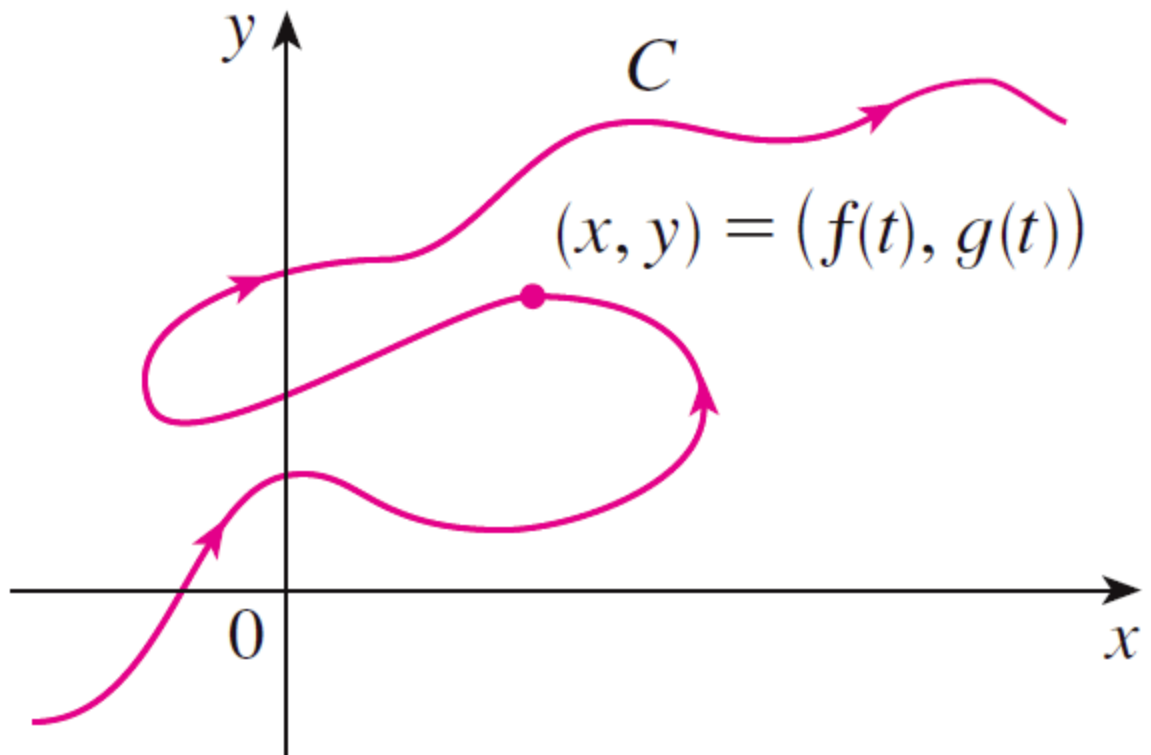


# MAT150 - Summer 2023

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## Parametric curves



In the previous graph,

- The curve  $C$  is not a function. It is impossible to describe it as  $y = f(x)$ .
- But  $x$  and  $y$  are functions of the parameter  $t$ .

$$\begin{cases} x = f(t) \\ y = g(t) \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

- As  $t$  varies, the point  $(x, y) = (f(t), g(t))$  varies and traces out a curve  $C$ .

## Equation for a Circle

Circle of unit radius:

$$\begin{cases} x = \cos(t) \\ y = \sin(t) \end{cases}, \quad 0 \leq t \leq 2\pi \Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 = 1 \quad (2)$$

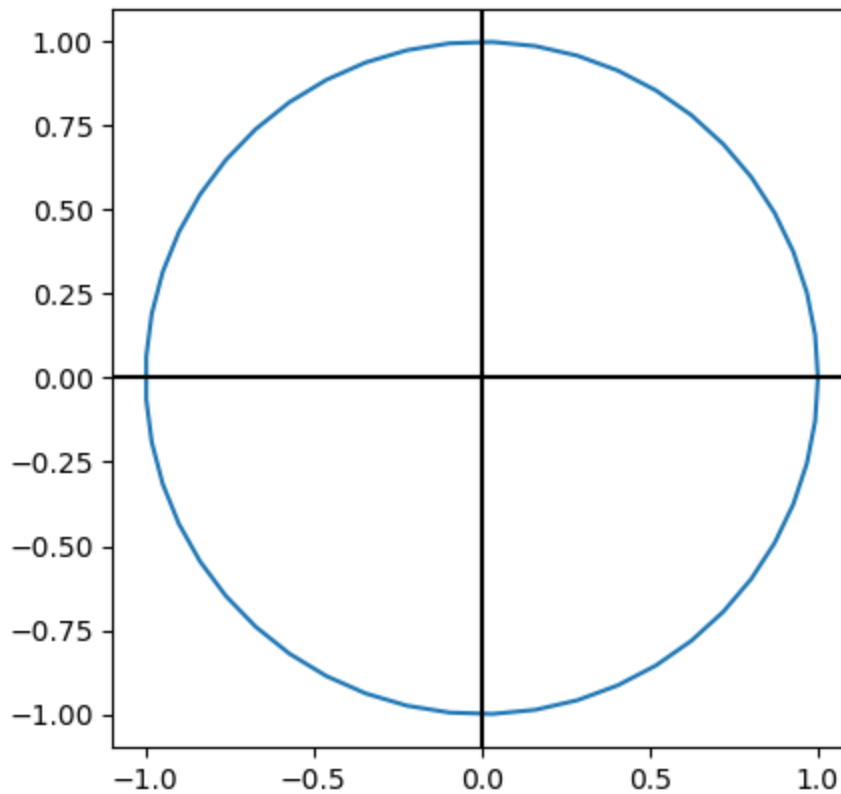
As  $t$  increases from  $0$  to  $2\pi$ , the point  $(x, y) = (\cos t, \sin t)$  moves once around the circle in the counterclockwise direction starting from the point  $(0, 1)$ .

