

Math 141

Lecture 16[material reduced]

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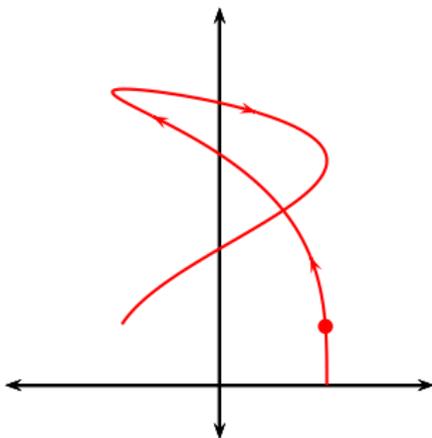
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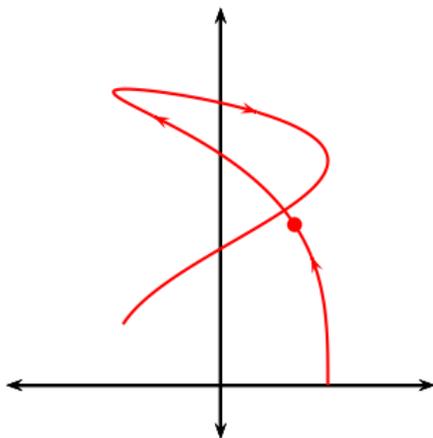
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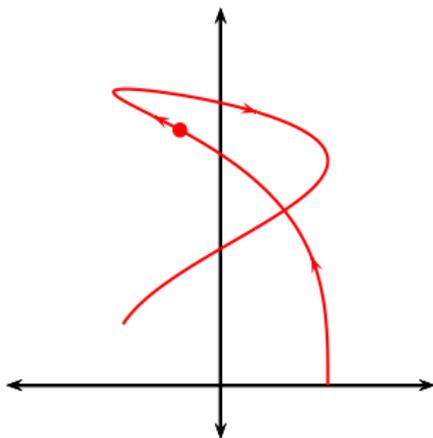
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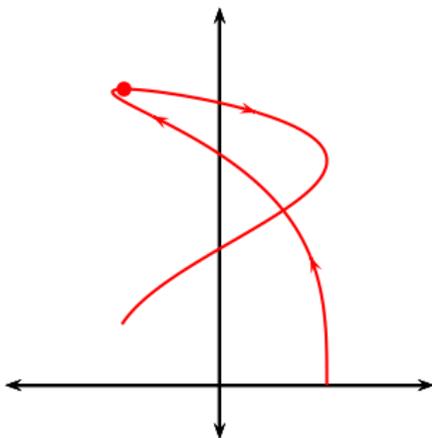
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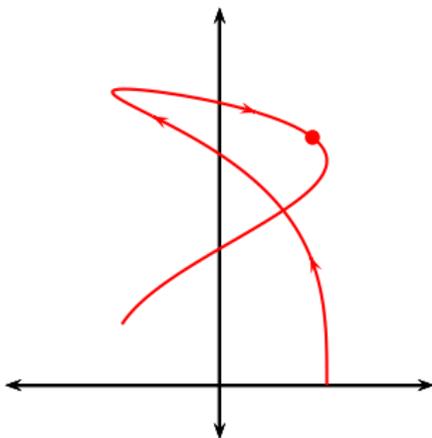
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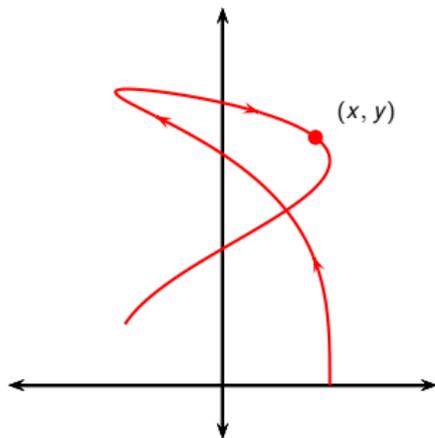


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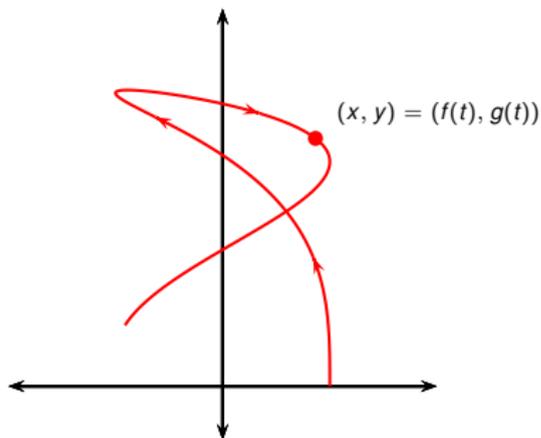


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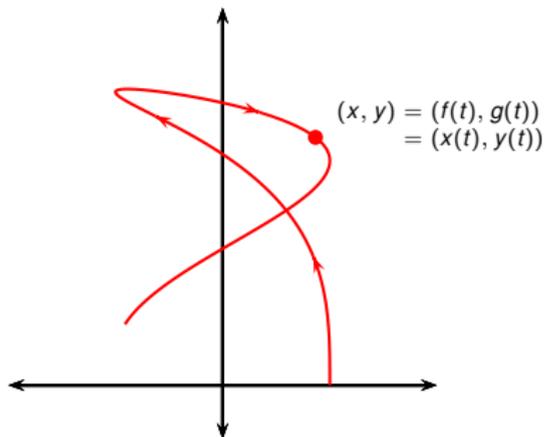
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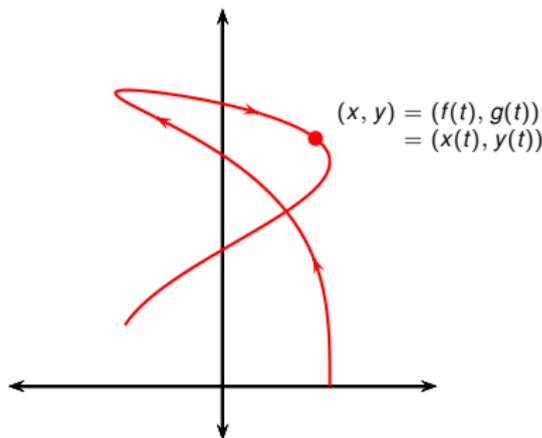
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 are parametric equations of a parametric curve.
- Note that the curve can't be written as $y = f(x)$: it fails the vertical line test.

Definition (Curve in n -dimensional space)

We define an arbitrary n -tuple of functions f_1, \dots, f_n on $[a, b]$ to be a *parametric curve* (or simply *curve*). If C is a curve, we write C as:

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where x_1, \dots, x_n are the labels of the n -dimensional coordinate system.

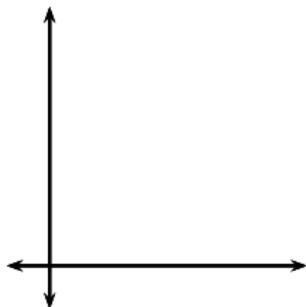
Curves in 2- and 3-dimensional space will be of special interest:

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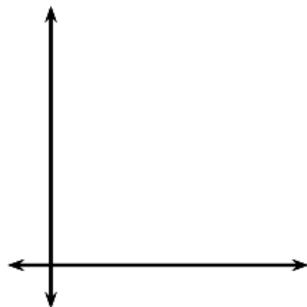
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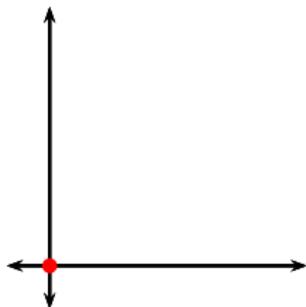
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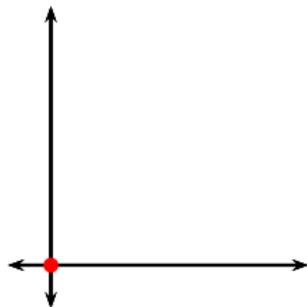
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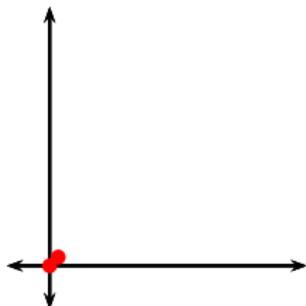
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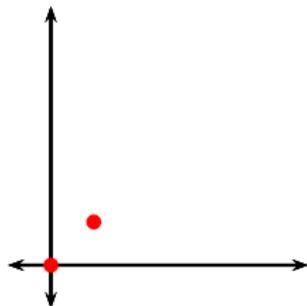
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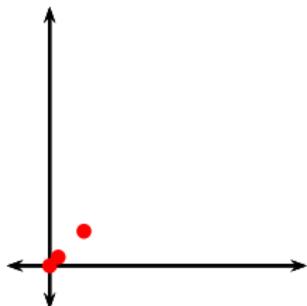


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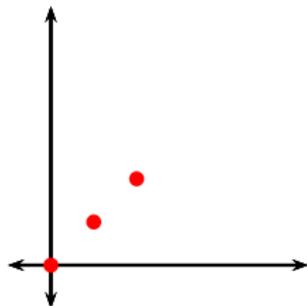
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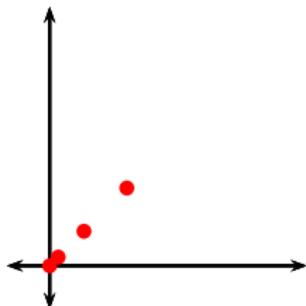
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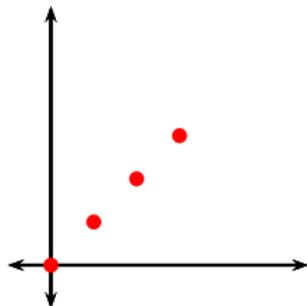
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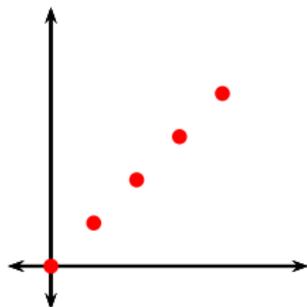
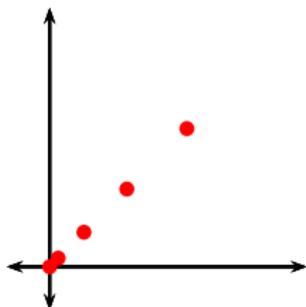
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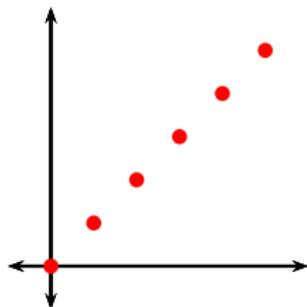
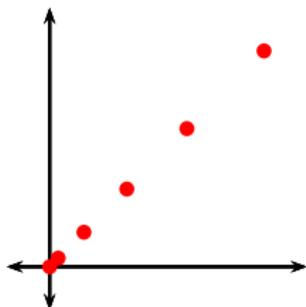


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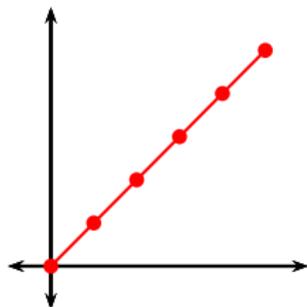
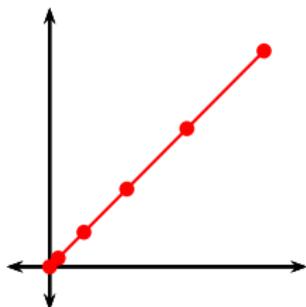


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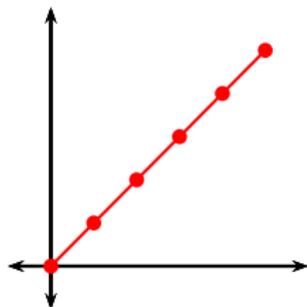
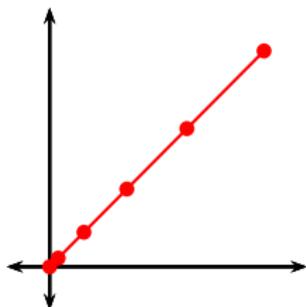


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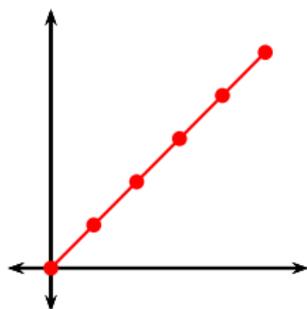
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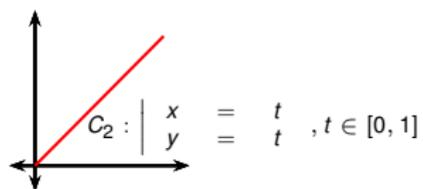
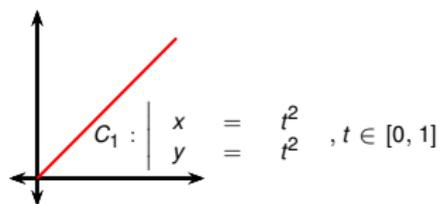
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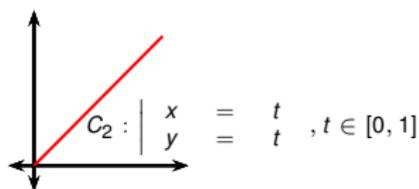
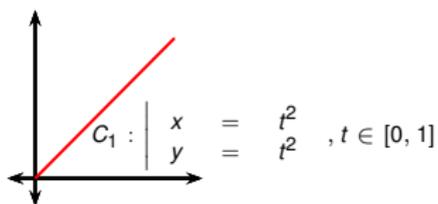
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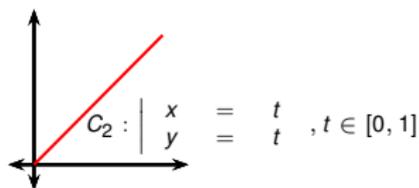
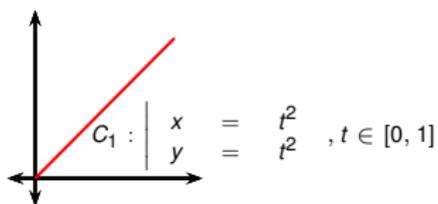


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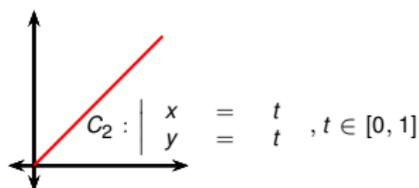
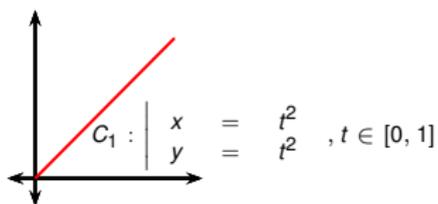
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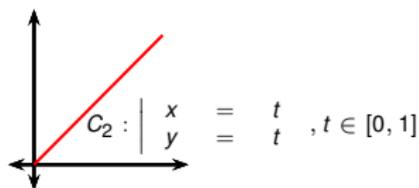
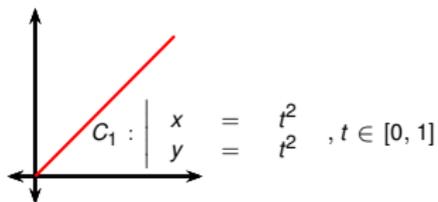
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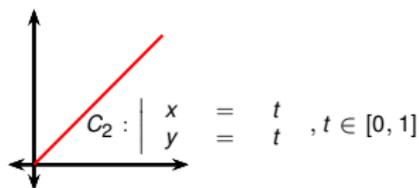
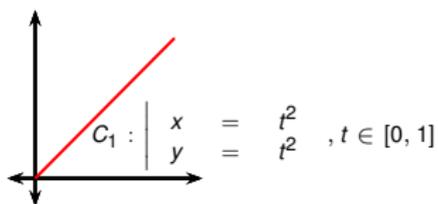
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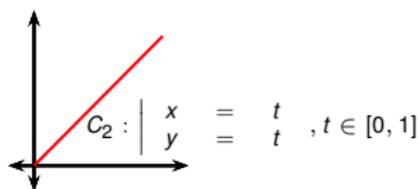
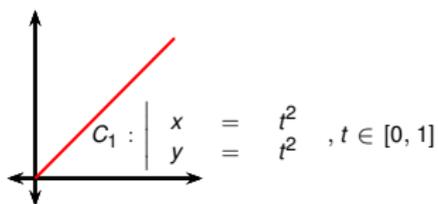
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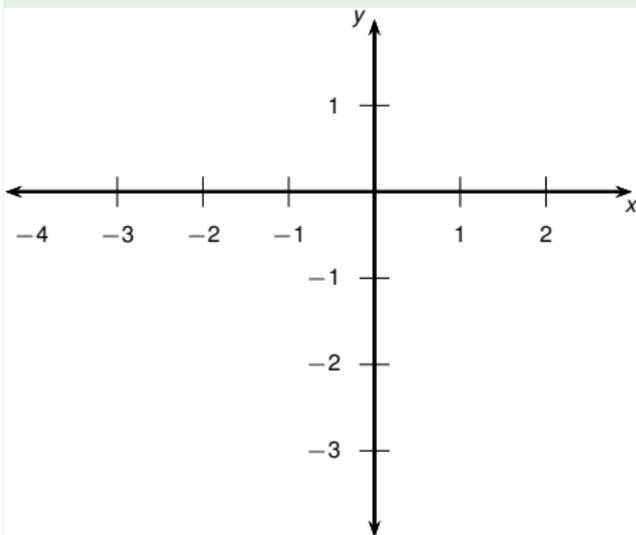
Observation

The graph of an arbitrary function can be written as the image of a curve C using the above transformation.

