

PROJECTED WRITTEN NOTES FROM THE M408D LECTURE  
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TAYLOR SERIES, TAYLOR POLYNOMIALS,  
and CURVES DESCRIBED BY PARAMETRIC EQUATIONS

CLASS #12

## NOTATION CONVENTION

Given function  $f(x)$ ,

$f'(x)$  = the first derivative of  $f$ .

$$f^{(1)}(x) = f'(x)$$

$$\text{Also, } f^{(0)}(x) = f(x)$$

$$f^{(2)}(x) = f''(x)$$

$$f^{(3)}(x) = f'''(x)$$

⋮

$$f^{(n)}(x) = \text{the } n^{\text{th}} \text{ derivative of } f$$

Definition: For a real number a and a differentiable function  $f(x)$ ,

The "Taylor Series for  $f$  centered at  $a$ " is

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_n (x-a)^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!} (x-a)^n$$

$$= f(a) + \frac{f'(a)}{1!} (x-a) + \frac{f''(a)}{2!} (x-a)^2 + \dots$$

For those  $x$  in the I.O.C., summation =  $f(x)$ .

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When  $a = 0$ , this is called the "Maclaurin Series for  $f$ ".

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!} x^n = f(0) + \frac{f'(0)}{1!} x + \frac{f''(0)}{2!} x^2 + \dots$$

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The MacLaurin Series for  $f(x) = e^x$

$$f(x) = e^x = \frac{f(0)}{0!} + \frac{f'(0)}{1!} x + \frac{f''(0)}{2!} x^2 + \frac{f'''(0)}{3!} x^3 + \dots$$

$$\text{Here } f(x) = e^x = f'(x) = f''(x) = f'''(x) = \dots$$

$$\text{Since } e^0 = 1$$

$$f(x) = e^x = \frac{1}{0!} + \frac{1}{1!} x + \frac{1}{2!} x^2 + \frac{1}{3!} x^3 + \dots$$

The MacLaurin Series for  $f(x) = e^x$  is

$$e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} x^n, \text{ and (from the Ratio Test) } R = \infty.$$

Problem: Find the MacLaurin Series for

$$f(x) = x^5 e^{(x^3)}$$

Soln  
Since  $e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} x^n$ ,  $R = \infty$ , and for  $|x| < \infty$ , the series is  $C$ ,

$$e^{(x^3)} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} (x^3)^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} x^{3n}, \quad |x^3| < \infty, \quad R = \infty$$

$$f(x) = x^5 e^{(x^3)} = x^5 \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} x^{3n} \right) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} x^{(3n+5)}, \quad R = \infty$$

## Finding the Maclaurin Series for $f(x) = e^x$

Recall, here  $a=0$  and  $c_n = \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!}$

$n$	$f^{(n)}(x)$	$f^{(n)}(0)$	$c_n$	$c_n x^n$
0	$e^x$	$e^0 = 1$	$\frac{e^0}{0!} = 1$	$1 = \frac{x^0}{0!}$
1	$e^x$	$e^0 = 1$	$\frac{e^0}{1!} = 1$	$x = \frac{x^1}{1!}$
2	$e^x$	$e^0 = 1$	$\frac{e^0}{2!} = \frac{1}{2!}$	$\frac{1}{2}x^2 = \frac{x^2}{2!}$
3	$e^x$	$e^0 = 1$	$\frac{e^0}{3!} = \frac{1}{3!}$	$\frac{1}{6}x^3 = \frac{x^3}{3!}$
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$

The Maclaurin series for  $f(x) = e^x$  is:

$$e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \text{ where } a_n = \frac{x^n}{n!}$$

To find <sup>the RADIUS OF</sup> CONVERGENCE  $R$ , we use the ratio test:

$$\frac{|a_{n+1}|}{|a_n|} = \frac{|x|^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \cdot \frac{n!}{|x|^n} = \frac{|x|}{n+1}$$

For any  $x$  in  $\mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|a_{n+1}|}{|a_n|} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|x|}{n+1} = 0 < 1, \text{ so the}$$

Maclaurin series for  $f(x) = e^x$  converge absolutely for all  $x$  in  $\mathbb{R}$ .

The Radius of Convergence is  $R = \infty$ .

# || FINDING the Maclaurin Series for $f(x) = \cos x$

The series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^n$  has  $c_n = \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!}$ .