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

t=np.linspace(0,2*np.pi)

plt.plot(np.cos(t),np.sin(t))
plt.axhline(y = 0, color = 'k', linestyle = '-')
plt.axvline(x = 0, color = 'k', linestyle = '-')

ax = plt.gca()
ax.set_aspect('equal')
```



**Question:** What happens if we change  $t$  by  $2t$ ?

```
In [4]: # Enable interactive plot
%matplotlib notebook

import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from matplotlib.animation import FuncAnimation

fig, ax = plt.subplots()

t=np.linspace(0,2*np.pi)

ax.plot(np.cos(t),np.sin(t))
ax.plot(0,0,'*')
ax = plt.gca()
ax.set_aspect('equal')

line2, = ax.plot([], 'X', markersize=10) # A tuple unpacking to unpack the only plot
ax.set_xlim(-1.1, 1.1)
ax.set_ylim(-1.1, 1.1)

def animate(t):
    x = np.cos(2*np.pi * t/100)
    y = np.sin(2*np.pi * t/100)
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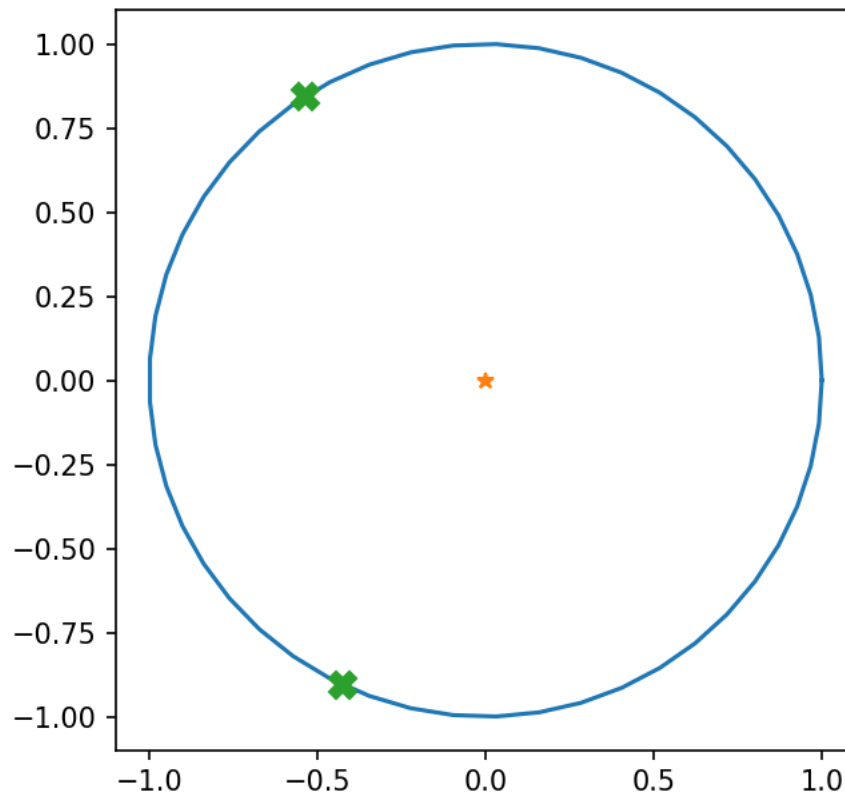
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x1 = np.cos(2*np.pi * 2*t/100)
y1 = np.sin(2*np.pi * 2*t/100)

