

After completing this chapter you should be able to:

- sketch the graph of a curve given its parametric equation
- use the parametric equation of a curve to solve various problems including the intersection of a line with the curve
- convert the parametric equation to a Cartesian form
- find the area under a curve whose equation is expressed in parametric form.

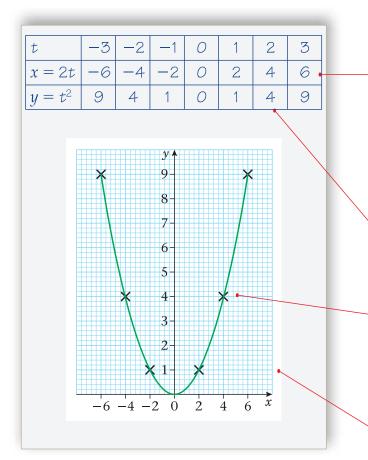
# Coordinate geometry in the (x, y) plane



2.1 You can define the coordinates of a point on a curve using parametric equations. In parametric equations, coordinates x and y are expressed as x = f(t) and y = g(t), where the variable t is a parameter.

# Example 1

Draw the curve given by the parametric equations x = 2t,  $y = t^2$ , for  $-3 \le t \le 3$ .



Draw a table to show values of t, x and y. Choose values for t. Here  $-3 \le t \le 3$ .

Work out the value of x and the value of y for each value of t by substituting values of t into the parametric equations x = 2t and  $y = t^2$ .

e.g. for 
$$t = 2$$
:

$$x = 2t$$
  $y = t^2$   
= 2(2) = (2)<sup>2</sup>  
= 4 = 4

So when t = 2 the curve passes through the point (4, 4).

Plot the points (-6, 9), (-4, 4), (-2, 1), (0, 0), (2, 1), (4, 4), (6, 9) and draw the graph through the points.

# Example 2

A curve has parametric equations x = 2t,  $y = t^2$ . Find the Cartesian equation of the curve.

x = 2t

So 
$$t = \frac{x}{2}$$

$$y = t^2$$

Substitute (1) into (2):

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

The Cartesian equation is  $y = \frac{x^2}{4}$ .

A Cartesian equation is an equation in terms of x and y only.

To obtain the Cartesian equation, eliminate t from the parametric equations x = 2t and

Rearrange x = 2t for t. Divide each side by 2.

Substitute 
$$t = \frac{x}{2}$$
 into  $y = t^2$ .

Expand the brackets, so that

$$\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{x}{2} \times \frac{x}{2} = \frac{x^2}{4}$$

#### Exercise 2A

A curve is given by the parametric equations x = 2t,  $y = \frac{5}{t}$  where  $t \neq 0$ . Complete the table and draw a graph of the curve for  $-5 \le t \le 5$ .

t	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	-0.5	0.5	1	2	3	4	5
x = 2t	-10	-8				-1						
$y = \frac{5}{t}$	-1	-1.25					10					

**2** A curve is given by the parametric equations  $x = t^2$ ,  $y = \frac{t^3}{5}$ . Complete the table and draw a graph of the curve for  $-4 \le t \le 4$ .

t	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4
$x = t^2$	16								
$y = \frac{t^3}{5}$	-12.8								

**3** Sketch the curves given by these parametric equations:

**a** 
$$x = t - 2$$
,  $y = t^2 + 1$ 

for 
$$-4 \le t \le 4$$

**b** 
$$x = t^2 - 2$$
,  $y = 3 - t$ 

for 
$$-3 \le t \le 3$$

**c** 
$$x = t^2, \underline{y} = t(5 - t)$$

for 
$$0 \le t \le 3$$

**b** 
$$x = t^2 - 2$$
,  $y = 3 - t$  for  $-3 \le t \le 3$   
**c**  $x = t^2$ ,  $y = t(5 - t)$  for  $0 \le t \le 5$   
**d**  $x = 3\sqrt{t}$ ,  $y = t^3 - 2t$  for  $0 \le t \le 2$ 

