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1(a)(i) ~~P~~ P is on the circle $\Rightarrow (-8)^2 + (6)^2 = r^2 \Rightarrow r = 10$. (assume $r > 0$)

~~Additionally~~ Additionally P is on hyperbola $\Rightarrow k = (-8)(6) = -48$

$$x^2 + y^2 = 100$$

$$x^2 + \frac{k^2}{x^2} = 100$$

$$x^2 + \frac{2304}{x^2} = 100$$

$$x^4 - 100x^2 + 2304 = 0$$

$$(x^2 - 64)(x^2 - 36) = 0$$

$$x = \pm 6, \pm 8.$$

$$x < 0, \text{ so } x = -6, -8.$$

$$Q: x = -6 \text{ (since P is } x = -8)$$

$$y = \frac{k}{x} = \frac{-48}{-6} = 8. \text{ so } Q = (-6, 8)$$

$$\text{Gradient } QR = \frac{y_1 - y_2}{x_1 - x_2} = \frac{8 - 0}{-6 - 10} = -\frac{1}{2} \text{ (since } R = (10, 0))$$

$$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$$

$$y = -\frac{1}{2}(x - 10)$$

$$y = -\frac{1}{2}x + 5$$

1(a)(ii) By inspection, gradient RT = 1.

We need to prove gradient PQ = 1.

Let $P = \left(\frac{a}{r}, \frac{b}{r}\right)$, where $a < 0$ and $b > 0$.

Consider the point $Q_2 = \left(\frac{-b}{r}, \frac{-a}{r}\right) = (x_{Q_2}, y_{Q_2})$.

Since P is on the circle, $a^2 + b^2 = r^2$.

Therefore, $x_{Q_2}^2 + y_{Q_2}^2 = (-b)^2 + (-a)^2 = a^2 + b^2 = r^2$, Q_2 must also lie on the circle. Also, as P is on the hyperbola, $ab = k$, therefore Q_2 must lie on the hyperbola since $x_{Q_2}y_{Q_2} = (-b)(-a) = ab = k$.

Since $a < 0$ and $b > 0$, $x_{Q_2} = -b < 0$ and $y_{Q_2} = -a > 0$.



This information is enough to conclude that point Q_2 is ~~in fact~~ ^{in fact} point Q , as there are only two intersections in the second quadrant between the two curves. ($x_{Q_2} < 0$; $y_{Q_2} > 0$)

Hence $Q = (-b, -a)$, and we calculate:

$$\text{gradient } PQ = \frac{y_P - y_Q}{x_P - x_Q} = \frac{b - (-a)}{a - (-b)} = \frac{a+b}{a+b} = 1,$$

as required. #

(Note: in the limiting case where $P=Q$, PQ is a tangent whose gradient is 1. ^{proof: limits})

$$1(b) \quad 4\log_2(8x^3) + \log_5(y^6) = 17 \quad \dots (1)$$

$$\log_2(x^5) + \log_5(y^2) = 3 \quad \dots (2)$$

Assume $x, y > 0$ for now.

$$(1): \quad 4[\log_2(8) + \log_2(x^3)] + 6\log_5(y) = 17$$

$$4[3 + 3\log_2(x)] + 6\log_5(y) = 17$$

$$12 + 12\log_2(x) + 6\log_5(y) = 17$$

$$12\log_2(x) + 6\log_5(y) = 5 \quad \dots (3)$$

$$(2): \quad 5\log_2(x) + 2\log_5(y) = 3$$

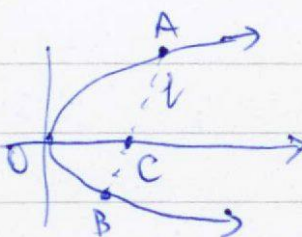
$$\Rightarrow 15\log_2(x) + 6\log_5(y) = 9 \quad \dots (4)$$

$$(4) - (3): \quad 3\log_2(x) = 4 \Rightarrow \log_2(x) = \frac{4}{3} \Rightarrow x = 2^{\frac{4}{3}}$$

$$\text{Substitute back: } \log_5(y) = \frac{3 - 5\log_2(x)}{2} = -\frac{11}{6} \Rightarrow y = 5^{-\frac{11}{6}}$$

We see that, assuming logarithms require positive inputs, $x^5 > 0 \Rightarrow x > 0$, however y can be negative and y^6 and y^2 would still be possible.