line2.set_data([x,x1], [y,y1])
return line2

anim = FuncAnimation(fig, animate, frames=100, interval=20)
plt.show()

```



- Different sets of parametric equations can represent the same curve.
- Thus we distinguish between a **curve**, which is a set of points, and a **parametric curve**, in which the points are traced in a particular way.

## General circle

Parametric equations for the circle with center  $(h, k)$  and radius  $r$ :

- Set of points  $(x, y)$  that satisfies:  $\sqrt{(x-h)^2 + (y-k)^2} = r \Rightarrow (x-h)^2 + (y-k)^2 = r^2$
- A parametric representation may be given by:

$$\begin{cases} x - h = r \cos(\omega t) \\ y - k = r \sin(\omega t) \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x = r \cos(\omega t) + h \\ y = r \sin(\omega t) + k \end{cases}, \quad 0 \leq t \leq T \quad (3)$$

- $T = 2\pi/\omega$

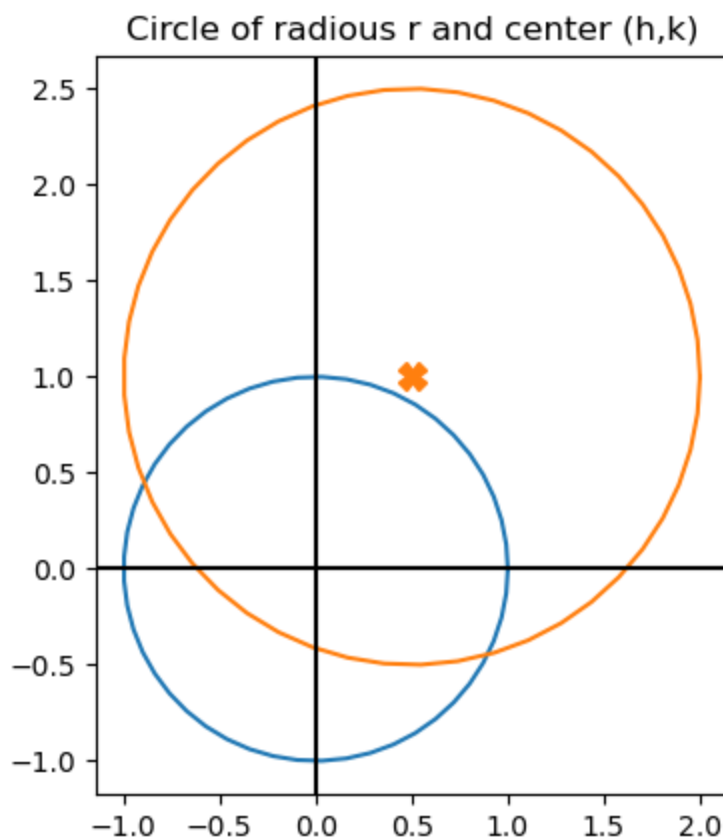
In [8]: `t=np.linspace(0,2*np.pi)`

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r=1.5
k=1
h=0.5

plt.plot(np.cos(t),np.sin(t))
plt.plot(r*np.cos(t)+h,r*np.sin(t)+k)
plt.axhline(y = 0, color = 'k', linestyle = '-')
plt.axvline(x = 0, color = 'k', linestyle = '-')
plt.plot(h, k, marker="X", markersize=10, color="tab:orange")
plt.title('Circle of radius r and center (h,k)')
ax = plt.gca()
ax.set_aspect('equal')

```



What is the domain of a general circle?

- You can obtain the domain from the graph.
- Or from the study of its explicit functions.

$$\sqrt{(x-h)^2 + (y-k)^2} = r \Rightarrow y = k \pm \sqrt{r^2 - (x-h)^2} \quad (4)$$

$$\Rightarrow r^2 - (x-h)^2 > 0 \Rightarrow |r| > |x-h| \quad (5)$$

### Observation

Completing the square can be used as well in order to identify the radius or a circle and its center.

Ex:  $x^2 - 2x + y^2 = 0$  is a circle.

**Example:**

Which curve is:

$$\begin{cases} x = \sin(t) \\ y = \sin^2(t) \end{cases} \quad (6)$$

```
In [5]: # Enable interactive plot
%matplotlib notebook

import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from matplotlib.animation import FuncAnimation

fig, ax = plt.subplots()

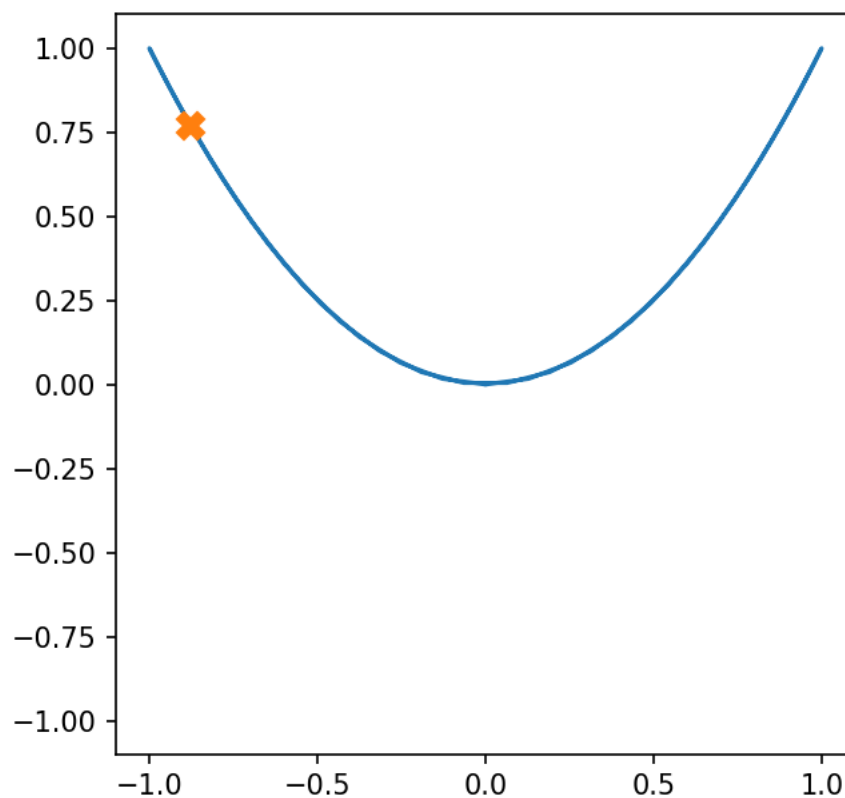
t=np.linspace(0,2*np.pi)

ax.plot(np.sin(t),np.sin(t)**2)
ax = plt.gca()
ax.set_aspect('equal')

line2, = ax.plot([], 'x', markersize=10) # A tuple unpacking to unpack the only plot
ax.set_xlim(-1.1, 1.1)
ax.set_ylim(-1.1, 1.1)

def animate(t):
    x = np.sin(2*np.pi *t/100)
    y = np.sin(2*np.pi *t/100)**2
    line2.set_data((x, y))
    return line2

anim = FuncAnimation(fig, animate, frames=100, interval=20)
plt.show()
```



