

# Tangents to Parametrically Defined Curves

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• Find the equation of the tangent to  $F(t) = (\cos t, 2\sin^2 t)$  at the point where  $t = \pi/3$

$$\star \frac{dx}{dt} = -\sin t \quad \star \frac{dy}{dt} = 4\sin t \cos t$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{4\sin t \cos t}{-\sin t} = -4\cos t$$

$$\star x = \frac{1}{2} -$$

$$\star y = 2\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{3}{2} -$$

$$\star \frac{dy}{dx} = -2 -$$

$$y - \frac{3}{2} = -2\left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

or

$$4x + 2y = 5$$