

8.6 Parametric Equations

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Some curves are not functions but we still need to describe them. This is the job of a parametric equation:

Ex $y = 3x + 4$

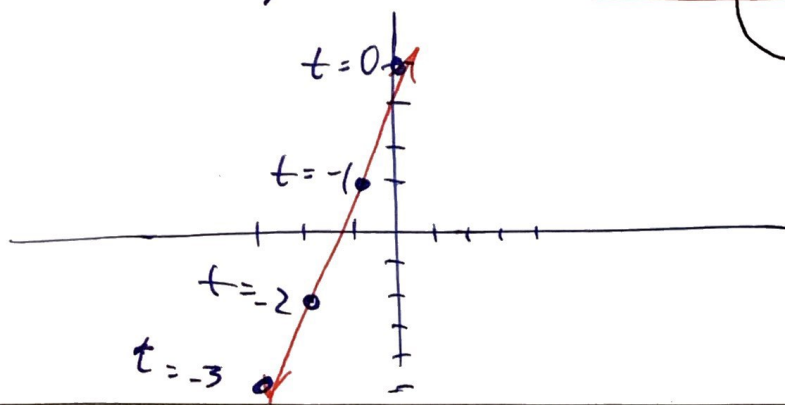
let $x = t$ then $y = 3t + 4$ and the ordered pair of any point on this line can be described

a $(x, y) = (t, 3t + 4)$
parametric form of a line

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O ohh

* graphing a parametric line.

t	x(t) = t	y(t) = 3t + 4	(x, y)
-3	-3	$3(-3) + 4 = -5$	$(-3, -5)$ ✓
-2	-2	$3(-2) + 4 = -2$	$(-2, -2)$
-1	-1	$3(-1) + 4 = 1$	$(-1, 1)$
0	0	4	$(0, 4)$