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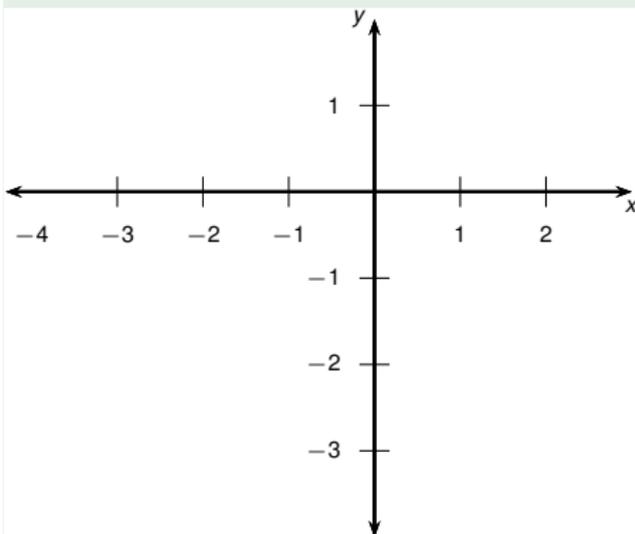


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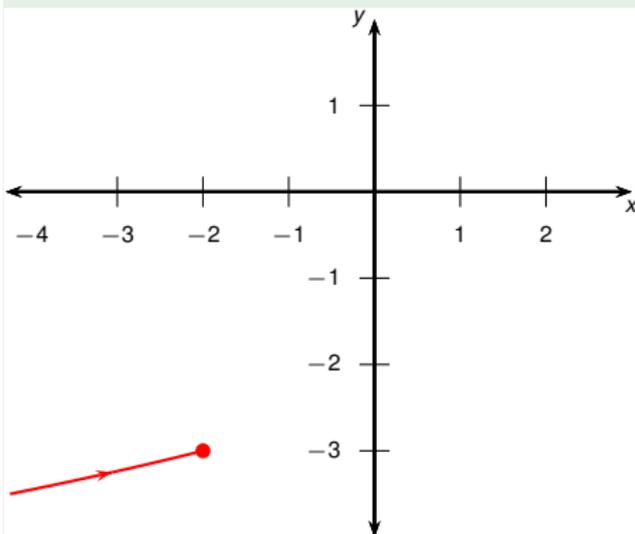


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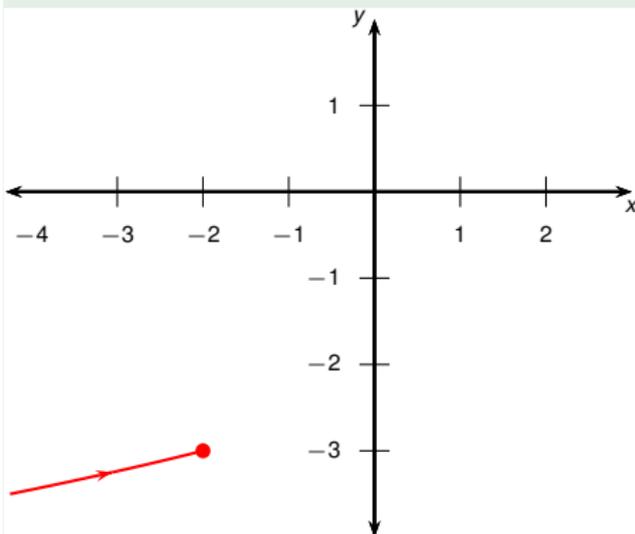


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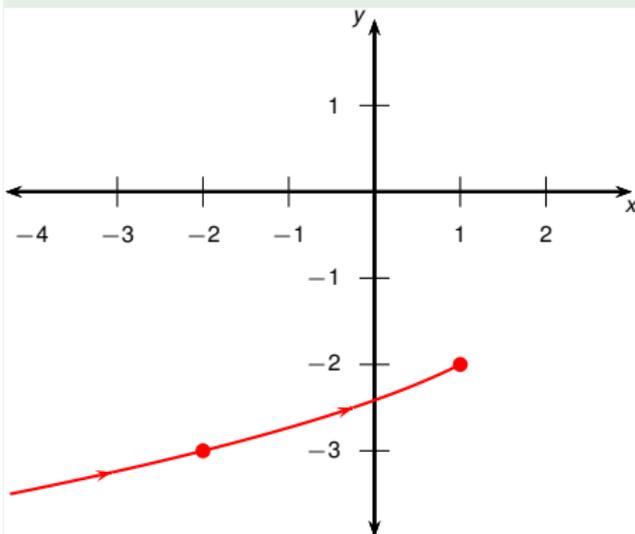


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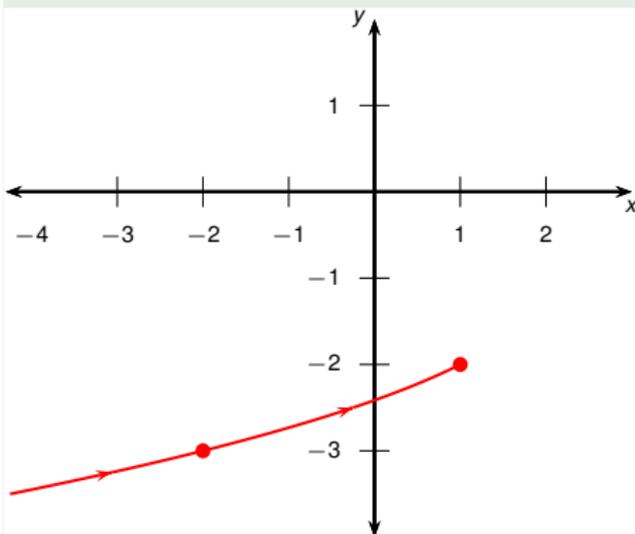


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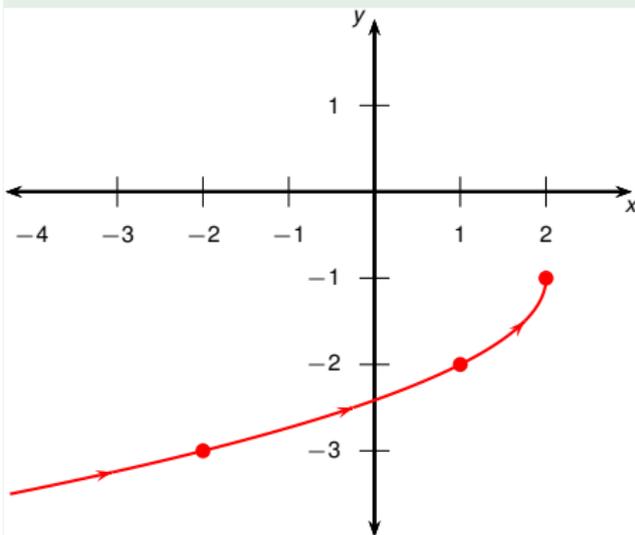


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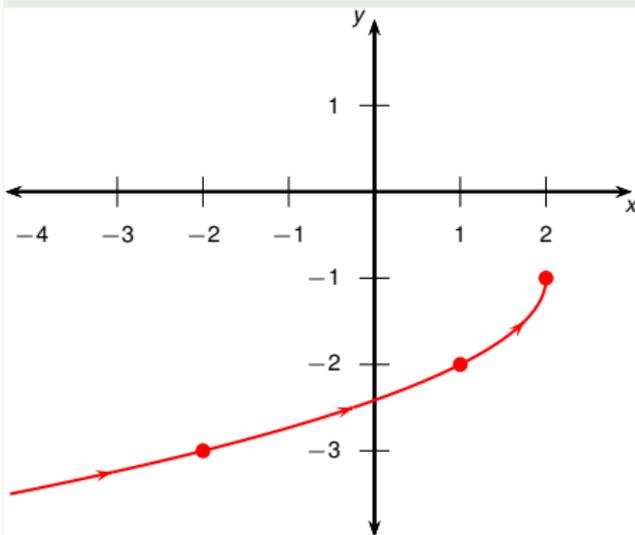


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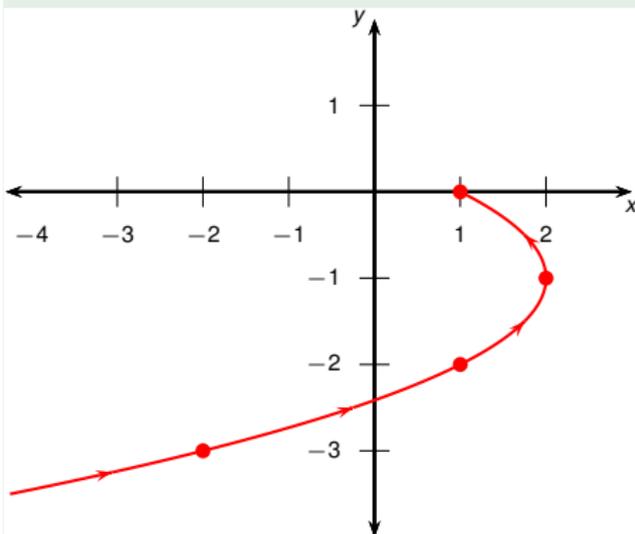


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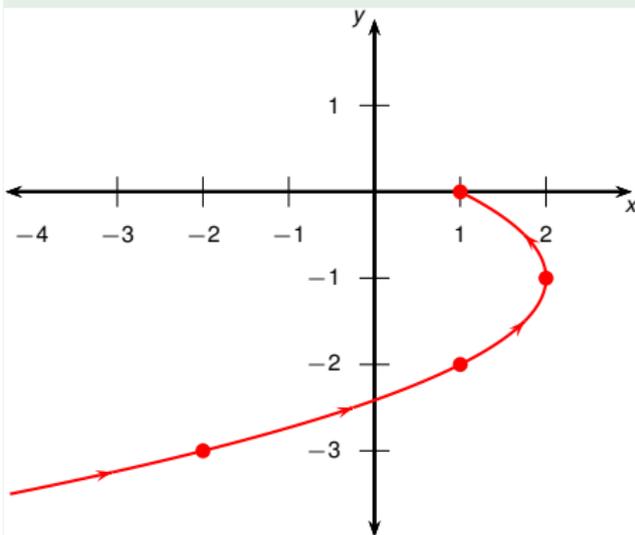


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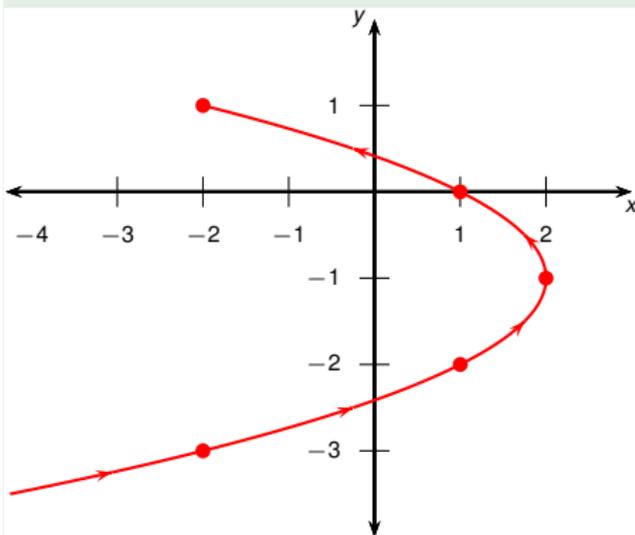


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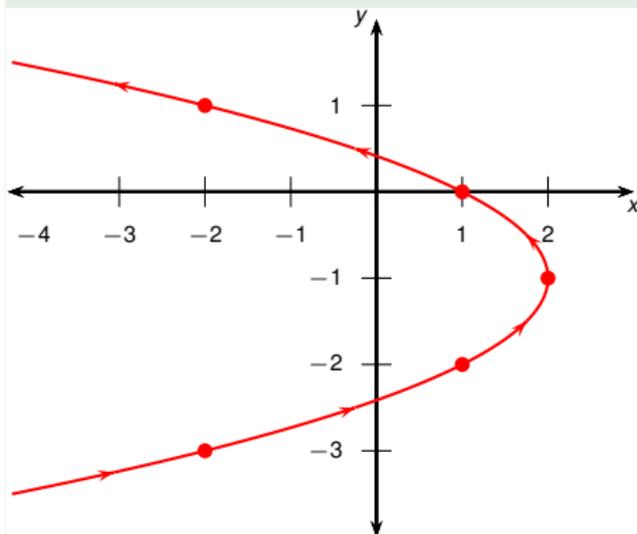


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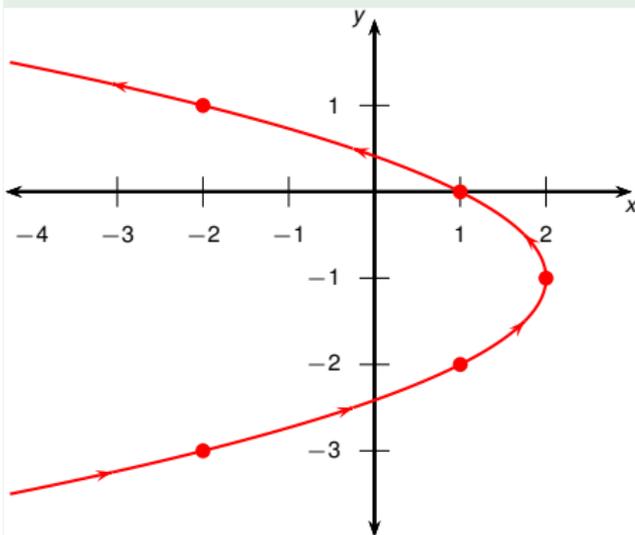