It is at this point that we move beyond our initial assumption and conclude that all possible solution sets are $(x, y) = (2^{\frac{4}{3}}, 5^{-\frac{11}{6}})$ and $(x, y) = (2^{\frac{4}{3}}, -5^{-\frac{11}{6}})$.

1(c)  Start by defining point A parametrically as $A = \left(\frac{ka^2}{4}, \frac{ka}{2}\right)$ ($a > 0$).

The gradient OA is ~~the~~ $\frac{\frac{ka}{2}}{\frac{ka^2}{4}} = \frac{2}{a}$.

Hence gradient OB is $-\frac{a}{2}$ as $OB \perp OA$.

Let $B = \left(\frac{kb^2}{4}, \frac{kb}{2}\right)$ ($b < 0$)

Gradient OB = ~~the~~ $\frac{\frac{kb}{2}}{\frac{kb^2}{4}} = \frac{2}{b}$.

Hence $\frac{2}{b} = -\frac{a}{2} \Rightarrow ab = -4$.

~~Let line l~~ Let line l cross the x-axis at $C: (c, 0)$.

By the collinearity, gradient AC = gradient AB.

$$\text{gradient AB} = \frac{\frac{ka}{2} - \frac{kb}{2}}{\frac{ka^2}{4} - \frac{kb^2}{4}} = 2 \left(\frac{a-b}{a^2-b^2} \right) = \frac{2(a-b)}{(a-b)(a+b)} = \frac{2}{a+b}$$

$$\text{gradient AC} = \frac{\frac{ka}{2}}{\frac{ka^2}{4} - c}$$

$$\frac{\frac{ka}{2}}{\frac{ka^2}{4} - c} = \frac{2}{a+b}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2ka}{ka^2 - 4c} = \frac{2}{a+b}$$

$$\Rightarrow ka(a+b) = ka^2 - 4c$$

$$\Rightarrow ka^2 + kab = ka^2 - 4c$$

$$\Rightarrow kab = -4c$$

$$\Rightarrow -4k = -4c \Rightarrow c = k, \text{ as required.}$$

Hence l cross x-axis at $(k, 0)$. #

$$2(a) \cot(x) = \frac{-5}{12} \Rightarrow \cot^2(x) = \frac{25}{144}$$

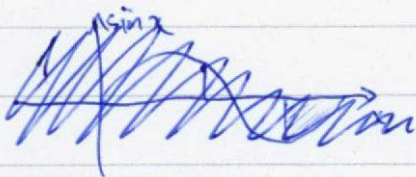
$$\Rightarrow 1 + \cot^2(x) = \frac{169}{144}$$

$$\Rightarrow \operatorname{cosec}^2(x) = \frac{169}{144}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin^2(x) = \frac{144}{169} \Rightarrow \cos^2(x) = 1 - \frac{144}{169} = \frac{25}{169}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin(x) = \pm \frac{12}{13} \Rightarrow \cos(x) = \pm \frac{5}{13}$$

but $\frac{3\pi}{2} < x < 2\pi \Rightarrow \cos x > 0$ so $\cos x = \frac{5}{13}$



graphically, $\sin x > 0$.

$$\cos x = 1 - 2\sin^2\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)$$

$$\frac{3\pi}{4} < \frac{x}{2} < \pi \Rightarrow \sin \frac{x}{2} > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin \frac{x}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{1 - \cos x}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{1 - \frac{5}{13}}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{4}{13}} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{13}}$$

$$2(b) \text{ Notice that } z = \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}\right),$$

$$\text{as } \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}\right) = -\cos\left(\pi - \frac{2\pi}{3}\right) = -\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{and } \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}\right) = \sin\left(\pi - \frac{2\pi}{3}\right) = \sin\frac{\pi}{3} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}.$$

$$z = \operatorname{cis}\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}\right)$$

$$\bar{z} = \operatorname{cis}\left(-\frac{2\pi}{3}\right)$$



$$\left(\bar{z}\right)^4 = \left[\operatorname{cis}\left(-\frac{2\pi}{3}\right)\right]^4 = \operatorname{cis}\left(4 \times -\frac{2\pi}{3}\right) = \operatorname{cis}\left(-\frac{8\pi}{3}\right)$$

