## Wile E. Coyote's Roller Skate Chase



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With the help of some Acme rocket powered roller skates, Wile E. Cote will attempt to snatch the Road Runner. We will use the TI-84 Plus CE and parametric mode to simulate this real-world scenario.



4. Press window to change the window settings so the Road Runner traverses the *entire screen* for  $-10 \le x \le 10$ .

Complete the boxes on the screen to the right with your values. TI-84CE: Change Tstep to 0.1 for convenience. Season to taste. TI-84: Change Tstep to 0.5 for convenience. Season to taste. This affects the speed of the graph.

Press graph to see Road Runner cross the screen at a constant speed.

TIP: To replay the graph, press [2nd][draw] 1:CIrDraw. Press [graph].





8. Work with a partner with the same calculator model and graph style settings as yours. Clear or deselect Wile E. Coyote's previous formulas graph in  $x^2 y^2$ . Describe how does he move for each. Sketch a graph of x(t) for each below. What symmetry do you notice in the graphs and the speeds? Partner A enters:  $x(t) = e^t - 10$ Partner B enters:  $x(t) = e^{-t} - 10$ y(t) = 3v(t) = 3

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9. On your grapher pick two of the parametric equations below. Assign one to Road Runner and another for Wile and enter them both into your grapher, using the same window as before (and the same graph styles for each). Observe how each moves across the bridge. Notice when each speeds up and slows down and which one overtakes the other. Which formulas go back and forth? Make connections with the graph of x(t) vs t.

Optional: Construct your own set with  $-10 \le x(t) \le 10$  for  $-10 \le t \le 10$ .

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= 10 - 2|t| & x(t) = 10 - 0.2t^2 & x(t) = 0.01t^3 \\ y(t) &= 3 & y(t) = 3 & y(t) = 3 \end{aligned}$$
  
$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= 10\cos(0.1\pi t) & x(t) = 10\sin(0.1\pi t) & x(t) = \tan\left(\frac{\pi t}{20}\right) \\ y(t) &= 3 & y(t) = 3 & y(t) = 3 \end{aligned}$$



Imagine the graph of the function x(t) vs t is crushed by an Acme Anvil and is flattened onto the horizontal line y = 3.

## Wile E. Coyote's Flying Wing Suit

With the help of a handy Acme flying wing suit and some bird seed, Wile E. Cote will attempt to drop down from the sky to snatch the distracted Road Runner.



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1. We will use the parametric equations  $x(t) = t^{51}$ , y(t) = 3 for the Road Runner's path. Before entering these into your grapher, discuss the following with your group.

- a. Describe the behavior of the graph of  $x(t) = t^{51}$ , shown to the right, for  $-1 \le t \le 1$ . What do you notice about his speed?
- b. Describe the behavior of the graph of x(t), shown to the right, for  $t \le -1$  and  $t \le -1$ . What do you notice about his speed?
- c. Report the x and y value of his path t = 0. x = y =What is Road Runner doing?
- 2. We will use the parametric equations  $x(t) = e^{-t}$ ,  $y(t) = e^{-t} + 3$  for Wile E. Coyote's path. Before entering these into your grapher, discuss the following with your group.
  - a. i. Eliminate the parameter to report the path in terms of y and x.

y(x) = (This is called an *explicit* form.)

- ii. What kind of function is this?
- 11. What kind of removed  $x = \frac{1}{\{\text{increases, decreases}\}}$

As *t* increases, the graph of y(x) \_



b. Report the domain and range of Wile E. Coyote's motion path (y vs x) you found in Question 2ai, restricted to  $-2 \le t \le 2$ .

	Domain	Range
Exact		
Approximate (to 1 decimal place)		

- c. On  $-2 \le t \le 2$ , does Wile E. Coyote ever reach the point in 1c? YES NO
- 3. Press y=, enter the formulas into your grapher. Press window to change the window settings to simulate this from  $-2 \le t \le 2$ . Press graph.