for 
$$0 \le t \le 2$$

**e** 
$$x = t^2$$
,  $y = (2 - t)(t + 3)$  for  $-5 \le t \le 5$ 

for 
$$-5 \le t \le 5$$

4 Find the Cartesian equation of the curves given by these parametric equations:

**a** 
$$x = t - 2, y = t^2$$

**c** 
$$x = \frac{1}{t}, y = 3 - t, t \neq 0$$

**e** 
$$x = 2t^2 - 3$$
,  $y = 9 - t^2$ 

$$\mathbf{g} \ x = 3t - 1, \ y = (t - 1)(t + 2)$$

i 
$$x = \frac{1}{t+1}, y = \frac{1}{t-2}, t \neq -1, t \neq 2$$

**b** 
$$x = 5 - t$$
,  $y = t^2 - 1$ 

**d** 
$$x = 2t + 1, y = \frac{1}{t}, t \neq 0$$

**f** 
$$x = \sqrt{t}, y = t(9 - t)$$

**h** 
$$x = \frac{1}{t-2}$$
,  $y = t^2$ ,  $t \neq 2$ 

**i** 
$$x = \frac{1}{t+1}, y = \frac{1}{t-2}, t \neq -1, t \neq 2$$
 **j**  $x = \frac{t}{2t-1}, y = \frac{t}{t+1}, t \neq -1, t \neq \frac{1}{2}$ 

5 Show that the parametric equations:

**i** 
$$x = 1 + 2t, y = 2 + 3t$$

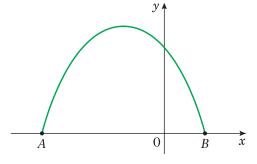
represent the same straight line.

**ii** 
$$x = \frac{1}{2t-3}$$
,  $y = \frac{t}{2t-3}$ ,  $t \neq \frac{3}{2}$ 

2.2 You need to be able to use parametric equations to solve problems in coordinate geometry.

# Example 3

The diagram shows a sketch of the curve with parametric equations x = t - 1,  $y = 4 - t^2$ . The curve meets the x-axis at the points A and B. Find the coordinates of A and B.



Find the values of t at A and B.

 $y = 4 - t^2$ 

Substitute y = 0

$$4 - t^2 = 0$$

$$t^2 = 4$$

So 
$$t = \pm 2$$

(2)x = t - 1

Substitute t = 2

$$x = 2 - 1$$

Substitute t = -2

$$x = (-2) - 1$$

$$= -3$$

The coordinates of A and B are (-3,0)

and (1, 0).

The curve meets the x-axis when y = 0, so substitute y = 0 into  $y = 4 - t^2$  and solve for t.

Take the square root of each side. Remember there are two solutions when you take a square root.

Find the value of x at A and B. Substitute t = 2 and t = -2 into x = t - 1.

# Example 4

A curve has parametric equations x = at,  $y = a(t^3 + 8)$ , where a is a constant. The curve passes through the point (2, 0). Find the value of a.

 $y = a(t^3 + 8)$ (1)Substitute y = 0 $a(t^3 + 8) = 0$  $t^3 + 8 = 0$  $t^3 = -8$ So t = -2(2)x = atSubstitute x = 2 and t = -2a(-2) = 2a=-1So (The parametric equations of the curve are x = -t and  $y = -(t^3 + 8)$ .)

The curve passes through (2, 0), so there is a value of t for which x = 2 and y = 0.

Find t. Substitute y = 0 into  $y = a(t^3 + 8)$  and solve for t.

Divide each side by a.

Take the cube root of each side.  $\sqrt[3]{-8} = -2$ .

Find a. Substitute x = 2 and t = -2 into x = at.

Divide each side by -2.

# Example 5

A curve is given parametrically by the equations  $x = t^2$ , y = 4t. The line x + y + 4 = 0 meets the curve at A. Find the coordinates of A.

① x + y + 4 = 0Substitute  $t^2 + 4t + 4 = 0$   $(t + 2)^2 = 0$  t + 2 = 0So t = -2Substitute t = -2②  $x = t^2$   $= (-2)^2$  = 4③ y = 4t

=4(-2)

= -8

The coordinates of A are (4, -8).