(De Moivre's thm)

$$= \cos\left(-\frac{8\pi}{3}\right) + i \sin\left(-\frac{8\pi}{3}\right)$$

$$= \cos\left(-\frac{6\pi}{3} - \frac{2\pi}{3}\right) + i \sin\left(-\frac{6\pi}{3} - \frac{2\pi}{3}\right)$$

$$= \cos \frac{2\pi}{3} - i \sin \frac{2\pi}{3}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i.$$

$$2(c)(i) i = \text{cis } \frac{\pi}{2} = e^{i\frac{\pi}{2}}$$

$$i^i = (e^{i\frac{\pi}{2}})^i = e^{i^2\frac{\pi}{2}} = e^{-\frac{\pi}{2}}$$

$$(i^i)^2 = (e^{-\frac{\pi}{2}})^2 = e^{-\pi}$$

$$2(c)(ii) e^{(i^i)} = e^{(e^{-\frac{\pi}{2}})}$$

$$\begin{aligned} -25e^{i^i} &= 25(\text{cis } \pi) e^{(e^{-\frac{\pi}{2}})} = 25e^{i\pi} e^{-\frac{\pi}{2}} \\ &= 25e^{(i\pi + e^{-\frac{\pi}{2}})} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \ln(-25e^{i^i}) &= \ln(25e^{i\pi + e^{-\frac{\pi}{2}}}) \\ &= \ln 25 + \ln(e^{i\pi + e^{-\frac{\pi}{2}}}) \\ &= 2\ln 5 + i\pi + e^{-\frac{\pi}{2}} \\ &= (2\ln 5 + e^{-\frac{\pi}{2}}) + i\pi \end{aligned}$$

2(d) General equation: $A(x^2 + y^2) + Bx + Cy + D = 0$

We will assume that $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ (if not, redefine x, y to be so)

$$\text{Then } x = \frac{z + \bar{z}}{2} \text{ and } y = \frac{z - \bar{z}}{2i}$$

$$\left(\frac{x+iy + x-iy}{2} = x \text{ and } \frac{x+iy - x-iy}{2i} = y \right)$$

$$\text{Also } z\bar{z} = (x+iy)(x-iy) = x^2 - i^2y^2 = x^2 + y^2$$

Hence the general equation becomes:

$$A z\bar{z} + B\left(\frac{z+\bar{z}}{2}\right) + C\left(\frac{z-\bar{z}}{2i}\right) + D = 0$$

$$A z\bar{z} + \left(\frac{B}{2} + \frac{C}{2i}\right)z + \left(\frac{B}{2} - \frac{C}{2i}\right)\bar{z} + D = 0$$

$$A z\bar{z} + \left(\frac{B}{2} - \frac{C}{2i}\right)z + \left(\frac{B}{2} + \frac{C}{2i}\right)\bar{z} + D = 0$$

Hence, the general circle equation ~~can~~ can be written as

$$\alpha z \bar{z} + \beta z + \bar{\beta} \bar{z} + \gamma = 0$$

with $\alpha = A$, $\beta = \frac{B}{2} - \frac{C}{2}i$, and $\gamma = D$.

This works because $B, C \in \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow \overline{\frac{B}{2} - \frac{C}{2}i} = \frac{B}{2} + \frac{C}{2}i$ so the coefficients are correct. ($\bar{\beta} = \frac{B}{2} + \frac{C}{2}i$)

$$3(a) \quad x = 2t - 3t^3 \Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dt} = 2 - 9t^2 \Rightarrow \frac{dt}{dx} = \frac{1}{2 - 9t^2}$$

$$y = te^t \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dt} = (t+1)e^t$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)}{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)} = \frac{(t+1)e^t}{2 - 9t^2} = 0 \Rightarrow t = -1 \quad (e^t \neq 0 \forall t \in \mathbb{R})$$

