Math 201 Quiz 1

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Q.1: Elliminate the parameter t from the parametric equations $x = 4\cos(t)$, $y = 3\sin(t)$ to find a cartesian equation. Sketch the graph and mark the direction in which the curve is traced.

Sol: $\left(\frac{x}{4}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{y}{3}\right)^2 = 1$ or $\frac{x^2}{16} + \frac{y^2}{9} = 1$ is an ellipse traced anti clockwise starting at (4,0), since t = 0, $\frac{\pi}{2}$, $\pi = \frac{3\pi}{2}$, 2π



Q.2: Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ and $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ for the parametric equations given in Question 1. Also find equation of the tangent line to the curve at $t = \frac{\pi}{4}$.

Sol:
$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\frac{dy}{dt}}{\frac{dx}{dt}} = \frac{3\cot s}{-4\sin t} = -\frac{3}{4}\cot t, \text{ and } \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{\frac{d}{dt}\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)}{\frac{dx}{dt}} = \frac{-\frac{3}{4}\csc^2 t}{3\sin t} = \frac{-3}{16\sin^3 t}.$$

Slope of the tangent at $t = \frac{\pi}{4}$, is $m = -\frac{3}{4}\cot\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = -\frac{3}{4}$ and points is $x = 4\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = 4\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, y = 3\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = 3\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}.$ Equation of tangent line is $y - \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{2} = -\frac{3}{4}\left(x - \frac{4\sqrt{2}}{2}\right).$

Q.3: Sketch the graph of the polar equation $r = 3 - 3\sin(\theta)$.

