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1. Find points on the curve $x = 10 - t^2, y = t^3 - 12$ where the tangent is horizontal or vertical.

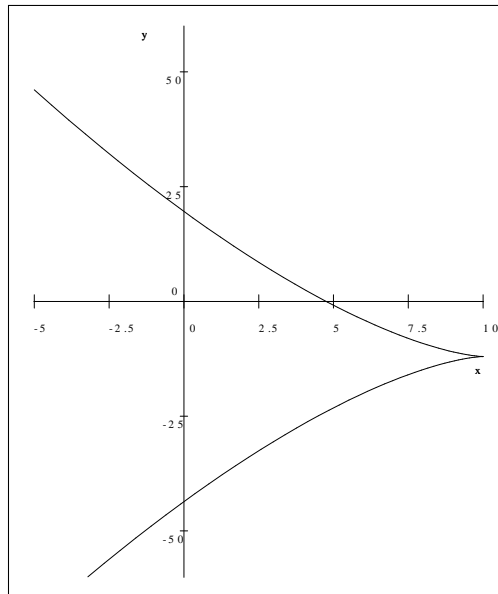
Solution:

$$\dot{x} = -2t, \dot{y} = 3t^2.$$

At vertical tangents, $\dot{x} = 0$ and $\dot{y} \neq 0$. The first conditions gives $t = 0$, but $\dot{y} = 0$ at $t = 0$. Therefore there are no vertical tangents.

At horizontal tangents $\dot{y} = 0$ and $\dot{x} \neq 0$. The first conditions gives $t = 0$, but $\dot{x} = 0$ at $t = 0$. Therefore there are no horizontal tangents.

The graph of the figure shows also that it does not have any vertical or horizontal tangents.



2. Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ and $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ for the parametric curve $x = 2 \sin t, y = 3 \cos t$.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{\dot{y}}{\dot{x}} = -\frac{3 \sin t}{2 \cos t} = -\frac{3}{2} \tan t., \\ \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} &= \frac{\dot{x} \ddot{y} - \dot{y} \ddot{x}}{\dot{x}^3} = \frac{-6 \cos^2 t - 6 \sin^2 t}{8 \cos^3 t} = -\frac{3}{4} \sec^3 t. \end{aligned}$$

3. Eliminate t and sketch the resulting curve $x = \sec t, y = \tan t, -\frac{\pi}{2} < t < \frac{\pi}{2}$. Indicate with an arrow the direction in which the curve is traced as t increases.

Solution:

$$x^2 - y^2 = \sec^2 t - \tan^2 t = 1.$$

The graph is shown below. It is traced from bottom to top as t increases.

