

**MATH 202, Spring 2024**  
**Exam 4 Practice**

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*"If people sat outside and looked at the stars each night, I'll bet they'd live a lot differently."*

CALVIN (BILL WATTERSON)

1. For the parametrically defined curve  $\begin{cases} x = 3t \\ y = 9t^2 + t \end{cases} \quad -\infty < t < \infty$ , eliminate the parameter  $t$ . Sketch the resulting curve in the  $xy$  cartesian coordinate system.

**Solution:** Solving  $x = 3t$  for  $t$  yields  $t = x/3$ . Substituting this into  $y = 9t^2 + t$  gives  $y = x^2 + x/3$ . The graph is an upward facing parabola with vertex  $(x = -3/2, y = -9/4)$  and x-intercepts  $x = -3$  and  $x = 0$ .

2. For the parametrically defined curve  $\begin{cases} x = 3\cos(t) \\ y = 9\sin(t) \end{cases} \quad 0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$ , eliminate the parameter  $t$ . Sketch the resulting curve in the  $xy$  cartesian coordinate system.

**Solution:**  $(x/3)^2 + (y/9)^2 = 1$ . The graph is an ellipse with vertices  $(x = -3, y = 0)$ ,  $(x = 3, y = 0)$ ,  $(x = 0, y = -9)$ , and  $(x = 0, y = 9)$ .

3. For the parametrically defined curve  $\begin{cases} x = -\sqrt{1+t} \\ y = \sqrt{3t} \end{cases} \quad 0 \leq t < \infty$ , find the numerical values of  $\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{t=3}$  and  $\left. \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \right|_{t=3}$ .

**Solution:** Before we start, let's gather our ingredients; we have

4. Represent the arc length of the polar curve  $r = a(1 - \sin(\theta))$  as a definite integral. Here  $a$  is a positive real number.

**Solution:**

$$\sqrt{2} |a| \int_0^{2\pi} \sqrt{1 - \sin(\theta)} \, d\theta.$$

5. Find all points on the polar curve  $r = 3 - 2\sin(\theta)$  that have a horizontal tangent line.

**Solution:**  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}, \theta = \arcsin\left(\frac{3}{4}\right), \theta = \pi - \arcsin\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)$

6. Find area of the region bounded by the polar curve  $r = 3 - 2 \sin(\theta)$

**Solution:**  $\frac{11}{2}\pi$ .

7. Find the area bounded by the polar curve  $r = \cos(4\theta)$

**Solution:**  $\frac{\pi}{2}$