

C4

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1 Parametric Equations

A parametric equation is one in the form;

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

To convert them to cartesian form ($y = h(x)$), one can rearrange to the form;

$$t = f^{-1}(x), y = g(t) \Rightarrow y = g(f^{-1}(x))$$

If that doesn't work, try squaring both functions and approach the problem that way.

1.1 Integration

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

$$\int_{x=a}^b y \, dx = \int_{t=f^{-1}(a)}^{f^{-1}(b)} y \frac{dx}{dt} dt$$

1.1.1 Example

Given $x = t^2$ and $y = 2t(3 - t)$, evaluate:

$$\int_{x=0}^9 y \, dx$$

$$\int_{x=0}^9 y \, dx = \int_{t=0}^3 y \frac{dx}{dt} dt \tag{1}$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} t^2 = 2t \tag{2}$$

Hence

$$\int_{x=0}^9 y \, dx = \int_{t=0}^3 4t^2(3 - t) dt = t^3(4 - t)|_{t=0}^3 = 108 - 81 = 27 \tag{3}$$

TL;DR Multiply by $\frac{dx}{dt}$ then integrate with respect to t

2 Implicit Differentiation

$$\frac{d}{dx} xy = \frac{dy}{dx} x + y$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} y^n = \frac{dy}{dx} n y^{n-1}$$