

Section 10.1

Eliminate the parameter to find a Cartesian equation of the curve. Do not sketch the curve.

1. $x = \frac{1}{2} \cos(t), y = 2\sin(t)$

$$2x = \cos(t), \quad \frac{y}{2} = \sin(t)$$

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

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

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

2. $x = \tan^2(t), y = \sec(t)$

$$x = \sec^2(t) - 1$$

$$x = y^2 - 1$$

3. $x = e^t - 1, y = e^{2t}$

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

$$y = (x + 1)^2$$

4. $x = \sqrt{t+1}, y = \sqrt{t-1}$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x^2 &= t + 1 \\ x^2 - 1 &= t \end{aligned} \right\} y = \sqrt{x^2 - 1} - 1$$

$$y = \sqrt{x^2 - 2}$$

Set up a table of values for t , x , and y , and sketch the curve in the x - y -plane. Use arrows to show the direction in which the curve is traced.

5. $x = t^2 + 1, y = t - 1, -2 \leq t \leq 2$

t	x	y
-2	5	-3
-1	2	-2
0	1	-1
1	2	0
2	5	1