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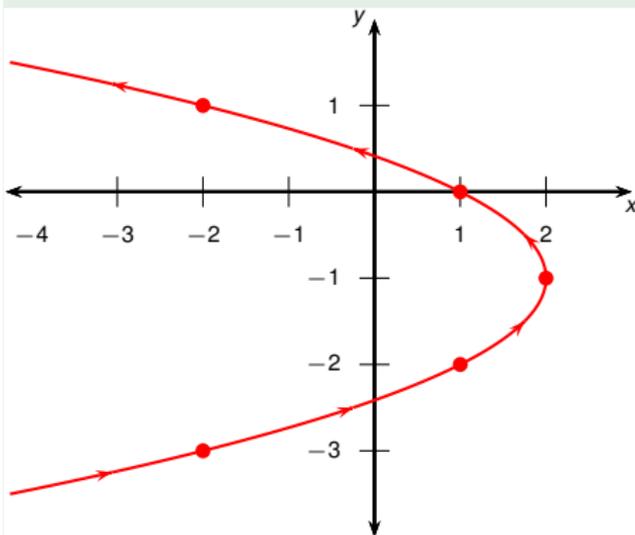


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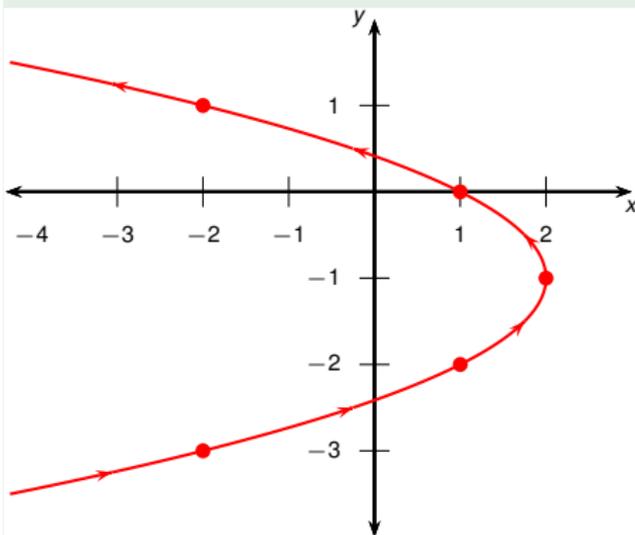
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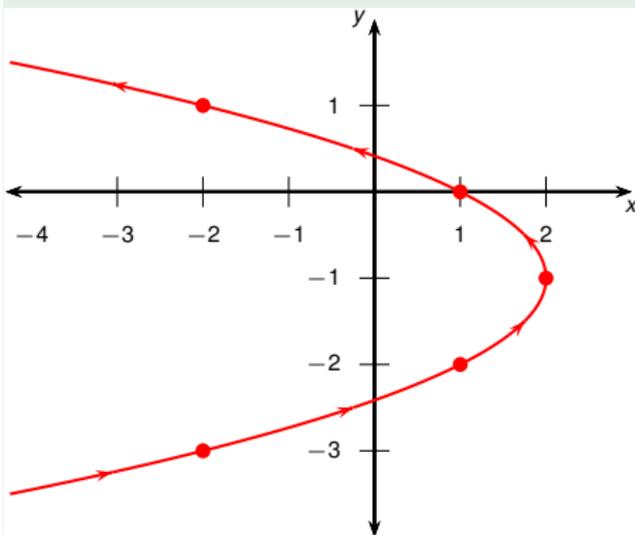
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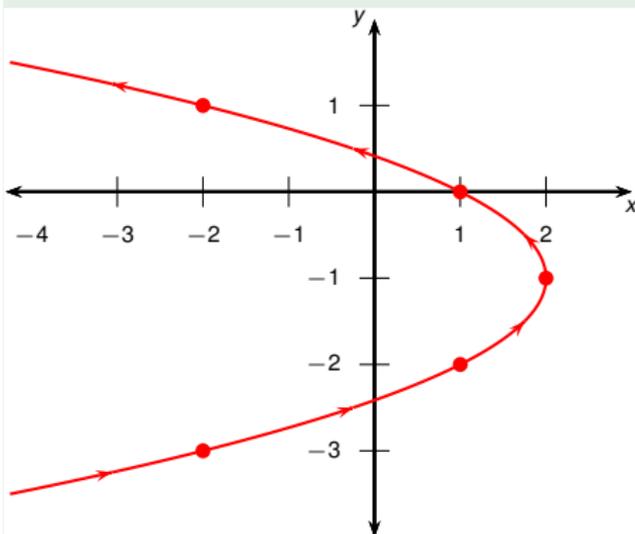
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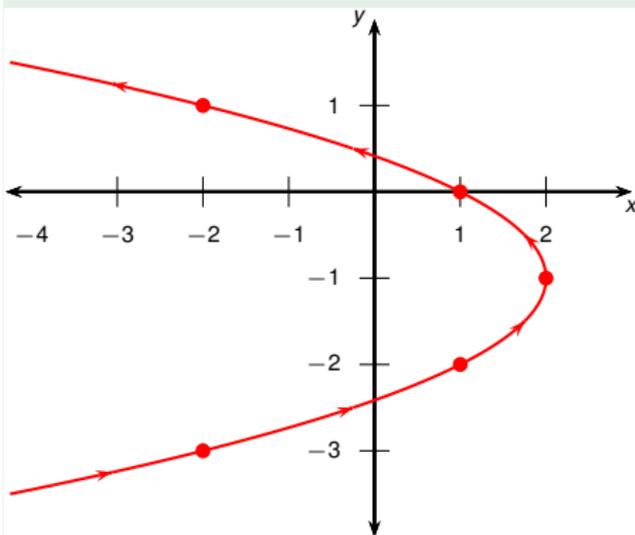
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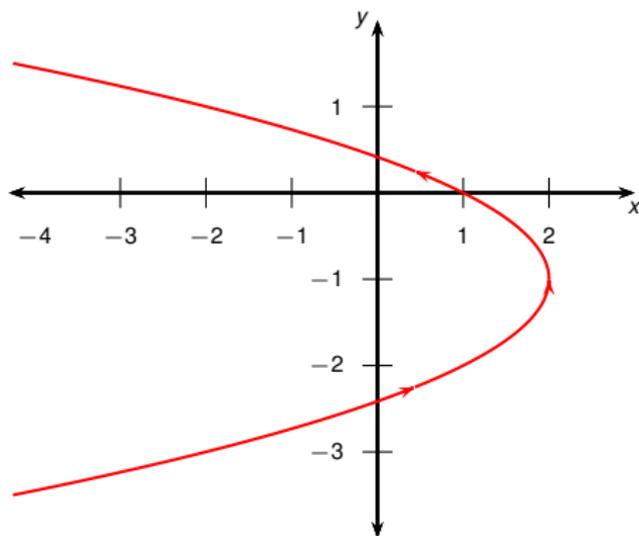
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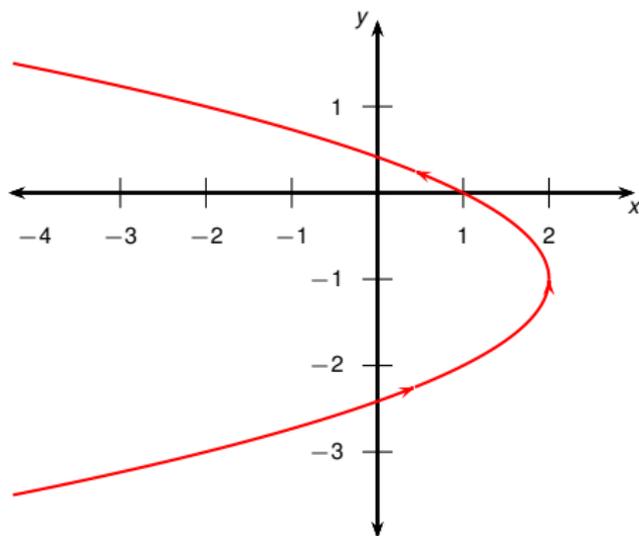
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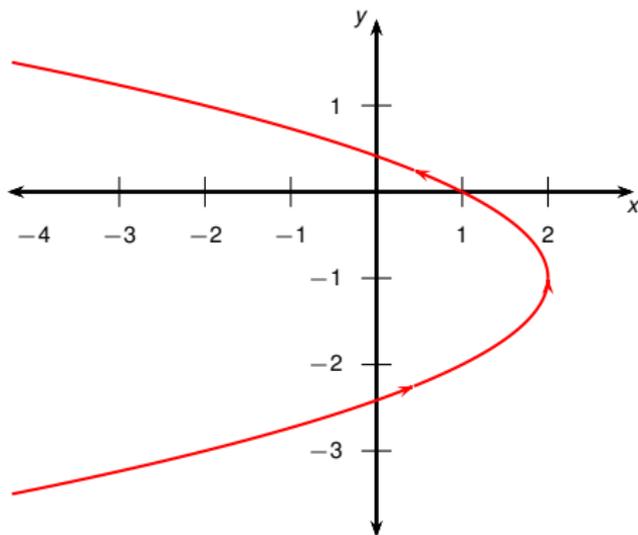


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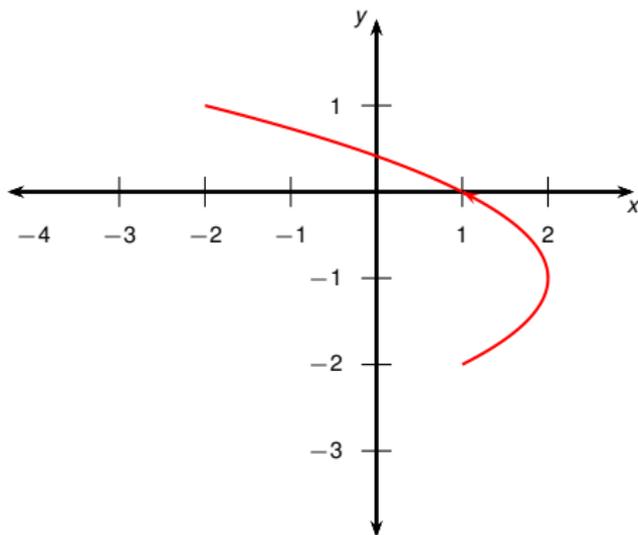
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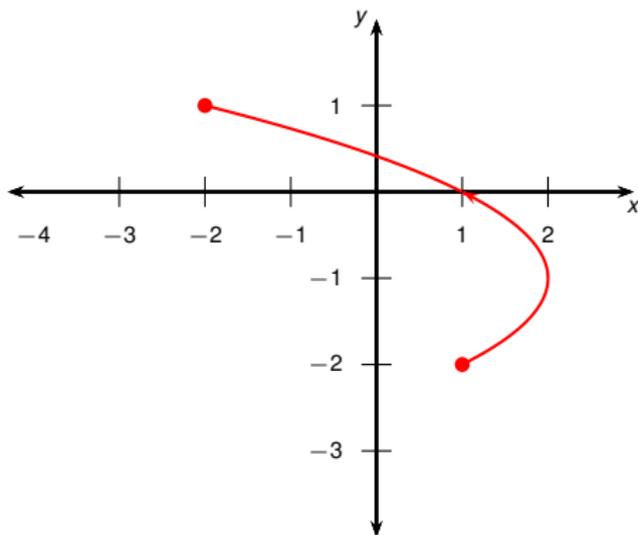
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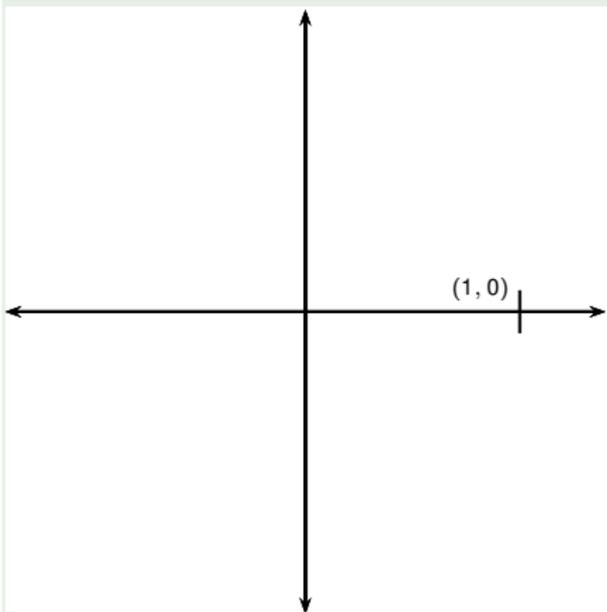
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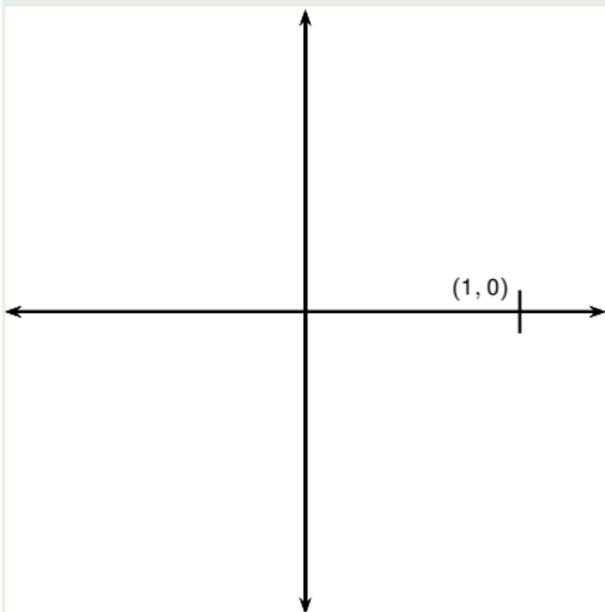


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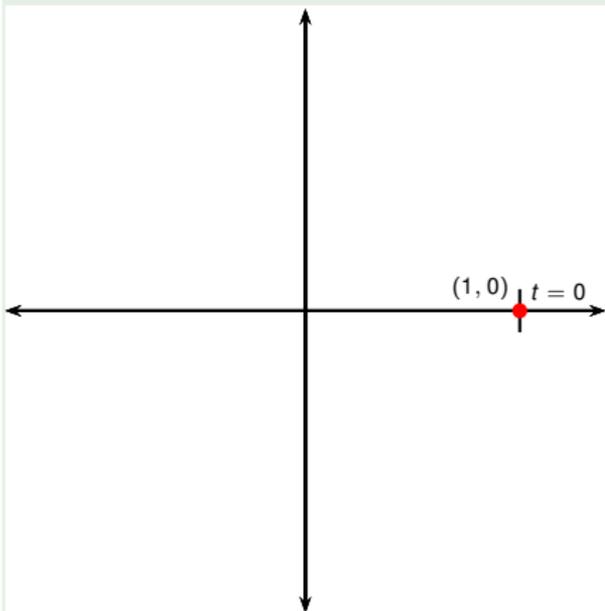


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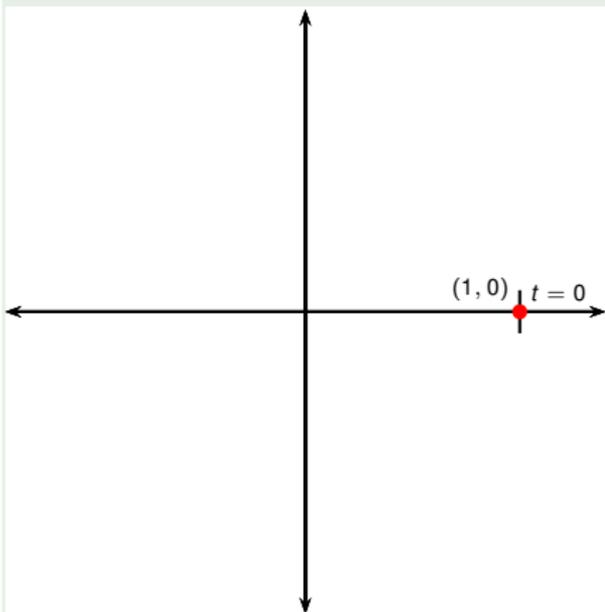


