, 2)

When $t = -\frac{\pi}{2}$, ~~the~~ an equation of the tangent line is

$$y - 2 = -\frac{\pi}{2}x, \quad y = -\frac{\pi}{2}x + 2$$

When $t = +\frac{\pi}{2}$, an equation of the tangent line is

$$y - 2 = \frac{\pi}{2}x, \text{ or } y = \frac{\pi}{2}x + 2$$