

Curves in \mathbb{R}^2 and \mathbb{R}^3 - HW Problems

1. Sketch the curve represented by

a. $x = 2 \cos(t)$ $0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$

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

b. $x = 2 \cos(t)$ $0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$

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

$$z = t$$

2. Find parametrizations for the following curves.

a. The line through $(-2, 1, 1)$ and $(2, 2, -2)$

b. $x^2 + y^2 = 9$ in \mathbb{R}^2

c. $y = 9 - x^2$ in \mathbb{R}^2

d. $x = y^3 + 2y - 1$ in \mathbb{R}^2

3. Find a unit tangent vector to $\vec{c}(t) = \langle \cos(2t), \sin(2t), t \rangle$ at $t = \frac{\pi}{8}$. Write an equation of the tangent line to $\vec{c}(t)$ at $t = \frac{\pi}{8}$.

4. A particle is travelling along a path given by

$\vec{c}(t) = \langle e^{-t}, e^t, \sin(t) \rangle$. At time $t = 1$ the particle flies off along the tangent to the curve at that point. Find the position of the particle at $t = 2$.