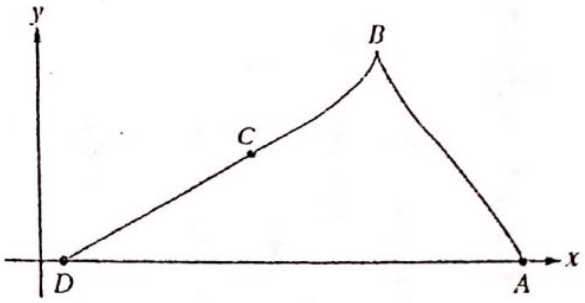
Parametric SA Practice

2003 AP® CALCULUS BC FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS



2. A particle starts at point A on the positive x-axis at time $t = 0$ and travels along the curve from A to B to C to D, as shown above. The coordinates of the particle's position $(x(t), y(t))$ are differentiable functions of t, where $x'(t) = \frac{dx}{dt} = -9\cos\left(\frac{\pi t}{6}\right)\sin\left(\frac{\pi\sqrt{t+1}}{2}\right)$ and $y'(t) = \frac{dy}{dt}$ is not explicitly given. At time $t = 9$, the particle reaches its final position at point D on the positive x-axis.

(a) At point C, is $\frac{dy}{dt}$ positive? At point C, is $\frac{dx}{dt}$ positive? Give a reason for each answer.

(b) The slope of the curve is undefined at point B. At what time t is the particle at point B?

(c) The line tangent to the curve at the point $(x(8), y(8))$ has equation $y = \frac{5}{9}x - 2$. Find the velocity vector and the speed of the particle at this point.

(d) How far apart are points A and D, the initial and final positions, respectively, of the particle?

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

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \cos\left(t^3\right) \text{ and } \frac{dy}{dt} = 3\sin\left(t^2\right)$$

for $0 \le t \le 3$. At time $t = 2$, the object is at position $(4, 5)$.

(a) Write an equation for the line tangent to the curve at $(4, 5)$.

(b) Find the speed of the object at time $t = 2$.

(c) Find the total distance traveled by the object over the time interval $0 \le t \le 1$.

(d) Find the position of the object at time $t = 3$.

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1. An object moving along a curve in the xy-plane has position $(x(t), y(t))$ at time $t \ge 0$ with

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = 12t - 3t^2 \text{ and } \frac{dy}{dt} = \ln\left(1 + (t-4)^4\right).$$

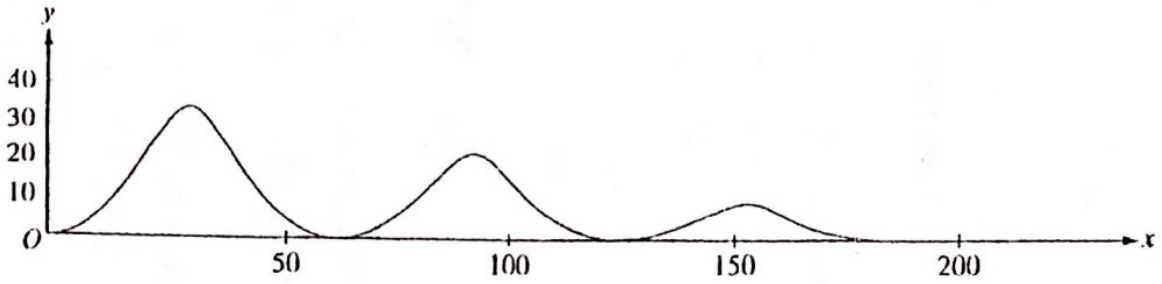
At time $t = 0$, the object is at position $(-13, 5)$. At time $t = 2$, the object is at point P with x-coordinate 3.

(a) Find the acceleration vector at time $t = 2$ and the speed at time $t = 2$.

(b) Find the y-coordinate of P.

(c) Write an equation for the line tangent to the curve at P.

(d) For what value of t, if any, is the object at rest? Explain your reasoning.



