Projectiles: Trajectories 4ii

A Level

A particle P is projected with speed $40\,\mathrm{m\,s^{-1}}$ at an angle of 35° above the horizontal from a point O.

Part A Magnitude of velocity

For the instant $3\,\mathrm{s}$ after projection, calculate the magnitude of the velocity of P. Give your answer to 3 significant figures.

Part B Direction of velocity

For the instant $3\,\mathrm{s}$ after projection, calculate the direction of the velocity of P. Give your answer as an angle, in degrees, below the horizontal to 3 significant figures.

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Projectiles: Trajectories 1i

A Level

A stone is projected horizontally with speed $7\,\mathrm{m\,s^{-1}}$ from a point O on the edge of a vertical cliff. The horizontal and upward vertical displacements of the stone from O at any subsequent time, t seconds, are $x\,\mathrm{m}$ and $y\,\mathrm{m}$ respectively. Assume that there is no air resistance.

Part A y in terms of x

In this question, use the value $g = 9.8\,\mathrm{m\,s^{-2}}$ for the acceleration under gravity.

By first expressing x and y in terms of t, find an expression for y in terms of x.

The following symbols may be useful: `x`, `y`

Part B Distance between cliff and stone

The stone hits the sea at a point which is $20\,\mathrm{m}$ below the level of O.

Find the distance between the foot of the cliff and the point where the stone hits the sea. Give your answer to 3 significant figures.

Part C Speed and direction of motion

Find the speed of the stone immediately before it hits the sea. Give your answer to 2 significant figures.

Find the direction of motion of the stone immediately before it hits the sea. Give your answer as an angle below the horizontal to 3 significant figures.

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Projectiles: Trajectories 4i

A Level

A particle is projected with speed $7\,\mathrm{m\,s^{-1}}$ at an angle of elevation of 30° from a point O and moves freely under gravity. The horizontal and vertically upwards displacements of the particle from O at any subsequent time $t\,\mathrm{s}$ are $x\,\mathrm{m}$ and $y\,\mathrm{m}$ respectively.

Part A x & y in terms of t

In this question, use the value $g = 9.8\,\mathrm{m\,s^{-2}}$ for the acceleration under gravity.

Express x in terms of t. When entering your answer, use fractions and surds rather than decimals.

The following symbols may be useful: `cos(), sin(), t, tan(), x`

Express y in terms of t. When entering your answer, use fractions rather than decimals.

The following symbols may be useful: `cos(), sin(), t, tan(), y`

Part B y in terms of x

Hence find the equation, y in terms of x, for the trajectory of the particle.

The following symbols may be useful: `x, y`

Part C Values of x

Calculate the smaller of two values of x when $y = 0.6$. Give your answer as an exact surd.

Calculate the larger of two values of x when $y = 0.6$. Give your answer as an exact surd.

Part D Direction of motion

Find the direction of motion of the particle when $y = 0.6$ and the particle is rising. Give your answer as an angle from the horizontal and to 3 significant figures.

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Parametric Equations 3ii

A Level

P P P

Figure 1 shows the curve with parametric equations

$$x = a\sin\theta,\ \ y = a\theta\cos\theta,$$

where a is a positive constant and $-\pi \leq \theta \leq \pi$. The curve meets the positive y-axis at A and the positive x-axis at B.