$$(x, y)_{t=-1} = (2(-1) - 3(-1)^3, -1e^{-1}) = (1, -\frac{1}{e})$$

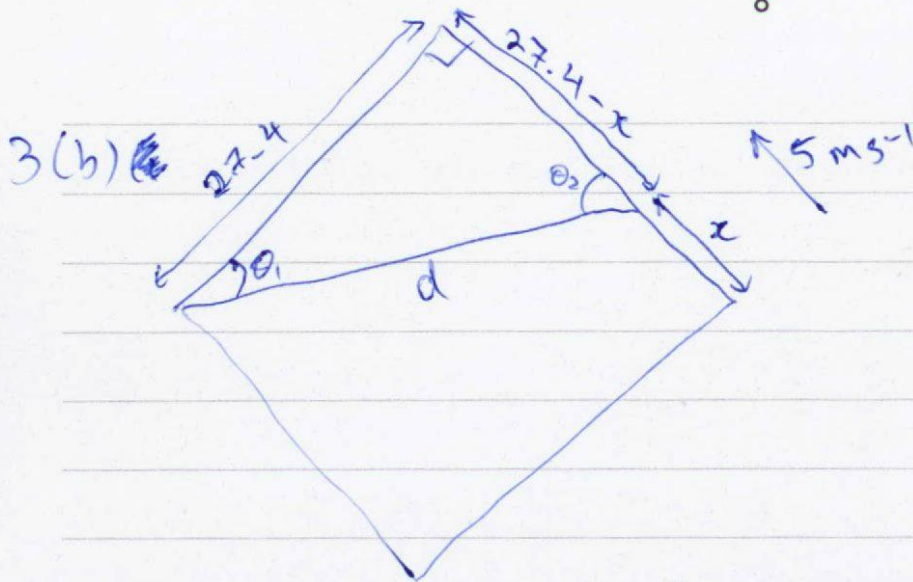
For ~~the~~ classification, use ^{second} ~~derivative~~ derivative test.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} &= \frac{d}{dx} \left[\frac{dy}{dx} \right] = \frac{d}{dx} \left[\frac{(t+1)e^t}{2-9t^2} \right] = \frac{d}{dt} \left[\frac{(t+1)e^t}{2-9t^2} \right] \cdot \frac{dt}{dx} \\ &= \frac{(t+2)e^t(2-9t^2) - (-18t)(t+1)e^t}{(2-9t^2)^2} \cdot \frac{1}{2-9t^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{When } t = -1, \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{(-1+2)e^{-1}(2-9) - (18)(-1)(-1)e^{-1}}{(2-9)^3} = \frac{e^{-1}}{(2-9)^2}$$

$$= \frac{e^{-1}}{49} > 0, \text{ so it is a minimum.}$$

Thus the only ~~stationary~~ stationary point is $(1, -\frac{1}{e})$ and it is a minimum.



(i) Let distance to third base be D .

By pythagoras $D^2 = 27.4^2 + (27.4 - x)^2$

$$\text{Hence } 2D \frac{dD}{dt} = -2(27.4 - x) \frac{dx}{dt}$$

$$\frac{dD}{dt} = \left(\frac{x - 27.4}{D} \right) \frac{dx}{dt}$$

It is given that $\frac{dx}{dt} = 5$.

$$\text{When } x = 10, D = \sqrt{27.4^2 + (27.4 - 10)^2} = \sqrt{1053.52}$$

$$\text{Hence } \frac{dD}{dt} = \left(\frac{10 - 27.4}{\sqrt{1053.52}} \right) (5) = -2.68039 \text{ m s}^{-1}$$

$$(ii) \tan \theta_1 = \frac{27.4 - x}{27.4} = 1 - \frac{x}{27.4}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sec^2 \theta_1 \frac{d\theta_1}{dt} = \frac{-1}{27.4} \frac{dx}{dt}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d\theta_1}{dt} = \frac{-1}{27.4 (1 + \tan^2 \theta_1)} \frac{dx}{dt}$$

$$= \frac{-1}{27.4 \left(1 + \left(1 - \frac{x}{27.4} \right)^2 \right)} \frac{dx}{dt}$$

(Alternatively: at $x = 27.4$, the motion would be equivalent to circular motion with radius $= 27.4$ and $v_{\text{max}} = 5 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ and $\theta = \frac{v}{r}$ etc.)

$$\text{When } x = 27.4, \frac{d\theta_1}{dt} = \frac{-1}{27.4} \frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{-1}{27.4} (5) = -\frac{25}{137}$$
$$= -0.18248 \text{ rad s}^{-1}.$$

Now since $\theta_1 + \theta_2 = \frac{\pi}{2}$,

$$\theta_2 = \frac{\pi}{2} - \theta_1$$

$$\text{and so } \frac{d\theta_2}{dt} = -\frac{d\theta_1}{dt} = \frac{25}{137} = 0.18248 \text{ rad s}^{-1}.$$

3(c) Suppose the manufacturer orders steel every T days for an ^{order} quantity of n units.

Assume that the manufacturer orders exactly what he needs to make five gates per day over the time T .
(For the minimal case)

$$\text{Number of units per day} = \frac{n}{T} = 5 \Rightarrow n = 5T.$$

~~Cost~~ ~~Average daily cost~~ ~~order cost~~ ~~of delivery & storage~~

As each day passes from the time of order/delivery (assume delivery is instant as no delivery speed is given), the number of units decreases by 5.

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	...	Day T
$5T$ units	$5T - 5$ units	$5T - 2 \times 5$ units		5 units

1 cycle.

