Parametric Equations

We will be considering the curves of functions that can be described using an additional variable t that in the Cartesian Coordinate System (Rectangular). This will allow our points P(xy) in the Cartesian Coordinate System to be describes by an equation for each variable x and y. That is, x = f(t) and y = g(t) for all t in an interval. We will refer to curves represented by these points P with a capital letter C.



We will have various types of intervals for our parameter t and will need some definitions to consider when working with these curves and intervals.

Let $a \le t \le b$ **Def-Initial Point** We say a curve C has in initial point at (f(a), g(a)). **Def-Terminal Point** We say a curve C has in terminal point at (f(b), g(b)). **Def Orientation**

The direction a point P travels on a curve as t increases.

Interesting Parametric Curves (some you may recognize)



x = cos(t)y = sin(2t)





