Find the value of t at A. Solve the equations simultaneously. Substitute  $x = t^2$  and y = 4t into x + y + 4 = 0.

Factorise.

Take the square root of each side.

Find the coordinates of A. Substitute t = -2 into the parametric equations.

# Exercise 2B

1 Find the coordinates of the point(s) where the following curves meet the x-axis:

**a** 
$$x = 5 + t$$
,  $y = 6 - t$ 

**b** 
$$x = 2t + 1$$
,  $y = 2t - 6$ 

**c** 
$$x = t^2$$
,  $y = (1 - t)(t + 3)$ 

**d** 
$$x = \frac{1}{t}, y = \sqrt{(t-1)(2t-1)}, t \neq 0$$

**e** 
$$x = \frac{2t}{1+t}$$
,  $y = t-9$ ,  $t \neq -1$ 

**2** Find the coordinates of the point(s) where the following curves meet the y-axis:

**a** 
$$x = 2t, y = t^2 - 5$$

**b** 
$$x = \sqrt{(3t-4)}, y = \frac{1}{t^2}, t \neq 0$$

**c** 
$$x = t^2 + 2t - 3$$
,  $y = t(t - 1)$ 

**d** 
$$x = 27 - t^3$$
,  $y = \frac{1}{t-1}$ ,  $t \ne 1$ 

**e** 
$$x = \frac{t-1}{t+1}$$
,  $y = \frac{2t}{t^2+1}$ ,  $t \neq -1$ 

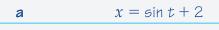
- A curve has parametric equations  $x = 4at^2$ , y = a(2t 1), where a is a constant. The curve passes through the point (4, 0). Find the value of a.
- A curve has parametric equations x = b(2t 3),  $y = b(1 t^2)$ , where b is a constant. The curve passes through the point (0, -5). Find the value of b.
- A curve has parametric equations x = p(2t 1),  $y = p(t^3 + 8)$ , where p is a constant. The curve meets the x-axis at (2, 0) and the y-axis at A.
  - **a** Find the value of p.
  - **b** Find the coordinates of *A*.
- A curve is given parametrically by the equations  $x = 3qt^2$ ,  $y = 4(t^3 + 1)$ , where q is a constant. The curve meets the x-axis at X and the y-axis at Y. Given that OX = 2OY, where O is the origin, find the value of q.
- Find the coordinates of the point of intersection of the line with parametric equations x = 3t + 2, y = 1 t and the line y + x = 2.
- Find the coordinates of the points of intersection of the curve with parametric equations  $x = 2t^2 1$ , y = 3(t + 1) and the line 3x 4y = 3.
- Find the values of t at the points of intersection of the line 4x 2y 15 = 0 with the parabola  $x = t^2$ , y = 2t and give the coordinates of these points.
- Find the points of intersection of the parabola  $x = t^2$ , y = 2t with the circle  $x^2 + y^2 9x + 4 = 0$ .

# 2.3 You need to be able to convert parametric equations into a Cartesian equation.

# Example 6

A curve has parametric equations  $x = \sin t + 2$ ,  $y = \cos t - 3$ .

- **a** Find the Cartesian equation of the curve.
- **b** Draw a graph of the curve.



So 
$$\sin t = x - 2$$

$$y = \cos t - 3$$

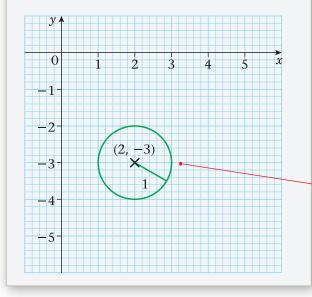
So 
$$\cos t = y + 3$$

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

the Cartesian equation of the

curve is 
$$(x-2)^2 + (y+3)^2 = 1$$

b



Eliminate t from the parametric equations  $x = \sin t + 2$  and  $y = \cos t - 3$ .

