

Parametric

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1 Homework 7 - Q4

We're going to plot some serious Parametric Equations now...

Get ready to behold the beauty of some math (Don't cringe!)

I've used Wikipedia extensively for this one, especially for the [Lissajous Figures](#), [Hypotrochoid](#) and [Epicycloid](#).

Among imports, we're mostly going to need `matplotlib` for plotting, `numpy` to generate float ranges, using the `arange()` function I learnt last time, and the regular `math` package to use `cos` and `sin` functions and `pi`'s value...

```
[1]: import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import numpy as np
import math
```

1.1 Parabola

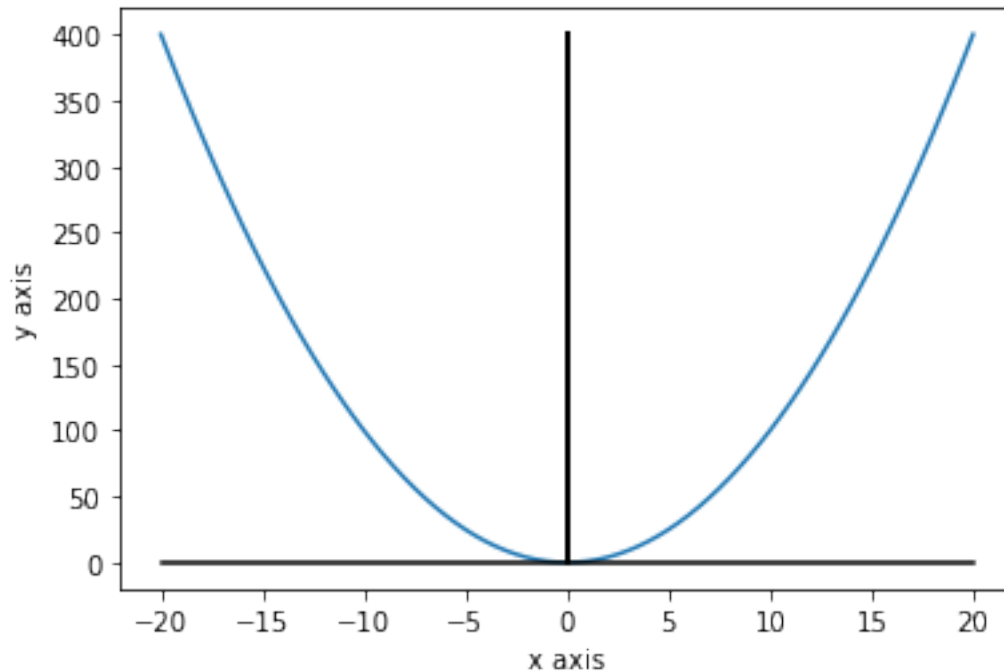
This one's really simple, all we're going to do is produce a set of values of x , and then create our y using the cool `map` function and the amazing `lambda` operator available in Python.

```
[2]: x = np.arange(-20,20.5,0.5)
y = list(map(lambda t:t*t, x))
```

Next, we're going to plot the Parabola. Just to make it look better, I'm also plotting the values of x and y while keeping the other one fixed as zero, just to make it look like an x-axis and a y-axis.

```
[3]: z = plt.plot(x,y,label='Parabola, Parametrized in terms of x')
xaxis = plt.plot(x,len(x)*[0], color='black')
yaxis = plt.plot(len(y)*[0],y,color='black')
plt.xlabel('x axis')
plt.ylabel('y axis')
```

```
[3]: Text(0, 0.5, 'y axis')
```



1.2 Circle

This one is where we're first going to use the `cos()` and `sin()` functions.

Now, we're going to create a list of values of θ from 0 to 2π , using the `arange` function again.