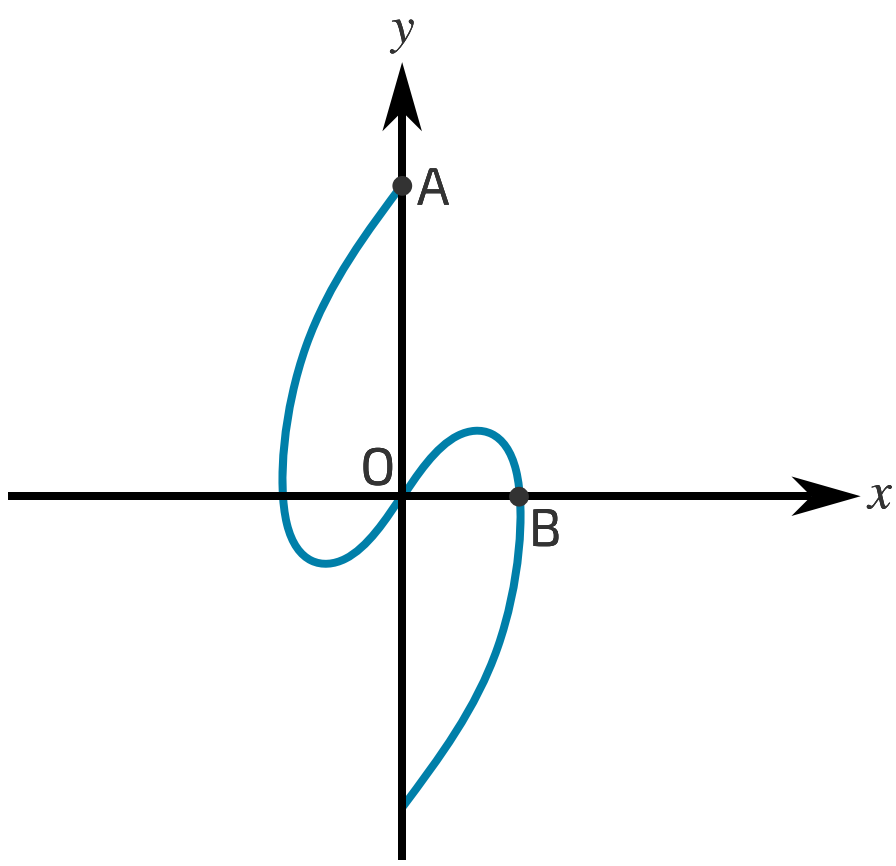

Figure 1: The graph defined by $x = a\sin\theta, y = a\theta\cos\theta$ for $-\pi \leq \theta \leq \pi$.

Part A Points O, A and B

What is the value of θ corresponding to the origin?

$\theta =$ ☐

What are the coordinates of A?

$(0,$ ☐ $)$

What are the coordinates of B?

$($ ☐ $, 0)$

Items:

$-\pi$ $-\frac{\pi}{2}$ 0 $\frac{\pi}{2}$ π $-2a$ $-\pi a$ $-a$ $-\frac{\pi}{2}a$ a $\frac{\pi}{2}a$ $2a$ πa

Part B Gradient

Find an expression for $\frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}x}$.

The following symbols may be useful: `Derivative(y, x)`, `arccos()`, `arccosec()`, `arccot()`, `arcsec()`, `arcsin()`, `arctan()`, `cos()`, `cosec()`, `cot()`, `sec()`, `sin()`, `tan()`, `theta`, `x`, `y`

Part C Tangent equation

Find the equation for the tangent to the curve at the origin.

The following symbols may be useful: `x`, `y`

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Parametric Equations 1ii

A Level

P P P

A curve is defined by the parametric equations

$$x = \sin^2\theta, y = 4\sin\theta - \sin^3\theta$$

where $-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$.

Part A Find $\frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}x}$

Find an expression for $\frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}x}$.

The following symbols may be useful: `Derivative(y, x)`, `arccos()`, `arccosec()`, `arccot()`, `arcsec()`, `arcsin()`, `arctan()`, `cos()`, `cosec()`, `cot()`, `sec()`, `sin()`, `tan()`, `theta`, `x`, `y`

Part B Point on the curve

Find the coordinates of the point on the curve at which the gradient is 2.

Give your answers as exact fractions.

x-coordinate:

y-coordinate:

Part C Stationary points

Drag and drop answers into the boxes below to complete the argument showing that the curve has no stationary points.

If the curve has stationary points, $\frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}x}$ [ ] at those points. Hence, using the expression for $\frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}x}$ found in part A,

$$[\ \ ] - 3\sin^2\theta = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin\theta = \pm\sqrt{\frac{[\ \ ]}{3}}$$

However, $\sin\theta$ obeys the inequality [ ] $\leq \sin\theta \leq$ [ ] so there is no value of θ that satisfies $\sin\theta = \pm\sqrt{\frac{[\ \ ]}{3}}$. Therefore, there are no stationary points.

Items:

-2 -1 < 0 $= 0$ 0 > 0 1 2 4 5 6 7

Part D Cartesian equation

Find a cartesian equation of the curve, giving your answer in the form $y^2 = f(x)$.

The following symbols may be useful: `x, y`

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Parametric Equations 2i

A Level

A curve has parametric equations

$$x = \frac{1}{t+1}, y = t - 1.$$

The line $y = 3x$ intersects the curve at two points.

Part A Value of t

Show that the value of t at one of these points is -2 and find the value of t at the other point.

The following symbols may be useful: `t`

Part B Normal

Find the equation of the normal to the curve at the point for which $t = -2$, giving your answer in the form $y = f(x)$.

The following symbols may be useful: `x, y`

Part C Value of t

Find the value of t at the point where this normal meets the curve again.

The following symbols may be useful: `t`

Part D Cartesian Equation

Find a cartesian equation of the curve, giving your answer in the form $y = f(x)$.

The following symbols may be useful: `x, y`

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Parametric Integration 1

A Level

The curve C has parametric equations

$$x = 2t^2 - 3 \qquad y = t(4 - t^2)$$

The curve crosses the x-axis at the points A and B and the region R is enclosed by the loop of the curve, as shown in **Figure 1**.