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

Rearrange  $x = \sin t + 2$  for  $\sin t$ . Take 2 from each side.

Rearrange  $y = \cos t - 3$  for  $\cos t$ . Add 3 to each side.

Square  $\sin t$  and  $\cos t$  so that  $\sin^2 t = (x - 2)^2$  $\cos^2 t = (y + 3)^2$ .

Remember  $(x - a)^2 + (y - b)^2 = r^2$  is the equation of a circle centre (a, b), radius r.

Compare 
$$(x - 2)^2 + (y + 3)^2 = 1$$
 with  $(x - a)^2 + (y - b)^2 = r^2$ .  
Here  $a = 2$ ,  $b = -3$  and  $r = 1$ .

So 
$$(x-2)^2 + (y+3)^2 = 1$$
 is a circle centre (2, -3) and radius 1.

# Example 7

A curve has parametric equations  $x = \sin t$ ,  $y = \sin 2t$ . Find the Cartesian equation of the curve.

$$y = \sin 2t$$

$$= 2 \sin t \cos t$$

$$=2x\cos t$$

Eliminate t between the parametric equations  $x = \sin t$  and  $y = \sin 2t$ .

Remember  $\sin 2t = 2 \sin t \cos t$ .

 $x = \sin t$ , so replace  $\sin t$  by x in  $y = 2 \sin t \cos t$ .

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

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

$$\cos^2 t = 1 - x^2$$

$$\cos t = \sqrt{1 - x^2}$$
So 
$$y = 2x\sqrt{1 - x^2}$$

Find  $\cos t$  in terms of x. Rearrange  $\sin^2 t + \cos^2 t = 1$  for  $\cos t$ .

Take  $\sin^2 t$  from each side.

 $x = \sin t$ , so replace  $\sin t$  by x in  $\cos^2 t = 1 - \sin^2 t$ .

Take the square root of each side.

Replace  $\cos t$  by  $\sqrt{1-x^2}$  in  $y=2x\cos t$ .

This equation can also be written in the form  $y^2 = 4x^2(1 - x^2)$ .

#### Exercise 2C

A curve is given by the parametric equations  $x = 2 \sin t$ ,  $y = \cos t$ .

Complete the table and draw a graph of the curve for  $0 \le t \le 2\pi$ .

You are unlikely to be asked this kind of question in your examination. However, here it will help your understanding of parametric equations.

t	0	$\frac{\pi}{6}$	$\frac{\pi}{3}$	$\frac{\pi}{2}$	$\frac{2\pi}{3}$	$\frac{5\pi}{6}$	π	$\frac{7\pi}{6}$	$\frac{4\pi}{3}$	$\frac{3\pi}{2}$	$\frac{5\pi}{3}$	$\frac{11\pi}{6}$	$2\pi$
$x = 2 \sin t$			1.73		1.73			-1		-2			0
$y = \cos t$		0.87					-1		-0.5		0.5		

- A curve is given by the parametric equations  $x = \sin t$ ,  $y = \tan t$ ,  $-\frac{\pi}{2} < t < \frac{\pi}{2}$ . Draw a graph of the curve.
- **3** Find the Cartesian equation of the curves given by the following parametric equations:

$$\mathbf{a} \ x = \sin t, \, y = \cos t$$

**b** 
$$x = \sin t - 3, y = \cos t$$

**c** 
$$x = \cos t - 2, y = \sin t + 3$$

**d** 
$$x = 2 \cos t, y = 3 \sin t$$

**e** 
$$x = 2 \sin t - 1$$
,  $y = 5 \cos t + 4$ 

$$\mathbf{f} \ \ x = \cos t, \ y = \sin 2t$$

$$\mathbf{g} x = \cos t, y = 2 \cos 2t$$

$$\mathbf{h} \ x = \sin t, y = \tan t$$

**i** 
$$x = \cos t + 2$$
,  $y = 4 \sec t$ 

$$\mathbf{j} \quad x = 3 \cot t, \, y = \csc t$$

- 4 A circle has parametric equations  $x = \sin t 5$ ,  $y = \cos t + 2$ .
  - **a** Find the Cartesian equation of the circle.
  - **b** Write down the radius and the coordinates of the centre of the circle.
- A circle has parametric equations  $x = 4 \sin t + 3$ ,  $y = 4 \cos t 1$ . Find the radius and the coordinates of the centre of the circle.