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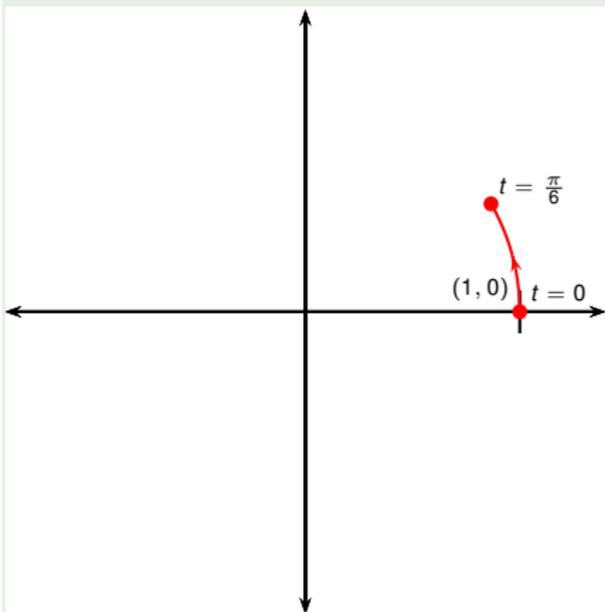


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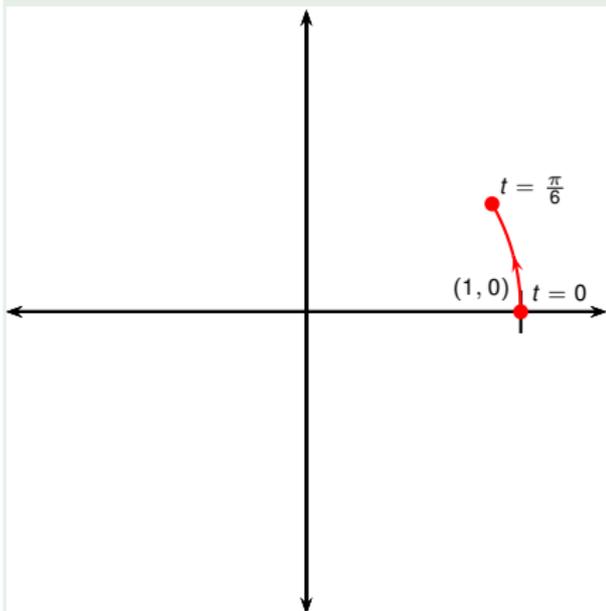


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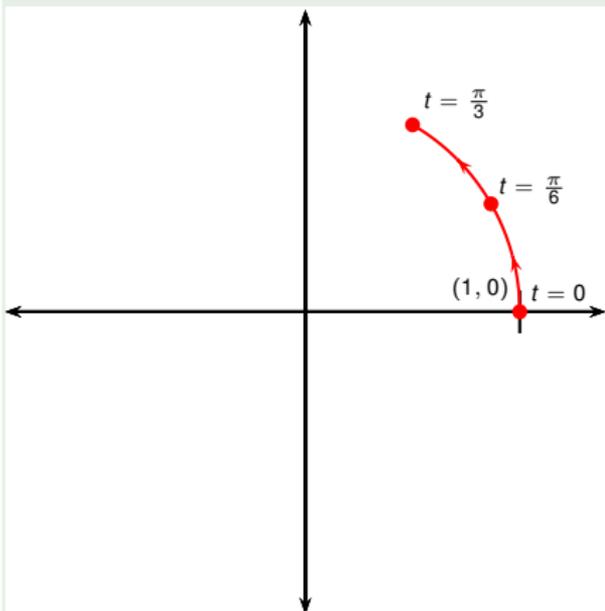


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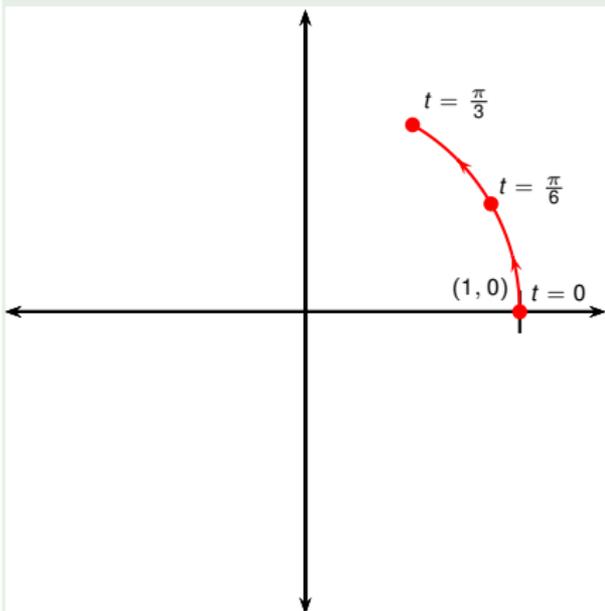


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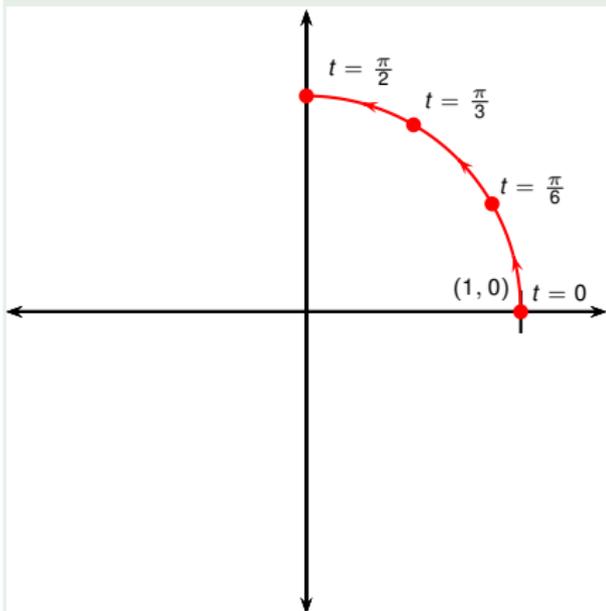


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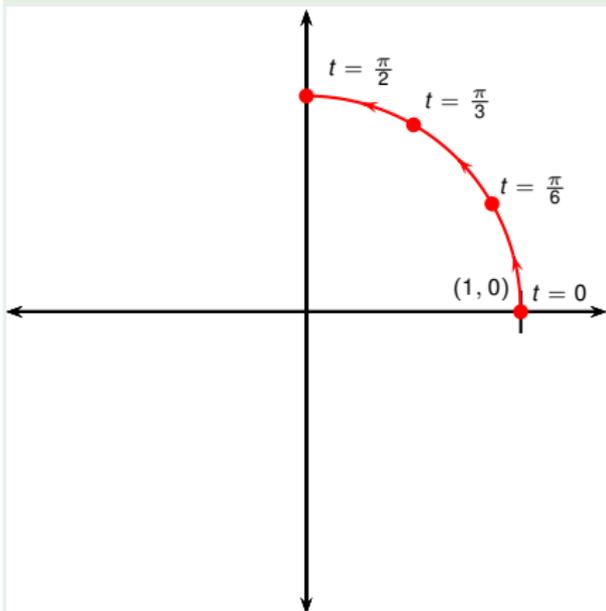


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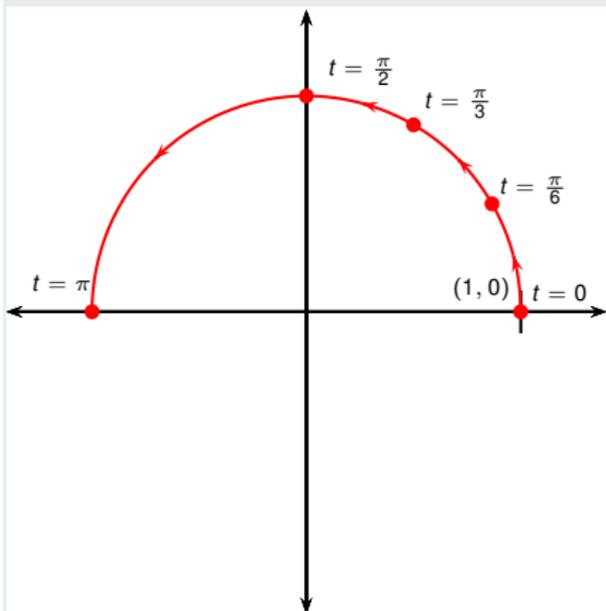


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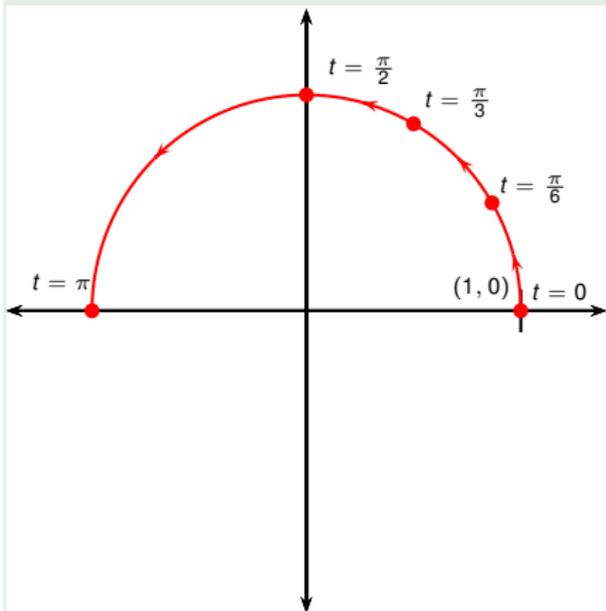


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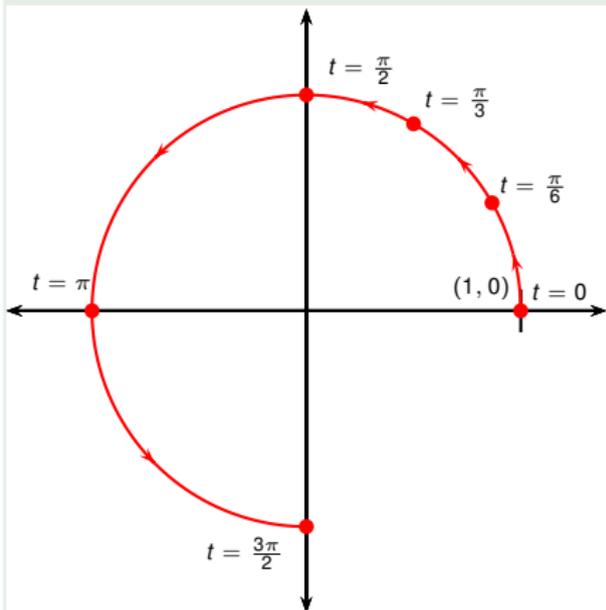


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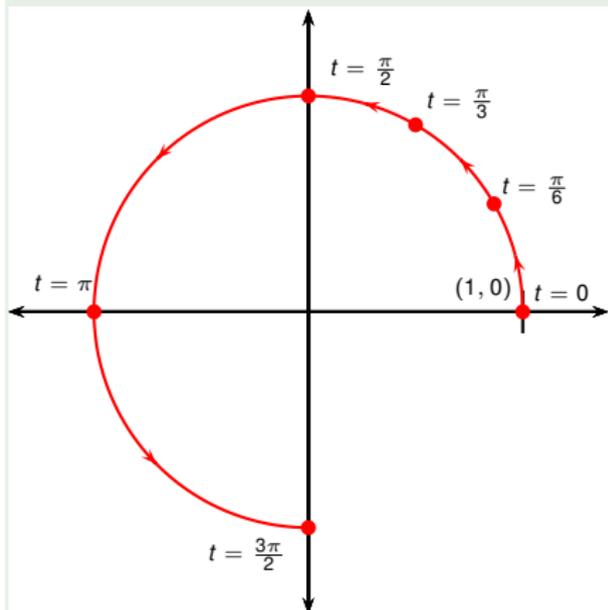


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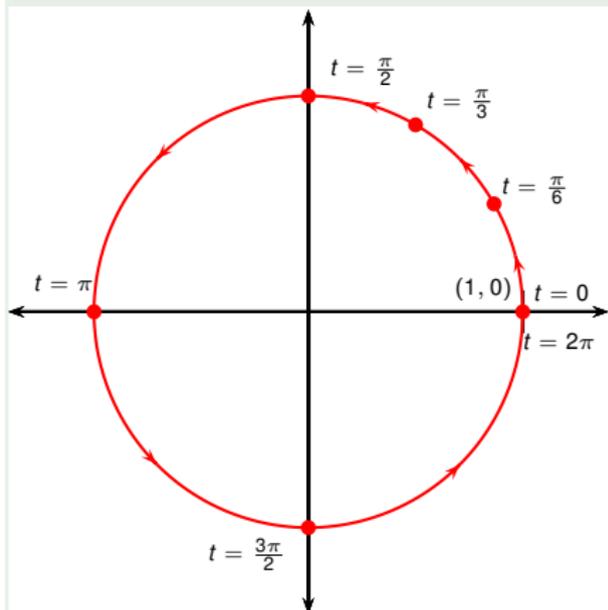


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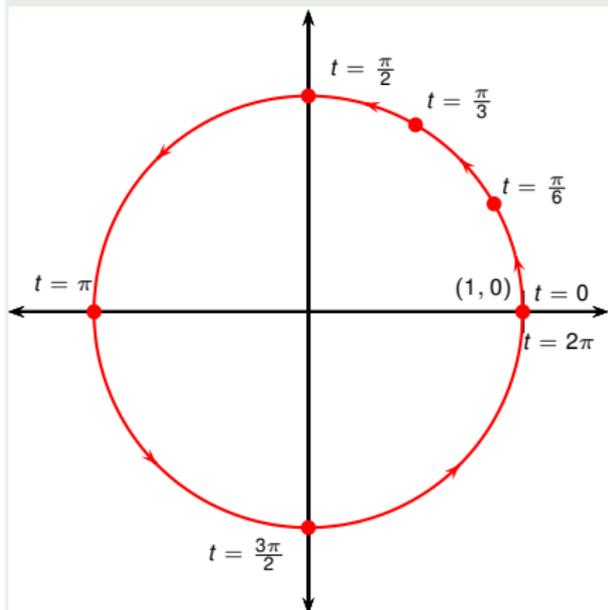


