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### Worksheet 7.1—Intro to Parametric & Vector Calculus

Show all work. No calculator unless explicitly stated.

#### Short Answer

1. If  $x = t^2 - 1$  and  $y = e^{t^3}$ , find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{y'(t)}{x'(t)} \\ &= \frac{3t^2 e^{t^3}}{2t}\end{aligned}$$

2. If a particle moves in the  $xy$ -plane so that at any time  $t > 0$ , its position vector is  $\langle \ln(t^2 + 5t), 3t^2 \rangle$ , find its velocity vector at time  $t = 2$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{v} = \vec{s}' &= \left\langle \frac{2t+5}{t^2+5t}, 6t \right\rangle \\ \vec{v}(2) &= \left\langle \frac{4+5}{4+10}, 12 \right\rangle \\ &= \left\langle \frac{9}{14}, 12 \right\rangle\end{aligned}$$

3. A particle moves in the  $xy$ -plane so that at any time  $t$ , its coordinates are given by  $x = t^5 - 1$ ,  $y = 3t^4 - 2t^3$ . Find its acceleration vector at  $t = 1$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{s}(t) &= \langle t^5 - 1, 3t^4 - 2t^3 \rangle \\ \vec{s}'(t) = \vec{v}(t) &= \langle 5t^4, 12t^3 - 6t^2 \rangle \\ \vec{s}''(t) = \vec{v}'(t) = \vec{a}(t) &= \langle 20t^3, 36t^2 - 12t \rangle \\ \vec{a}(1) &= \langle 20, 36 - 12 \rangle \\ &= \langle 20, 24 \rangle\end{aligned}$$

4. If a particle moves in the  $xy$ -plane so that at time  $t$ , its position vector is  $\left\langle \sin\left(3t - \frac{\pi}{2}\right), 3t^2 \right\rangle$ , find the velocity vector at time  $t = \frac{\pi}{2}$ .

$$\vec{s} = \left\langle \sin\left(3t - \frac{\pi}{2}\right), 3t^2 \right\rangle$$

$$\vec{s}' = \vec{v} = \left\langle 3\cos\left(3t - \frac{\pi}{2}\right), 6t \right\rangle$$

$$\vec{v}\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \left\langle 3\cos(\pi), 3\pi \right\rangle$$

$$= \langle -3, 3\pi \rangle$$

5. A particle moves on the curve  $y = \ln x$  so that its  $x$ -component has velocity  $x'(t) = t + 1$  for  $t \geq 0$ . At time  $t = 0$ , the particle is at the point  $(1, 0)$ . Find the position of the particle at time  $t = 1$ .

$$\begin{aligned} x(1) &= x(0) + \int_0^1 x'(t) dt \\ &= 1 + \int_0^1 (t+1) dt \\ &= 1 + \left[ \frac{1}{2}t^2 + t \right]_0^1 \\ &= 1 + \left[ \left(\frac{1}{2} + 1\right) - (0) \right] \\ x(1) &= \frac{5}{2} \end{aligned}$$

So, when  $x = \frac{5}{2}$ ,  
 $y\left(\frac{5}{2}\right) = \ln \frac{5}{2}$ ,  
 so, at  $t = 1$ , the particle is at  $(x, y) = \left(\frac{5}{2}, \ln \frac{5}{2}\right)$ .

6. A particle moves in the  $xy$ -plane in such a way that its velocity vector is  $\langle 1+t, t^3 \rangle$ . If the position vector at  $t = 0$  is  $\langle 5, 0 \rangle$ , find the position of the particle at  $t = 2$ .

$$\begin{aligned} x'(t) &= 1+t \\ x(2) &= x(0) + \int_0^2 x'(t) dt \\ &= 5 + \int_0^2 (1+t) dt \\ &= 5 + \left[ t + \frac{1}{2}t^2 \right]_0^2 \\ &= 5 + \left[ (2+2) - (0) \right] \\ &= 5 + 4 \\ &= 9 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} y'(t) &= t^3 \\ y(2) &= y(0) + \int_0^2 y'(t) dt \\ &= 0 + \int_0^2 (t^3) dt \\ &= \frac{1}{4}t^4 \Big|_0^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{4}[16 - 0] \\ &= 4 \end{aligned}$$