- 2.4 You need to be able to find the area under a curve given by parametric equations.
- The area under a graph is given by  $\int y \, dx$ . By the chain rule  $\int y \, dx = \int y \, \frac{dx}{dt} \, dt$ .

## Example 8

A curve has parametric equations  $x = 5t^2$ ,  $y = t^3$ . Work out  $\int_1^2 y \frac{dx}{dt} dt$ .

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

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} (5t^2)$$

$$= 10t$$
So 
$$y\frac{dx}{dt} = t^3 \times 10t$$

$$= 10t^4$$

$$\int_1^2 y\frac{dx}{dt} dt = \int_1^2 10t^4 dt$$

$$= \left[2t^5\right]_1^2$$

$$= 2(2)^5 - 2(1)^5$$

Find 
$$y \frac{dx}{dt}$$
. Substitute  $y = t^3$ .

Work out 
$$\frac{dx}{dt}$$
. Here  $x = 5t^2$ .  

$$\frac{d}{dt}(5t^2) = 5 \times 2t^{2-1}$$

$$= 10t$$

Simplify the expression so that 
$$t^3 \times 10t = 10t^{3+1}$$
  
= 10t<sup>4</sup>

Integrate, so that
$$\int 10t^4 dt = \frac{10}{4+1} t^{4+1}$$

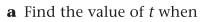
$$= \frac{10}{5} t^5$$

$$= 2t^5$$

Work out  $\left[2t^5\right]_1^2$ . Substitute t=2 and t=1 into  $2t^5$  and subtract.

# Example 9

The diagram shows a sketch of the curve with parametric equations  $x = t^2$ , y = 2t(3 - t),  $t \ge 0$ . The curve meets the x-axis at x = 0 and x = 9. The shaded region R is bounded by the curve and the x-axis.



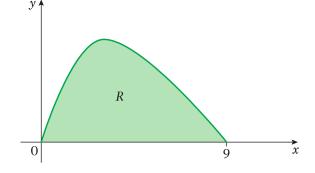
**i** 
$$x = 0$$

**ii** 
$$x = 9$$

= 64 - 2

= 62

**b** Find the area of *R*.



a i 
$$x = t^2$$

$$t^2 = 0$$

So 
$$t = 0$$

ii 
$$x = t^2$$

$$t^2 = 9$$

So 
$$t=3$$

Substitute x = 0 into  $x = t^2$ . Take the square root of each side.

Substitute 
$$x = 9$$
 into  $x = t^2$ .  
Take the square root of each side.  $\sqrt{9} = \pm 3$ .

Ignore 
$$t = -3$$
 as  $t \ge 0$ .

**b** Area of 
$$R = \int_{0}^{9} y \, dx$$

$$= \int_{0}^{3} y \frac{dx}{dt} dt$$

$$= \int_0^3 2t(3-t) \frac{dx}{dt} dt$$

$$= \int_{0}^{3} 2t(3-t) \times 2t \, dt \, \bullet$$

$$=\int_0^3 (6t-2t^2) \times 2t \, dt$$

$$= \int_{0}^{3} 12t^{2} - 4t^{3} dt$$

$$= \left[4t^3 - t^4\right]_0^3$$

$$= [4(3)^3 - (3)^4] - [4(0)^3 - (0)^4]$$

$$=(108-81)-(0-0)$$

$$= 27$$

The area of R = 27.

#### Integrate parametrically.

Change the limits of the integral.

$$t = 0$$
 when  $x = 0$ 

$$t = 3$$
 when  $x = 9$ 

Find 
$$\int y \frac{dx}{dt} dt$$
. Substitute  $y = 2t(3 - t)$ .

