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Quadratic Equations in 3-D

Match each function to its graph



 $cone \bullet ellipsoid \bullet elliptic \ paraboloid \bullet hyperbolic \ paraboloid \bullet hyperboloid \ of \ one \ sheet \bullet \ hyperboloid \ of \ two \ sheets$

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Parametric Equations (§10.1) and Vector Functions (§13.1)

Definition. If x and y are given as continuous function

 $x = f(t) \qquad \qquad y = g(t)$

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

Often we think of parametric curves as describing the movement of a particle in a plane over time.

Examples.

Can we find parameterizations of known curves?

the line segment from (1,3) to (5,1)

circle $x^2 + y^2 = 1$

Why restrict ourselves to only moving through planes? Why not space? And why not use our nifty vector notation?

Definition. If x, y, and z are given as continuous functions

$$x = f(t) \qquad \qquad y = g(t) \qquad \qquad z = h(t)$$

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

Examples.

x	=	$2\cos t$		x	=	5 + t))	
y	=	$3\sin t$	$\rightarrow 0 \le t \le \pi$	y	=	1 + 4t	}	$0 \leq t \leq 1$
z	=	t)		z	=	3-2t	J	

An oval helix

The line in 3-D $\mathbf{r}(t) = (5+t)\mathbf{i} + (1+4t)\mathbf{j} + (3-2t)\mathbf{k}$ from §12.5

The vector function $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle f(t), g(t), h(t) \rangle$ is the position vector of the point P(f(t), g(t), h(t)) on the space curve C. The tip of the moving vector \mathbf{r} traces out the space curve—provided everything is continuous.

Questions.

1. Do vector functions make sense with our original definition of function as a rule that assigns one output for each input?

2. What should the domain of a vector function be?

State the natural domains for:

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle t^2, t^3, \sqrt{t} \rangle$$
 $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle \sin^{-1}(t), \ln(t), 1 \rangle$

3. What should it mean for a vector function to have a limit at a point a?

4. What should it mean for a vector function to be continuous at a point a?

5. Can you see that we are leading to asking calculus questions about vector functions?

Describe the graphs for $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle \cos(4t), t, \sin 4t \rangle$

 $\mathbf{r}(t) = \cos t \mathbf{i} + \sin t \mathbf{j} + \sin 5t \mathbf{k}$