**Example:**

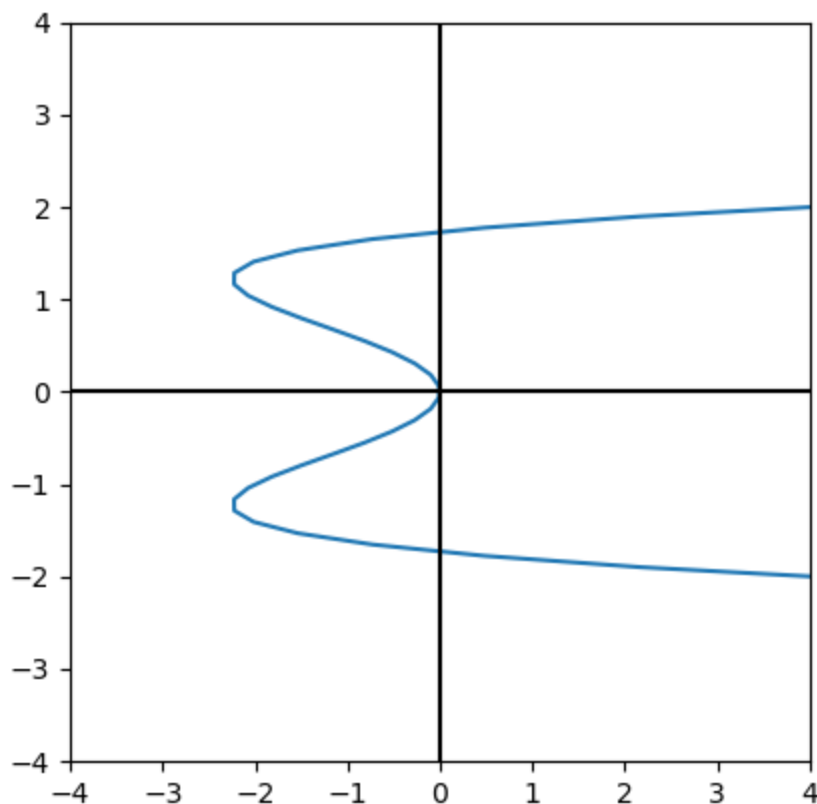
Graph the curve  $x = y^4 - 3y^2$ .

- You can solve the equation for  $y$  as four functions of  $x$  and graph them individually.
- You can transform the expression into a parametric equation:

$$\begin{cases} x = t^4 - 3t^2 \\ y = t \end{cases} \quad (7)$$

```
In [10]: t=np.linspace(-3,3)

plt.plot(t**4-3*t**2,t)
plt.axhline(y = 0, color = 'k', linestyle = '-')
plt.axvline(x = 0, color = 'k', linestyle = '-')
plt.xlim([-4,4])
plt.ylim([-4,4])
ax = plt.gca()
ax.set_aspect('equal')
```



In General ...

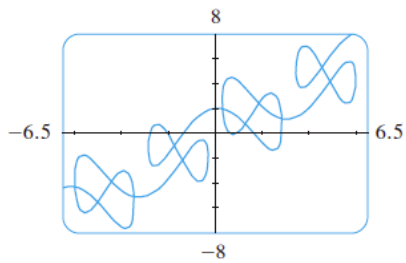
- If we need to graph  $x = g(y)$ , we can use

$$\begin{cases} x = g(t) \\ y = t \end{cases} \quad (8)$$

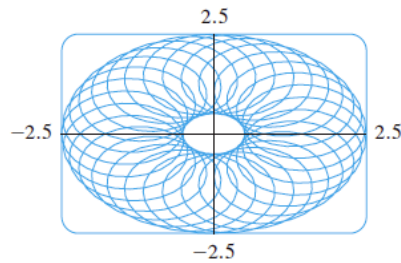
- If we need to graph  $y = f(x)$ , we can use

$$\begin{cases} x = t \\ y = f(t) \end{cases} \quad (9)$$

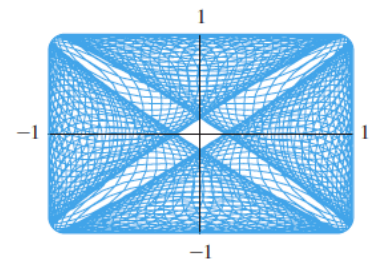
## More examples of parametric curves...