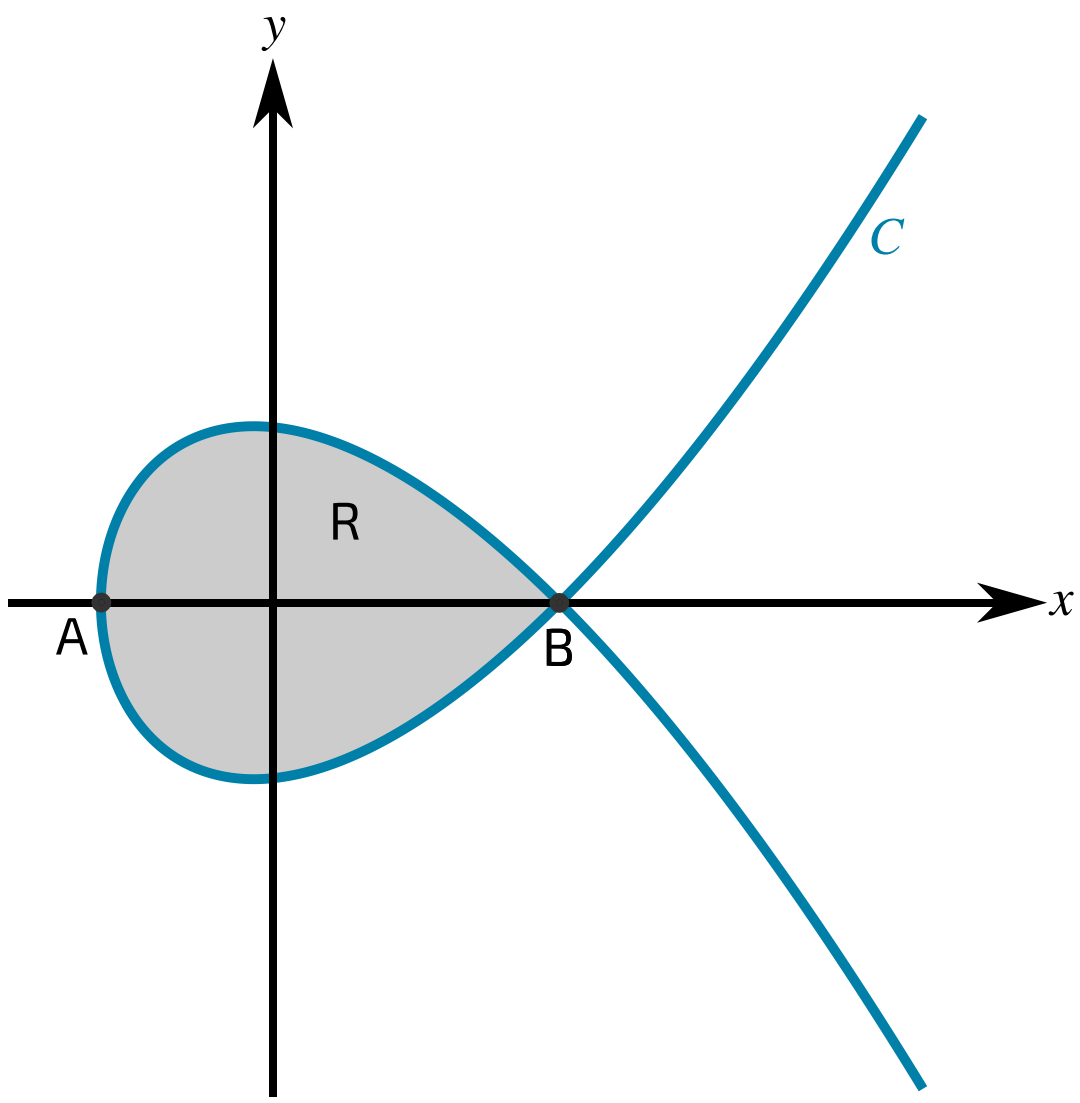

Figure 1: A graph of the curve C.

Part A Point A

Find the x-coordinate of the point A.

Part B Point B

Find the x-coordinate of the point B.

Part C Area of R

The region R is enclosed by the loop of the curve, as shown in **Figure 1**. Find the exact value of the area of R .

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Parametric Equations 4i

A Level

A curve has parametric equations

$$x = 2\sin t, \qquad y = \cos 2t + 2\sin t$$

for $-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq t \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$.

Part A Derivative

Find $\frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}x}$ as a function of t.

The following symbols may be useful: `Derivative(y, x)`, `cos()`, `cosec()`, `cot()`, `sec()`, `sin()`, `t`, `tan()`, `x`, `y`

Part B Coordinates

Find the (x, y) coordinates of the stationary point.

If a value is not a whole number, enter the value as a decimal.

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Part C Equation

Find the Cartesian equation of the curve.

The following symbols may be useful: `x, y`

Part D Range

Find the range of values that x can take.

Construct your answer from the items below.

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Items:

$<$ $>$ x $< x <$ $\leq x \leq$ $> x$ **or** $x >$ $\geq x$ **or** $x \geq$ $\leq$ $\geq$ -2 -1 0 1 2 3 4

Part E Sketch

Hence sketch the curve.