

This assignment is intended to help you visualize parametric curves. As an example, to draw the circle of radius 2 centered at (4,3) with viewing window [-1,8] by [-1,6] you may enter:

$$x[t_] := 4 + 2 \text{Cos}[t]$$

$$y[t_] := 3 + 2 \text{Sin}[t]$$

$$\text{ParametricPlot}[\{x[t], y[t]\}, \{t, 0, 2 \text{Pi}\}, \text{PlotRange} \rightarrow \{-1, 8\}, \{-1, 6\}]$$

For your assignment, create a *Mathematica* notebook in which you draw the 3-dimensional (space) curves specified below. Instead of the `ParametricPlot[]` command you will want to use `ParametricPlot3D[]`. (You can get help on these commands by entering in a notebook cell `?ParametricPlot`.) Often it'll be OK to use the default viewing window, so ignore the `PlotRange` option. Upload to the Digital Dropbox (in Knightvision) a .pdf copy of your Mathematica notebook.

(Please also save a copy for yourself – perhaps by emailing a copy to yourself.)

*Each time, be sure to rotate your plots so that you can see what's going on!*

1. Draw the parameterized curve  $\langle x(t), y(t), z(t) \rangle = \langle t \cos t, t \sin t, t \rangle$  for  $-10\pi \leq t \leq 10\pi$ . Verify by hand that the curve lies on the cone  $x^2 + y^2 = z^2$ .

2. Draw the parameterized curve  $\langle x(t), y(t), z(t) \rangle = \langle \sin t, \cos t, \sin^2 t \rangle$  for  $0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$ . Verify by hand that this curve is the intersection of the paraboloid  $z = x^2$  and the cylinder  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ .

(By rotating the plot, hopefully you can visualize the paraboloid and cylinder!)

3. Draw the curve that has parametric equations for  $0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$ ,

$$x(t) = \sqrt{1 - .25 \cos^2 20t} \cos t$$

$$y(t) = \sqrt{1 - .25 \cos^2 20t} \sin t$$

$$z(t) = .5 \cos 20t.$$

Verify that the curve lies on the sphere with radius 1 and center (0,0,0).