

MATH 147 Review: Parametrization of Arcs/Lines

Facts to Know

Plane curve \mathbb{R}^2

"closed"

"simple"

Parametrization

$x = f(t)$
 $y = g(t)$
 $t \in [\alpha, \beta]$

Circle arc

$x(t) = a \cos(-t + \frac{-\pi}{2})$
 $y(t) = a \sin(-t + \frac{-\pi}{2})$
 $t \in [0, \pi]$

Line segment

$x(t) = (1-t)2 + t7 = 2 - 2t + 7t = 5t + 2$
 $y(t) = (1-t)0 + t5 = 5t$
 $t \in [0, 1]$

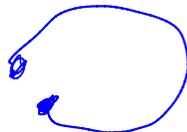
Start

end

$$t \in [0, 1]$$

Examples

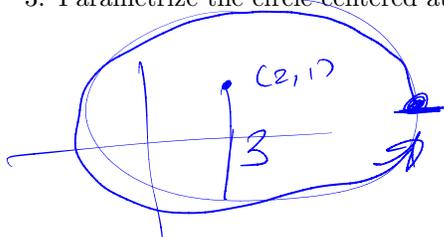
1. Draw a plane curve that is simple and that is not closed.



2. Draw a plane curve that is not simple and that is closed.

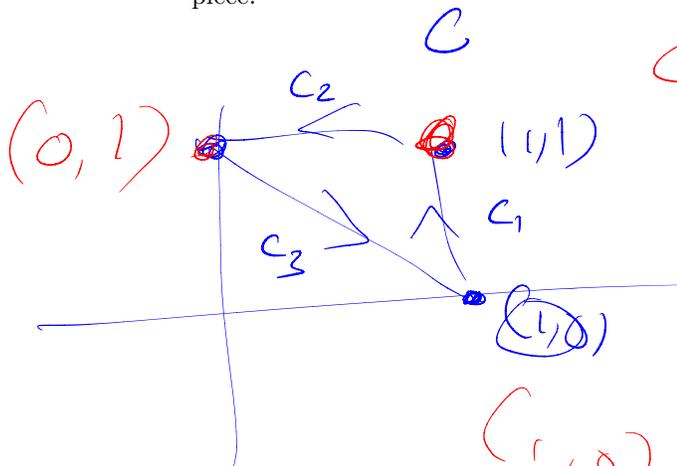


3. Parametrize the circle centered at $(2, 1)$ with radius 3 with a counter-clockwise orientation.



$$\begin{cases} x(t) = 3 \cos(t) + 2 \\ y(t) = 3 \sin(t) + 1 \\ t \in [0, 2\pi] \end{cases}$$

4. Parametrize the triangle with vertices located at $(1, 1)$, $(1, 0)$, and $(0, 1)$ with a counter-clockwise orientation. You are allowed to partition the curve into pieces and parametrize each piece.



$$C_1 \begin{cases} x_1(t) = (1-t)1 + t \cdot 1 \\ y_1(t) = (1-t) \cdot 1 + t \cdot 1 \end{cases}$$

$$C_2 \begin{cases} x_2(t) = (1-t)1 + t \cdot 0 \\ y_2(t) = (1-t)1 + t \cdot 1 \end{cases}$$

$$C_3 \begin{cases} x_3(t) = (1-t) \cdot 0 + t \cdot 1 \\ y_3(t) = (1-t) \cdot 1 + t \cdot 0 \end{cases}$$

$$t \in [0, 1]$$