$n$	$f^{(n)}(x)$	$f^{(n)}(0)$	$c_n$	$\frac{c_n x^n}{n!}$
✓ 0	$\cos x$	1	$\frac{1}{0!} = 1$	$\frac{1 \cdot x^0}{0!} = 1$ $m=0$
1	$-\sin x$	0	$\frac{0}{1!} = 0$	<del><math>0x</math></del>
✓ 2	$-\cos x$	-1	$\frac{-1}{2!} = -\frac{1}{2}$	$-\frac{x^2}{2}$ $m=1$
3	$\sin x$	0	$\frac{0}{3!} = 0$	<del><math>0x^3</math></del>
✓ 4	$\cos x$	1	$\frac{1}{4!}$	$+\frac{x^4}{4!}$ $m=2$
5	$-\sin x$	0	$\frac{0}{5!} = 0$	<del><math>0x^5</math></del>
✓ 6	$-\cos x$	-1	$-\frac{1}{6!}$	$-\frac{x^6}{6!}$ $m=3$
7	$\sin x$	0	$\frac{0}{7!} = 0$	<del><math>0x^7</math></del>
✓ 8	$\cos x$	1	$\frac{1}{8!}$	$+\frac{x^8}{8!}$ $m=4$
⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮

$$\cos x = \frac{x^0}{0!} + (-1) \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + (-1) \frac{x^6}{6!} + \frac{x^8}{8!} + \dots$$

$m=0$        $m=1$        $m=2$        $m=3$        $m=4$       ...

$$\cos x = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m x^{2m}}{(2m)!} \xrightarrow{\text{Write using } n} \cos x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n}}{(2n)!}$$

FINDING THE TAYLOR SERIES OF  $f(x) = \sin x$   
 Centered at  $a = \pi/2$

Here  $a = \pi/2$ ,  $c_n = \frac{f^{(n)}(\pi/2)}{n!}$  and  $c_n (x-a)^n = \frac{f^{(n)}(\pi/2)}{n!} (x - \pi/2)^n$

Use k:	$n$	$f^{(n)}(x)$	$f^{(n)}(\pi/2)$	$c_n (x-a)^n$
$k=0$	0	$\sin x$	$\sin(\pi/2) = 1$	$\frac{1}{0!} (x - \pi/2)^0 = 1$
	1	$\cos x$	$\cos(\pi/2) = 0$	—————
$k=1$	2	$-\sin x$	$-\sin(\pi/2) = -1$	$\frac{-1}{2!} (x - \pi/2)^2$
	3	$-\cos x$	$-\cos(\pi/2) = 0$	—————
$k=2$	4	$\sin x$	$\sin(\pi/2) = 1$	$\frac{1}{4!} (x - \pi/2)^4$
	5	$\cos x$	$\cos(\pi/2) = 0$	—————
$k=3$	6	$-\sin x$	$-\sin(\pi/2) = -1$	$\frac{-1}{6!} (x - \pi/2)^6$
	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$

$$\sin x = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{(2k)!} (x - \pi/2)^{2k}$$

It can be shown that the radius of convergence is  $R = \infty$ .

To Memorize →

**Table 1**  
Important Maclaurin Series  
and Their Radii of  
Convergence

$$\frac{1}{1-x} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots \quad R=1$$

$$e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} = 1 + \frac{x}{1!} + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots \quad R=\infty$$

$$\sin x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \dots \quad R=\infty$$

$$\cos x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n}}{(2n)!} = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \dots \quad R=\infty$$

$$\tan^{-1} x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n+1}}{2n+1} = x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} - \frac{x^7}{7} + \dots \quad R=1$$

$$\ln(1+x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1} x^n}{n} = x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} + \dots \quad R=1$$

$$(1+x)^k = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{k}{n} x^n = 1 + kx + \frac{k(k-1)}{2!} x^2 + \frac{k(k-1)(k-2)}{3!} x^3 + \dots \quad R=1$$

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NOT  
NEEDED →

Problem: Find the Sum of the Series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} \frac{3^n}{n 5^n} = S$$

A HINT FOR  
A HOMEWORK  
PROBLEM

Sol'n

$$S = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} \frac{3^n}{n 5^n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} \frac{1}{n} \frac{3^n}{5^n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} \frac{\left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^n}{n}$$

Since  $\ln(1+x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} \frac{x^n}{n}$ ,

$$S = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} \frac{\left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^n}{n} = \ln\left(1 + \frac{3}{5}\right) = \ln\left(\frac{8}{5}\right) = S$$



## A New and Related Definition :

Defn: For a differentiable function  $f(x)$   
and a real number  $a$   
and a positive integer  $n$ ,

"The  $n^{\text{th}}$  Taylor Polynomial  $T_n(x)$  of  $f$   
(centered at  $a$ )" is

$$T_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{f^{(k)}(a)}{k!} (x-a)^k.$$

We also have the "Remainder Function  $R_n(x)$ ":

$$R_n(x) = \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(k)}(a)}{k!} (x-a)^k,$$

So,  $f(x) = T_n(x) + R_n(x)$  and

$R_n(x) =$  The ERROR in  $T_n(x) \approx f(x)$

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Here is an example:

Problem: let  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^3} = x^{-3}$ .