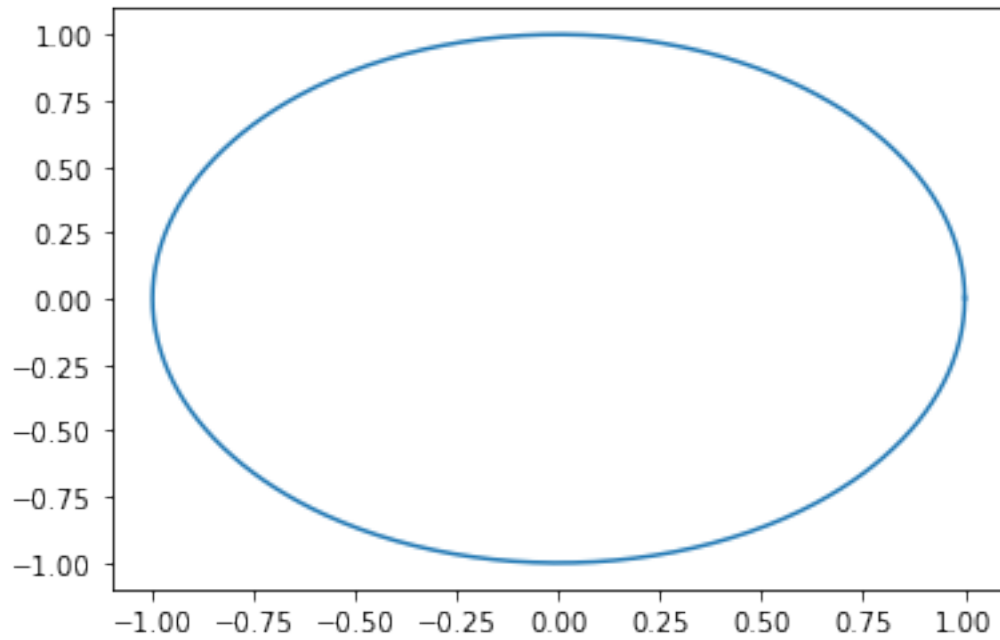
```
[4]: t = np.arange(0,2*math.pi+0.01, 0.01)
```

We need to use the `plt.axis('equal')` command to make a circle look like an actual circle, as `matplotlib` likes to squeeze and stretch our data when we don't use it.

See the output before and after:

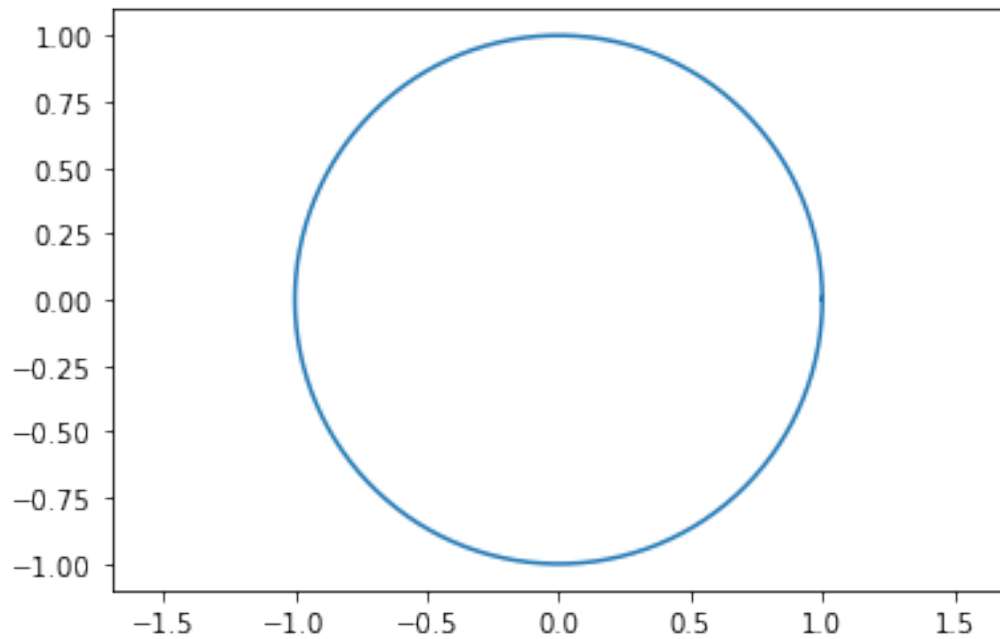
```
[5]: plt.plot(list(map(lambda x:math.cos(x),t)),list(map(lambda x:math.sin(x),t)))
      print("Before:")
```

Before:



```
[6]: plt.axis('equal')
plt.plot(list(map(lambda x:math.cos(x),t)),list(map(lambda x:math.sin(x),t)))
print("After:")
```

After:

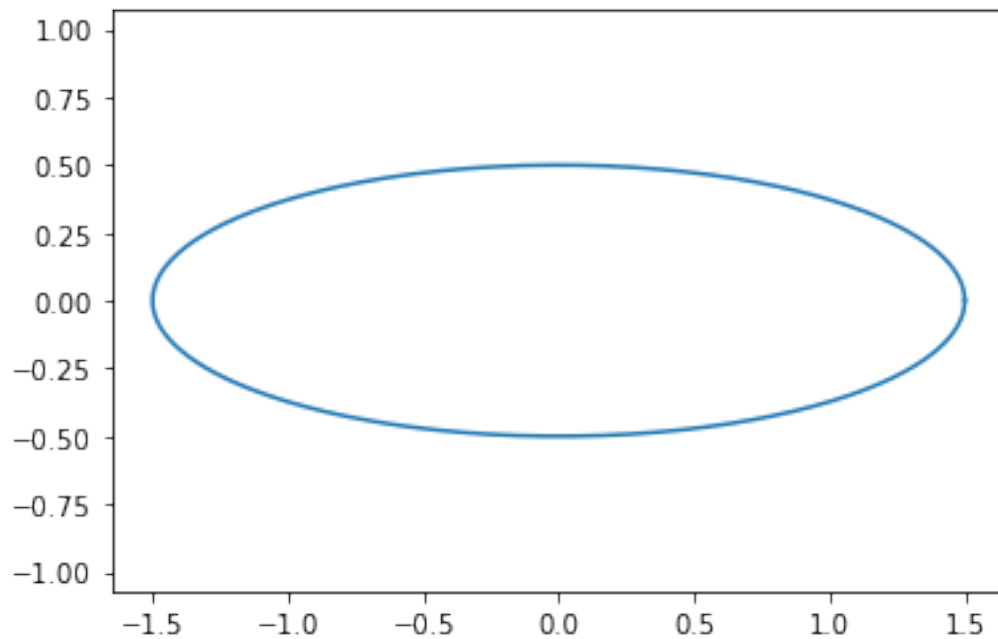


1.3 Ellipse

Pretty much the same thing as a circle... Honestly, I just copied the code, and scaled x and y :)

```
[7]: plt.axis('equal')
plt.plot(list(map(lambda x:1.5*math.cos(x),t)),list(map(lambda x:0.5*math.
↪sin(x),t)))
```

```
[7]: [<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x7f0d4b5267f0>]
```



1.4 Lissajous Curves:

This is where the challenge slightly increases. At least in terms of understanding...

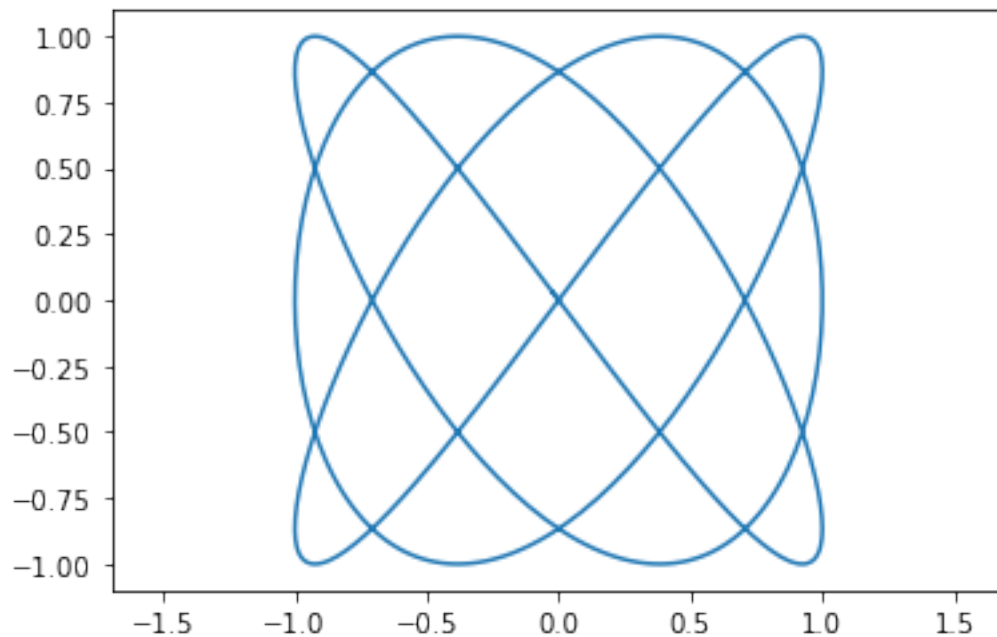
A Lissajous Curve is a curve that is of the following form:

$$x = A \cos(at + \delta), y = B \sin(bt)$$

Now, in my case, I took $A = 1, B = 1, \delta = \frac{\pi}{2}, a = 3$ and $b = 4$

```
[8]: plt.axis('equal')
plt.plot(list(map(lambda x:math.cos(3*x+math.pi/2),t)),list(map(lambda x:math.
↪sin(4*x),t)))
```

[8]: [<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x7f0d4b493898>]



1.5 Hypotrochoid

The equation of a Hypotrochoid is as follows:

$$x(t) = (R - r) \cos(t) + d \cos\left(\frac{R - r}{r}t\right), y = (R - r) \sin(t) - d \sin\left(\frac{R - r}{r}t\right)$$

I've chosen $R = 15$, $r = 7$ and $d = 4$.