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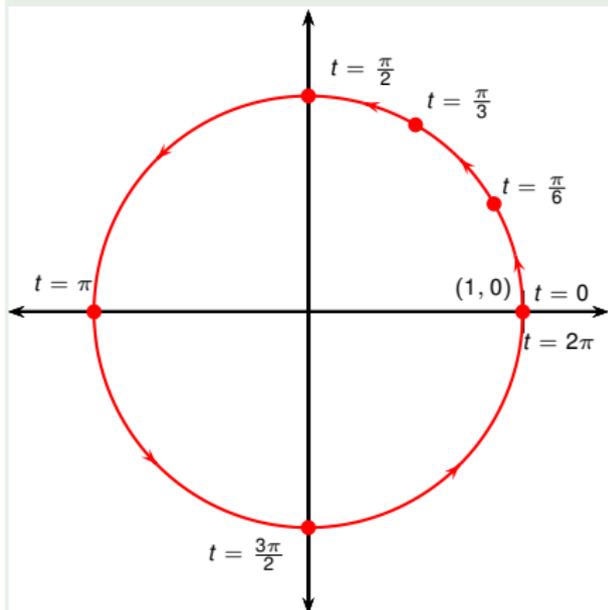
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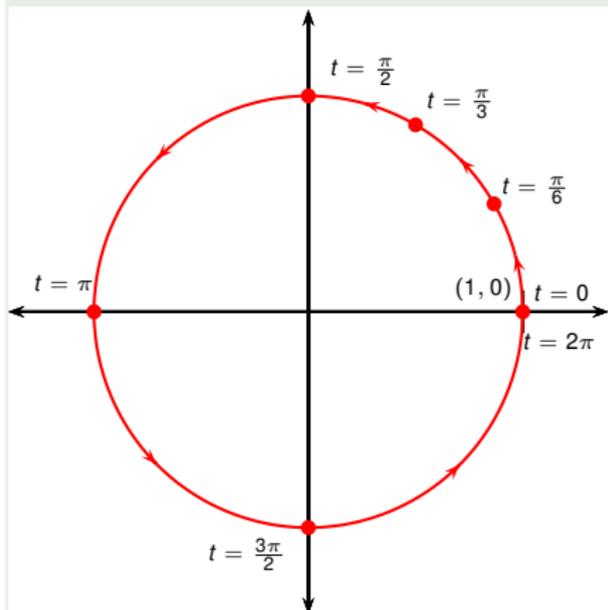
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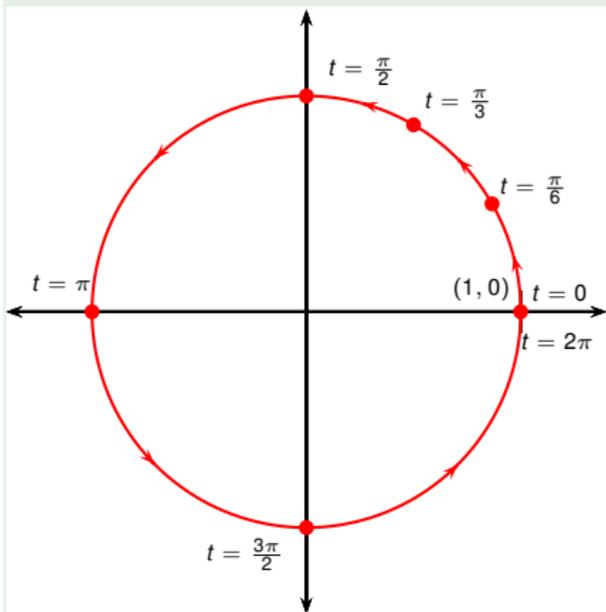
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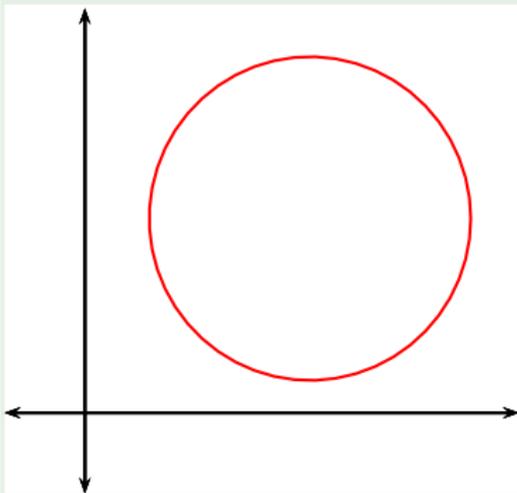
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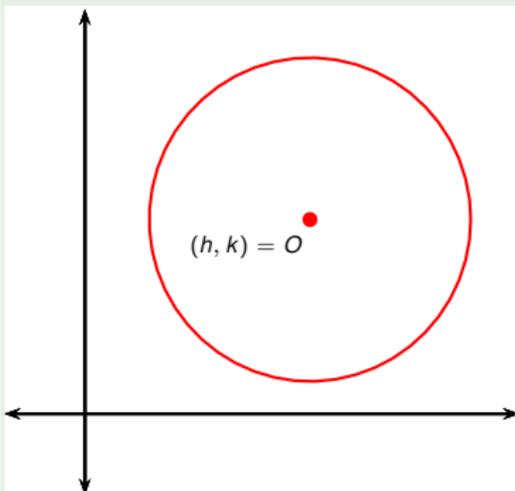
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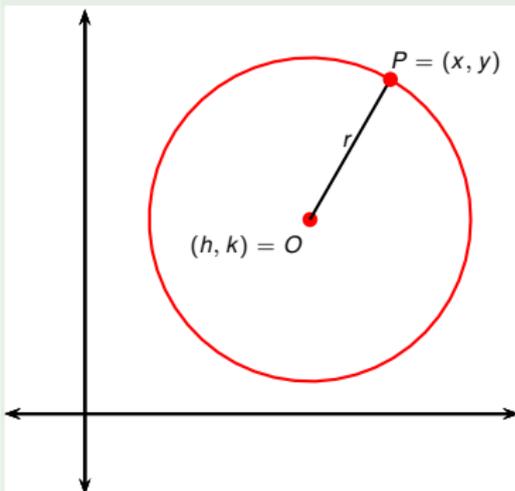
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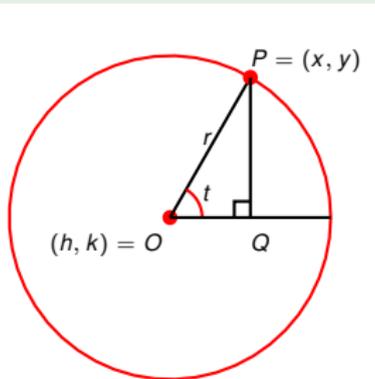
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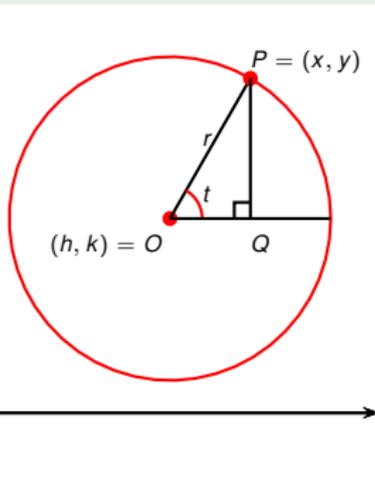
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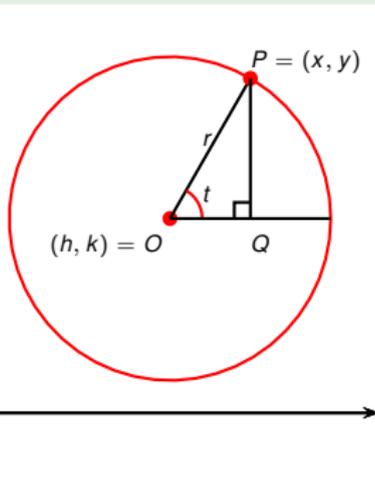
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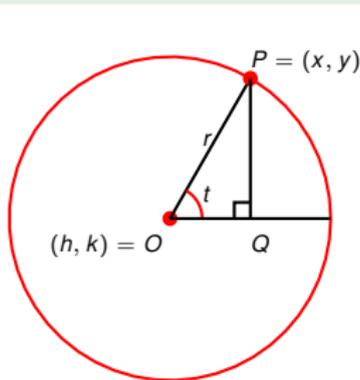
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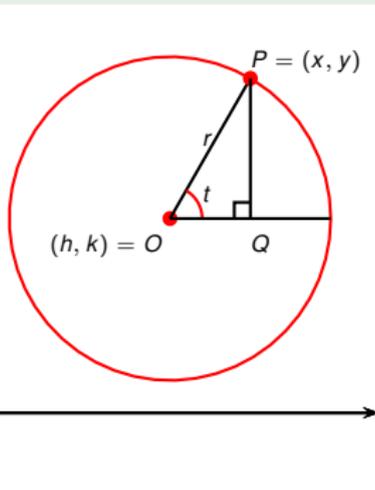
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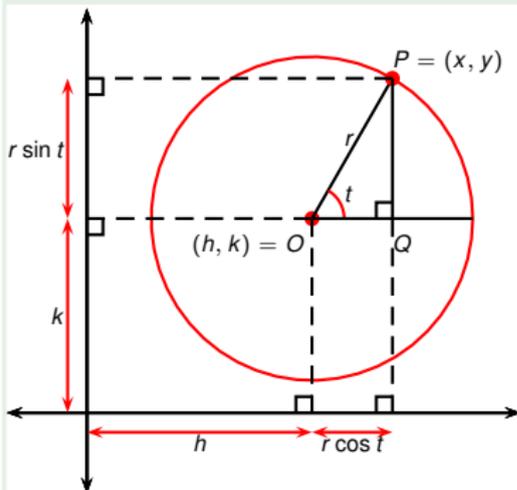
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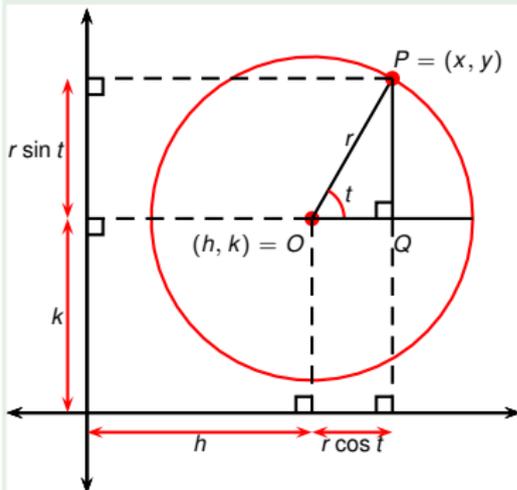
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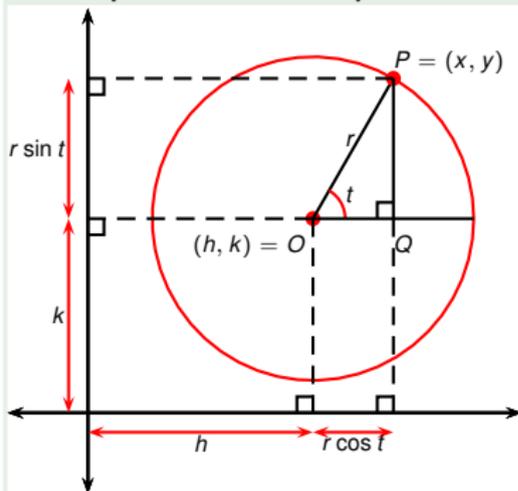


