

# AP Calculus

## Chapter 1

### Section 1-4

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## Parametric Equations

If  $x$  and  $y$  are given as functions

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

over an interval of  $t$ -values, then the set of points  $(x, y) = (f(t), g(t))$  defined by these equations is a **parametric curve**. The equations are **parametric equations** for the curve.

The variable  $t$  is a **parameter** for the curve and its domain  $I$  is the **parameter interval**. If  $I$  is a closed interval,  $a \leq t \leq b$ , the point  $(f(a), g(a))$  is the **initial point of the curve** and the point  $(f(b), g(b))$  is the **terminal point of the curve**.

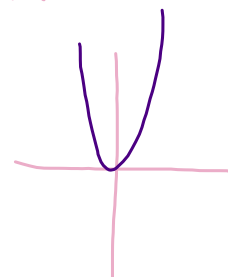
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Find  $y$  in terms of  $x$  (Cartesian equation) for the given parameterization.

$$y = t^2$$

$$x = \sqrt[3]{t} \rightarrow t^3 = x^3$$

$$y = (x^3)^2 = x^6$$



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What portion of the graph is traced for  $t > 0$ ?

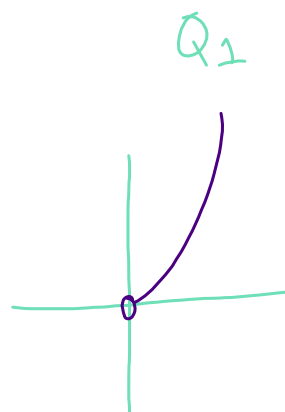
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$$x = \sqrt[3]{t}$$

$$y > 0$$

$$x > 0$$

$$y = x^6$$



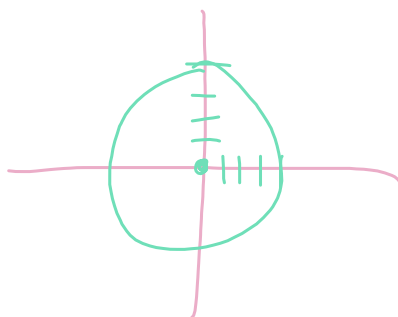
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Graph the parametric curve using a graphing utility.

$$x = 4 \cos(2t)$$

$$y = 4 \sin(2t)$$

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Find a Cartesian equation for the parametric curve

$$x = 4 \cos(2t) \rightarrow \left(\frac{x}{4}\right)^2 = \cos^2(2t)$$

$$y = 4 \sin(2t) \rightarrow \left(\frac{y}{4}\right)^2 = \sin^2(2t)$$

$$\sin^2 2t + \cos^2 2t = 1$$

$$\left(\frac{y}{4}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{x}{4}\right)^2 = 1$$

$$\frac{y^2}{16} + \frac{x^2}{16} = 1$$

$$x^2 + y^2 = 16$$

Equation of circle  
with radius  
"r"

$$x^2 + y^2 = r^2$$

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Find a Cartesian equation for the parametric curve

$$x = 3\cos t \quad \left(\frac{x}{3}\right)^2 = \cos^2 t$$

$$y = 7\sin t \quad \left(\frac{y}{7}\right)^2 = \sin^2 t$$

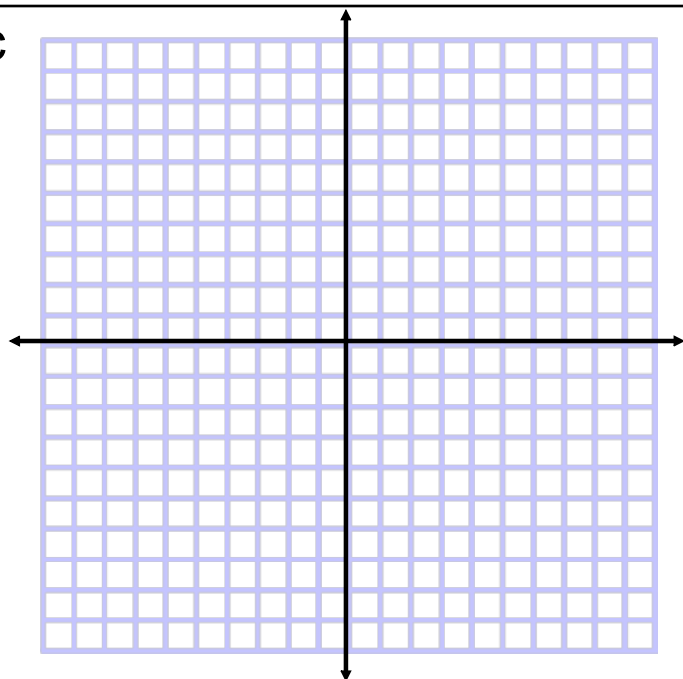
$$\sin^2 t + \cos^2 t = 1$$

$$\frac{y^2}{49} + \frac{x^2}{9} = 1$$

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Graphing Parametric  
Equations

$$x = \sin t \quad y = \frac{4t}{\pi}$$



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# Homework

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