

Fig. 8

In a theme park ride, a capsule C moves in a vertical plane (see Fig. 8). With respect to the axes shown, the path of C is modelled by the parametric equations

$$x = 10 \cos \theta + 5 \cos 2\theta$$
, $y = 10 \sin \theta + 5 \sin 2\theta$, $(0 \le \theta < 2\pi)$,

where x and y are in metres.

(i) Show that $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{\cos\theta + \cos 2\theta}{\sin\theta + \sin 2\theta}$.

Verify that $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$ when $\theta = \frac{1}{3}\pi$. Hence find the exact coordinates of the highest point A on the path of C. [6]

(ii) Express $x^2 + y^2$ in terms of θ . Hence show that

$$x^2 + y^2 = 125 + 100\cos\theta.$$
 [4]

(iii) Using this result, or otherwise, find the greatest and least distances of C from O. [2]

You are given that, at the point B on the path vertically above O,

$$2\cos^2\theta + 2\cos\theta - 1 = 0.$$

(iv) Using this result, and the result in part (ii), find the distance OB. Give your answer to 3 significant figures. [4]

2 Fig. 6 shows the arch ABCD of a bridge.



Fig. 6

The section from B to C is part of the curve OBCE with parametric equations

 $x = a(\theta - \sin \theta), y = a(1 - \cos \theta)$ for $0 \le \theta \le 2\pi$,

where *a* is a constant.

- (i) Find, in terms of *a*,
 - (A) the length of the straight line OE,
 - (*B*) the maximum height of the arch. [4]

(ii) Find
$$\frac{dy}{dx}$$
 in terms of θ . [3]

The straight line sections AB and CD are inclined at 30° to the horizontal, and are tangents to the curve at B and C respectively. BC is parallel to the *x*-axis. BF is parallel to the *y*-axis.

(iii) Show that at the point B the parameter θ satisfies the equation

$$\sin\theta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} (1 \quad \cos\theta).$$

Verify that $\theta = \frac{2}{3}\pi$ is a solution of this equation.

Hence show that $BF = \frac{3}{2}a$, and find OF in terms of *a*, giving your answer exactly. [6]

(iv) Find BC and AF in terms of *a*.

Given that the straight line distance AD is 20 metres, calculate the value of *a*. [5]

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- 3 A curve has carlesian equation $y^2 x^2 = 4$.
 - (i) Verify that

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

are parametric equations of the curve.

- (u) Show that $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{(l-l)(r)}{12+1}$. Hence find the coordinates of the stationary points of the curve. [6]
- 4 The parametric equations of a curve are

$$x = \sin \theta$$
, $y = \sin 2\theta$, for $0 \le \theta \le 2\pi$.

- (i) Find the exact value of the gradient of the curve at the point where $\theta = \frac{1}{6}\pi$. [4]
- (ii) Show that the cartesian equation of the curve is $y^2 = 4x^2 4x^4$. [3]
- 5 A curve is defined parametrically by the equations

$$x = \frac{1}{1+t}, \qquad y = \frac{1-t}{1+2t}$$

Find t in terms of x. Hence find the cartesian equation of the curve, giving your answer as simply as possible. [5]

[2)

6 A curve has parametric equations

$$x = e^{2t}, \quad y = \frac{2t}{1+t}.$$

- (i) Find the gradient of the curve at the point where t = 0. [6]
- (ii) Find y in terms of x.

[2]