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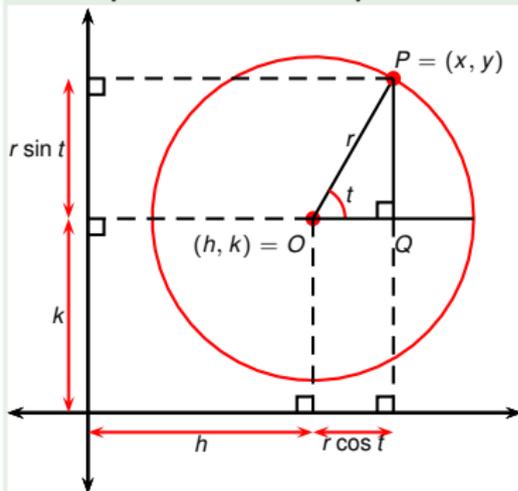
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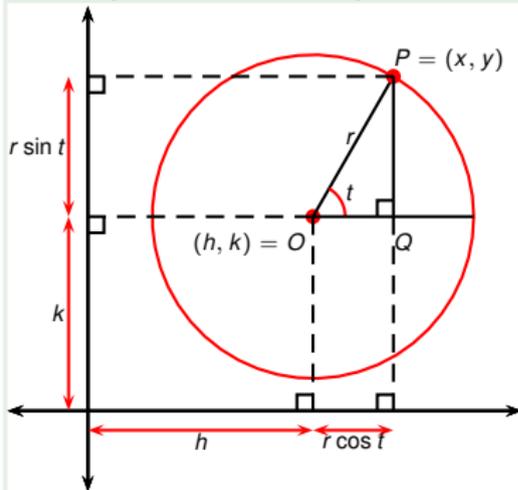
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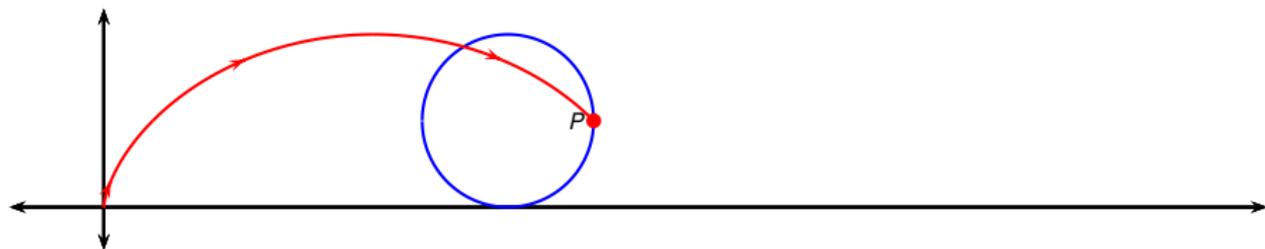
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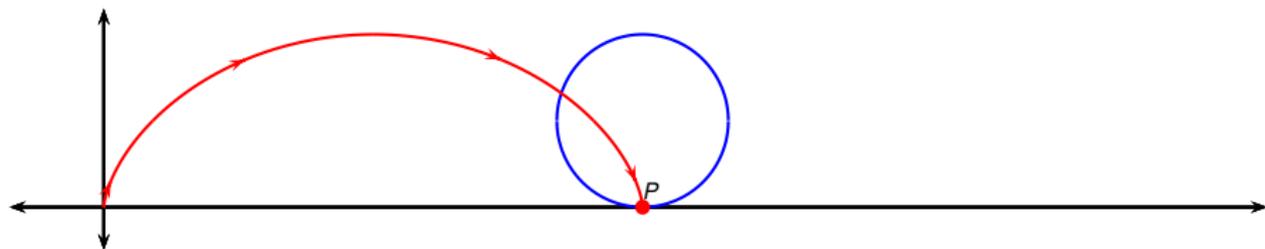
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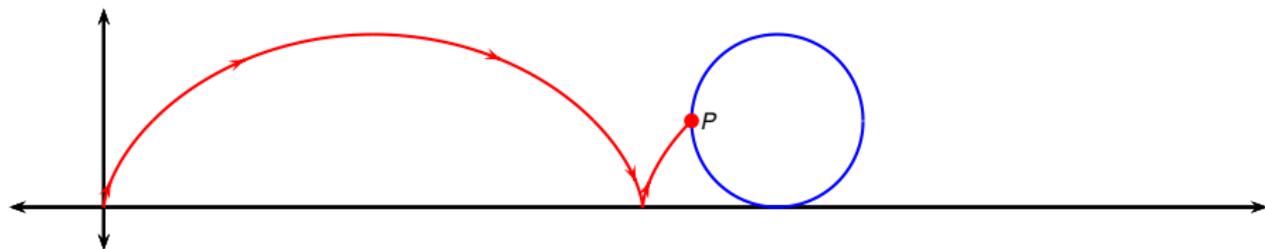
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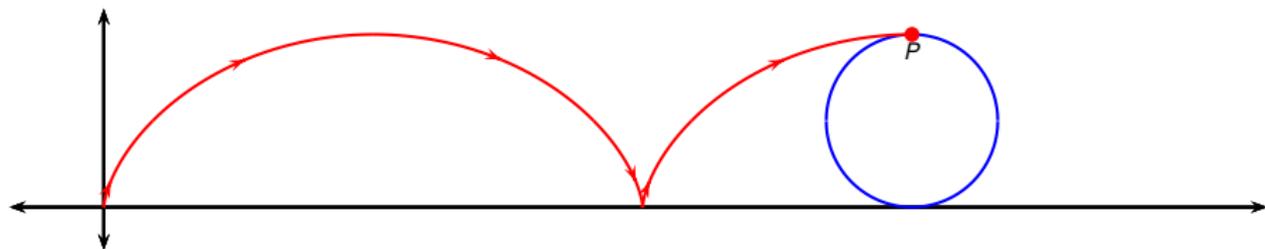
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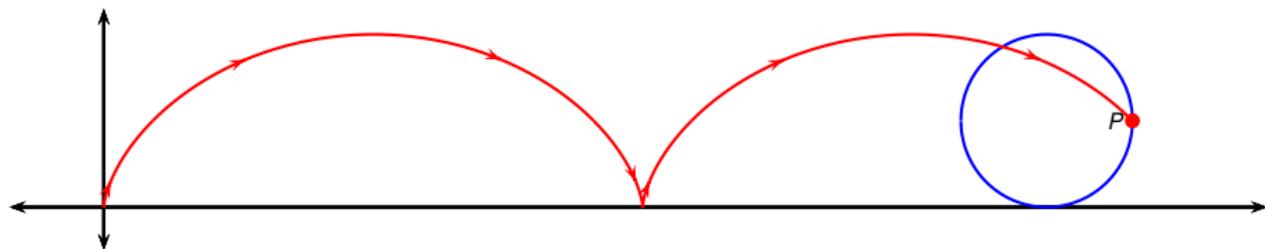
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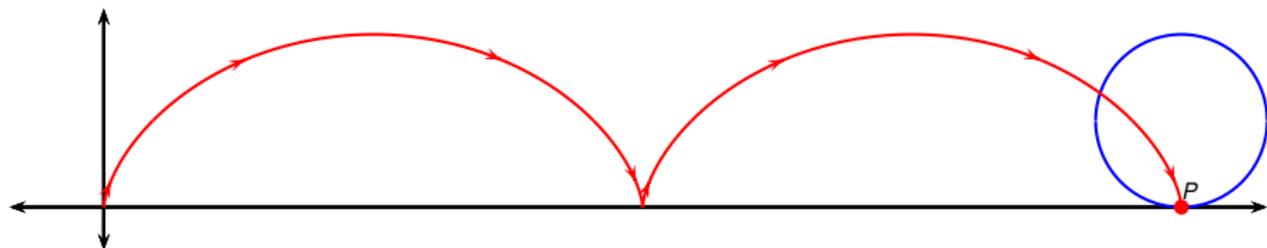
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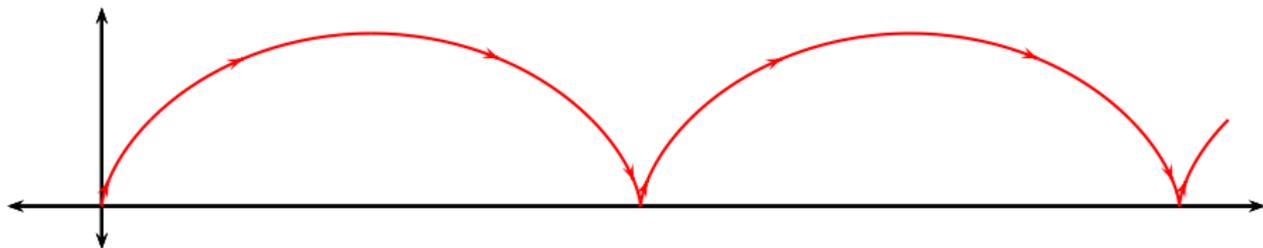
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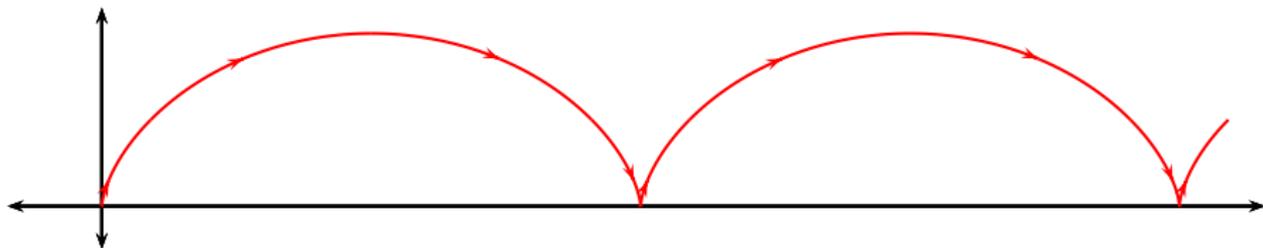
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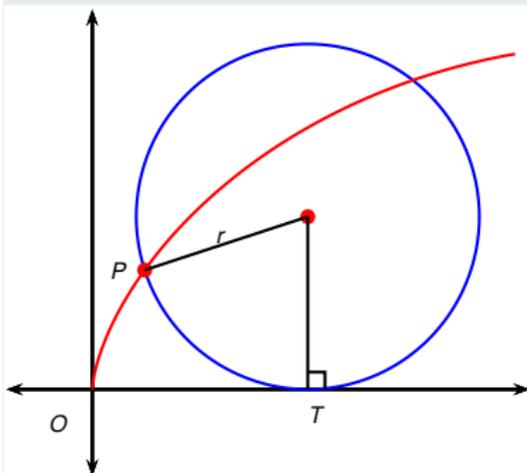


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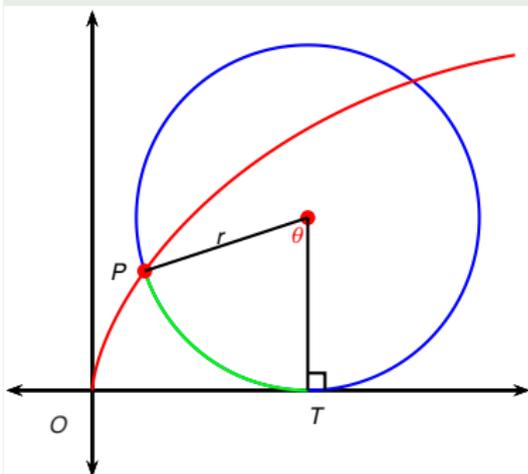
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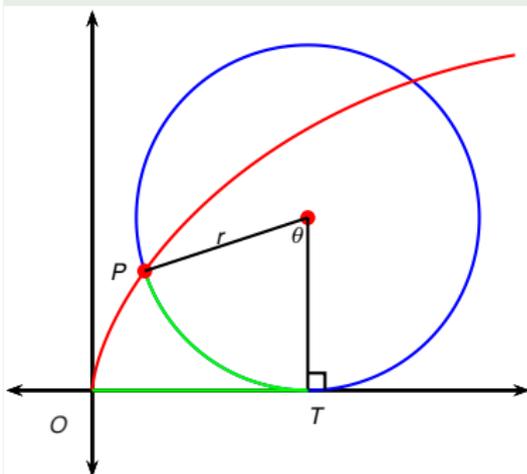
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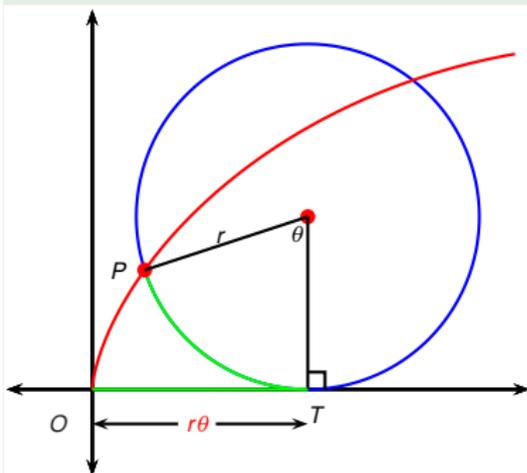


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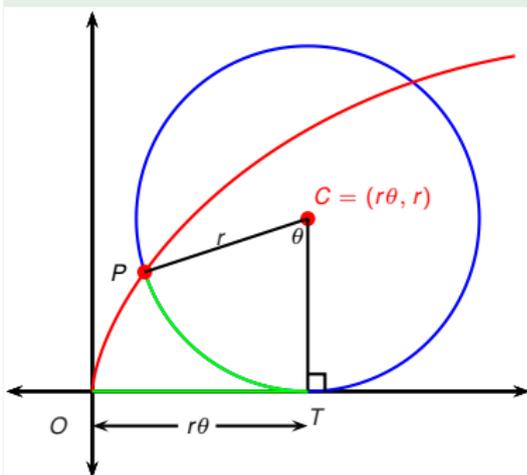