Hence the total cost of storage over 1 cycle is

$$10(5 + 10 + 15 + \dots + 5T)$$
$$= 10(5)(1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + T) = 50(1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + T)$$
$$= 50 \frac{T(T+1)}{2} = 25T(T+1).$$

Quick proof of $1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + N = \frac{N(N+1)}{2}$:

$$1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + N = \binom{N+1}{2} \quad \text{"number of handshakes" combinatorial concept}$$

$$\text{but } \binom{N+1}{2} = \frac{(N+1)!}{2!(N+1-2)!} = \frac{(N-1)! \cdot N(N+1)}{2(N-1)!} = \frac{N(N+1)}{2} \quad \#$$

Total cost of storage over 1 ~~cycle~~ cycle = $25T(T+1)$

$$\text{Average}_{\text{daily}} \text{ cost of storage over 1 cycle} = \frac{25T(T+1)}{T} = 25(T+1)$$

Hence, ~~the~~ average daily cost of delivery and storage: ~~is~~

$$C = \frac{5000}{T} + 25(T+1).$$

$$\frac{dC}{dT} = -\frac{5000}{T^2} + 25 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{5000}{T^2} = 25$$

$$\Rightarrow T^2 = \frac{5000}{25} = 200$$

$$\Rightarrow T \approx \sqrt{200} = 14.14 \dots \quad (T > 0)$$

$$\text{(Check minimum: } \frac{d^2C}{dT^2} = \frac{10000}{T^3} > 0 \text{ when } T > 0 \checkmark)$$

But T needs to be a whole number so we check either side of 14.14:

$$\text{If } T = 14, C = \frac{5000}{14} + 25(14+1) = 732.14 \text{ \$ day}$$

$$\text{If } T = 15, C = \frac{5000}{15} + 25(15+1) = 733.33 \text{ \$ day}$$

So, we see that $T = 14$ ^{days} yields the minimum, and a total of $n = 5T = 70$ units should be ordered each time.

~~Area = p+q = (q-p) = 2(-p)~~

4(a) Find the intersection points: $x^2 - 2x = 6x - x^2$
 $\Rightarrow 2x^2 - 8x = 0 \Rightarrow x^2 - 4x = 0 \Rightarrow x \in \{0, 4\}$

~~Area = $\int_0^4 (6x - x^2) - (x^2 - 2x) dx$ Notice the region of $x^2 - 2x$ which dips below the x-axis; this happens over $0 \leq x \leq 2$.~~

~~Hence, to find the absolute area of the grey region~~

~~$A = \int_0^4 (6x - x^2) - (x^2 - 2x) dx = 2 \int_0^2 x^2 - 2x dx$~~

~~$= \int_0^4 8x - 2x^2 dx + \int_0^2 4x - 2x^2 dx$~~

~~$= \left[4x^2 - \frac{2x^3}{3} \right]_0^4 + \left[2x^2 - \frac{2x^3}{3} \right]_0^2$~~

~~$= \frac{64}{3} + \frac{8}{3} = \frac{72}{3} = 24 \text{ units}^2$~~

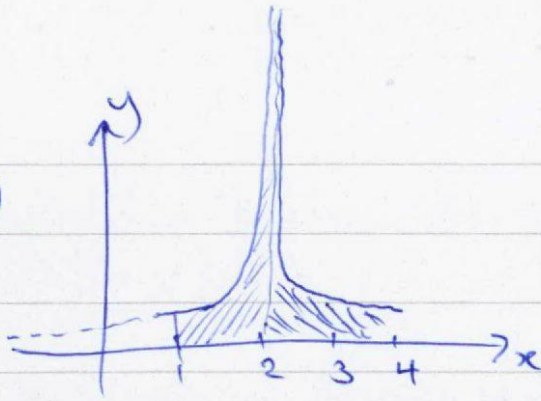
Area = $\int_0^4 (6x - x^2) - (x^2 - 2x) dx$ to .