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3. The figure above shows the path traveled by a roller coaster car over the time interval $0 \le t \le 18$ seconds. The position of the car at time t seconds can be modeled parametrically by

$$x(t) = 10t + 4\sin t$$
$$y(t) = (20 - t)(1 - \cos t),$$

where x and y are measured in meters. The derivatives of these functions are given by

$$x'(t) = 10 + 4\cos t$$
$$y'(t) = (20 - t)\sin t + \cos t - 1.$$

(a) Find the slope of the path at time $t = 2$. Show the computations that lead to your answer.

(b) Find the acceleration vector of the car at the time when the car's horizontal position is $x = 140$.

(c) Find the time t at which the car is at its maximum height, and find the speed, in m/sec, of the car at this time.

(d) For $0 < t < 18$, there are two times at which the car is at ground level ($y = 0$). Find these two times and write an expression that gives the average speed, in m/sec, of the car between these two times. Do not evaluate the expression.

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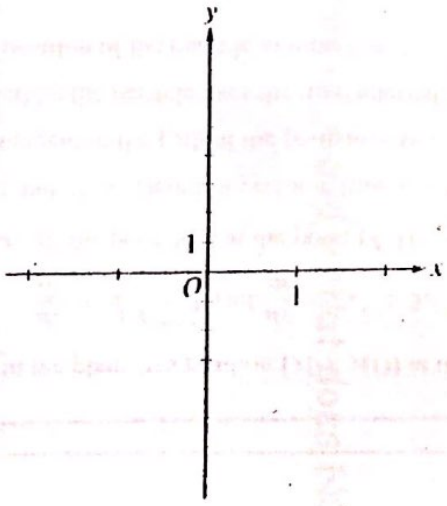
1. A particle moves in the xy-plane so that its position at any time t, for $-\pi \le t \le \pi$, is given by $x(t) = \sin(3t)$ and $y(t) = 2t$.

(a) Sketch the path of the particle in the xy-plane provided. Indicate the direction of motion along the path. **(Note: Use the axes provided in the test booklet.)**



(b) Find the range of $x(t)$ and the range of $y(t)$.

(c) Find the smallest positive value of t for which the x-coordinate of the particle is a local maximum. What is the speed of the particle at this time?

(d) Is the distance traveled by the particle from $t = -\pi$ to $t = \pi$ greater than 5π? Justify your answer.

4. A particle moves in the xy-plane so that the position of the particle at any time t is given by

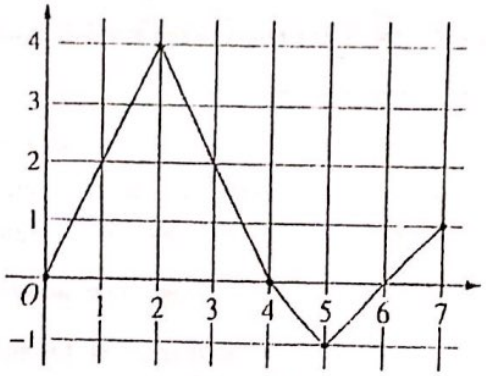
$$x(t) = 2e^{3t} + e^{-7t} \text{ and } y(t) = 3e^{3t} - e^{-2t}.$$

(a) Find the velocity vector for the particle in terms of t, and find the speed of the particle at time $t = 0$.

(b) Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ in terms of t, and find $\lim_{t \to \infty} \frac{dy}{dx}$.

(c) Find each value t at which the line tangent to the path of the particle is horizontal, or explain why none exists.

(d) Find each value t at which the line tangent to the path of the particle is vertical, or explain why none exists.



Graph of f

5. Let f be a function defined on the closed interval $[0, 7]$. The graph of f, consisting of four line segments, is shown above. Let g be the function given by $g(x) = \int_2^x f(t)\,dt$.

(a) Find $g(3)$, $g'(3)$, and $g''(3)$.

(b) Find the average rate of change of g on the interval $0 \le x \le 3$.

(c) For how many values c, where $0 < c < 3$, is $g'(c)$ equal to the average rate found in part (b) ? Explain your reasoning.

(d) Find the x-coordinate of each point of inflection of the graph of g on the interval $0 < x < 7$. Justify your answer.

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3. An object moving along a curve in the xy-plane has position $(x(t), y(t))$ at time $t \geq 0$ with $\frac{dx}{dt} = 3 + \cos(t^2)$. The derivative $\frac{dy}{dt}$ is not explicitly given. At time $t = 2$, the object is at position $(1, 8)$.

