

# Workbook



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# Parametric Equations

## Curve Length

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### Questions

- 1) Find the distance traveled between  $t = 0$  and  $t = \frac{\pi}{2}$  by a particle  $P(x, y)$ , whose position at time  $t$  is given by:  $x = \cos t + t \sin t$ ,  $y = \sin t - t \cos t$ .
  
- 2) Find the distance traveled between  $t = 0$  and  $t = 4$  by a particle  $P(x, y)$ , whose position at time  $t$  is given by:  $x = \frac{t^2}{2}$ ,  $y = \frac{1}{3}(2t+1)^{3/2}$ .
  
- 3) Find the distance traveled between  $t = 0$  and  $t = 4$  by a particle  $P(x, y)$ , whose position at time  $t$  is given by:  $x = \frac{1}{3}(2t+3)^{3/2}$ ,  $y = \frac{t^2}{2} + t$ .

**Answer Key**

1)  $\frac{\pi^2}{8}$

2) 12

3) 16