Work out 
$$\frac{dx}{dt}$$
. Here  $x = t^2$ .

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}x}{\mathrm{d}t} = \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t}(t^2)$$
$$= 2t$$

#### Expand the brackets, so that

1) 
$$2t(3-t)$$
 =  $2t \times 3 - 2t \times t$   
=  $6t - 2t^2$ 

$$(6t - 2t^2) \times 2t = 6t \times 2t - 2t^2 \times 2t$$

$$= 12t^2 - 4t^3$$

#### Integrate each term, so that

$$\int 12t^2 dt = \frac{12}{3}t^{2+1}$$
$$= 4t^3$$

$$\int 4t^3 dt = \frac{4}{4}t^{3+1} \\
= t^4$$

Work out 
$$\left[4t^3 - t^4\right]_0^3$$
. Substitute  $t = 3$  and  $t = 0$  into  $4t^3 - t^4$  and subtract.

# Exercise 2D

The following curves are given parametrically. In each case, find an expression for  $y \frac{dx}{dt}$  in terms of t.

**a** 
$$x = t + 3, y = 4t - 3$$

$$\mathbf{c} \ \ x = (2t-3)^2, \ y = 1-t^2$$

**e** 
$$x = \sqrt{t}, y = 6t^3, t \ge 0$$

$$\mathbf{g} \ x = 5t^{\frac{1}{2}}, \ y = 4t^{-\frac{3}{2}}, \ t > 0$$

i 
$$x = 16 - t^4, y = 3 - \frac{2}{t}, t < 0$$

**b** 
$$x = t^3 + 3t, y = t^2$$

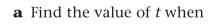
**d** 
$$x = 6 - \frac{1}{t}, y = 4t^3, t > 0$$

**f** 
$$x = \frac{4}{t^2}$$
,  $y = 5t^2$ ,  $t < 0$ 

**h** 
$$x = t^{\frac{1}{3}} - 1$$
,  $y = \sqrt{t}$ ,  $t \ge 0$ 

$$\mathbf{i} \ \ x = 6t^{\frac{2}{3}}, \ y = t^2$$

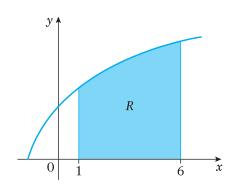
- **2** A curve has parametric equations x = 2t 5, y = 3t + 8. Work out  $\int_0^4 y \frac{dx}{dt} dt$ .
- **3** A curve has parametric equations  $x = t^2 3t + 1$ ,  $y = 4t^2$ . Work out  $\int_{-1}^{5} y \frac{dx}{dt} dt$ .
- **4** A curve has parametric equations  $x = 3t^2$ ,  $y = \frac{1}{t} + t^3$ , t > 0. Work out  $\int_{0.5}^3 y \frac{dx}{dt} dt$ .
- **5** A curve has parametric equations  $x = t^3 4t$ ,  $y = t^2 1$ . Work out  $\int_{-2}^2 y \frac{dx}{dt} dt$ .
- **6** A curve has parametric equations  $x = 9t^{\frac{4}{3}}$ ,  $y = t^{-\frac{1}{3}}$ , t > 0.
  - **a** Show that  $y \frac{\mathrm{d}x}{\mathrm{d}t} = a$ , where a is a constant to be found.
  - **b** Work out  $\int_3^5 y \frac{dx}{dt} dt$ .
- **7** A curve has parametric equations  $x = \sqrt{t}$ ,  $y = 4\sqrt{t^3}$ , t > 0.
  - **a** Show that  $y \frac{dx}{dt} = pt$ , where p is a constant to be found.
  - **b** Work out  $\int_{1}^{6} y \frac{\mathrm{d}x}{\mathrm{d}t} \, \mathrm{d}t$ .
- 8 The diagram shows a sketch of the curve with parametric equations  $x = t^2 3$ , y = 3t, t > 0. The shaded region R is bounded by the curve, the x-axis and the lines x = 1 and x = 6.



