

AP Questions Parametric, Vector, Polar

Name: _____

1) A particle moves in the xy -plane so that its velocity vector at time t is $v(t) = \langle t^2, \sin \pi t \rangle$ and the particle's position vector at time $t = 0$ is $\langle 1, 0 \rangle$. What is the position vector of the particle when $t = 3$?

- (A) $(9, 1/\pi)$ (B) $(10, 2/\pi)$ (C) $(6, -2\pi)$ (D) $(10, 2\pi)$ (E) $(10, 2)$

2) Which of the following is an equation of the line tangent to the curve with parametric equations $x = 3e^{-t}$, $y = 6e^t$ at the point where $t = 0$?

- (A) $2x + y - 12 = 0$
 (B) $-2x + y - 12 = 0$
 (C) $2x + y - 6 = 0$
 (D) $-2x + y - 6 = 0$
 (E) $2x + y = 0$

3) A particle moves on the x -axis so that at any time t its velocity $v(t) = \sin 2t$ subject to the condition $x(0) = 0$ where $x(t)$ is the position function. Which of the following is an expression for $x(t)$?

- (A) $\cos 2t + \frac{1}{2}$
 (B) $-\frac{1}{2}\sin 2t + \frac{1}{2}$
 (C) $-\frac{1}{2}\cos 2t$
 (D) $-\frac{1}{2}\cos 2t + \frac{1}{2}$
 (E) $-\frac{1}{2}\cos 2t - \frac{1}{2}$

4) (calc) Which of the following gives the area of the region enclosed by the graph of the polar curve $r = 1 + \cos \theta$?

- (A) $\int_0^{\pi} (1 + \cos^2 \theta) d\theta$ (B) $\int_0^{\pi} (1 + \cos \theta)^2 d\theta$ (C) $\int_0^{2\pi} (1 + \cos \theta) d\theta$
 (D) $\int_0^{2\pi} (1 + \cos \theta)^2 d\theta$ (E) $\frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} (1 + \cos^2 \theta) d\theta$

5) The curve in the xy -plane is defined parametrically by the equation $x = t^2 + t$ and $y = t^2 - t$. For what values of t is the tangent line to the curve horizontal?

- (A) $t = -1$ (B) $t = -\frac{1}{2}$ (C) $t = 0$ (D) $t = \frac{1}{2}$ (E) $t = 1$

2015 #2 (Calculator)

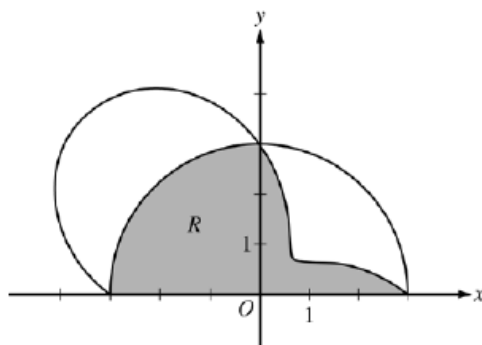
At time $t \geq 0$, a particle moving along a curve in the xy -plane has position $(x(t), y(t))$ with velocity vector $v(t) = (\cos(t^2), e^{0.5t})$. At $t = 1$, the particle is at the point $(3, 5)$.

- Find the x -coordinate of the position of the particle at time $t = 2$.
- For $0 < t < 1$, there is a point on the curve at which the line tangent to the curve has a slope of 2. At what time is the object at that point?
- Find the time at which the speed of the particle is 3.
- Find the total distance traveled by the particle from time $t = 0$ to time $t = 1$.

2014 #2 (Calculator)

The graphs of the polar curves $r = 3$ and $r = 3 - 2\sin(2\theta)$ are shown in the figure above for $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$.

- Let R be the shaded region that is inside the graph of $r = 3$ and inside the graph of $r = 3 - 2\sin(2\theta)$. Find the area of R .
- For the curve $r = 3 - 2\sin(2\theta)$, find the value of $\frac{dx}{d\theta}$ at $\theta = \frac{\pi}{6}$.
- The distance between the two curves changes for $0 < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$.



Find the rate at which the distance between the two curves is changing with respect to θ when $\theta = \frac{\pi}{3}$.

- A particle is moving along the curve $r = 3 - 2\sin(2\theta)$ so that $\frac{d\theta}{dt} = 3$ for all times $t \geq 0$. Find the value of $\frac{dr}{dt}$ at $\theta = \frac{\pi}{6}$.