So, at  $t = 2$ , the particle is at  $(x, y) = (9, 4)$

7. A particle moves along the curve  $xy = 10$ . If  $x = 2$  and  $\frac{dy}{dt} = 3$ , what is the value of  $\frac{dx}{dt}$ ?

$$y = \frac{10}{x}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-10}{x^2} = \frac{dy/dt}{dx/dt}$$

when  $x=2$ :  $\frac{-10}{(2^2)} = \frac{3}{dx/dt}$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{4}{-10}$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \left(-\frac{2}{5}\right)(3)$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = -\frac{6}{5}$$

8. The position of a particle moving in the  $xy$ -plane is given by the parametric equations

$$x = t^3 - \frac{3}{2}t^2 - 18t + 5 \text{ and } y = t^3 - 6t^2 + 9t + 4. \text{ For what value(s) of } t \text{ is the particle at rest?}$$

$$x'(t) = 3t^2 - 3t - 18 = 0 \quad y'(t) = 3t^2 - 12t + 9 = 0 \quad \text{BOTH } x'(t) \text{ \& } y'(t) = 0$$

$$3(t^2 - t - 6) = 0 \quad 3(t^2 - 4t + 3) = 0$$

$$3(t-3)(t+2) = 0 \quad 3(t-3)(t-1) = 0$$

$$t=3, t=-2 \quad t=3, t=1$$

So, particle is at rest  
for  $t=3$ .

9. A curve  $C$  is defined by the parametric equations  $x = t^3$  and  $y = t^2 - 5t + 2$ . Write an equation of the line tangent to the graph of  $C$  at the point  $(8, -4)$ .

Find  $t$ : when  $x=8$

$$t^3 = 8$$

$$t = 2$$

$$\text{So } \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y'(t)}{x'(t)} = \frac{2t-5}{3t^2}$$

$$\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{t=2} = \frac{-1}{12}$$

$$\text{So, } \mathcal{L} = -4 - \frac{1}{12}(x-8)$$

10. (Calculator Permitted) A particle moves in the  $xy$ -plane so that the position of the particle is given by  $x(t) = 5t + 3\sin t$  and  $y(t) = (8-t)(1-\cos t)$ . Find the velocity vector at the time when the particle's horizontal position is  $x = 25$ .

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= 25 \\ 5t + 3\sin t &= 25 \\ 5t + 3\sin t - 25 &= 0 \\ t &= 5.445\dots = A \text{ (store as } A) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So, } \vec{v}(A) &= \langle x'(A), y'(A) \rangle \\ &= \langle 7.008, -2.228 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

\* Remember, numeric derivatives are **MATH** **#B** on calculator.

**Free Response:** (still)

11. The position of a particle at any time  $t \geq 0$  is given by  $x(t) = t^2 - 3$  and  $y(t) = \frac{2}{3}t^3$ .

(a) Find the magnitude of the velocity vector at time  $t = 5$ .

$$\begin{aligned} x'(t) &= 2t, \quad y'(t) = 2t^2 \\ \vec{v} &= \langle 2t, 2t^2 \rangle \\ \vec{v}(5) &= \langle 10, 50 \rangle \\ \|\vec{v}(5)\| &= \sqrt{10^2 + 50^2} \\ &= \sqrt{2600} \\ &= 10\sqrt{26} \end{aligned}$$

(b) Find the total distance traveled by the particle from  $t = 0$  to  $t = 5$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{arc length} \\ \mathcal{L} = \text{Dist} &= \int_0^5 \sqrt{(2t)^2 + (2t^2)^2} dt \\ &= \int_0^5 \sqrt{4t^2 + 4t^4} dt \\ &= \int_0^5 \sqrt{4t^2(1+t^2)} dt \\ &= 2 \int_0^5 t(1+t^2)^{1/2} dt \\ &= 2 \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) \left( \frac{2}{3} \right) (1+t^2)^{3/2} \Big|_0^5 \\ &= \frac{2}{3} [26^{3/2} - 1^{3/2}] \end{aligned}$$

(c) Find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  as a function of  $x$ .  
(not  $t$ !)

