

Calculus Section 10.2 Graphing Parametric Equations and Eliminating the Parameter

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Make a table of values and sketch the curve, indicating the direction of your graph. Then, eliminate the parameter.

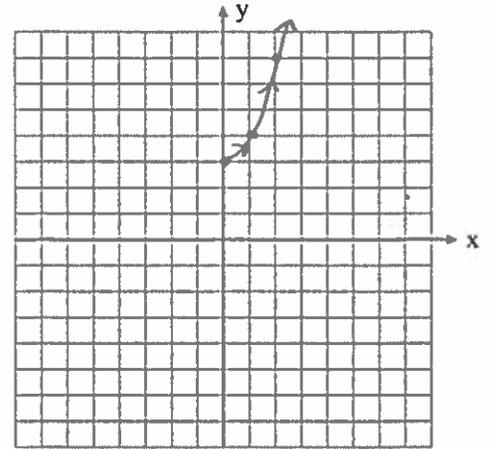
(a) $x = \sqrt{t-1}$, $y = t+2$

t	1	2	5	10
x	0	1	2	3
y	3	4	7	12

$$x = \sqrt{t-1} \quad y = t+2$$

$$x^2 = t-1 \quad y = (x^2+1)+2$$

$$t = x^2+1 \quad y = x^2+3$$



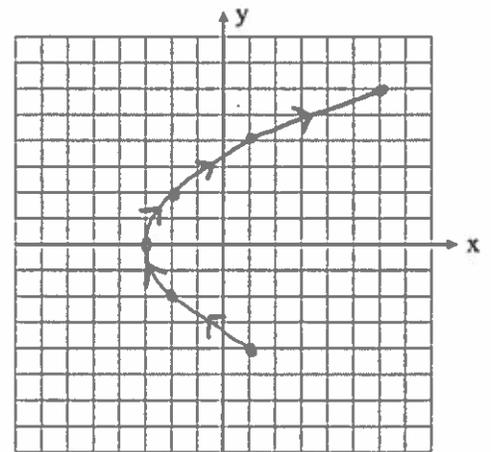
(b) $x = t^2 - 3$ and $y = 2t$, $-2 \leq t \leq 3$

t	-2	-1	0	1	2	3
x	1	-2	-3	-2	1	6
y	-4	-2	0	2	4	6

$$y = 2t \quad x = t^2 - 3$$

$$t = \frac{1}{2}y \quad x = \left(\frac{1}{2}y\right)^2 - 3$$

$$x = \frac{1}{4}y^2 - 3$$



(c) $x = 3 + 2\cos t$, $y = -1 + 3\sin t$

t	0	$\pi/2$	π	$3\pi/2$	2π
x	5	3	1	3	5
y	-1	2	-1	-4	-1

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

$$x = 3 + 2\cos t \quad y = -1 + 3\sin t$$

$$x-3 = 2\cos t \quad y+1 = 3\sin t$$

$$\frac{x-3}{2} = \cos t \quad \frac{y+1}{3} = \sin t$$

$$\left(\frac{x-3}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{y+1}{3}\right)^2 = 1$$

$$\frac{(x-3)^2}{4} + \frac{(y+1)^2}{9} = 1$$