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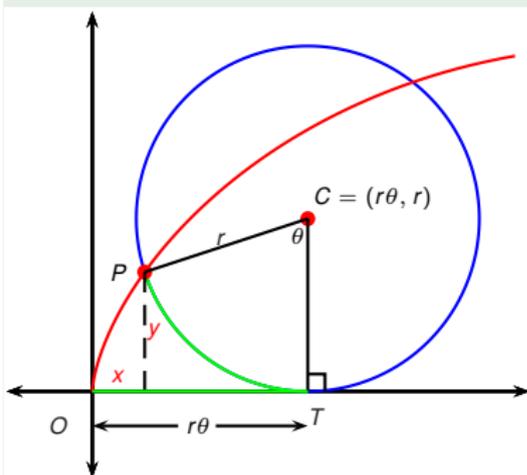
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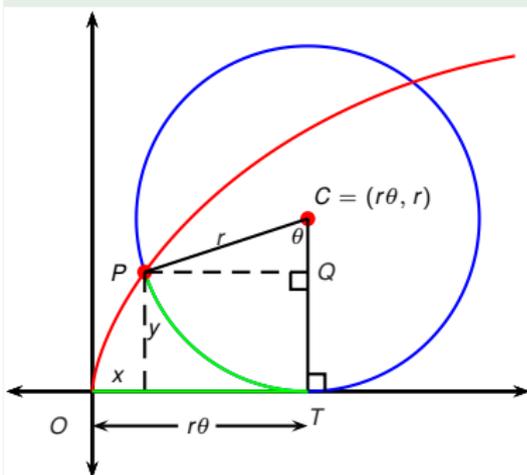
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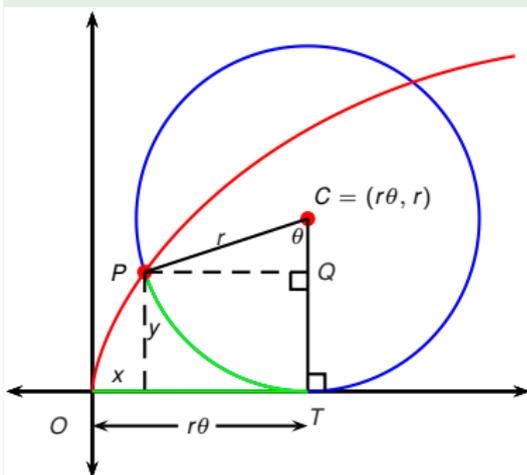
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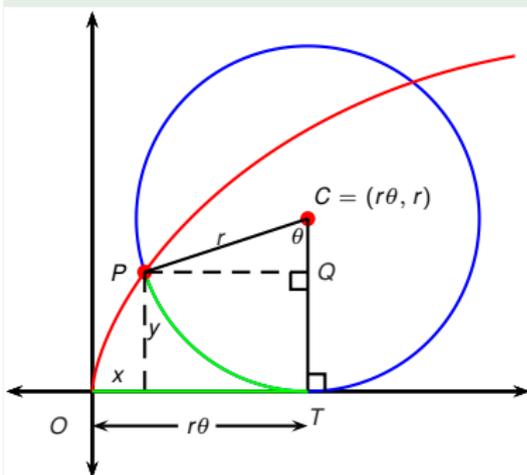
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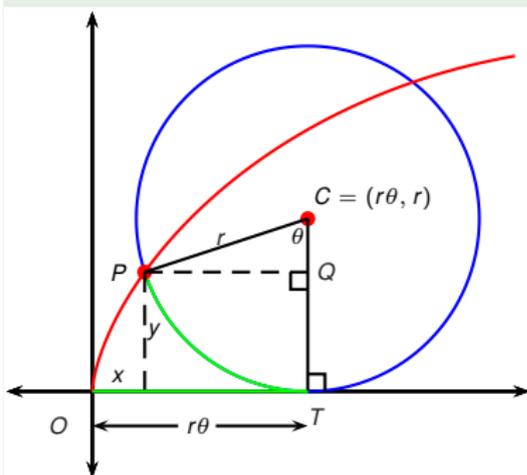
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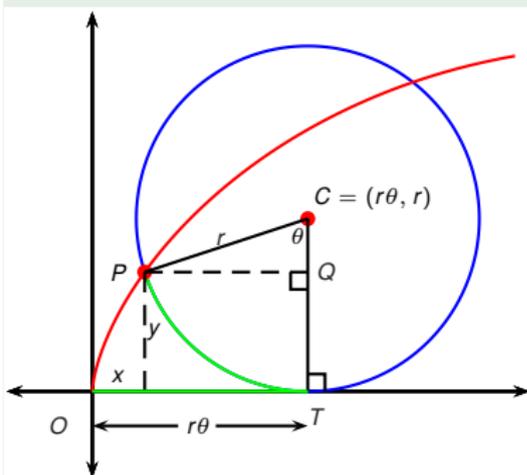
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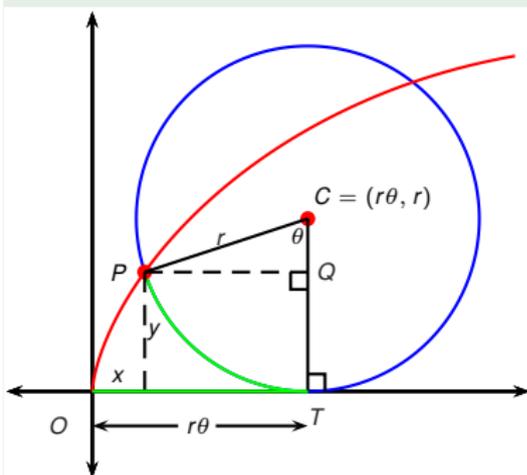
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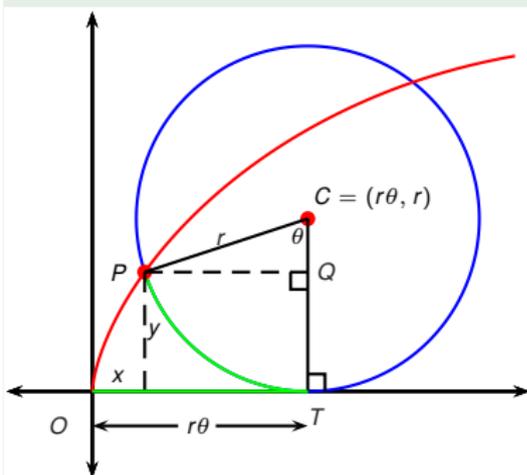
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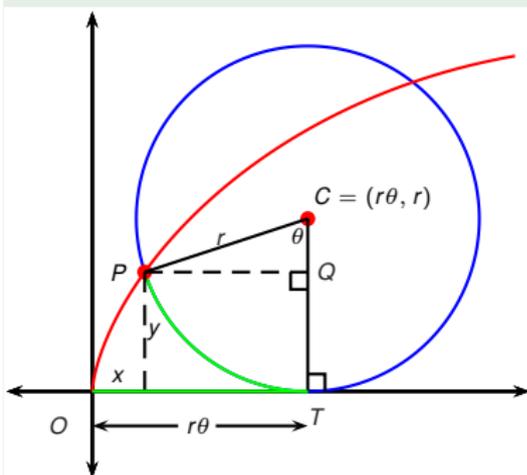
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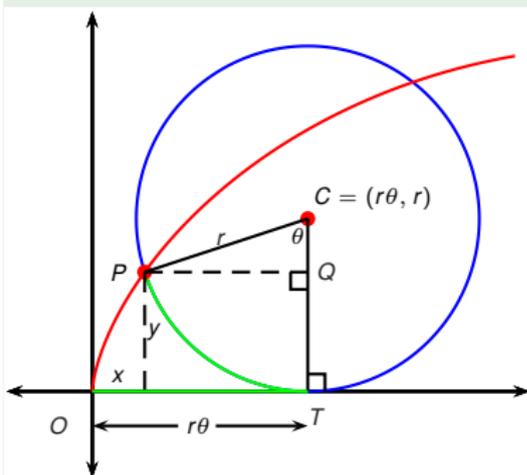
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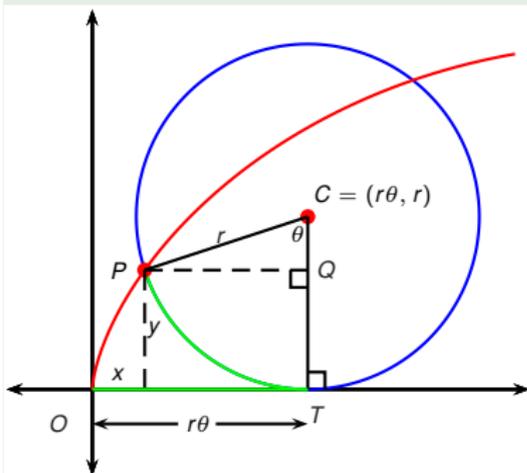
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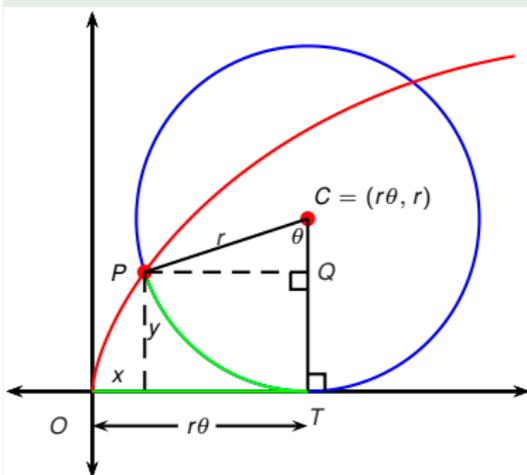
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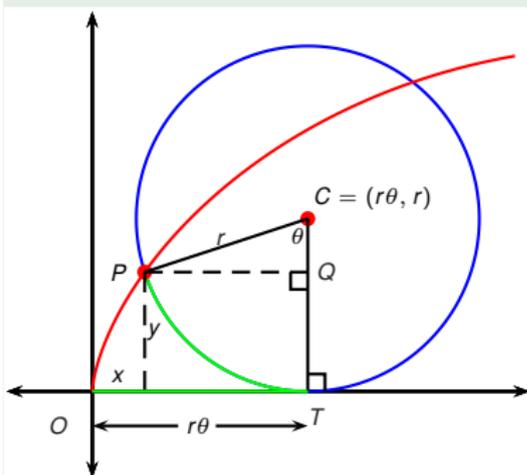
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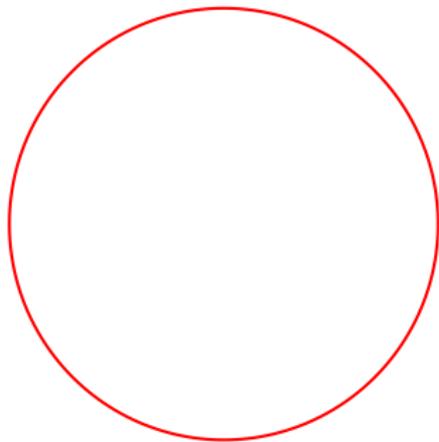
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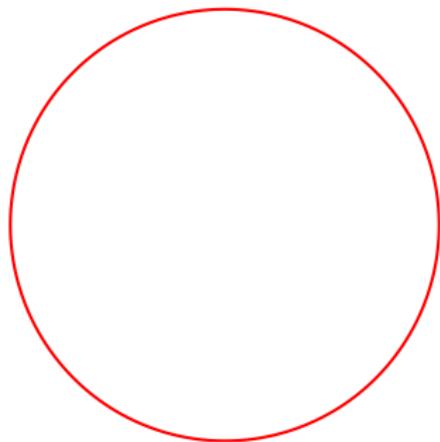
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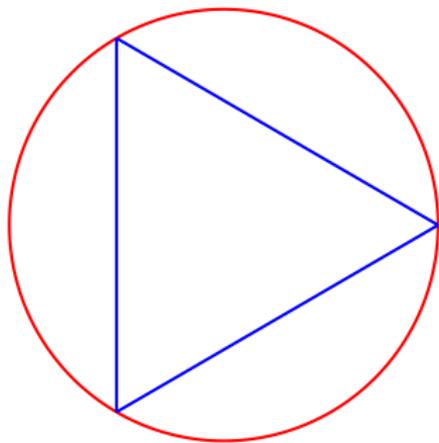
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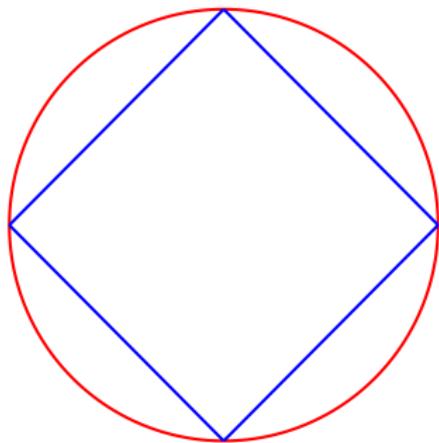
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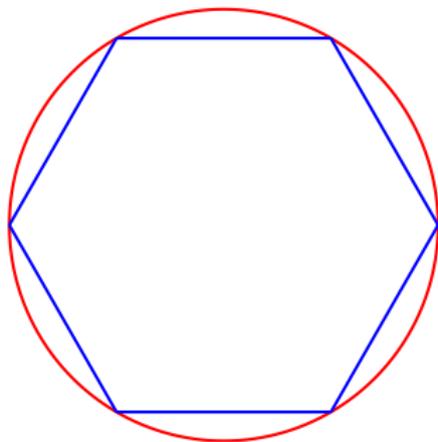
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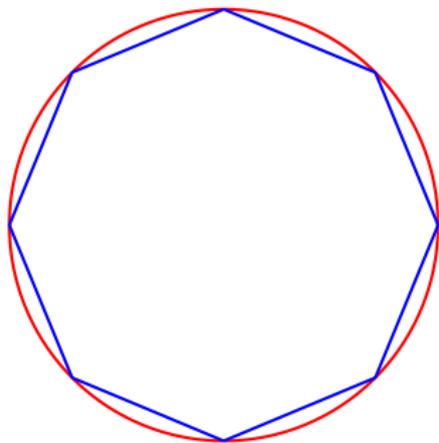
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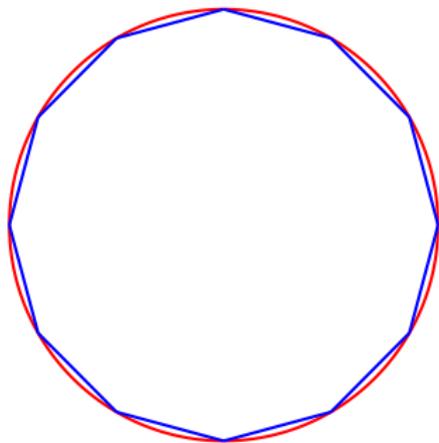
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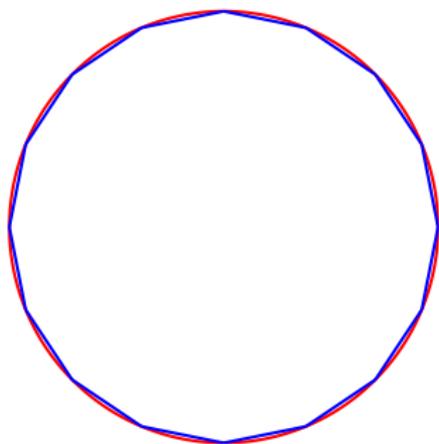
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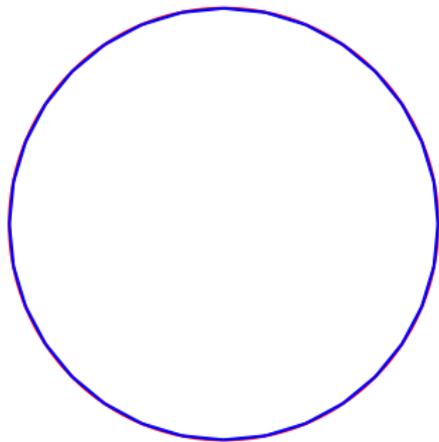
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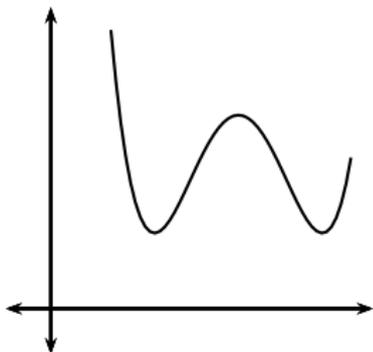
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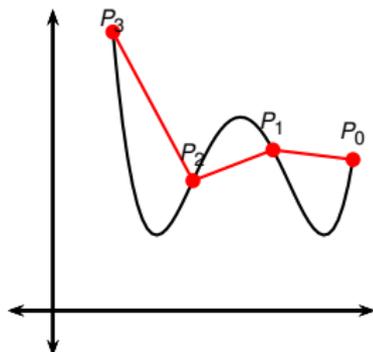
- What do we mean by the length of a curve?
- The length of a polygon is easy to compute: add up the length of the line segments that form the polygon.
- If the curve is a circle, approximate it by a polygon.
- Then take the limit as the number of segments of the polygon goes to ∞ .

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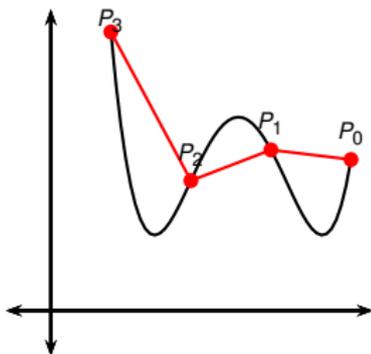
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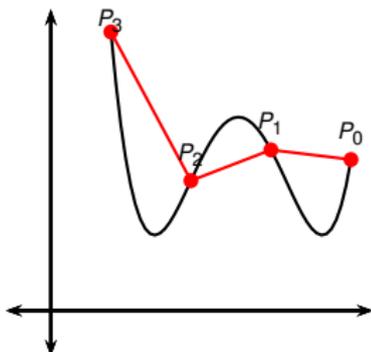
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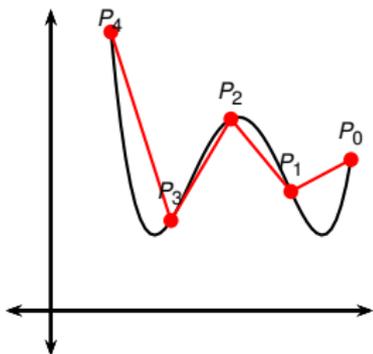
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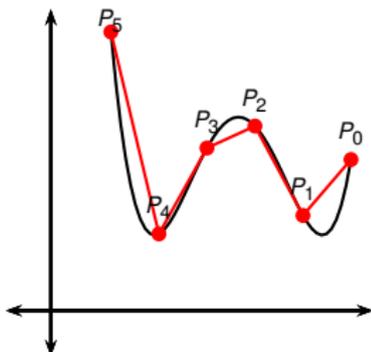
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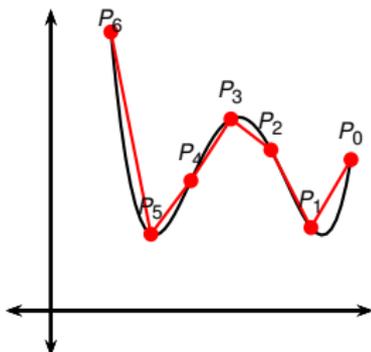
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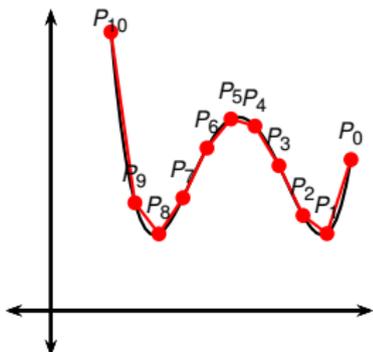
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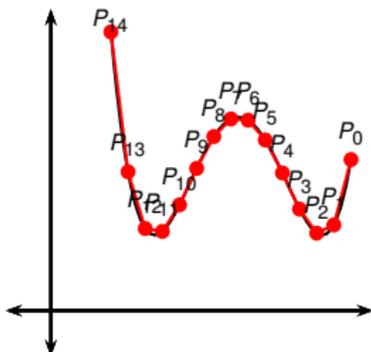
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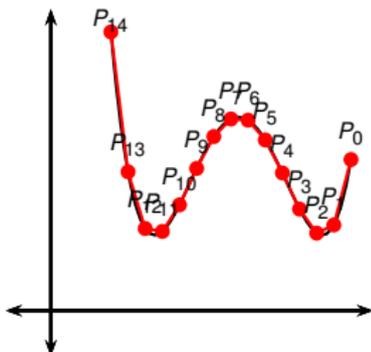
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Arc length of graph of a function

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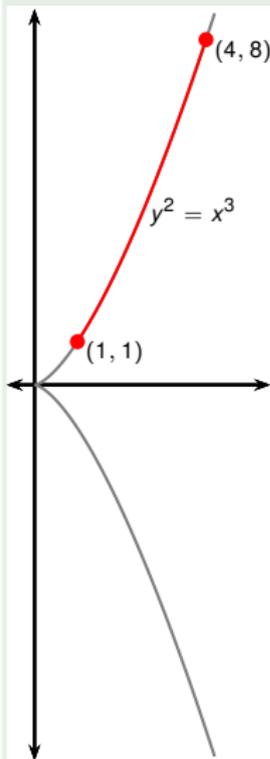
Definition

Suppose f' exists and is continuous on $[a, b]$. Then the length of the curve $y = f(x)$, $a \leq x \leq b$, is

$$\begin{aligned} L &= \int_a^b \sqrt{1 + (f'(x))^2} \, dx \\ &= \int_a^b \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2} \, dx \quad (\text{in Leibniz notation}) \end{aligned}$$