**FIGURE 10**  
 $x = t + 2 \sin 2t$   
 $y = t + 2 \cos 5t$



**FIGURE 11**  
 $x = 1.5 \cos t - \cos 30t$   
 $y = 1.5 \sin t - \sin 30t$



**FIGURE 12**  
 $x = \sin(t + \cos 100t)$   
 $y = \cos(t + \sin 100t)$

```
In [6]: # Enable interactive plot
%matplotlib notebook

import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from matplotlib.animation import FuncAnimation

fig, ax = plt.subplots()

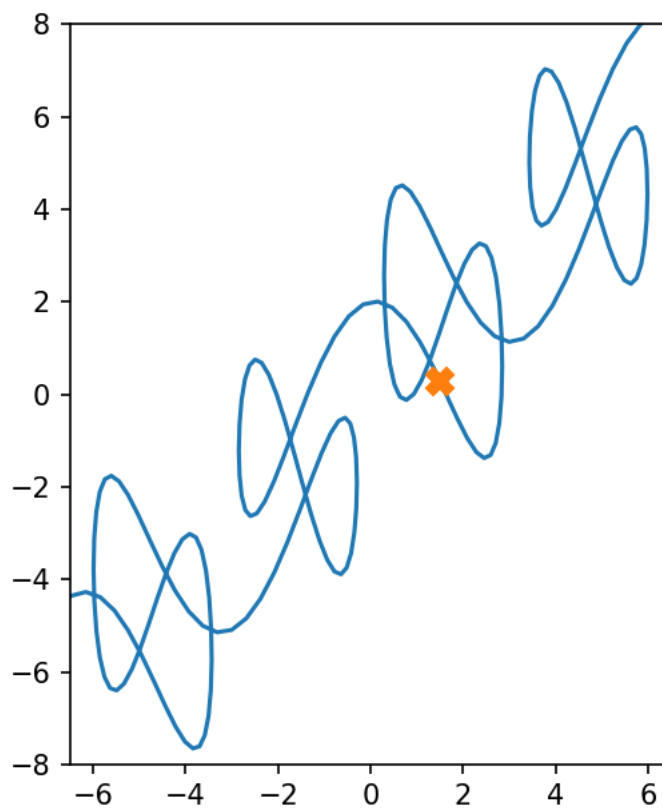
t=np.linspace(-10*np.pi,10*np.pi,1000)

ax.plot(t+2*np.sin(2*t),t+2*np.cos(5*t))
ax = plt.gca()
ax.set_aspect('equal')

line2, = ax.plot([], 'X', markersize=10) # A tuple unpacking to unpack the only plot
ax.set_xlim(-6.5, 6.5)
ax.set_ylim(-8, 8)

def animate(t):
    t=-np.pi+t/50
    x = t+2*np.sin(2*t)
    y = t+2*np.cos(5*t)
    line2.set_data((x, y))
    return line2

anim = FuncAnimation(fig, animate, frames=1000, interval=20)
plt.show()
```

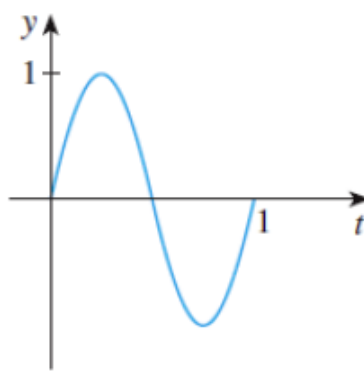
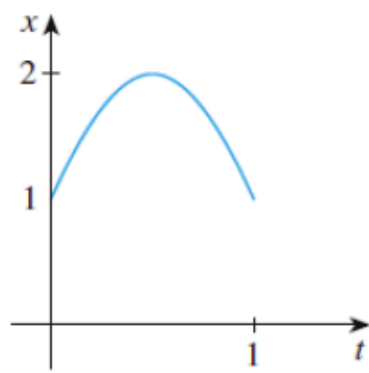


### Exercise 1

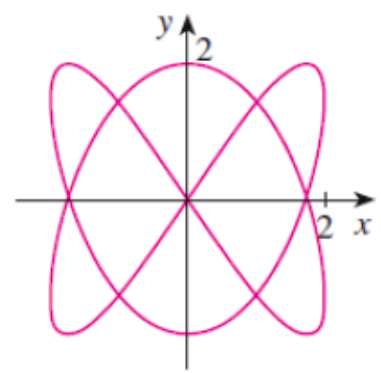
Match the graphs of parametric equations  $x = f(t)$  and  $y = g(t)$ , with the parametric curves labeled I-IV. Give reasons for your choice. Could you guess the direction of  $t$ ? Add the arrow that represents  $t$ .



