

BC Parametrics Test Review

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1. For $0 \leq t \leq 13$, an object travels along an elliptical path given by the parametric equations $x = 3 \cos t$ and $y = 4 \sin t$. At the point where $t = 13$, the object leaves the path and travels along the line tangent to the path at that point. What is the slope of the line on which the object travels?

(A) $-\frac{4}{3}$

(B) $-\frac{3}{4}$

(C) $-\frac{4 \tan 13}{3}$

(D) $-\frac{4}{3 \tan 13}$

(E) $-\frac{3}{4 \tan 13}$

2. A curve C is defined by the parametric equations $x = t^2 - 4t + 1$ and $y = t^3$. Which of the following is an equation of the line tangent to the graph of C at the point $(-3, 8)$?

(A) $x = -3$

(B) $x = 2$

(C) $y = 8$

(D) $y = -\frac{27}{10}(x + 3) + 8$

(E) $y = 12(x + 3) + 8$

3. A curve is described by the parametric equations $x = t^2 + 2t$ and $y = t^3 + t^2$. An equation of the line tangent to the curve at the point determined by $t = 1$ is



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(A) $2x - 3y = 0$

(B) $4x - 5y = 2$

(C) $4x - y = 10$

(D) $5x - 4y = 7$

(E) $5x - y = 13$

4. If $x=t^2-1$ and $y=2e^t$, then $\frac{dy}{dx} =$

(A) $\frac{e^t}{t}$

(B) $\frac{2e^t}{t}$

(C) $\frac{e^{|t|}}{t^2}$

(D) $\frac{4e^t}{2t-1}$

(E) e^t

5. A particle moves along the curve $xy=10$. If $x=2$ and $dy/dt=3$, what is the value of dx/dt ?



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(A) $-5/2$

(B) $-6/5$

(C) 0

(D) $4/5$

(E) $6/5$

6. Consider the curve in the xy -plane represented by $x=e^t$ and $y=te^{-t}$ for $t \geq 0$. The slope of the line tangent to the curve at the point where $x=3$ is

(A) 20.086

(B) 0.342

(C) -0.005

(D) -0.011

(E) -0.033

7. If $x=e^{2t}$ and $y=\sin(2t)$, then $\frac{dy}{dx} =$



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(A) $4e^{2t} \cos(2t)$

(B) $\frac{e^{2t}}{\cos(2t)}$

(C) $\frac{\sin(2t)}{2e^{2t}}$

(D) $\frac{\cos(2t)}{2e^{2t}}$

(E) $\frac{\cos(2t)}{e^{2t}}$

8. For what values of t does the curve given by the parametric equations $x = t^3 - t^2 - 1$ and $y = t^4 + 2t^2 - 8t$ have a vertical tangent?

(A) 0 only

(B) 1 only

(C) 0 and $\frac{2}{3}$ only

(D) 0, $\frac{2}{3}$, and 1

(E) No value

9. A curve in the plane is defined parametrically by the equations $x = t^3 + t$ and $y = t^4 + 2t^2$. An equation of the line tangent to the curve at $t=1$ is



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(A) $y=2x$

(B) $y=8x$

(C) $y=2x-1$

(D) $y=4x-5$

(E) $y=8x+13$

10. If $x = t^2 + 1$ and $y = t^3$, then $d^2y/dx^2 =$

(A) $3/4t$

(B) $3/2t$

(C) $3t$

(D) $6t$

(E) $3/2$

11. The length of a curve from $x = 1$ to $x = 4$ is given by $\int_1^4 \sqrt{1 + 9x^4} dx$. If the curve contains the point $(1, 6)$, which of the following could be an equation for this curve?



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(A) $y = 3 + 3x^2$

(B) $y = 5 + x^3$

(C) $y = 6 + x^3$

(D) $y = 6 - x^3$

(E) $y = \frac{16}{5} + x + \frac{9}{5}x^5$

12. Which of the following integrals gives the length of the graph $y = \sin(\sqrt{x})$ between $x = a$ and $x = b$, where $0 < a < b$?

(A) $\int_a^b \sqrt{x + \cos^2(\sqrt{x})} dx$

(B) $\int_a^b \sqrt{1 + \cos^2(\sqrt{x})} dx$

(C) $\int_a^b \sqrt{\sin^2(\sqrt{x}) + \frac{1}{4x} \cos^2(\sqrt{x})} dx$

(D) $\int_a^b \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{4x} \cos^2(\sqrt{x})} dx$

(E) $\int_a^b \sqrt{\frac{1 + \cos^2(\sqrt{x})}{4x}} dx$

13. The length of the curve $y = \ln \sec x$ from $x=0$ to $x=b$, where $0 < b < \frac{\pi}{2}$, may be expressed by which of the following integrals?