Determine the  $n=2$  Taylor Polynomial,  $T_2(x)$ , for  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^3}$  centered  $a = 1$ .

Sol<sup>n</sup>:

$$T_2(x) = \frac{f(a)}{0!} + \frac{f'(a)}{1!} (x-a) + \frac{f''(a)}{2!} (x-a)^2$$

Here  $a=1$  }  $T_2(x) = \frac{f(1)}{0!} + \frac{f'(1)}{1!} (x-1) + \frac{f''(1)}{2!} (x-1)^2$

$$f(x) = x^{-3} = \frac{1}{x^3}$$

$$f'(x) = -3x^{-4} = \frac{-3}{x^4}$$

$$f''(x) = 12x^{-5} = \frac{12}{x^5}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} f(1) &= 1 = f(a) \\ f'(1) &= -3 \\ f''(1) &= 12 \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$$T_2(x) = \frac{1}{0!} + \frac{(-3)}{1!} (x-1) + \frac{12}{2!} (x-1)^2$$

$$T_2(x) = 1 - 3(x-1) + 6(x-1)^2$$

for  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^3}$   
with  $n=2$   
and  $a=1$

Figure 1

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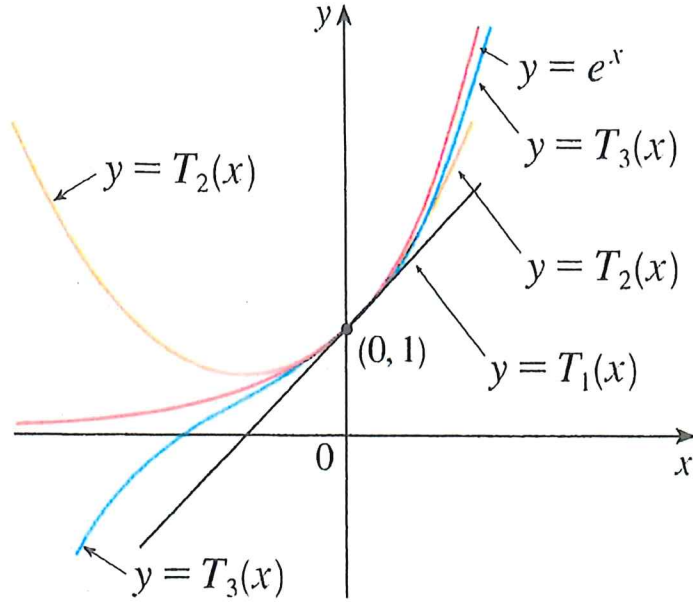
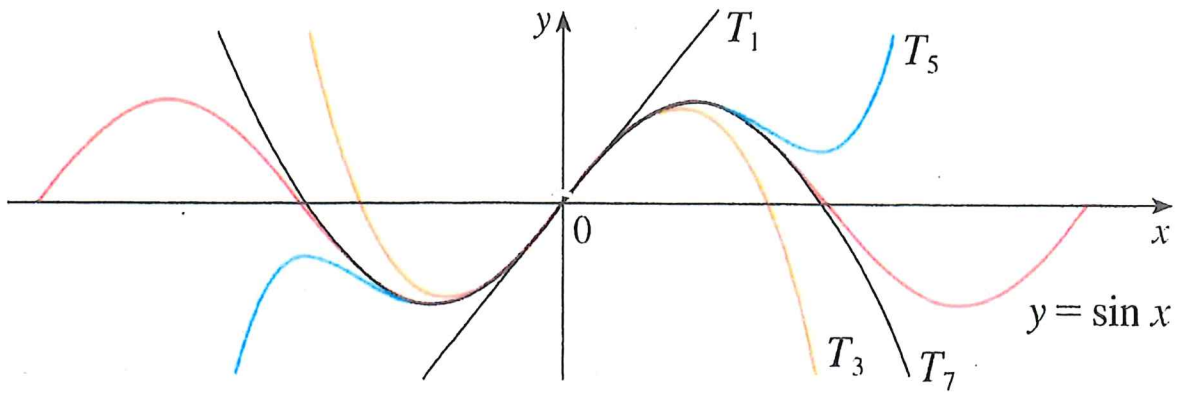
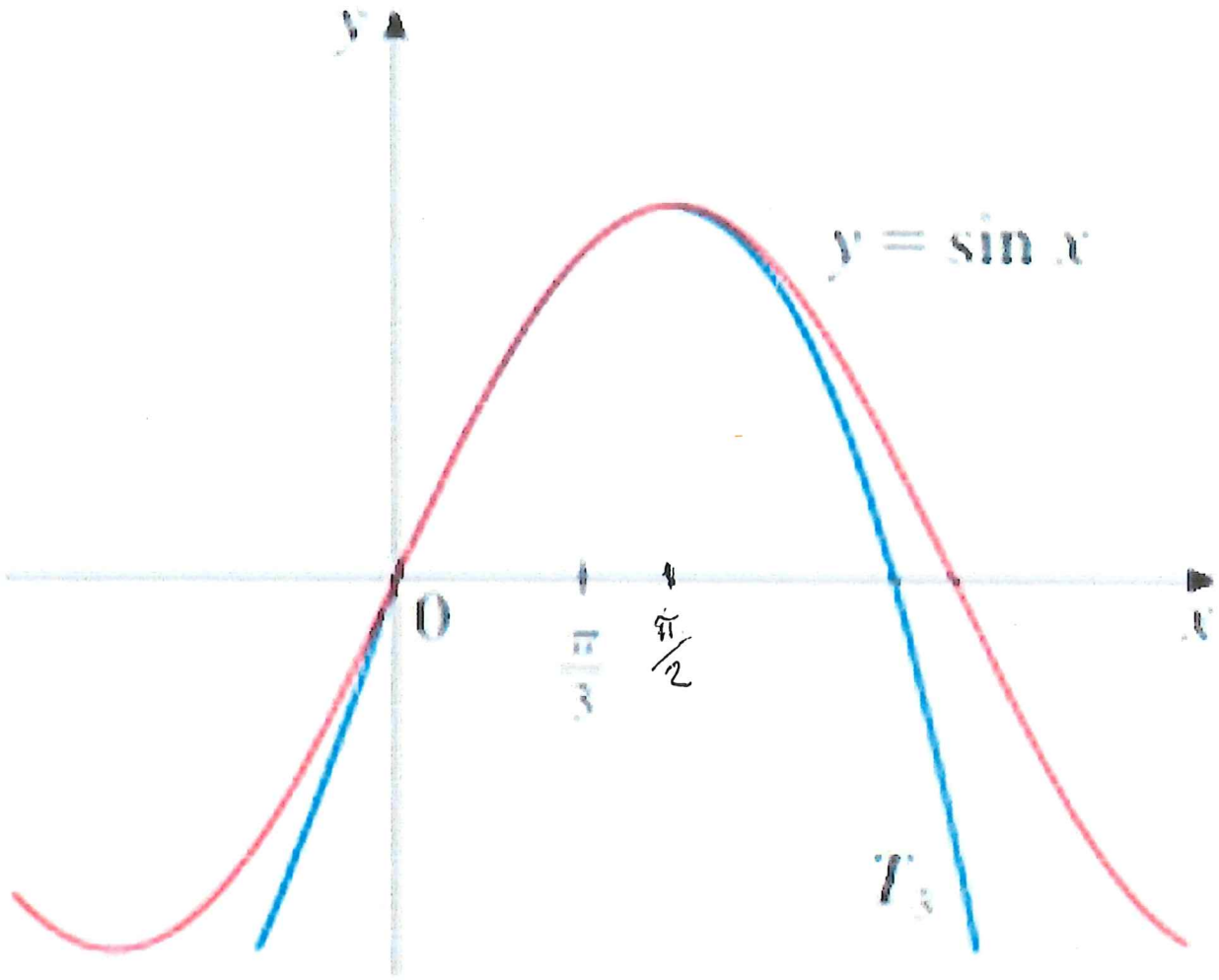


Figure 6

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**FIGURE 3**

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Now,  $T_2(x) \approx \frac{1}{x^3}$  for  $x$ -values close to  $a = 1$ .

What is the error in  $T_2(1.1) \approx f(1.1) = \frac{1}{(1.1)^3}$ ?