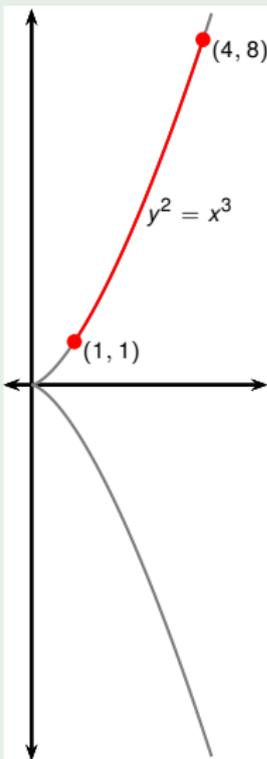
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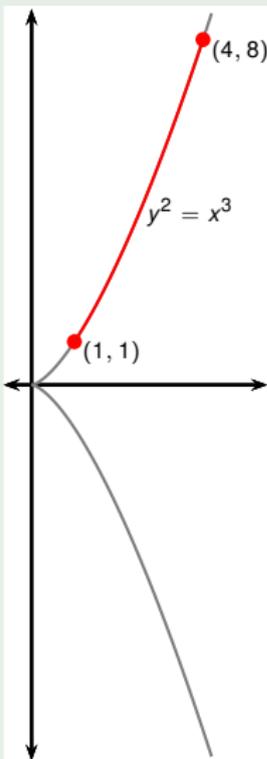
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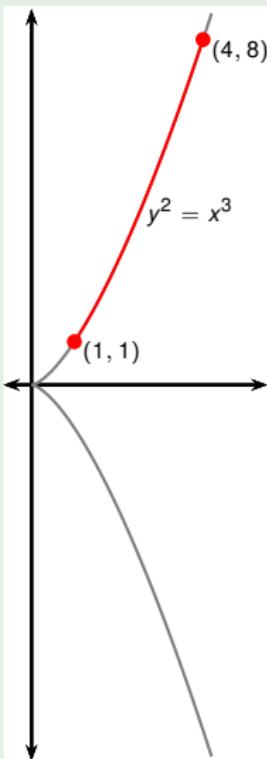
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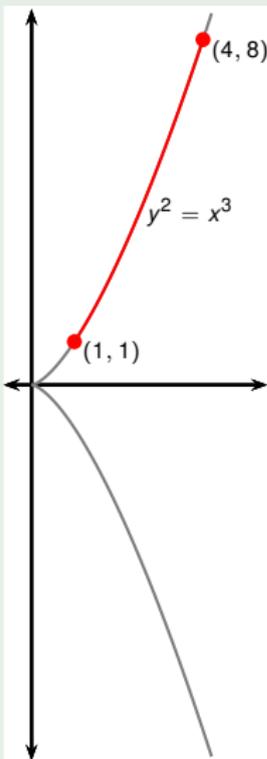
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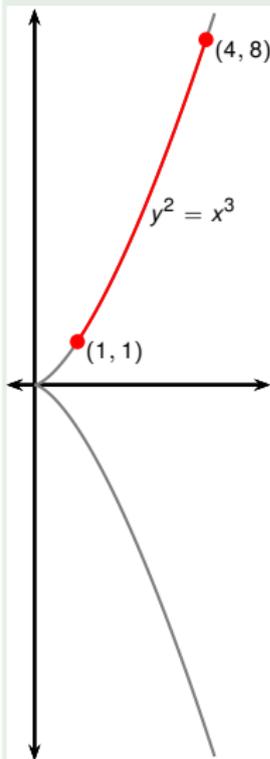
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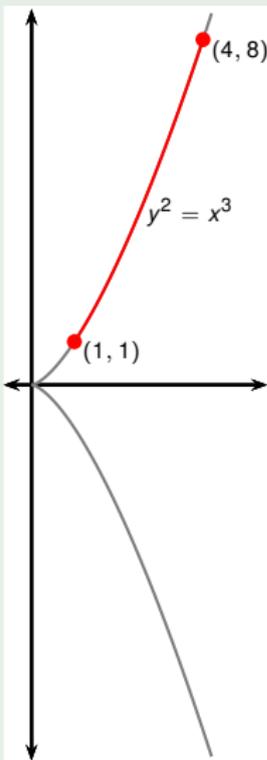
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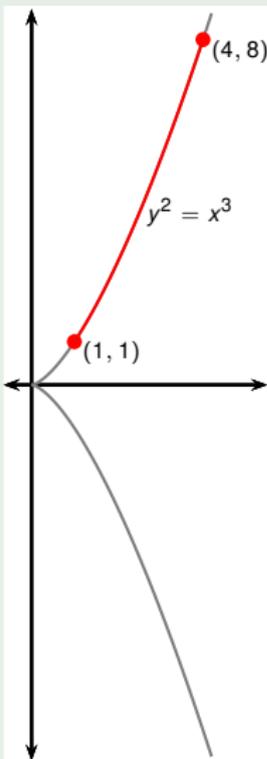


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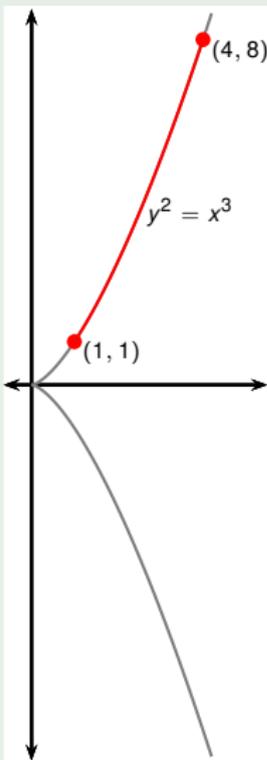


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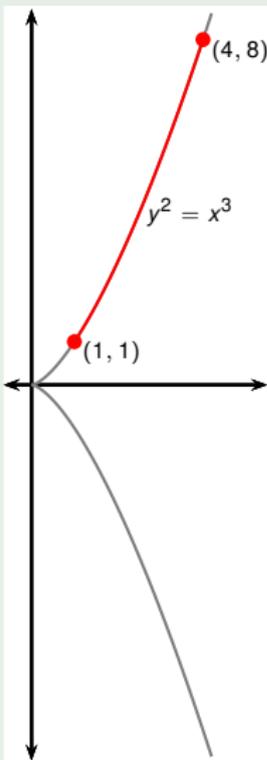


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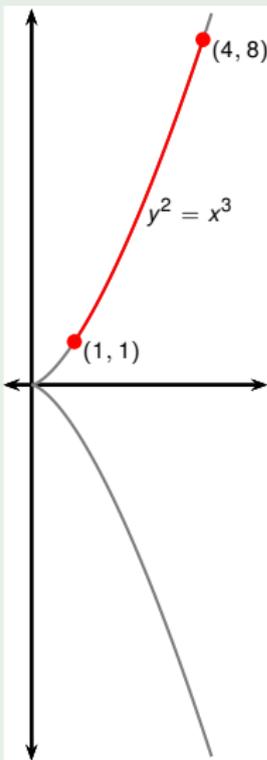


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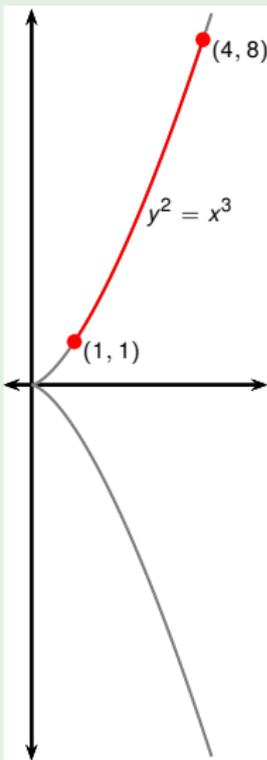


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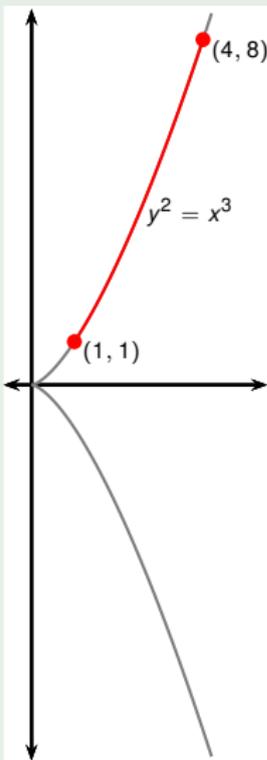


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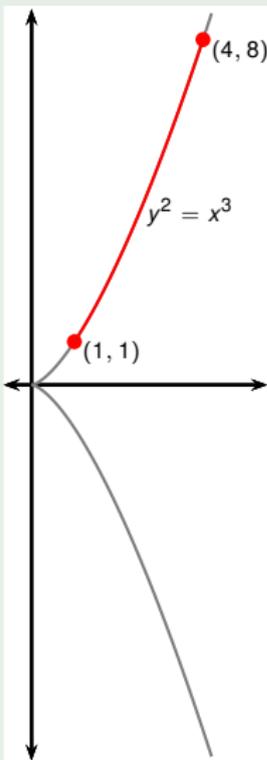


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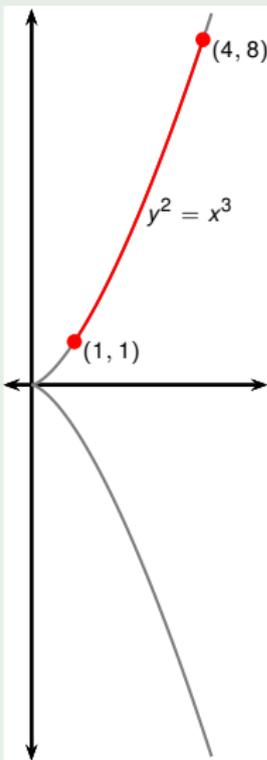


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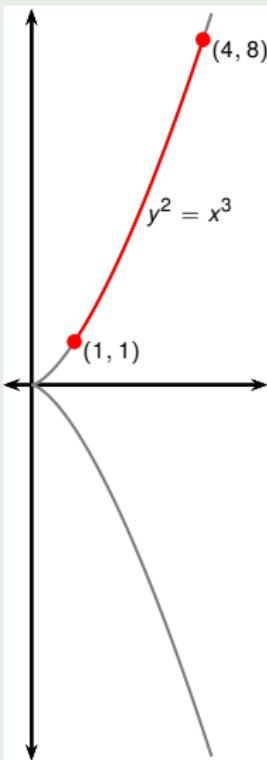


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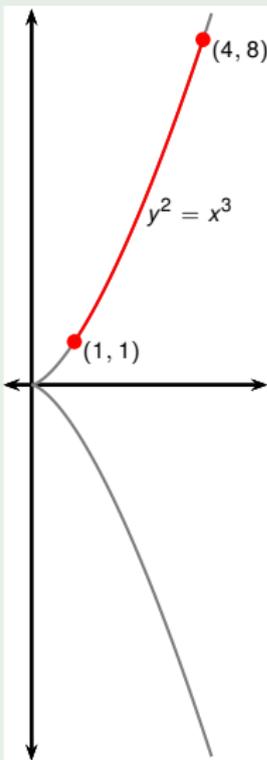


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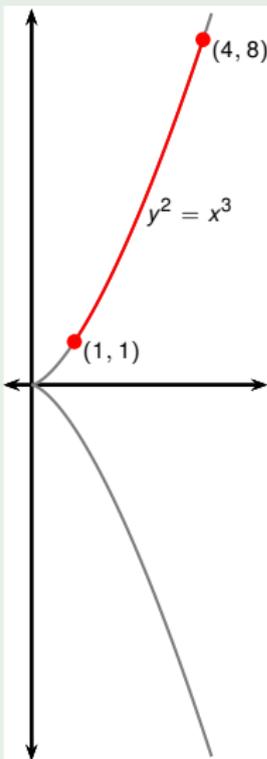


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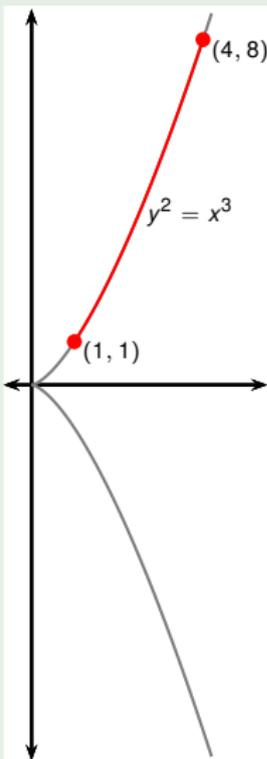


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If a curve has equation $x = g(y)$, $c \leq y \leq d$, and $g'(y)$ is continuous, then we can get the length of the curve by interchanging the roles of x and y in the arc length formula:

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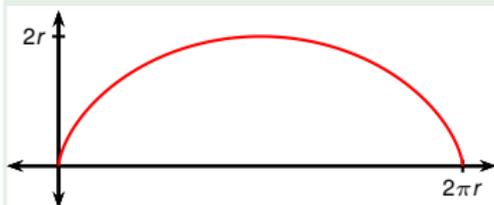
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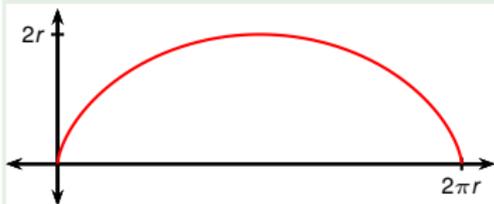
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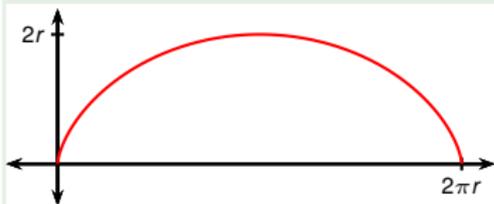
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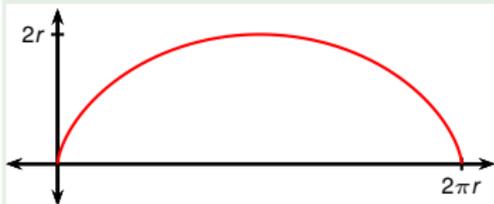
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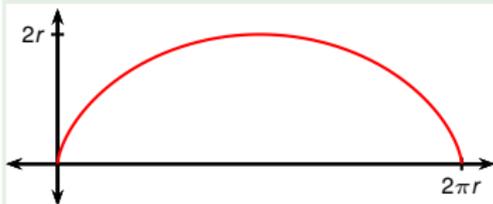
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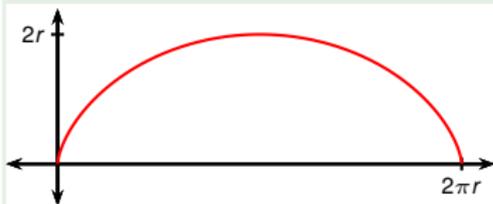
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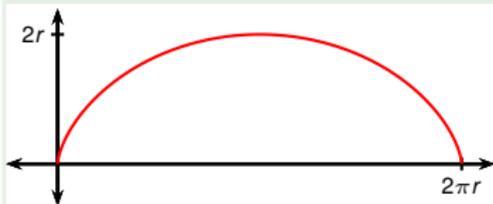
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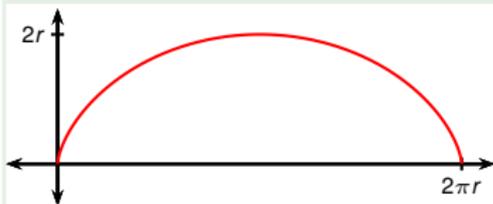
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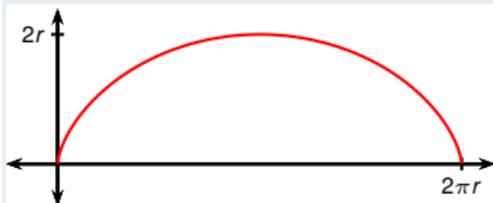
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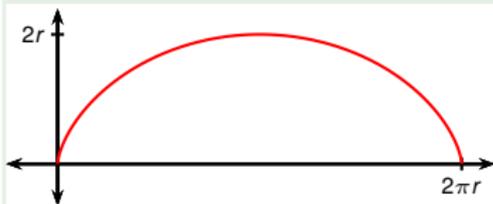
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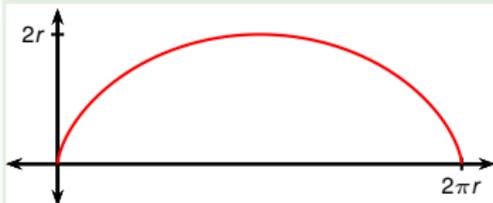
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