



Parametric equations. Uniform rectilinear motion.

Suppose an object is at (x_1, y_1) at time t_1 and it moves along a straight line at constant speed v.

The parametric equations of motion of the object are :

×(t)# =
$$x_1 + v_x(t - t_1)$$
, y(d)# = $y_1 + v_y(t - t_1)$

for t and t_1 greater than the time when the object started moving, where v_x is the horizontal component of the velocity and v_y is the vertical component of the velocity.



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You can calculate v_x and v_y in different ways, depending on what the problem gives you :



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$$v_x = v \cos(\theta)$$

 $v_y = v \sin(\theta).$

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Note: in many problems time t_1 is just the initial time so $t_1 = 0$ in which case you have

$$x = x_1 + v_x t, \qquad y = y_1 + v_y t$$

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Alice is running at a speed of 5mph starting at P(1,3) along the line y = 2x + 1 in the NE direction. What are Alice's parametric equations of motion ?

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When is Alice 's 4 mi away from the point R(2,2)?

At time t Afice is at (1+55t, 3+255t)

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Interval notation

(2, 3) means all x with
$$2 < x < 3$$

[2, 3] means all x with $2 \le x \le 3$
[2, 3) means all x with $2 \le x < 3$
 $(-\infty, +\infty)$ means all x in R

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Given y = f(x)To find y intercept calculate f(0), if O is in domain To find x intercept(s) set f(x) = 0 and solve for x

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