Soln:  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^3}$  here.

$$T_2(x) = 1 - 3(x-1) + 6(x-1)^2$$

$$T_2(1.1) = 1 - 3(0.1) + 6(0.1)^2$$

$$T_2(1.1) = 1 - 0.3 + 0.06 = \underline{0.76}$$

$$T_2(1.1) = 0.76$$

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$$\frac{1}{(1.1)^3} = \frac{1}{1.331} = 0.751314801$$

The Error in  $T_2(1.1) \approx \frac{1}{(1.1)^3} = f(1.1)$

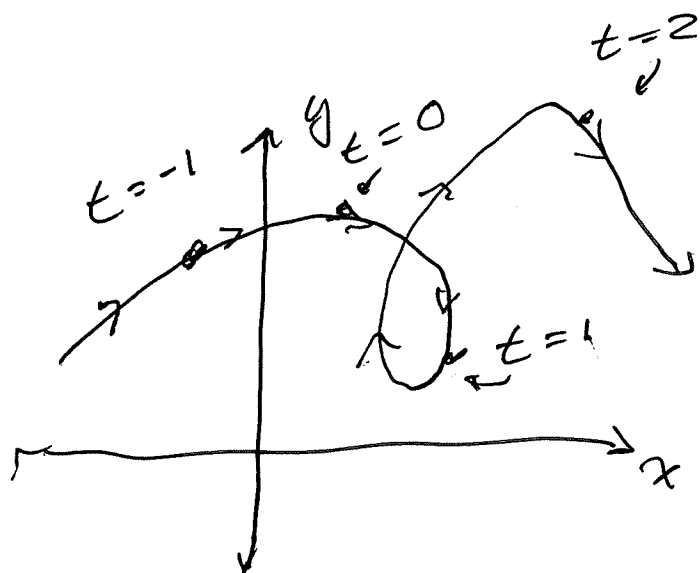
$$\text{is } |0.76 - 0.751314801|$$

$$\text{ERROR} = 0.008685199.$$

# DESCRIBING Curve with Parametric Equations

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A particle travels along a path in the  $xy$ -plane such that, at time  $t$  seconds, its position in the plane is  $P(t) = (x, y)$



$$P(t) = (x, y) = (f(t), g(t))$$

The Equations

$$x = f(t)$$

$$y = g(t)$$

Parametric  
EQUATIONS  
and  $t$  is the  
parameter.

Sometimes we write

$$x = x(t)$$

$$y = y(t)$$

Ex: Sketch the curve given by the Equations

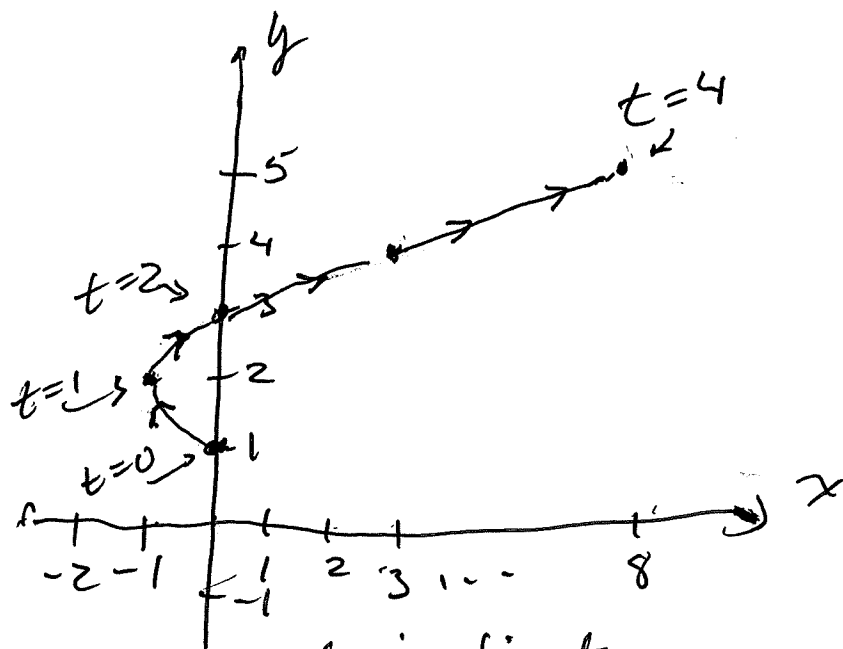
$$x = f(t) = t^2 - 2t$$

$$y = g(t) = t + 1$$

where  $0 \leq t \leq 4$

Point  $(x, y) = P(t)$

$t$	$(t^2 - 2t, t + 1)$
0	(0, 1)
1	(-1, 2)
2	(0, 3)
3	(3, 4)
4	(8, 5)



The Arrow heads indicate  
 "The direction of increasing value  
 of the parameter."

Ex:

$$x = t^2 - 2$$

No restrictions on  $t$ .

$$y = t + 1$$