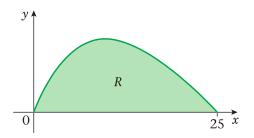
**i** 
$$x = 1$$

**ii** 
$$x = 6$$

**b** Find the area of *R*.



**9** The diagram shows a sketch of the curve with parametric equations  $x = 4t^2$ , y = t(5 - 2t),  $t \ge 0$ . The shaded region R is bounded by the curve and the x-axis. Find the area of R.



- The region *R* is bounded by the curve with parametric equations  $x = t^3$ ,  $y = \frac{1}{3t^2}$ , the *x*-axis and the lines x = -1 and x = -8.
  - **a** Find the value of *t* when

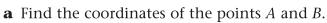
**i** 
$$x = -1$$

**ii** 
$$x = -8$$

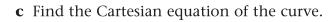
**b** Find the area of *R*.

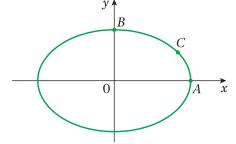
#### Mixed exercise **2E**

The diagram shows a sketch of the curve with parametric equations  $x = 4 \cos t$ ,  $y = 3 \sin t$ ,  $0 \le t < 2\pi$ .





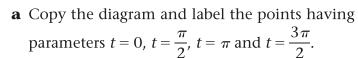


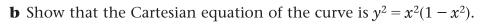


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**2** The diagram shows a sketch of the curve with parametric equations  $x = \cos t$ ,  $y = \frac{1}{2} \sin 2t$ .

 $0 \le t < 2\pi$ . The curve is symmetrical about both axes.







**a** Find the Cartesian equation of the curve.

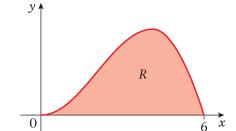
The curve cuts the x-axis at (a, 0) and (b, 0).

**b** Find the value of *a* and *b*.

A curve has parametric equations  $x = \frac{1}{1+t'}$   $y = \frac{1}{(1+t)(1-t)'}$ ,  $t \neq \pm 1$ . Express t in terms of x. Hence show that the Cartesian equation of the curve is  $y = \frac{x^2}{2x-1}$ .



- **5** A circle has parametric equations  $x = 4 \sin t 3$ ,  $y = 4 \cos t + 5$ .
  - **a** Find the Cartesian equation of the circle.
  - **b** Draw a sketch of the circle.
  - **c** Find the exact coordinates of the points of intersection of the circle with the *y*-axis.
- Find the Cartesian equation of the line with parametric equations  $x = \frac{2-3t}{1+t}$ ,  $y = \frac{3+2t}{1+t}$ ,  $t \neq -1$ .
- **7** A curve has parametric equations  $x = t^2 1$ ,  $y = t t^3$ , where t is a parameter.
  - **a** Draw a graph of the curve for  $-2 \le t \le 2$ .
  - **b** Find the area of the finite region enclosed by the loop of the curve.
- **8** A curve has parametric equations  $x = t^2 2$ , y = 2t, where  $-2 \le t \le 2$ .
  - a Draw a graph of the curve.
  - **b** Indicate on your graph where **i** t = 0 **ii** t > 0 **iii** t < 0
  - **c** Calculate the area of the finite region enclosed by the curve and the *y*-axis.
- Find the area of the finite region bounded by the curve with parametric equations  $x = t^3$ ,  $y = \frac{4}{t}$ ,  $t \ne 0$ , the *x*-axis and the lines x = 1 and x = 8.
- The diagram shows a sketch of the curve with parametric equations  $x = 3\sqrt{t}$ , y = t(4 t), where  $0 \le t \le 4$ . The region R is bounded by the curve and the x-axis.



- **a** Show that  $y \frac{dx}{dt} = 6t^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{3}{2}t^{\frac{3}{2}}$ .
- **b** Find the area of *R*.

# **Summary of key points**

- **1** To find the Cartesian equation of a curve given parametrically you eliminate the parameter *t* between the parametric equations.
- **2** To find the area under a curve given parametrically you use  $\int y \frac{dx}{dt} dt$ .