

Solutions to some sample problems for Test 3 Math 2020, Winter 2007
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6. (10) It starts at $(x, y) = (1, 0)$, increases radius in the first quadrant until it gets to $(0, 2)$, then in the second quadrant, radius decreases until it hits $(0, 0)$, and then in the third quadrant radius increases again until it reaches $(0, -2)$, and finally in the fourth quadrant radius decreases and it returns to $(1, 0)$.
7. Consider the curve $x(t) = t^3 - 3t$, $y(t) = t^4 - 3t^2$.
 - (a) (10) $dx/dt = 3t^2 - 3$ and $dy/dt = 4t^3 - 6t$.
 - (b) (5) The curve is vertical where $x' = 0$, i.e., $t = \pm 1$.
 - (c) (5) The curve is horizontal where $y' = 0$, i.e., $t = 0$ and $t = \pm\sqrt{3/2}$.
 - (d) (10) The tangent line at $t = 1/\sqrt{3}$ is

$$y + 8/9 = (-32/3\sqrt{3})(x + 8/3\sqrt{3})$$

- (e) (5) The integral which computes the length of the curve from $t = 0$ to $t = 1/\sqrt{3}$ is

$$\int_0^{1/\sqrt{3}} \sqrt{(3t^2 - 3)^2 + (4t^3 - 6t)^2} dt$$

8. (10) The area inside the curve which is given in polar coordinates as $r = \sqrt{\cos 2\theta}$, $-\pi/4 \leq \theta \leq \pi/4$ is

$$(1/2) \int_{-\pi/4}^{\pi/4} \cos 2\theta d\theta = (1/4) \sin 2\theta \Big|_{-\pi/4}^{\pi/4} = 1/2.$$

9. (5) In polar coordinates $(x^2 + y^2)^2 = x^2 - y^2$ is $r^4 = r^2(\cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta)$, or $r^2 = \cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta$.
10. (5) In Cartesian coordinates $r \cos(\theta) = r^2 \sin^2(\theta)$ is $x = y^2$.

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