10 ☐ PARAMETRIC EQUATIONS AND POLAR COORDINATES

10.1 Curves Defined by Parametric Equations

1. $x = t^2 + t, \quad y = 3^{t+1}, \quad t = -2, -1, 0, 1, 2$

t	-2	-1	0	1	2
x	2	0	0	2	6
y	$\frac{1}{3}$	1	3	9	27

Therefore, the coordinates are $\left(2, \frac{1}{3}\right)$, $(0, 1)$, $(0, 3)$, $(2, 9)$, and $(6, 27)$.

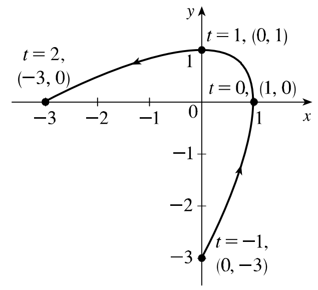
2. $x = \ln(t^2 + 1), \quad y = t/(t + 4), \quad t = -2, -1, 0, 1, 2$

t	-2	-1	0	1	2
x	$\ln 5$	$\ln 2$	0	$\ln 2$	$\ln 5$
y	-1	$-\frac{1}{3}$	0	$\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{1}{3}$

Therefore, the coordinates are $(\ln 5, -1)$, $\left(\ln 2, -\frac{1}{3}\right)$, $(0, 0)$, $\left(\ln 2, \frac{1}{5}\right)$, and $\left(\ln 5, \frac{1}{3}\right)$.

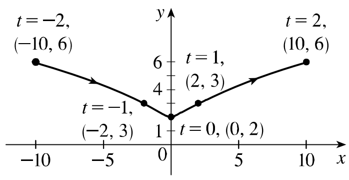
3. $x = 1 - t^2, \quad y = 2t - t^2, \quad -1 \le t \le 2$

t	-1	0	1	2
x	0	1	0	-3
y	-3	0	1	0



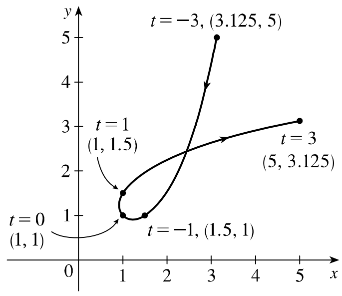
4. $x = t^3 + t, \quad y = t^2 + 2, \quad -2 \le t \le 2$

t	-2	-1	0	1	2
x	-10	-2	0	2	10
y	6	3	2	3	6



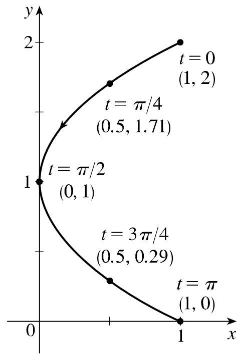
5. $x = 2^t - t, \quad y = 2^{-t} + t, \quad -3 \le t \le 3$

t	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3
x	3.125	2.25	1.5	1	1	2	5
y	5	2	1	1	1.5	2.25	3.125



6. $x = \cos^2 t, \quad y = 1 + \cos t, \quad 0 \le t \le \pi$

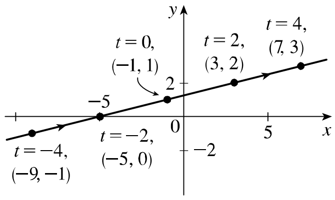
t	0	$\pi/4$	$\pi/2$	$3\pi/4$	π
x	1	0.5	0	0.5	1
y	2	1.707	1	0.293	0



7. $x = 2t - 1, \quad y = \frac{1}{2}t + 1$

(a)

t	-4	-2	0	2	4
x	-9	-5	-1	3	7
y	-1	0	1	2	3



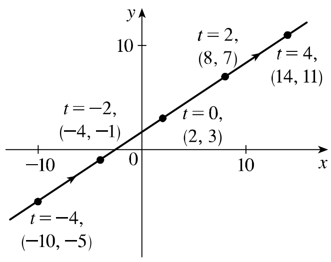
(b) $x = 2t - 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad 2t = x + 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad t = \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{1}{2}$, so

$y = \frac{1}{2}t + 1 = \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{2}x + \frac{1}{2}\right) + 1 = \frac{1}{4}x + \frac{1}{4} + 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad y = \frac{1}{4}x + \frac{5}{4}$