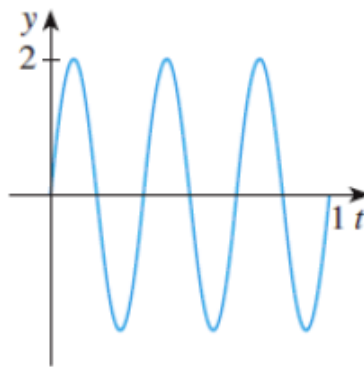
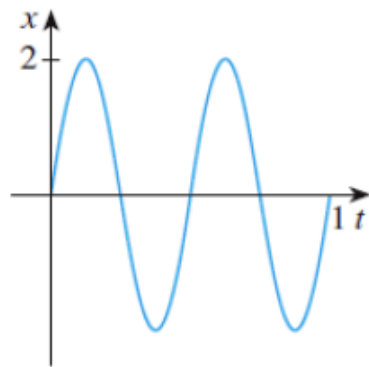
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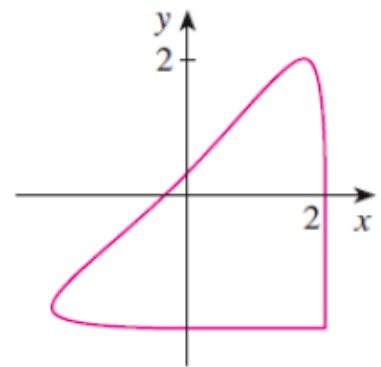
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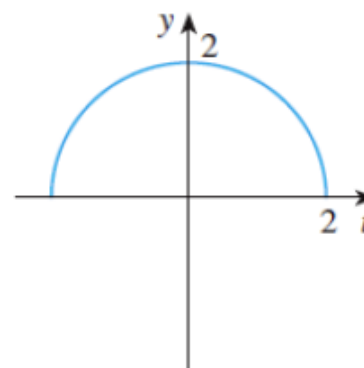
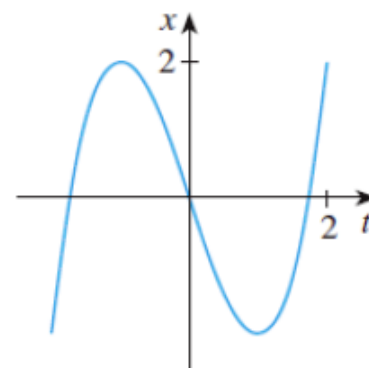
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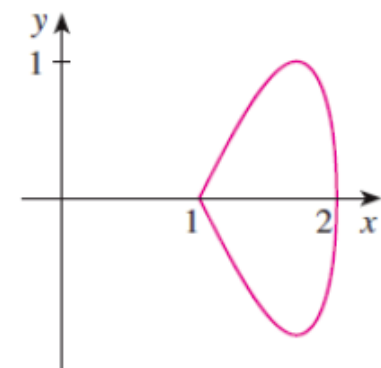
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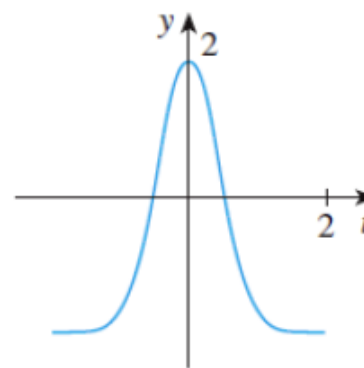
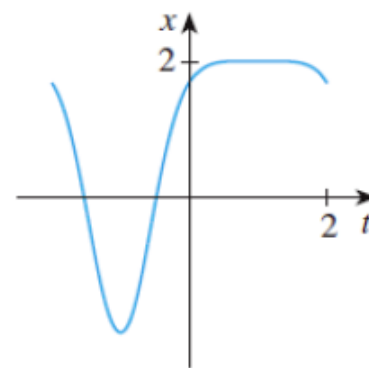
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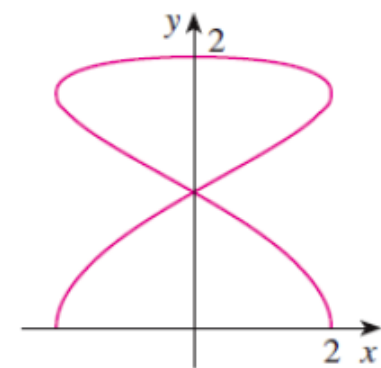
III



(d)



IV



## Exercise 2

Plot the following curves without a graphing calculator:

$$\begin{cases} y = t^2 - 2t \\ x = t + 1 \end{cases} \quad (10)$$

# Piecewise Functions

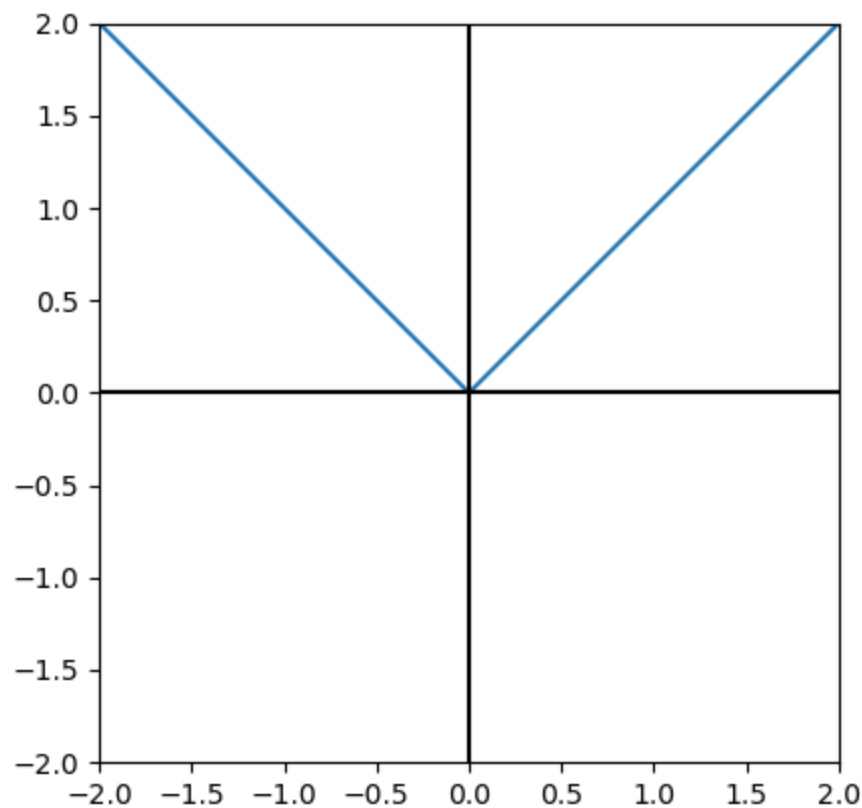
## The absolute value function

$$f(x) = |x| = \sqrt{x^2} = \begin{cases} -x, & x < 0 \\ x, & x \geq 0 \end{cases} \quad (11)$$

```
In [12]: x1=np.linspace(0,3)
x2=np.linspace(-3,0)

plt.plot(x1,x1)
plt.plot(x2,-x2, color='tab:blue')

plt.axhline(y = 0, color = 'k', linestyle = '-')
plt.axvline(x = 0, color = 'k', linestyle = '-')
plt.xlim([-2,2])
plt.ylim([-2,2])
ax = plt.gca()
ax.set_aspect('equal')
```



