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BC Calculus – Polar AP Practice

You may use a calculator for the questions 1-2.

1. A polar curve is given by $r = \frac{3}{2 - \cos\theta}$. The slope of the curve at $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$ is

A. 0

B. 0.5

D. -0.75

E. not defined

2. The area inside the polar curve $r = 3 + 2\cos\theta$ is

A. 9.425

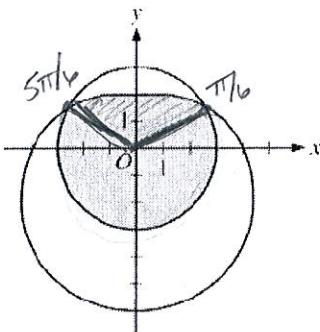
B. 18.850

D. 34.558

E. 69.115

3. Calculator Free Response

The graphs of the polar curves $r = 3$ and $r = 4 - 2\sin\theta$ are shown in the figure below. The curves intersect when $\theta = \frac{\pi}{6}$ and $\theta = \frac{5\pi}{6}$.



- a. Let S be the shaded region that is inside the graph of $r = 3$ and also inside the graph of $r = 4 - 2\sin\theta$. Find the area of S .

$$\frac{1}{2} \int_{\pi/6}^{5\pi/6} (4 - 2\sin\theta)^2 d\theta + \frac{1}{2} \int_{5\pi/6}^{13\pi/6} 3^2 d\theta = 24.709$$

- b. A particle moves along the polar curve $r = 4 - 2\sin\theta$ so that at time t seconds, $\theta = t^2$. Find the time t in the interval $1 < t < 2$ for which the x -coordinate of the particle's position is -1.

$$x = r\cos\theta \quad x(t) = (4 - 2\sin(t^2))\cos(t^2)$$

$$x(\theta) = (4 - 2\sin\theta)\cos\theta \quad (4 - 2\sin(t^2))\cos(t^2) = -1$$

$$t = 1.428$$

- c. For the particle described in part b, find the position vector in terms of t . Find the velocity vector at time $t = 1.5$.

$$y = r\sin\theta$$

$$y(\theta) = (4 - 2\sin\theta)\sin\theta$$

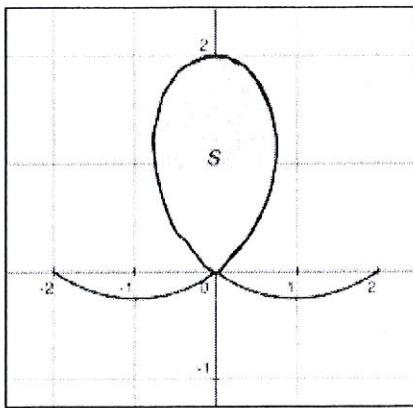
$$y(t) = (4 - 2\sin t^2)\sin t^2$$

$$\text{Position} = \langle (4 - 2\sin(t^2))\cos(t^2), (4 - 2\sin(t^2))\sin(t^2) \rangle$$

$$\text{Velocity} = \langle x'(t), y'(t) \rangle \Big|_{t=1.5} = \langle -8.072, -1.473 \rangle$$

4. Calculator Free Response

The graph of the polar curve $r = 2 + 4 \sin \theta$ for $\pi \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$ is shown in the diagram below. Let S be the shaded region bounded by the curve above the x-axis.



- a. Write an integral expression for the area of S .

$$S = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\pi}^{2\pi} (2 + 4 \sin \theta)^2 d\theta$$

- b. Write an expression for $\frac{dx}{d\theta}$ and $\frac{dy}{d\theta}$ in terms of θ .

$$x = (2 + 4 \sin \theta) \cos \theta = 2 \cos \theta + 4 \sin \theta \cos \theta$$

$$\frac{dx}{d\theta} = -2 \sin \theta - 4 \sin^2 \theta + 4 \cos^2 \theta$$

- c. Write an expression for the arc length of the curve from $\pi \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$.

$$\int_{\pi}^{2\pi} \sqrt{(-2 \sin \theta - 4 \sin^2 \theta + 4 \cos^2 \theta)^2 + (2 \cos \theta + 8 \sin \theta \cos \theta)^2} d\theta$$

- d. Write an equation in terms of x and y for the line tangent to the graph of the polar curve at the point where $\theta = \frac{5\pi}{4}$

$$x\left(\frac{5\pi}{4}\right) = 2 - \sqrt{2}$$

$$y\left(\frac{5\pi}{4}\right) = 2 - \sqrt{2}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\frac{dy}{d\theta}}{\frac{dx}{d\theta}} = \frac{2 \cos \theta + 8 \sin \theta \cos \theta}{-2 \sin \theta - 4 \sin^2 \theta + 4 \cos^2 \theta} \Big|_{\theta=\frac{5\pi}{4}} = 2\sqrt{2} - 1$$

$$y - (2 - \sqrt{2}) = (2\sqrt{2} - 1)[x - (2 - \sqrt{2})]$$

$$2 + 4 \sin \theta = 0$$

$$\sin \theta = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\theta = \frac{7\pi}{6}, \frac{11\pi}{6}$$

$$y = (2 + 4 \sin \theta) \sin \theta = 2 \sin \theta + 4 \sin^2 \theta$$

$$\frac{dy}{d\theta} = 2 \cos \theta + 8 \sin \theta \cos \theta$$