8. $x = 3t + 2, \quad y = 2t + 3$

(a)

t	-4	-2	0	2	4
x	-10	-4	2	8	14
y	-5	-1	3	7	11



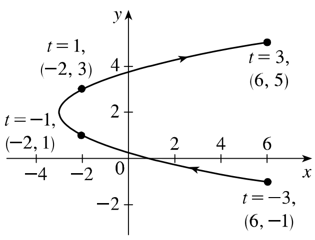
(b) $x = 3t + 2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad 3t = x - 2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad t = \frac{1}{3}x - \frac{2}{3}$, so

$y = 2t + 3 = 2\left(\frac{1}{3}x - \frac{2}{3}\right) + 3 = \frac{2}{3}x - \frac{4}{3} + 3 \quad \Rightarrow \quad y = \frac{2}{3}x + \frac{5}{3}$

9. $x = t^2 - 3, \quad y = t + 2, \quad -3 \le t \le 3$

(a)

t	-3	-1	1	3
x	6	-2	-2	6
y	-1	1	3	5



(b) $y = t + 2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad t = y - 2$, so

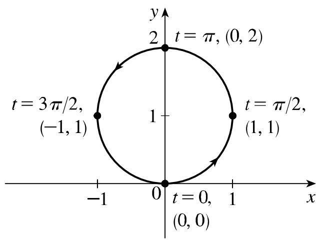
$x = t^2 - 3 = (y - 2)^2 - 3 = y^2 - 4y + 4 - 3 \quad \Rightarrow$

$x = y^2 - 4y + 1, -1 \le y \le 5$

10. $x = \sin t, \quad y = 1 - \cos t, \quad 0 \le t \le 2\pi$

(a)

t	0	$\pi/2$	π	$3\pi/2$	2π
x	0	1	0	-1	0
y	0	1	2	1	0



(b) $x = \sin t, y = 1 - \cos t \quad [\text{or } y - 1 = -\cos t] \quad \Rightarrow$

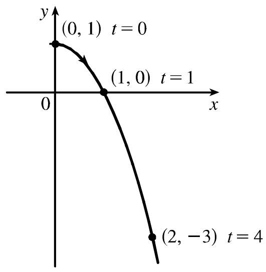
$x^2 + (y-1)^2 = (\sin t)^2 + (-\cos t)^2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad x^2 + (y-1)^2 = 1.$

As t varies from 0 to 2π, the circle with center $(0, 1)$ and radius 1 is traced out.

11. $x = \sqrt{t}, \ y = 1 - t$

(a)

t	0	1	2	3	4
x	0	1	1.414	1.732	2
y	1	0	-1	-2	-3



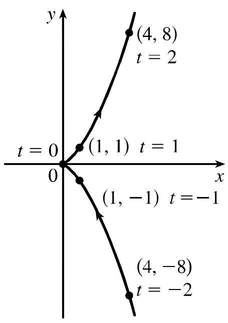
(b) $x = \sqrt{t} \quad \Rightarrow \quad t = x^2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad y = 1 - t = 1 - x^2$. Since $t \ge 0$, $x \ge 0$.

So the curve is the right half of the parabola $y = 1 - x^2$.

12. $x = t^2, \quad y = t^3$

(a)

t	-2	-1	0	1	2
x	4	1	0	1	4
y	-8	-1	0	1	8



(b) $y = t^3 \quad \Rightarrow \quad t = \sqrt[3]{y} \quad \Rightarrow \quad x = t^2 = \left(\sqrt[3]{y}\right)^2 = y^{2/3}. \quad t \in \mathbb{R}, y \in \mathbb{R}, x \ge 0.$

13. (a) $x = 3\cos t, \quad y = 3\sin t, \quad 0 \le t \le \pi$

$x^2 + y^2 = 9\cos^2 t + 9\sin^2 t = 9(\cos^2 t + \sin^2 t) = 9$, which is the equation of a circle with radius 3. For $0 \le t \le \pi/2$, we have $3 \ge x \ge 0$ and $0 \le y \le 3$. For $\pi/2 < t \le \pi$, we have $0 > x \ge -3$ and $3 > y \ge 0$. Thus, the curve is the top half of the circle $x^2 + y^2 = 9$ traced counterclockwise.

(b)