### Exercise 3:

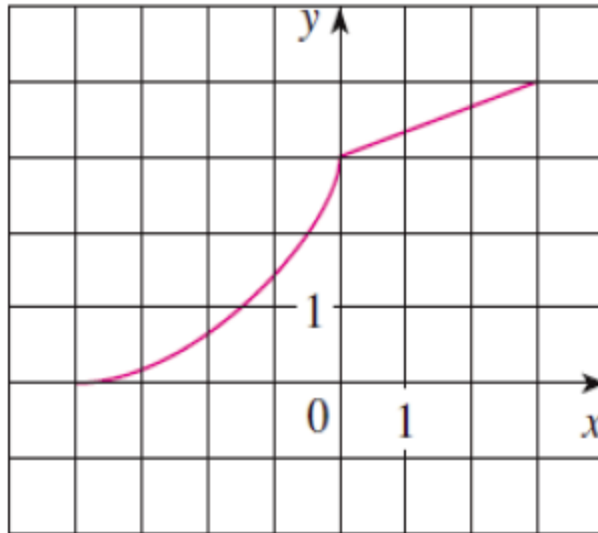
Write  $y = |2x - 3|$  as a piecewise function and sketch it.

#### Exercise 4:

Solve the inequality:  $|x - 1| + |x - 3| \geq 5$

## Further exercises of the section

1. The graph of  $f$  is given. Draw the graphs of the following functions (Midterm spring 2015).



a.  $y = f(2x)$

b.  $y = f^{-1}(x)$

c.  $y = \frac{1}{2}f(x) - 1$

1. Sketch the following functions:

a.  $y = \sin x + x$

b.  $y = \sin x + (1/10) \sin(10x)$

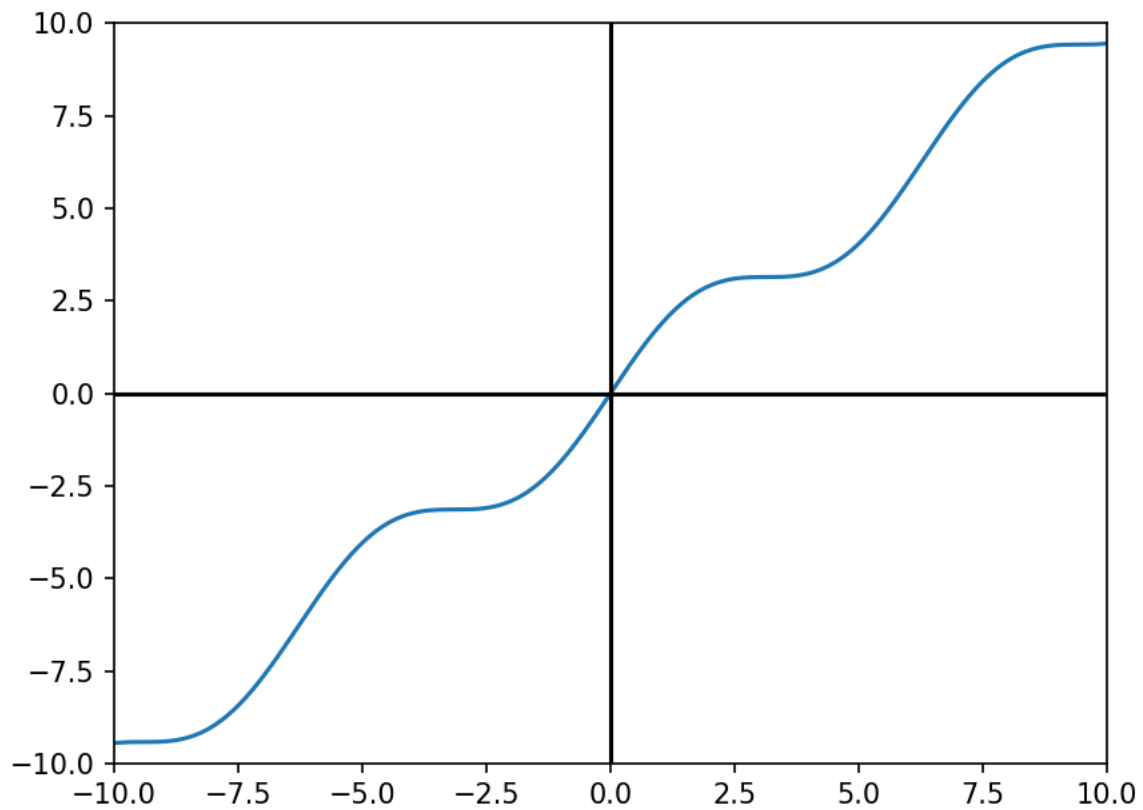
c.  $y = x \sin x$

d.  $y = e^{-x} \sin x$

```
In [29]: x=np.linspace(-20,20,1000)

plt.plot(x,np.sin(x)+x)
# plt.plot(x,x+1,'--',color='tab:blue')
# plt.plot(x,x-1,'--',color='tab:blue')
# plt.plot(x,np.sin(x),'--')

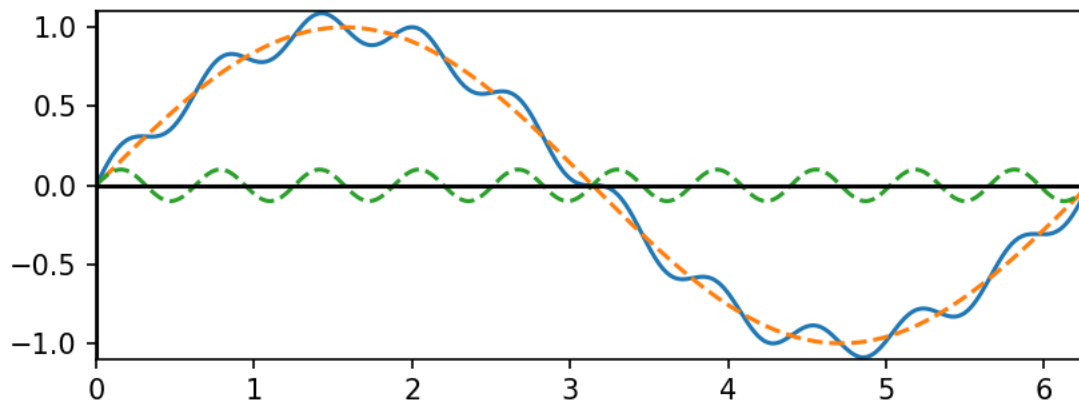
plt.axhline(y = 0, color = 'k', linestyle = '-')
plt.axvline(x = 0, color = 'k', linestyle = '-')
plt.xlim([-10,10])
plt.ylim([-10,10])
ax =plt.gca()
```



```
In [33]: x=np.linspace(-10,10,1000)