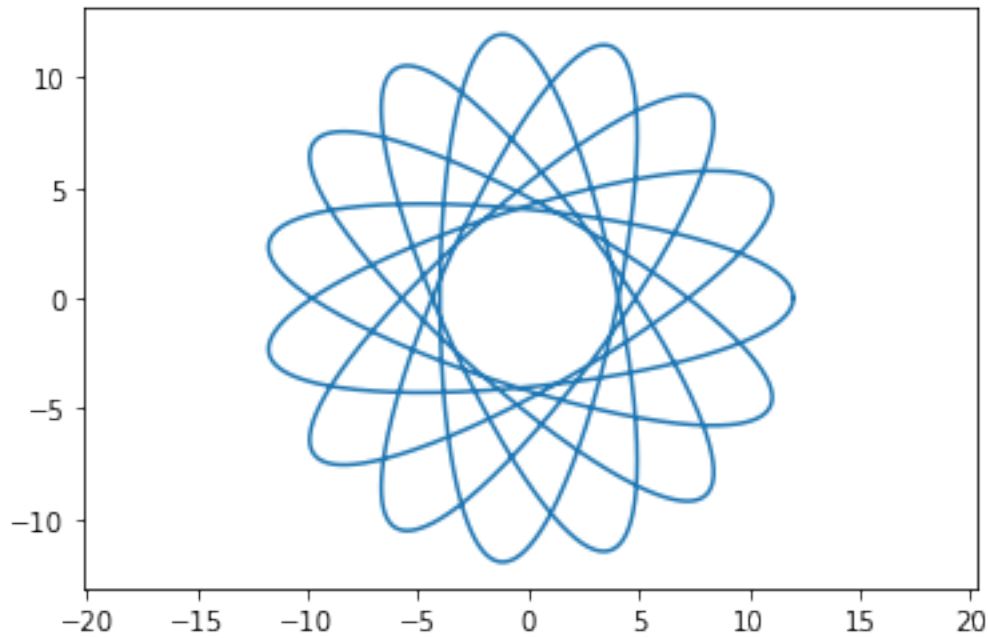
(It's a little better if it can be visualised while moving, for which I recommend: <https://www.desmos.com/calculator/3plby3pgqv>)

(Note that I've taken t to range from 0 to 30π , since the range of the parameter is given by:

$$\left[0, 2\pi \times \frac{LCM(r, R)}{R}\right] = [0, 14\pi]$$

```
[9]: plt.axis('equal')
R = 15
r = 7
d = 4
u = np.arange(0, 14*math.pi+0.01, 0.01)
plt.plot(list(map(lambda x: (R-r)*math.cos(x)+d*math.cos((R-r)/r * x), u)), list(map(lambda x: (R-r)*math.sin(x)-d*math.sin((R-r)/r * x), u)))
```

[9]: [<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x7f0d4b47fb70>]



1.6 Epicycloid

The equation of an Epicycloid is as follows:

$$x(t) = (R + r) \cos(t) - r \cos\left(\frac{R+r}{r}t\right), y = (R + r) \sin(t) - r \sin\left(\frac{R+r}{r}t\right)$$

I've chosen $R = 15$ and $r = 7$.

(Note that I've taken t to range from 0 to 30π , since the range of the parameter is given by:

$$\left[0, 2\pi \times \frac{LCM(r, R)}{r}\right] = [0, 30\pi]$$

```
[10]: plt.axis('equal')
R = 15
r = 7
u = np.arange(0, 30*math.pi+0.01, 0.01)
plt.plot(list(map(lambda x: (R+r)*math.cos(x)-r*math.cos((R+r)/r * x), u)),
         list(map(lambda x: (R+r)*math.sin(x)-r*math.sin((R+r)/r * x), u)))
```

[10]: [<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x7f0d4b408da0>]