$= \int_0^4 8x - 2x^2 dx$

$= \left[\frac{8x^2}{2} - \frac{2x^3}{3} \right]_0^4$

$= \frac{64}{3} \text{ units}^2$

4(b)



Due to the discontinuity over $x=2$, we must evaluate the ^(improper) definite integral $\int_1^4 \frac{dx}{(x-2)^{2/3}}$ as

$$I = \underbrace{\int_1^2 \frac{dx}{(x-2)^{2/3}}}_{I_1} + \underbrace{\int_2^4 \frac{dx}{(x-2)^{2/3}}}_{I_2}$$

$$I_1 = \lim_{k \rightarrow 2^-} \int_1^k (x-2)^{-2/3} dx$$

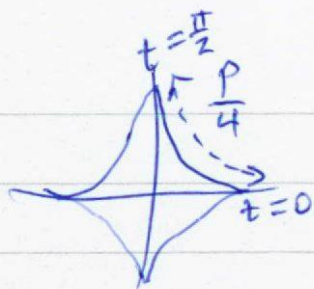
$$\begin{aligned} &= \lim_{k \rightarrow 2^-} \left[(x-2)^{1/3} \cdot 3 \right]_1^k \\ &= \lim_{k \rightarrow 2^-} \left[3(k-2)^{1/3} - 3(-1)^{1/3} \right] \\ &= \left[3(0) - 3(-1) \right] = 3. \end{aligned}$$

$$I_2 = \lim_{k \rightarrow 2^+} \int_k^4 \frac{dx}{(x-2)^{2/3}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \lim_{k \rightarrow 2^+} \left[3(x-2)^{1/3} \right]_k^4 \\ &= \lim_{k \rightarrow 2^+} \left[3(4-2)^{1/3} - 3(k-2)^{1/3} \right] \\ &= \left[3\sqrt[3]{2} - 3(0) \right] = 3\sqrt[3]{2} \end{aligned}$$

Hence $I = I_1 + I_2 = 3 + 3\sqrt[3]{2}$.

4(c)



$$x = \cos^3 t \Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dt} = 3\cos^2 t (-\sin t)$$

$$y = \sin^3 t \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dt} = 3\sin^2 t (\cos t)$$

$$\text{Hence } \frac{P}{4} = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sqrt{(3\cos^2 t (-\sin t))^2 + (3\sin^2 t \cos t)^2} dt$$

$$\Rightarrow P = 4 \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sqrt{9\cos^4 t \sin^2 t + 9\sin^4 t \cos^2 t} dt$$

$$= 4 \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sqrt{9\cos^2 t \sin^2 t (\cos^2 t + \sin^2 t)} dt$$

$$= 4 \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} |3\cos t \sin t| dt$$

$$= 4 \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} 3\cos t \sin t dt \quad (\text{as } \cos t, \sin t > 0 \text{ over } 0 \leq t \leq \frac{\pi}{2})$$

$$= 4 \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} 12\cos t \sin t dt$$

$$= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} 6 \sin 2t dt$$

$$= \left[-3 \cos 2t \right]_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}}$$

$$= \left[-3 \cos \frac{2\pi}{2} \right] - \left[-3 \cos 0 \right]$$

$$= -3(-1) + 3$$

$$= 3 + 3$$

$$= 6 \text{ units.}$$

$$4(d) [f(x)]^2 = \int_0^x (f(t)^2 + f'(t)^2) dt + 2023$$

Differentiate both sides w.r.t. x :

$$2[f(x)]f'(x) = \cancel{f(x)^2 + f'(x)^2} + 0$$

$$f(x)^2 - 2f(x)f'(x) + f'(x)^2 = 0$$

$$(f(x) - f'(x))^2 = 0$$

$$f(x) = f'(x)$$

$$\int 1 dx = \int \frac{f'(x)}{f(x)} dx$$

$$x + c = \ln |f(x)|$$

$$|f(x)| = e^{x+c} = Ae^x$$

~~For some reason~~ $f(x) = Ae^x$ ~~is given~~

$$\text{Then } \left(\int_0^x A^2 e^{2t} + A^2 e^{2t} dt \right) + 2023 = A^2 e^{2x}$$

$$\int_0^x 2A^2 e^{2t} dt + 2023 = A^2 e^{2x}$$

$$[A^2 e^{2t}]_0^x + 2023 = A^2 e^{2x}$$

$$A^2 e^{2x} - A^2 e^0 + 2023 = A^2 e^{2x}$$

$$A^2 = 2023$$

$$A = \pm \sqrt{2023} = \pm \sqrt{17^2 \times 7} = \pm 17\sqrt{7}$$

Note: the ^{potential} "ln|x|+c" error does not arise due to $x \geq 0$ given as the domain in the question.

However, ^{if} ~~$f(x)$~~ $f(x) = \sqrt{\dots}$,

then $f(x) \geq 0$, so we must reject $A = -17\sqrt{7}$.

This leaves $f(x) = 17\sqrt{7}e^x$ • ☺