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- (A) $\int_0^b \sec x dx$
- (B) $\int_0^b \sec^2 x dx$
- (C) $\int_0^b (\sec x \tan x) dx$
- (D) $\int_0^b \sqrt{1 + (\ln \sec x)^2} dx$
- (E) $\int_0^b \sqrt{1 + (\sec^2 x \tan^2 x)} dx$
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14. Which of the following gives the length of the path described by the parametric equations $x = \sin(t^3)$ and $y = e^{5t}$ from $t=0$ to $t=\pi$?

- (A) $\int_0^\pi \sqrt{\sin^2(t^3) + e^{10t}} dt$
- (B) $\int_0^\pi \sqrt{\cos^2(t^3) + e^{10t}} dt$
- (C) $\int_0^\pi \sqrt{9t^4 \cos^2(t^3) + 25e^{10t}} dt$
- (D) $\int_0^\pi \sqrt{3t^2 \cos(t^3) + 5e^{5t}} dt$
- (E) $\int_0^\pi \sqrt{\cos^2(3t^2) + e^{10t}} dt$
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15. The length of the curve determined by the equations $x = t^2$ and $y=t$ from $t=0$ to $t=4$ is



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- (A) $\int_0^4 \sqrt{4t+1} dt$
- (B) $2 \int_0^4 \sqrt{l^2+1} dt$
- (C) $\int_0^4 \sqrt{2l^2+1} dt$
- (D) $\int_0^4 \sqrt{4t^2+1} dt$
- (E) $2\pi \int_0^4 \sqrt{4l^2+1} dt$
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16. The length of the path described by the parametric equations $x = \cos^3 t$ and $y = \sin^3 t$, for $0 \leq t \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$ is given by

- (A) $\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sqrt{3\cos^2 t + 3\sin^2 t} dt$
- (B) $\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sqrt{-3\cos^2 t \sin t + 3\sin^2 t \cos t} dt$
- (C) $\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sqrt{9\cos^4 t + 9\sin^4 t} dt$
- (D) $\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sqrt{9\cos^4 t \sin^2 t + 9\sin^4 t \cos^2 t} dt$
- (E) $\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sqrt{\cos^6 t + \sin^6 t} dt$
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17. At time $t \geq 0$, a particle moving in the xy -plane has velocity vector given by $v(t) = \langle t^2, 5t \rangle$. What is the acceleration vector of the particle at time $t=3$?



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(A) $\left\langle 9, \frac{45}{2} \right\rangle$

(B) $\langle 6, 5 \rangle$

(C) $\langle 2, 0 \rangle$

(D) $\sqrt{306}$

(E) $\sqrt{61}$

18. In the xy -plane, a particle moves along the parabola $y = x^2 - x$ with a constant speed of $2\sqrt{10}$ units per second. If $\frac{dx}{dt} > 0$, what is the value of $\frac{dy}{dt}$ when the particle is at the point $(2, 2)$?

(A) $\frac{2}{3}$

(B) $\frac{2\sqrt{10}}{3}$

(C) 3

(D) 6

(E) $6\sqrt{10}$

19. A particle moves on the curve $y = \ln x$ so that the x -component has velocity $x'(t) = t + 1$ for $t \geq 0$. At time $t=0$, the particle is at the point $(1, 0)$. At time $t=1$, the particle is at the point



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(A) $(2, \ln 2)$

(B) $(e^2, 2)$

(C) $(\frac{5}{2}, \ln \frac{5}{2})$

(D) $(3, \ln 3)$

(E) $(\frac{3}{2}, \ln \frac{3}{2})$

20. A particle moves in the xy -plane so that at any time t its coordinates are $x = t^2 - 1$ and $y = t^4 - 2t^3$. At $t = 1$, its acceleration vector is

(A) $(0, -1)$

(B) $(0, 12)$

(C) $(2, -2)$

(D) $(2, 0)$

(E) $(2, 8)$

21. If a particle moves in the xy -plane so that at time $t > 0$ its position vector is $(\ln(t^2 + 2t), 2t^2)$, then at time $t = 2$, its velocity vector is



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- (A) $(\frac{3}{4}, 8)$
- (B) $(\frac{3}{4}, 4)$
- (C) $(\frac{1}{8}, 8)$
- (D) $(\frac{1}{8}, 4)$
- (E) $(-\frac{5}{16}, 4)$
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22. A particle moves on a plane curve so that at any time $t > 0$ its x -coordinate is $t^3 - t$ and its y -coordinate is $(2t - 1)^3$. The acceleration vector of the particle at $t = 1$ is

- (A) $(0, 1)$
- (B) $(2, 3)$
- (C) $(2, 6)$
- (D) $(6, 12)$
- (E) $(6, 24)$
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23. For any time $t \geq 0$, if the position of a particle in the xy -plane is given by $x = t^2 + 1$ and $y = \ln(2t + 3)$, then the acceleration vector is



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- (A) $(2t, 2/(2t+3))$
- (B) $(2, -4/(2t+3)^2)$
- (C) $(2, 4/(2t+3)^2)$
- (D) $(2, 2/(2t+3)^2)$
- (E) $(2t, -4/(2t+3)^2)$
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