Eliminate the parameter  $t$ .

$$\begin{aligned} x &= t^2 - 3, \quad y = \frac{2}{3}t^3 \\ x+3 &= t^2 \quad \text{so } y = \frac{2}{3} \left[ (x+3)^{1/2} \right]^3 \\ \boxed{t \geq 0}: t &= +\sqrt{x+3} \\ y &= \frac{2}{3} (x+3)^{3/2} \\ \frac{dy}{dx} &= (x+3)^{1/2} \\ &= \sqrt{x+3} \end{aligned}$$

12. Point  $P(x, y)$  moves in the  $xy$ -plane in such a way that  $\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{1}{t+1}$  and  $\frac{dy}{dt} = 2t$  for  $t \geq 0$ .

(a) Find the coordinates of  $P$  in terms of  $t$  when  $t=1$ ,  $x = \ln 2$ , and  $y = 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 x(t) &= \int \frac{1}{t+1} dt \\
 &= \ln|t+1| + C \\
 \text{when } t=1, x=\ln 2: \ln 2 &= \ln 2 + C \\
 C &= 0 \\
 \text{So, } x(t) &= \ln|t+1|
 \end{aligned}
 \quad \left. \begin{aligned}
 y(t) &= \int 2t dt \\
 &= t^2 + C \\
 \text{when } t=1: y=0 &= 1^2 + C \\
 C &= -1 \\
 \text{So, } y(t) &= t^2 - 1 \\
 \text{So } P(x, y) &= (\ln|t+1|, t^2 - 1)
 \end{aligned} \right\}$$

(b) Write an equation expressing  $y$  in terms of  $x$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 \boxed{t \geq 0} \quad & \text{eliminate the parameter} \\
 x &= \ln|t+1|, \quad y = t^2 - 1 \\
 e^x &= |t+1| \\
 e^x = t+1, t \geq 0 & \left. \begin{aligned}
 & \text{so } y = (\quad)^2 - 1 \\
 & y = (e^x - 1)^2 - 1
 \end{aligned} \right\} \\
 t &= e^x - 1
 \end{aligned}$$

(c) Find the average rate of change of  $y$  with respect to  $x$  as  $t$  varies from 0 to 4.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Avg} &= \frac{y(4) - y(0)}{4 - 0} \\
 \text{Rate} &= \frac{(4^2 - 1) - (0^2 - 1)}{\ln(4+1) - \ln(0+1)} \\
 &= \frac{16}{\ln 5}
 \end{aligned}$$

(d) Find the instantaneous rate of change of  $y$  with respect to  $x$  when  $t = 1$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{y'(t)}{x'(t)} \\
 &= \frac{2t}{\frac{1}{t+1}} \\
 &= 2t(t+1) \\
 \frac{dy}{dx} \Big|_{t=1} &= 2(2) \\
 &= 4
 \end{aligned}$$

13. Consider the curve  $C$  given by the parametric equations  $x = 2 - 3\cos t$  and  $y = 3 + 2\sin t$ , for

$$-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq t \leq \frac{\pi}{2}.$$

$$x'(t) = 3\sin t \quad y'(t) = 2\cos t$$

(a) Find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  as a function of  $t$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{y'(t)}{x'(t)} \\ &= \frac{2\cos t}{3\sin t} \\ &= \frac{2}{3} \cot t \end{aligned}$$