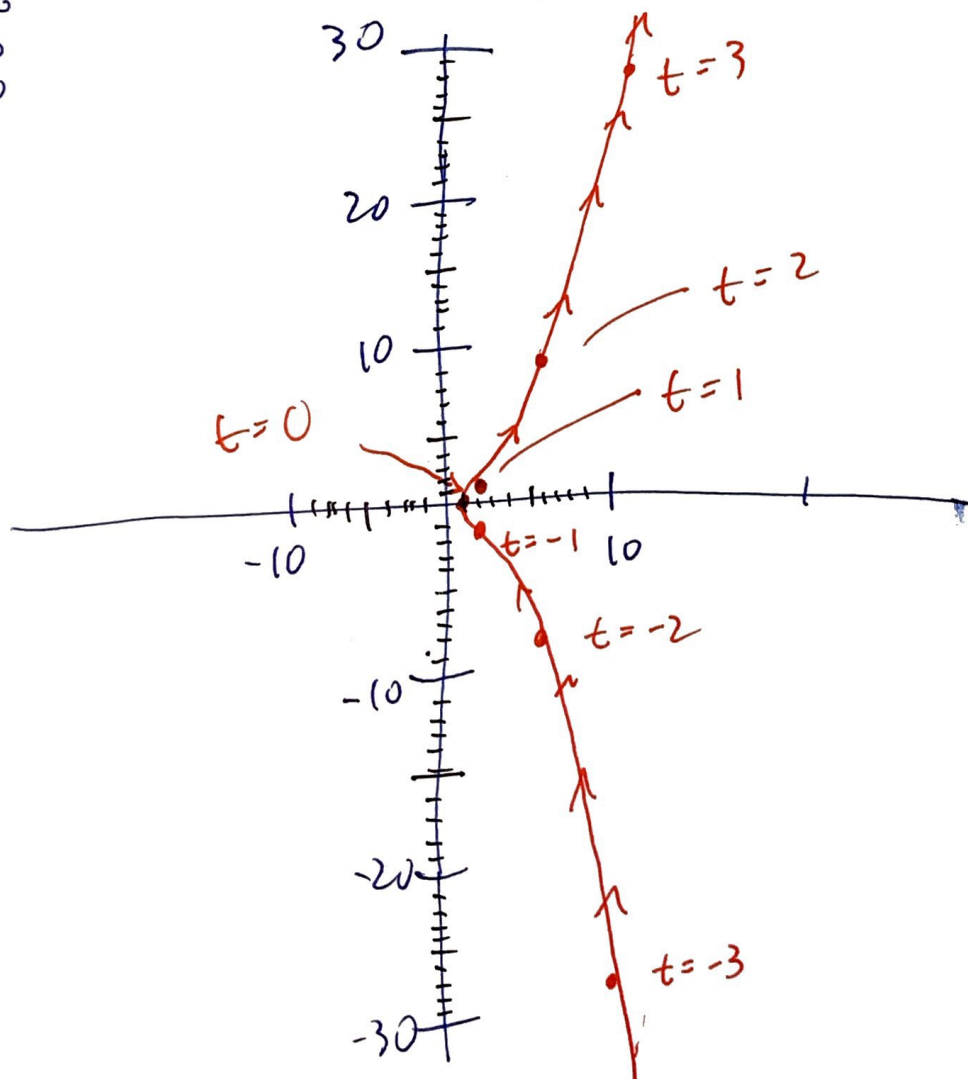


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$$\begin{cases} X(t) = t^2 + 1 \\ Y(t) = t^3 \end{cases}$$

t	$X = t^2 + 1$	$Y = t^3$	(X, Y)
-3	$(-3)^2 + 1 = 10$	-27	(10, -27) ✓
-2	$(-2)^2 + 1 = 5$	-8	(5, -8) ✓
-1	$(-1)^2 + 1 = 2$	-1	(2, -1)
0	1	0	(1, 0)
1	$1^2 + 1 = 2$	1	(2, 1)
2	$4 + 1 = 5$	8	(5, 8)
3	$9 + 1 = 10$	27	(10, 27)



* Converting parametric eqns to cartesian eqns:

EX $x(t) = 2t+1$ $\rightarrow$ solve one for the parameter
 $y(t) = 3\sqrt{t}$ and substitute it into the other

let solve $x = 2t+1$ for "t": $t = \frac{x-1}{2}$

put into $y(t) = 3\sqrt{t}$

$$y = 3\sqrt{\frac{x-1}{2}}$$

EX

$$x(t) = e^{2t}$$

$$y(t) = e^{6t}$$

"observation"

y is x^3

$$y = x^3$$

$$x = e^{2t}$$

$$\ln(x) = \ln(e^{2t})$$

See: $y(t) = (e^{2t})^3$

Formally:

$$\ln x = 2t \ln(e)$$

$$\rightarrow t = \frac{1}{2} \ln(x)$$

now

$$y = e^{6[\frac{1}{2} \ln(x)]}$$

$$y = e^{3 \ln(x)}$$

$$y = e^{\ln x^3}$$

$$y = x^3$$

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$$\begin{cases} x(t) = \cos(t) + 4 \\ y(t) = 2 \sin^2 t \end{cases} \text{ Convert to Cartesian } y = f(x)$$

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I notice $\sin^2(t)$ so I can write it as $1 - \cos^2(t)$
 solve for cosine instead of "t"

$$\begin{cases} x = \cos(t) + 4 \\ y = 2[1 - \cos^2(t)] \end{cases} \rightarrow \cos(t) = x - 4$$

$$y = 2[1 - \cos^2(t)] = 2[1 - (x-4)^2]$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$y = -2(x-4)^2 + 2$$

* go in reverse : let's convert a Cartesian eqn
 into a parameterized eqn:

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$$y = 3x^2 + 3$$

easiest $\rightarrow$

$$\begin{cases} x(t) = t \\ y(t) = 3t^2 + 3 \end{cases}$$

• but there are other choice $\begin{cases} x^2 = t \\ y = 3t + 3 \end{cases}$

$$\begin{cases} x(t) = \sqrt{t} \\ y(t) = 3t + 3 \end{cases}$$

for $t \geq 0$

$$\begin{cases} x(t) = -\sqrt{|t|} \\ y(t) = 3t + 3 \end{cases}$$

for $t < 0$

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$$x = 3 \log y + y$$

let

$$\begin{cases} y = t \\ x = 3 \log(t) + t \end{cases}$$

8.7 Plotting Parametrized Eqs

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we saw how to build a table in 8.6

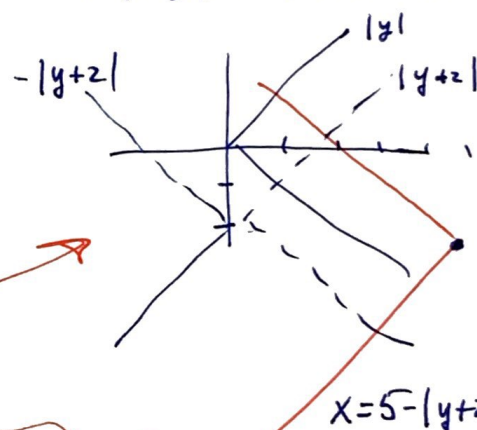
[EX] graph $\begin{cases} x(t) = 5 - |t| \\ y(t) = t - 2 \end{cases}$

* approach #1 : eliminate "t" : • solve $y = t - 2$
for t : $t = y + 2$

$\Rightarrow \boxed{x = 5 - |y + 2|}$

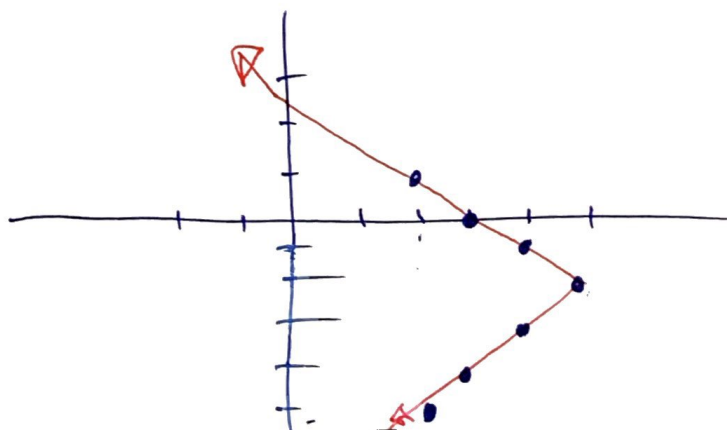
$x = f(y)$

"side ways"



Let's build a table

t	$x = 5 - t =$	$y = t - 2$	(x, y)
-3	$5 - -3 = 2$	$= -3 - 2 = -5$	(2, -5) ✓
-2	$5 - -2 = 3$	$= -2 - 2 = -4$	(3, -4) ✓
-1	$5 - -1 = 4$	$= -1 - 2 = -3$	(4, -3) ✓
0	5	-2	(5, -2) ✓
1	$5 - 1 = 4$	$1 - 2 = -1$	(4, -1) ✓
2	$5 - 2 = 3$	$2 - 2 = 0$	(3, 0) ✓
3	$5 - 3 = 2$	$3 - 2 = 1$	(2, 1) ✓



For easy problems we build the table.

But for more involved problems we use an online tool [desmos.com](https://www.desmos.com) or fooplot: some computer platforms have tools also {mac's have "grapher" built in}

* [desmos.com](https://www.desmos.com)

To plot
$$\begin{cases} x(t) = e^{2t} \\ y(t) = \cos(t) \end{cases}$$

- start a new entry: "+" but instead of writing $y = \text{some function of } x$ we do ...
- Open parenthesis ($x(t)$ stuff, $y(t)$ stuff) close paren.
ex: $(e^{2t}, \cos(t))$
- set the limits for "t" down below the ordered pair
ex: $\underline{-10} \leq t \leq \underline{10}$

* play around with different values, have fun