10.2 Plane Curves and Parametric Equations

3. a.
$$\begin{cases} x = \sqrt{t} \\ y = 9 - t \end{cases} \Rightarrow y = 9 - x^2, x \ge 0$$

b.



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Observe that as θ increases from 0 to 2π , the curve C is traced once in a clockwise direction starting from the point (0, 2).

17. a.
$$\begin{cases} x - \sec \theta \\ y = \tan \theta \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x^2 - \sec^2 \theta \\ y^2 = \tan^2 \theta \end{cases}$$
 From the identity $\sec^2 \theta = 1 + \tan^2 \theta$, we obtain

b.



37. **a.** $x = x_1 + (x_2 - x_1)t$ and $y = y_1 + (y_2 - y_1)t$. From the first equation, we find $t = \frac{x - x_1}{x_2 - x_1}$. Substituting this

expression into the second equation gives $y = y_1 + (y_2 - y_1) \left(\frac{x - x_1}{x_2 - x_1}\right) = y_1 + \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}x - \frac{x_1(y_2 - y_1)}{x_2 - x_1}$, which is a linear equation in x and y. Since (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2) both satisfy the equation, we see that $P_1(x_1, y_1)$ and $P_2(x_2, y_2)$ both lie on the line.

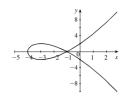
b. If t = 0, $x = x_1$ and $y = y_1$, so (x_1, y_1) is on the line. If t = 1, then $x = x_2$ and $y = y_2$, so (x_2, y_2) is on the line. As t increases from t = 0 to t = 1, the line segment joining $P_1(x_1, y_1)$ and $P_2(x_2, y_2)$ is traced out.

10.3 The Calculus of Parametric Equations

4. $x = e^{2t}$, $y = \ln t \Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dt} = 2e^{2t}$ and $\frac{dy}{dt} = 1/t$. The slope of the tangent line at t = 1 is $\frac{dy}{dx}\Big|_{t=1} = \frac{dy/dt}{dx/dt}\Big|_{t=1} = \frac{1/t}{2e^{2t}}\Big|_{t=1} = \frac{1}{2e^2}.$

6. $x = 2(\theta - \sin \theta), y = 2(1 - \cos \theta) \Rightarrow \frac{dx}{d\theta} = 2(1 - \cos \theta)$ and $\frac{dy}{d\theta} = 2\sin \theta$. The slope of the tangent line at $\theta = \frac{\pi}{6}$ is $\frac{dy}{dx}\bigg|_{\theta = \pi/6} = \frac{dy/d\theta}{dx/d\theta}\bigg|_{\theta = \pi/6} = \frac{2\sin \theta}{2(1 - \cos \theta)}\bigg|_{\theta = \pi/6} = \frac{1}{2\left(1 - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)} = \frac{1}{2 - \sqrt{3}} = 2 + \sqrt{3}.$

13. $x = t^2 - 4$, $y = t^3 - 3t \Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dt} = 2t$ and $\frac{dy}{dt} = 3t^2 - 3$. To find the point(s) where the tangent line is horizontal, set $\frac{dy}{dt} = 0 \Rightarrow 3t^2 - 3 = 3(t+1)(t-1) = 0 \Rightarrow t = \pm 1$. Since $\frac{dx}{dt} \neq 0$ at either of these t-values, the required points are (x(-1), y(-1)) = (-3, 2) and (x(1), y(1)) = (-3, -2). To find the point(s) where the tangent line is vertical, set $\frac{dx}{dt} = 0 \Rightarrow 2t = 0 \Rightarrow t = 0$. Since $\frac{dy}{dt} \neq 0$ at this value of t, we see that the required point is (x(0), y(0)) = (-4, 0).



19. $x = \sqrt{t}$, $y = \frac{1}{t} \Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{t}}$ and $\frac{dy}{dt} = -\frac{1}{t^2}$, so $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\frac{dy}{dt}}{\frac{dt}{dt}} = \frac{-1/t^2}{1/(2t^{1/2})} = -2t^{-3/2} = -\frac{2}{t^{3/2}}$ and $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{\frac{d}{dt}\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)}{\frac{dx}{dt}} = \frac{\frac{d}{dt}\left(-2t^{-3/2}\right)}{1/(2t^{1/2})} = 3t^{-5/2} \cdot 2t^{1/2} = \frac{6}{t^2}$.