(a) Find the x-coordinate of the position of the object at time $t = 4$.

(b) At time $t = 2$, the value of $\frac{dy}{dt}$ is -7. Write an equation for the line tangent to the curve at the point $(x(2), y(2))$.

(c) Find the speed of the object at time $t = 2$.

(d) For $t \geq 3$, the line tangent to the curve at $(x(t), y(t))$ has a slope of $2t + 1$. Find the acceleration vector of the object at time $t = 4$.

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1. A particle moving along a curve in the plane has position $(x(t), y(t))$ at time t, where

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \sqrt{t^4 + 9} \text{ and } \frac{dy}{dt} = 2e^t + 5e^{-t}$$

for all real values of t. At time $t = 0$, the particle is at the point $(4, 1)$.

(a) Find the speed of the particle and its acceleration vector at time $t = 0$.

(b) Find an equation of the line tangent to the path of the particle at time $t = 0$.

(c) Find the total distance traveled by the particle over the time interval $0 \leq t \leq 3$.

(d) Find the x-coordinate of the position of the particle at time $t = 3$.

Taylor Series Review

2. Let f be a function having derivatives of all orders for all real numbers. The third-degree Taylor polynomial for f about $x = 2$ is given by

$$T(x) = 7 - 9(x - 2)^2 - 3(x - 2)^3.$$

(a) Find $f(2)$ and $f''(2)$.

(b) Is there enough information given to determine whether f has a critical point at $x = 2$?

If not, explain why not.

If so, determine whether $f(2)$ is a relative maximum, a relative minimum, or neither, and justify your answer.

(c) Use $T(x)$ to find an approximation for $f(0)$. Is there enough information given to determine whether f has a critical point at $x = 0$?

If not, explain why not.

If so, determine whether $f(0)$ is a relative maximum, a relative minimum, or neither, and justify your answer.

(d) The fourth derivative of f satisfies the inequality $\left|f^{(4)}(x)\right| \leq 6$ for all x in the closed interval $[0, 2]$. Use the Lagrange error bound on the approximation to $f(0)$ found in part (c) to explain why $f(0)$ is negative.

Short Answer AP Exam questions:

1987 - BC 5

The position of a particle moving in the xy-plane at any time t, $0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$, is given by the parametric equations $x = \sin t$ and $y = \cos(2t)$.

a) Find the velocity vector for the particle at any time t, $0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$.
b) For what values of t is the particle at rest?
c) Write an equation for the path of the particle in terms of x and y that does NOT involve trigonometric functions.
d) ~~Sketch the path of the particle.~~

1994 - BC 3

A particle moves along the graph of $y = \cos x$ so that the x-component of acceleration is always 2. At time $t = 0$, the particle is at the point $(\pi, -1)$ and the velocity vector of the particle is (0, 0).

a) Find the x- and y- coordinates of the position of the particle in terms of t.
b) Find the speed of the particle when its position is $(4, \cos 4)$.

1995 - BC 1

Two particles move in the xy-plane. For time $t>0$, the position of particle A is given by $x = t - 2$ and $y = (t - 2)^2$, and the position of particle B is given by $x = \frac{3t}{2} - 4$ and $y = \frac{3t}{2} - 2$.

a) Find the velocity vector for each particle at time $t = 3$.
b) Set up an integral expression that gives the distance traveled by particle A from $t = 0$ to $t = 3$. Do not evaluate.
c) Determine the exact time at which the particles collide; that is, when the particles are at the same point at the same time. Justify your answer.

1989 - BC 4

Consider the curve given by the parametric equations $x = 2t^3 - 3t^2$ and $y = t^3 - 12t$.

a) In terms of t, find dy/dx.
b) Write an equation for the line tangent to the curve at the point where $t = -1$.
c) Find the x- and y-coordinates for each critical point on the curve and identify each point as having a vertical or horizontal tangent.

1993 - BC 2

The position of a particle at any time $t > 0$ is given by $x(t) = t^2 - 3$ and $y(t) = \frac{2}{3}t^3$.

a) Find the magnitude of the velocity vector at $t = 5$.
b) Find the total distance traveled by the particle from $t = 0$ to $t = 5$.
c) Find dy/dx as a function of x.