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Show your work, or give reasoning, to receive full credit.

1. Consider the parametric curve

$$\vec{r}(t) = \langle \ln(t), t^2 \sin(\pi t), 5t - 3 \rangle$$

- (a) (1 point) Compute $\vec{r}'(t)$.

Solution: $\vec{r}'(t) = \left\langle \frac{1}{t}, 2t \sin(\pi t) + \pi t^2 \cos(\pi t), 5 \right\rangle$

- (b) (1 point) Evaluate $\vec{r}'(1)$.

Solution: $\vec{r}'(1) = \langle 1, -\pi, 5 \rangle$

- (c) (2 points) Write an equation for the tangent line to the curve at the point where $t = 1$.

Solution: First note that $\vec{r}(1) = \langle 0, 0, 2 \rangle$. The direction is the vector from the previous part. So the tangent line equation is

$$\vec{\ell}(t) = \langle 0, 0, 2 \rangle + t \langle 1, -\pi, 5 \rangle$$

2. (1 point) For the curve

$$\vec{r}(t) = \langle 2 \cos(t), 2 \sin(t), 3t \rangle,$$

what is $\vec{T}(\pi)$, the unit tangent vector at $t = \pi$?

Solution: The tangent vector is the derivative

$$\vec{r}'(t) = \langle -2 \sin(t), 2 \cos(t), 3 \rangle$$

At $t = \pi$, this is

$$\vec{r}'(\pi) = \langle 0, -2, 3 \rangle$$

The length of this vector is $\sqrt{4+9} = \sqrt{13}$, so the unit tangent vector is

$$\vec{T}(\pi) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{13}} \langle 0, -2, 3 \rangle$$

3. (1 point) Assume that at time $t = 0$, a moving object is at position $\langle 0, 0, 1 \rangle$, and that its velocity is given by

$$\vec{v}(t) = \left\langle \frac{1}{1+t^2}, 2t, e^{3t} \right\rangle$$

What is the position of the object at time $t = 1$?

Solution: The position is given by

$$\vec{r}(t) = \int \vec{v}(t) dt = \left\langle \tan^{-1}(t), t^2, \frac{1}{3}e^{3t} \right\rangle + \langle c_1, c_2, c_3 \rangle$$

Since $\vec{r}(0) = \langle 0, 0, 1 \rangle$, we have

$$\langle 0, 0, 1 \rangle = \left\langle 0, 0, \frac{1}{3} \right\rangle + \langle c_1, c_2, c_3 \rangle$$

So we get the position function is

$$\vec{r}(t) = \left\langle \tan^{-1}(t), t^2, \frac{e^{3t} + 2}{3} \right\rangle$$

So at time $t = 1$, the position is

$$\vec{r}(1) = \left\langle \frac{\pi}{4}, 1, \frac{e^3 + 2}{3} \right\rangle$$

4. (Bonus 1 pt) A projectile is fired from position $\langle 0, 0 \rangle$ with initial speed 64 feet per second, at an angle θ above the horizontal. If the projectile lands at position $\langle 128, 0 \rangle$, then what is θ ?

(Use 32 feet per second per second for the acceleration of gravity)

Solution: From class, we know that the position function is given by:

$$\vec{r}(t) = \langle 64 \cos(\theta) t, 64 \sin(\theta) t - 16t^2 \rangle$$

How long does it take for the projectile to land? Solve for when the y -coordinate is zero:

$$0 = 64 \sin(\theta) t - 16t^2 = 16t (4 \sin(\theta) - t)$$

The only non-zero solution is $t = 4 \sin(\theta)$. At this time, the x -coordinate should be 128. Use this to finally solve for θ :

$$128 = 64 \cos(\theta) \cdot 4 \sin(\theta)$$

$$\frac{1}{2} = \sin(\theta) \cos(\theta)$$

$$1 = \sin(2\theta)$$

$$(\sin(2\theta) = 2 \sin(\theta) \cos(\theta))$$

$$\frac{\pi}{2} = 2\theta$$

$$\frac{\pi}{4} = \theta$$