(b) Find an equation of the tangent line at the point where  $t = \frac{\pi}{4}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{pt: } (x(\frac{\pi}{4}), y(\frac{\pi}{4})) &= (2 - 3\cos\frac{\pi}{4}, 3 + 2\sin\frac{\pi}{4}) \\ &= (2 - \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{2}, 3 + \sqrt{2}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} m: \frac{dy}{dx} \Big|_{\frac{\pi}{4}} &= \frac{2}{3} \cot\frac{\pi}{4} \\ &= \frac{2}{3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So, } L(x) = (3 + \sqrt{2}) + \frac{2}{3} \left( x - (2 - \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{2}) \right)$$

(c) (Calculator Permitted) The curve  $C$  intersects the  $y$ -axis twice. Approximate the length of the curve between the two  $y$ -intercepts.

$$x(t) = 0$$

$$2 - 3\cos t = 0$$

$$t = -0.841\dots = A$$

$$t = 0.841\dots = B$$

$$\begin{aligned} L &= \int_A^B \sqrt{(3\sin t)^2 + (2\cos t)^2} dt \\ &= 3.756 \text{ or } 3.757 \end{aligned}$$

**Multiple Choice:**

C 14. A parametric curve is defined by  $x = \sin t$  and  $y = \csc t$  for  $0 < t < \frac{\pi}{2}$ . This curve is

- (A) increasing & concave up    (B) increasing & concave down    (C) decreasing & concave up  
 (D) decreasing & concave down    (E) decreasing with a point of inflection

$$x' = \cos t, \quad y' = -\csc t \cot t$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-\csc t \cot t}{\cos t} = -\frac{1}{\sin t} \cdot \frac{\cos t}{\sin t} \cdot \frac{1}{\cos t} = -(\sin t)^{-2} = \frac{-1}{\sin^2 t}$$

for  $t \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$ ,  $\frac{dy}{dx} < 0$   
 So curve is decreasing

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{\frac{d}{dt} \left[ \frac{dy}{dx} \right]}{\frac{dx}{dt}} = \frac{\frac{d}{dt} \left[ -(\sin t)^{-2} \right]}{\cos t} = \frac{2(\sin t)^{-3}(\cos t)}{\cos t} = \frac{2}{\sin^3 t}$$

for  $t \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$ ,  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} > 0$   
 So, curve is concave up.

C 15. The parametric curve defined by  $x = \ln t$ ,  $y = t$  for  $t > 0$  is identical to the graph of the function

- (A)  $y = \ln x$  for all real  $x$     (B)  $y = \ln x$  for  $x > 0$     (C)  $y = e^x$  for all real  $x$   
 (D)  $y = e^x$  for  $x > 0$     (E)  $y = \ln(e^x)$  for  $x > 0$

$$x = \ln t, \quad y = t, \quad t > 0$$

eliminate parameter

$$x = \ln y, \quad y > 0$$

So,  $e^x = e^{\ln y}, y > 0$   
 $y = e^x, y > 0 \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$

E 16. The position of a particle in the  $xy$ -plane is given by  $x = t^2 + 1$  and  $y = \ln(2t + 3)$  for all  $t \geq 0$ . The acceleration vector of the particle is

- (A)  $\left( 2t, \frac{2}{2t+3} \right)$     (B)  $\left( 2t, -\frac{4}{(2t+3)^2} \right)$     (C)  $\left( 2, \frac{4}{(2t+3)^2} \right)$   
 (D)  $\left( 2, \frac{2}{(2t+3)^2} \right)$     (E)  $\left( 2, -\frac{4}{(2t+3)^2} \right)$

$$\vec{s} = \langle t^2 + 1, \ln(2t + 3) \rangle$$

$$\vec{s}' = \vec{v} = \left\langle 2t, \frac{2}{2t+3} \right\rangle = \left\langle 2t, 2(2t+3)^{-1} \right\rangle$$

$$\vec{s}'' = \vec{v}' = \vec{a} = \left\langle 2, -2(2t+3)^{-2} \cdot (2) \right\rangle = \left\langle 2, -\frac{4}{(2t+3)^2} \right\rangle$$