

**AP<sup>®</sup> CALCULUS BC**  
**2011 SCORING GUIDELINES (Form B)**

**Question 2**

The polar curve  $r$  is given by  $r(\theta) = 3\theta + \sin \theta$ , where  $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$ .

- (a) Find the area in the second quadrant enclosed by the coordinate axes and the graph of  $r$ .
- (b) For  $\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \theta \leq \pi$ , there is one point  $P$  on the polar curve  $r$  with  $x$ -coordinate  $-3$ . Find the angle  $\theta$  that corresponds to point  $P$ . Find the  $y$ -coordinate of point  $P$ . Show the work that leads to your answers.
- (c) A particle is traveling along the polar curve  $r$  so that its position at time  $t$  is  $(x(t), y(t))$  and such that  $\frac{d\theta}{dt} = 2$ . Find  $\frac{dy}{dt}$  at the instant that  $\theta = \frac{2\pi}{3}$ , and interpret the meaning of your answer in the context of the problem.

(a)  $\text{Area} = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\pi/2}^{\pi} (r(\theta))^2 d\theta = 47.513$

$$3 : \begin{cases} 1 : \text{integrand} \\ 1 : \text{limits and constant} \\ 1 : \text{answer} \end{cases}$$

(b)  $-3 = r(\theta) \cos \theta = (3\theta + \sin \theta) \cos \theta$   
 $\theta = 2.01692$   
 $y = r(\theta) \sin(\theta) = 6.272$

$$3 : \begin{cases} 1 : \text{equation} \\ 1 : \text{value of } \theta \\ 1 : y\text{-coordinate} \end{cases}$$

(c)  $y = r(\theta) \sin \theta = (3\theta + \sin \theta) \sin \theta$   
 $\frac{dy}{dt} \Big|_{\theta=2\pi/3} = \left[ \frac{dy}{d\theta} \cdot \frac{d\theta}{dt} \right]_{\theta=2\pi/3} = -2.819$

$$3 : \begin{cases} 1 : \text{uses chain rule} \\ 1 : \text{answer} \\ 1 : \text{interpretation} \end{cases}$$

The  $y$ -coordinate of the particle is decreasing at a rate of 2.819.

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The velocity vector of a particle moving in the plane has components given by

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = 14 \cos(t^2) \sin(e^t) \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{dy}{dt} = 1 + 2 \sin(t^2), \quad \text{for } 0 \leq t \leq 1.5.$$

At time  $t = 0$ , the position of the particle is  $(-2, 3)$ .

- (a) For  $0 < t < 1.5$ , find all values of  $t$  at which the line tangent to the path of the particle is vertical.  
 (b) Write an equation for the line tangent to the path of the particle at  $t = 1$ .  
 (c) Find the speed of the particle at  $t = 1$ .  
 (d) Find the acceleration vector of the particle at  $t = 1$ .

- (a) The tangent line is vertical when  $x'(t) = 0$  and  $y'(t) \neq 0$ .  
 On  $0 < t < 1.5$ , this happens at  $t = 1.253$  and  $t = 1.144$  or  $1.145$ .

$$2 : \begin{cases} 1 : \text{sets } \frac{dx}{dy} = 0 \\ 1 : \text{answer} \end{cases}$$

(b)  $\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{t=1} = \frac{y'(1)}{x'(1)} = 0.863447$

$$x(1) = -2 + \int_0^1 x'(t) dt = 9.314695$$

$$y(1) = 3 + \int_0^1 y'(t) dt = 4.620537$$

The line tangent to the path of the particle at  $t = 1$  has equation  $y = 4.621 + 0.863(x - 9.315)$ .

$$4 : \begin{cases} 1 : \left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{t=1} \\ 1 : x(1) \\ 1 : y(1) \\ 1 : \text{equation} \end{cases}$$

(c) Speed =  $\sqrt{(x'(1))^2 + (y'(1))^2} = 4.105$

1 : answer

(d) Acceleration vector:  $\langle x''(1), y''(1) \rangle = \langle -28.425, 2.161 \rangle$

$$2 : \begin{cases} 1 : x''(1) \\ 1 : y''(1) \end{cases}$$

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**2007 SCORING GUIDELINES (Form B)**

**Question 2**

An object moving along a curve in the  $xy$ -plane is at position  $(x(t), y(t))$  at time  $t$  with

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \arctan\left(\frac{t}{1+t}\right) \text{ and } \frac{dy}{dt} = \ln(t^2 + 1)$$

for  $t \geq 0$ . At time  $t = 0$ , the object is at position  $(-3, -4)$ . (Note:  $\tan^{-1}x = \arctan x$ )

- (a) Find the speed of the object at time  $t = 4$ .  
 (b) Find the total distance traveled by the object over the time interval  $0 \leq t \leq 4$ .  
 (c) Find  $x(4)$ .  
 (d) For  $t > 0$ , there is a point on the curve where the line tangent to the curve has slope 2. At what time  $t$  is the object at this point? Find the acceleration vector at this point.

(a) Speed =  $\sqrt{x'(4)^2 + y'(4)^2} = 2.912$

1 : speed at  $t = 4$

(b) Distance =  $\int_0^4 \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2} dt = 6.423$

2 :  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1 : \text{integral} \\ 1 : \text{answer} \end{array} \right.$

(c)  $x(4) = x(0) + \int_0^4 x'(t) dt$   
 $= -3 + 2.10794 = -0.892$

3 :  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 2 : \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1 : \text{integrand} \\ 1 : \text{uses } x(0) = -3 \end{array} \right. \\ 1 : \text{answer} \end{array} \right.$

(d) The slope is 2, so  $\frac{\frac{dy}{dt}}{\frac{dx}{dt}} = 2$ , or  $\ln(t^2 + 1) = 2 \arctan\left(\frac{t}{1+t}\right)$ .

3 :  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1 : \frac{\frac{dy}{dt}}{\frac{dx}{dt}} = 2 \\ 1 : t\text{-value} \\ 1 : \text{values for } x'' \text{ and } y'' \end{array} \right.$

Since  $t > 0$ ,  $t = 1.35766$ . At this time, the acceleration is  
 $\langle x''(t), y''(t) \rangle|_{t=1.35766} = \langle 0.135, 0.955 \rangle$ .