

## Vectors (2)

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### Question: 1

A curve  $C$  has parametric equations  $x = 4\cos\left(\frac{2\pi t}{3}\right)$  and  $y = 4\sin\left(\frac{2\pi t}{3}\right)$  for  $0 \leq t \leq 3$ .

The Cartesian equation of  $C$  is

- (A)  $x^2 - y^2 = 16$
- (B)  $x + y = 16$
- (C)  $x - y = 4$
- (D)  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$
- (E)  $x^2 + y^2 = 16$

### Question: 2

The position vector of a particle at time  $t$  is given by  $r(t) = 4t\hat{i} + (8t - t^2)\hat{j}$ ,  $0 \leq t \leq 3$ .

The Cartesian equation of the particle's path is

- (A)  $y = 2x - \frac{x^2}{16}, x \geq 0$
- (B)  $y = 2x - \frac{x^2}{16}, 0 \leq x \leq 12$
- (C)  $y = 2x - \frac{x^2}{4}, 0 \leq x \leq 12$
- (D)  $y = 2x - \frac{x^2}{16}, 0 \leq x \leq \frac{3}{4}$
- (E)  $y = \frac{32}{x} - \frac{16}{x^2}, 0 < x \leq 12$

**Question: 3**

A particle moves so that its position vector at time  $t$  is  $\mathbf{r}(t) = 4 \sin(2t)\hat{i} - 3 \cos(2t)\hat{j}$ ,  $t \geq 0$ .

The initial velocity of the particle is

- (A)  $-3\hat{j}$
- (B)  $-8\hat{i}$
- (C)  $8\hat{i}$
- (D)  $6\hat{j}$
- (E)  $-6\hat{j}$

**Question: 4**

The position vector of a projectile at time  $t$  seconds, relative to a point on level ground, is given by  $\mathbf{r}(t) = 10t\hat{i} + (19.6t - 4.9t^2)\hat{j}$  for  $t \geq 0$  where  $\hat{i}$  is horizontal and  $\hat{j}$  is vertically upwards. Distances are measured in metres.

The maximum height reached by the projectile is

- (A) 4.9
- (B) 10
- (C) 19.6
- (D) 20
- (E) 40

**Question: 5**

The parametric equations of a curve  $C$  are  $x = 2 \sec(t)$  and  $y = 3 \tan(t)$ , where  $-\pi \leq t \leq \pi, t \neq \pm \frac{\pi}{2}$ .

- (a) Find the Cartesian equation of  $C$ .
- (b) State the domain and range of  $C$ .
- (c) Sketch the graph of  $C$ .

**Question: 6**

The position vector of a particle at time  $t$  is given by  $\mathbf{r}(t) = \cos^2(t)\hat{i} + 4 \sin^2(t)\hat{j}$ ,  $t \geq 0$ .

- (a) Find the Cartesian equation of the path of the particle.
- (b) Sketch the path of the particle indicating any points of intersection with the coordinate axes.
- (c) State the position of the particle at  $t = 0$ .

**Question: 7**

Two particles,  $A$  and  $B$ , commence motion at time  $t = 0$ . At time  $t$  seconds, their respective position vectors,  $\mathbf{r}_A$  and  $\mathbf{r}_B$ , are given by  $\mathbf{r}_A(t) = (6 - t)\hat{i} + 2t\hat{j}$  and  $\mathbf{r}_B(t) = (2t - 5)\hat{i} + 2t\hat{j}$ ,  $t \geq 0$ .

- (a) Show that  $A$  and  $B$  collide and find the time of collision.
- (b) Find the coordinates of the point of collision.

**Question: 8**

The position vector of a particle at time  $t$  seconds is given by  $\mathbf{r}(t) = (t - 2e^t)\hat{i} + (3\cos(t) - 2t)\hat{j}$ ,  $0 \leq t \leq \pi$ .

All distances are measured in metres.

- (a) Find the particle's initial velocity.
- (b) Find the particle's speed at  $t = \frac{\pi}{2}$ . Give your answer correct to two decimal places.
- (c) Find the magnitude of the particle's acceleration at  $t = \frac{\pi}{2}$ . Give your answer correct to two decimal places.

## Answers

### Question: 1

Squaring each equation and adding gives  $x^2 + y^2 = 16$ .

