

A REAL LIFE APPLICATION

Parametric equations - A real life application

Working out path of objects

No acceleration along x
5 m/s

100m

No initial speed along y
Acceleration = gravity = 9.8 m/s^2


20m

Which equations will describe Wile E Coyote path?

$x(t) = 20 + 5t$

$y(t) = 100 - 9.8 \frac{t^2}{2}$

1) How will you draw precisely the real path of Wile E Coyote?



t is
the
3rd
variable

$$y = 5t - t^2$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = 5 - 2t$$

$$x = 4t^4 + 2$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = 16t^3$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dt} \times \frac{dt}{dx} = \frac{dy}{d} \div \frac{dx}{d}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{5 - 2t}{16t^3}$$

t is
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variable

$$1. x = at^2, y = 2at$$

Solution:

By differentiating x w.r.t. t

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{d(at^2)}{dt}$$

$$= 2at$$

By differentiating y w.r.t. t

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{d(2at)}{dt}$$

$$= 2a$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dt} \div \frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{dy}{dt} \times \frac{dt}{dx}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2a}{2at} = \frac{1}{t}$$

θ is the
3rd
variable

2. $x = a \cos \theta, y = b \sin \theta$

Solution:

By differentiating x w.r.t. θ

$$\frac{dx}{d\theta} = -a \sin \theta \qquad \frac{dy}{d\theta} = b \cos \theta$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{d\theta} \div \frac{dx}{d\theta} = \frac{dy}{d\theta} \times \frac{d\theta}{dx} = \frac{-a \sin \theta}{b \cos \theta} = \frac{-a}{b} \tan \theta$$

TRIGO. AGAIN

$$x = a(1 - \cos \theta), y = a(\theta + \sin \theta)$$

Solution:

By differentiating x w.r.t. θ

$$\frac{dx}{d\theta} = \frac{da(1 - \cos\theta)}{d\theta}$$

So we get

$$\frac{dx}{d\theta} = a \sin \theta.$$

By differentiating y w.r.t. θ

$$\frac{dy}{d\theta} = \frac{da(\theta + \sin\theta)}{d\theta}$$

So we get

$$\frac{dy}{d\theta} = a(1 + \cos\theta)$$

Trigo. identities
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$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{\frac{dy}{d\theta}}{\frac{dx}{d\theta}} = \frac{a(1 + \cos\theta)}{a \sin\theta} \\ &= \frac{1 + \cos\theta}{\sin\theta} = \frac{2\cos^2(\theta/2)}{2\sin(\theta/2)\cos(\theta/2)} \end{aligned}$$

So we get

$$= \cot(\theta/2)$$

θ is the
3rd variable

$$x = (\log t + \cos t), y = (e^t + \sin t)$$

Solution:

By differentiating x w.r.t. t

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{d(\log t + \cos t)}{dt}$$

So we get

$$= \frac{1}{t} - \sin t.$$

By differentiating y w.r.t. t

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{d(e^t + \sin t)}{dt} = e^t \cos t$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{e^t + \cos t}{\frac{1}{t} - \sin t} = \frac{(e^t + \cos t)t}{1 - \sin t}$$

t is the
3rd
variable

Find
 $\frac{dy}{dx}$

$$x = \cos \theta + \cos 2\theta, y = \sin \theta + \sin 2\theta$$

Solution:

By differentiating x w.r.t. θ

$$\frac{dx}{d\theta} = \frac{d(\cos\theta + \cos 2\theta)}{d\theta}$$

So we get

$$= -\sin\theta - 2\sin 2\theta$$

$$\frac{dy}{d\theta} = \frac{d(\sin\theta + \sin 2\theta)}{d\theta}$$

So we get

$$= \cos\theta + \cos 2\theta \times 2$$

By substituting the values we get

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\cos\theta + 2\cos 2\theta}{-(\sin\theta + 2\sin 2\theta)}$$

Chain
rule

Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$

$$x = a (\cos \theta + \theta \sin \theta), y = a (\sin \theta - \theta \cos \theta).$$

Solution:

By differentiating x w.r.t. θ

$$\frac{dx}{d\theta} = \frac{d a(\cos\theta + \theta\sin\theta)}{d\theta}$$

We know that

$$\frac{d(uv)}{dx} = u \frac{dv}{dx} + v \frac{du}{dx}$$

So we get

$$= a(-\sin\theta + \theta \cos\theta + \sin\theta)$$

$$= a \theta \cos \theta$$

By differentiating y w.r.t. θ

$$\frac{dy}{d\theta} = \frac{d a(\sin\theta - \theta\cos\theta)}{d\theta}$$

Key point
Product
rule

$$\frac{dy}{d\theta} = \frac{d a(\sin\theta - \theta\cos\theta)}{d\theta}$$

We know that

$$\frac{d(uv)}{dx} = u \frac{dv}{dx} + v \frac{du}{dx}$$

So we get

$$= a(\cos\theta - (-\theta \sin\theta + \cos\theta))$$

$$= a \theta \sin \theta$$

By substituting the values we get

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{a \times \theta \sin \theta}{a \times \theta \cos \theta}$$

So we get

$$= \tan \theta$$