

Examples:

- $x = t^2 + 1, \quad y = 2t^2, \quad x \geq 1$

Here we can express x as a function of t :

$$x - 1 = t^2$$

$$t = \pm\sqrt{x-1}$$

$$y = 2(\pm\sqrt{x-1})^2$$

$$= 2(x-1)$$

$$= 2x - 2$$

Note that: $x \geq 1$, and if $t = 0, x = 1$

$$x = \cos^2 t$$

$$y = \sin^2 t$$

$$x^2 = \cos^2 t$$

$$y^2 = \sin^2 t$$

$$x^2 + y^2 = 1$$

- Suppose:

$$x = a + bt$$

$$y = c + dt$$

$$t = \frac{x-a}{b}$$

Then:

$$y = c + d\frac{x-a}{b}$$

$$= c + \frac{d}{b}x - \frac{da}{t}$$

$$= \frac{d}{b}x + \left(c - \frac{da}{t}\right)$$

$$x = a(t - \sin t)$$

$$y = a(1 - \cos t)$$

The Calculus of parameterized curves

Remember that:

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

Therefore, for the derivative of a circle:

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \cos t \\ y &= \sin t \\ \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{\cos t}{-\sin t} = -\cot t \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

At different values of t:

$$\begin{aligned} t = \pi/2 : \frac{\cos(\pi/2)}{-\sin(\pi/2)} &= \frac{0}{-1} = 0 \\ t = 0 : \frac{\cos(0)}{-\sin(0)} &= \frac{1}{0} = \text{Undefined} \\ t = \pi : \frac{\cos(\pi)}{-\sin(\pi)} &= \frac{-1}{0} = \text{Undefined} \end{aligned}$$