plt.plot(x,np.sin(x)+np.sin(10*x)/10)
plt.plot(x,np.sin(x),'--')
plt.plot(x,np.sin(10*x)/10,'--')

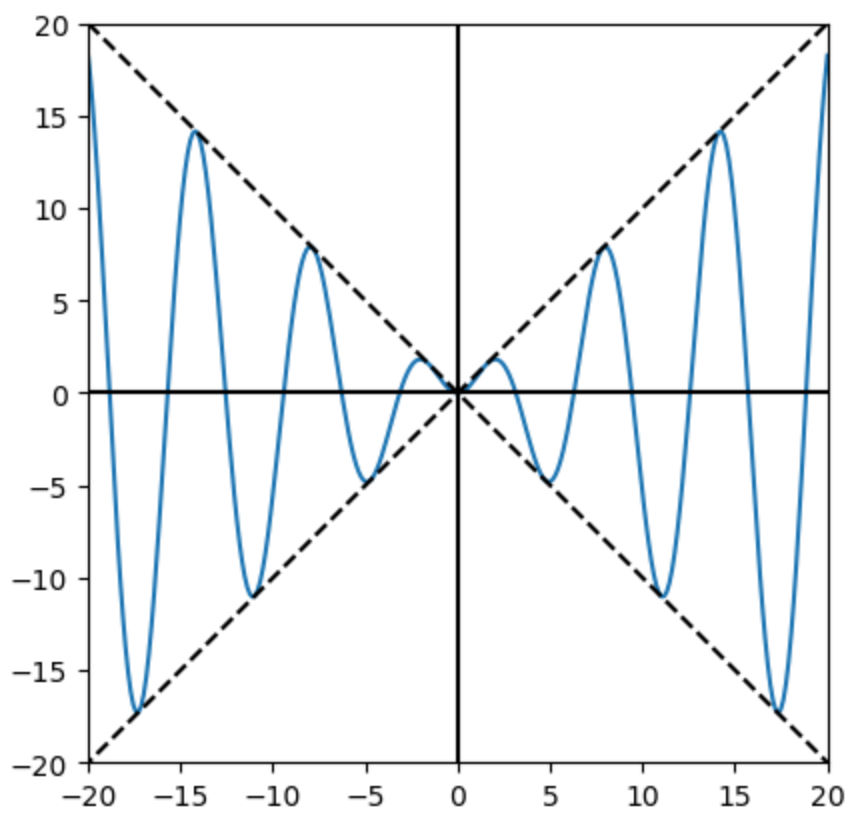
plt.axhline(y = 0, color = 'k', linestyle = '--')
plt.axvline(x = 0, color = 'k', linestyle = '--')
plt.xlim([0,2*np.pi])
plt.ylim([-1.1,1.1])
ax = plt.gca()
ax.set_aspect('equal')
```



```
In [15]: x=np.linspace(-120,20,1000)

plt.plot(x,np.sin(x)*x)
plt.plot(x,x,'--',color='k')
plt.plot(x,-x,'--',color='k')

plt.axhline(y = 0, color = 'k', linestyle = '-')
plt.axvline(x = 0, color = 'k', linestyle = '-')
plt.xlim([-20,20])
plt.ylim([-20,20])
ax = plt.gca()
ax.set_aspect('equal')
```



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In [50]: x=np.linspace(0,4,1000)

plt.plot(x,np.e**(-x)*np.sin(10*x))
plt.plot(x,np.e**(-x),'--',color='k')
plt.plot(x,-np.e**(-x),'--',color='k')

plt.axhline(y = 0, color = 'k', linestyle = '-')
plt.axvline(x = 0, color = 'k', linestyle = '-')
# plt.xlim([-20,120])
# plt.ylim([-20,120])
ax = plt.gca()
# ax.set_aspect('equal')
```

