

Unit 8 Review  
AP Calculus BC  
Parametric and Polar Coordinates

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1. For the parametric curve defined by  $x = t^3 - 12t$  and  $y = t^2 - 1$ , find  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ .

2. Consider the polar curve  $r = \sin \theta \cos \theta$ .

What is the equation of the tangent line to the curve  $r$  at  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{3}$ ? Give exact values only (so, don't use a calculator).

3. Consider the polar curve  $r = 2 + 6 \sin \theta$ .

Use a calculator to find the slope of the line tangent to the curve  $r$  when  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{6}$ ? Round your answer to the nearest thousandths place.



4. A curve in the plane is defined parametrically by the equations  $x = \tan(2t)$  and  $y = \sin(4t - \frac{\pi}{2})$ .

Find the value of  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  at  $t = \frac{\pi}{2}$ .

Choose the answer:

- (A) 1            (B) -2            (C) 2            (D) 0

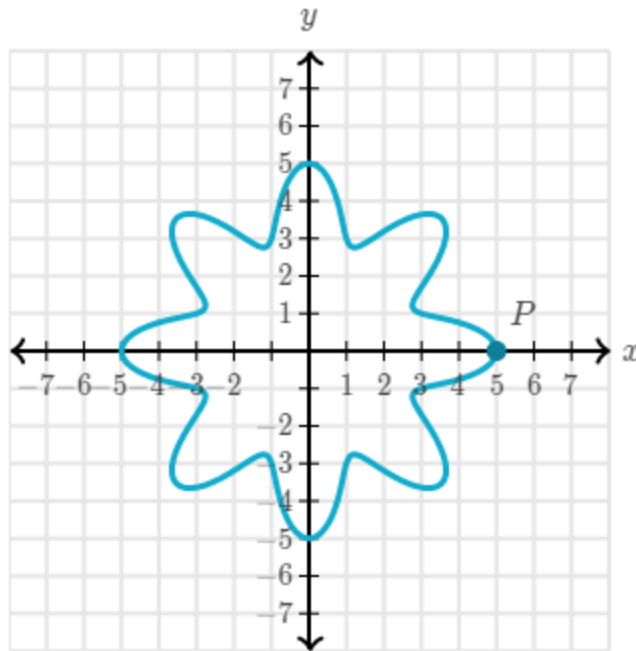
5. Let  $h$  be a vector-valued function defined by  $h(t) = (3 \cos t, -\sqrt{4t})$ .

Find  $h'(t)$ .

Choose the answer:

- (A)  $-3 \sin t + \frac{2}{\sqrt{t}}$   
(B)  $(3 \sin t, -\frac{2}{\sqrt{t}})$   
(C)  $(-3 \cos t, -2t)$   
(D)  $(-3 \sin t, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{t}})$

6. Let  $r$  be the polar function  $r(\theta) = \cos(8\theta) + 4$ . Here is the graph for  $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$ .



What is the rate of change of the  $x$ -coordinate with respect to  $\theta$  at the point  $P$ ?

7. Consider the polar curve  $r = 4 \sin \theta$ .

What is the equation of the tangent line to the curve  $r$  at  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{6}$ ?

(A)  $y + 1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(x + \sqrt{3})$

(B)  $y + 1 = \sqrt{3}(x + \sqrt{3})$

(C)  $y - 1 = \sqrt{3}(x - \sqrt{3})$

(D)  $y - 1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(x - \sqrt{3})$

8. For  $t \geq 0$ , a particle is moving along a curve so that its position at time  $t$  is  $(x(t), y(t))$ . At time  $t = 2$ , the particle is at position  $(1, 5)$ . It is known that  $\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{\sqrt{t+2}}{e^t}$  and  $\frac{dy}{dt} = \sin^2 t$ .

a. Is the horizontal movement of the particle to the left or to the right at time  $t = 2$ ? Explain your answer.

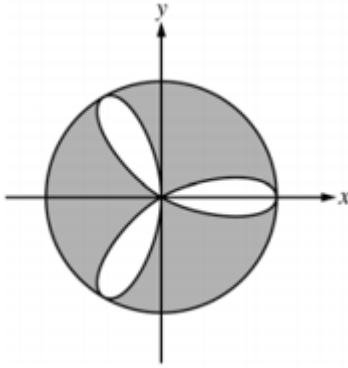
b. Find the slope of the path of the particle at time  $t = 2$ .

c. Find the  $x$ -coordinate of the particle's position at time  $t = 4$ .

d. Find the speed of the particle at time  $t = 4$ .

e. Find the acceleration vector of the particle at time  $t = 4$ .

f. Find the distance traveled by the particle from time  $t = 2$  to  $t = 4$ .



9. The figure above shows the graphs of the polar curves  $r = 2 \cos(3\theta)$  and  $r = 2$ . What is the sum of the areas of the shaded regions?

- (A) 0.858
- (B) 3.142
- (C) 8.566
- (D) 9.425
- (E) 15.708