Answer: E

### Question: 2

Substituting  $t = \frac{x}{4}$  into  $y = 8t - t^2$  gives  $y = 2x - \frac{x^2}{16}$ .

$$0 \leq \frac{x}{4} \leq 3 \text{ and so } 0 \leq x \leq 12$$

Answer: B

### Question: 3

$$\mathbf{r}'(t) = 8\cos(2t)\hat{\mathbf{i}} + 6\sin(2t)\hat{\mathbf{j}} \text{ and } \mathbf{r}'(0) = 8\hat{\mathbf{i}}$$

Answer: C

### Question: 4

The maximum height occurs when the  $\hat{\mathbf{j}}$  component of  $\mathbf{r}'(t)$  is zero.

Solving  $19.6 - 9.8t = 0$  for  $t$  gives  $t = 2$ .

$$\mathbf{r}(2) = 20\hat{\mathbf{i}} + 19.6\hat{\mathbf{j}} \text{ so the maximum height is 19.6 metres.}$$

Answer: C

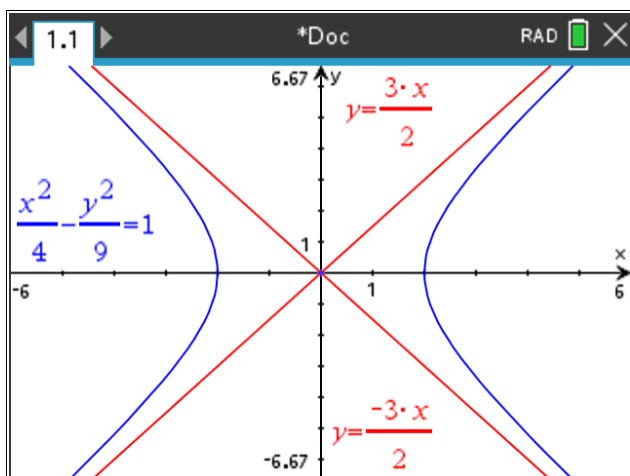
**Question: 5**

(a) Use of  $1 + \tan^2(t) = \sec^2(t)$  gives  $\frac{x^2}{4} - \frac{y^2}{9} = 1$ .

(b) The domain of  $C$  is the range of  $x = 2\sec(t)$  which is  $(-\infty, -2] \cup [2, \infty)$ .

The range of  $C$  is the range of  $y = 3\tan(t)$  which is  $R$ .

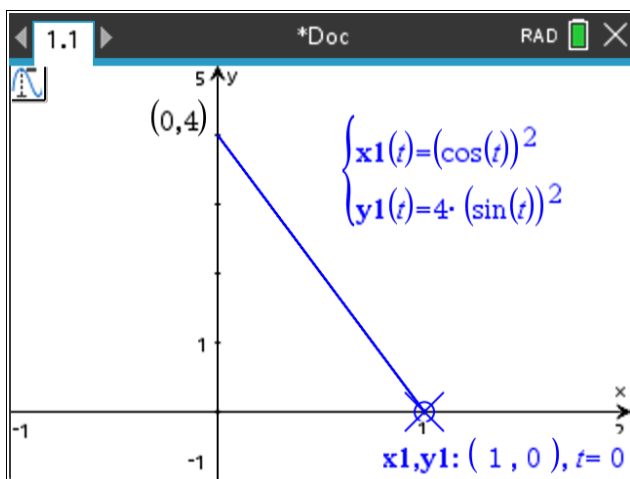
(c) The graph is a hyperbola centred at the origin. The asymptotes have equations  $y = \pm \frac{3x}{2}$ .



**Question: 6**

(a)  $y = 4 - 4x$  for  $0 \leq x \leq 1$

(b) The path is a straight line joining  $(0,4)$  and  $(1,0)$



(c)  $(1,0)$  at  $t = 0$

**Question: 7**

(a)  $r_A(t) = r_B(t)$  occurs at  $t = \frac{11}{3}$

(b) point of collision is  $\left(\frac{7}{3}, \frac{22}{3}\right)$

**Question: 8**

(a)  $r'(t) = (1 - 2e^t)\hat{i} - (3\sin(t) + 2)\hat{j}$  and  $r'(0) = -\hat{i} - 2\hat{j}$

(b)  $r'\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \left(1 - 2e^{\frac{\pi}{2}}\right)\hat{i} - 5\hat{j}$  and  $\left|r'\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)\right| = 9.97$  (m/s)

(c)  $r''\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = -2e^{\frac{\pi}{2}}\hat{i}$  and  $\left|r''\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)\right| = 9.62$  (m/s<sup>2</sup>)