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Instructions:

- For questions which require a written answer, show all your work. Full credit will be given only if the necessary work is shown, justifying your answer.
- Simplify your answers.
- Calculators are not allowed. Textbooks are not allowed. Notes are not allowed.
- Should you need more space than is allotted to answer a question, use the back of the page the problem is on and indicate this fact.
- Talking about the exam with other students before the graded exam is returned to you is a violation of the Honor Code.

Part I: Multiple Choice *Mark the correct answer on the bubble sheet provided.*

1. (5 points) If  $\mathbf{r}(t) = \left\langle \frac{e^t - 1}{t}, \frac{t^2 - t}{t^2 + t}, t \log t \right\rangle$ , then  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \mathbf{r}(t) = \lim_{t \downarrow 0} \mathbf{r}(t)$  is

a)  $\langle 1, -1, 1 \rangle$

b)  $\langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle$

c)  $\langle 1, -1, -1 \rangle$

d)  $\langle 1, -1, 0 \rangle$

e)  $\langle 1, 1, -1 \rangle$

f) does not exist (including infinite)

**Solution:** We have the “forms”

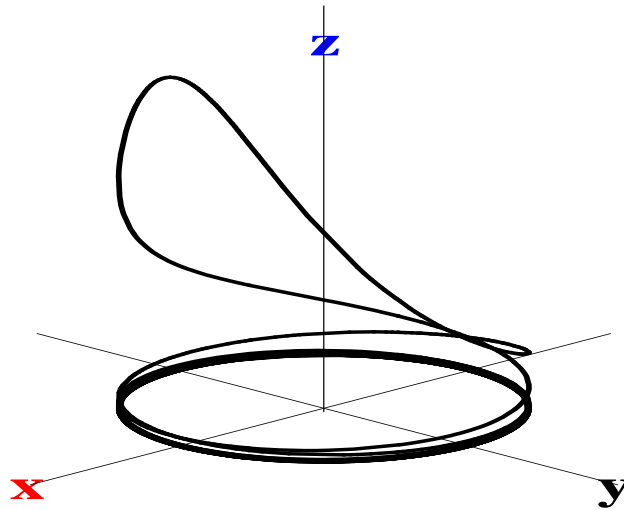
$$\lim_{t \downarrow 0} \frac{e^t - 1}{t} = \frac{0}{0}, \quad \lim_{t \downarrow 0} \frac{t^2 - t}{t^2 + t} = \frac{0}{0}, \quad \lim_{t \downarrow 0} t \log t = \lim_{t \downarrow 0} \frac{\log t}{t^{-1}} = \frac{-\infty}{+\infty}, \quad (1)$$

whence by L'Hôpital's rule (and simpler ideas)

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{t \downarrow 0} \mathbf{r}(t) &= \lim_{t \downarrow 0} \left\langle \frac{e^t - 1}{t}, \frac{t^2 - t}{t^2 + t}, \frac{\log t}{t^{-1}} \right\rangle = \left\langle \lim_{t \downarrow 0} \frac{e^t - 1}{t}, \lim_{t \downarrow 0} \frac{t^2 - t}{t^2 + t}, \lim_{t \downarrow 0} \frac{\log t}{t^{-1}} \right\rangle \\ &= \left\langle \lim_{t \downarrow 0} \frac{\frac{d}{dt}(e^t - 1)}{\frac{d}{dt}t}, \lim_{t \downarrow 0} \frac{\frac{d}{dt}(t^2 - t)}{\frac{d}{dt}(t^2 + t)}, \lim_{t \downarrow 0} \frac{\frac{d}{dt} \log t}{\frac{d}{dt} t^{-1}} \right\rangle \\ &= \left\langle \lim_{t \downarrow 0} \frac{e^t}{1}, \lim_{t \downarrow 0} \frac{2t - 1}{2t + 1}, \lim_{t \downarrow 0} \frac{t^{-1}}{-t^{-2}} \right\rangle = \left\langle e^0, \frac{2 \cdot 0 - 1}{2 \cdot 0 + 1}, \lim_{t \downarrow 0} -t \right\rangle \\ &= \left\langle 1, \frac{-1}{1}, -0 \right\rangle = \langle 1, -1, 0 \rangle. \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

So the answer is d).

2. (5 points) Consider the following graph of a space curve:



Which of the following vector-valued functions give rise to this graph?

- a)  $\langle \cos(t), \sin(t), t(1+t^2)^{-1} \rangle$     b)  $\langle \cos t, \sin t, \cos 2t \rangle$     c)  $\langle \cos(t), \sin(t), (1+t^2)^{-1} \rangle$   
d)  $\langle \cos t, \sin t, \tanh t \rangle$     e)  $\langle \cos t, \sin t, \cos^2 t \rangle$     f)  $\langle \cos t, \sin t, \cos 2t \rangle$

**Solution:** The correct answer is c):

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \left\langle \cos(t), \sin(t), \frac{1}{1+t^2} \right\rangle; \quad (3)$$

it sports all the right symmetries and asymptotic values. For examples,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{r}(t) &= \left\langle \cos(t), \sin(t), \frac{1}{1+t^2} \right\rangle =: \langle X(t), Y(t), Z(t) \rangle \\ &\Rightarrow \\ X(-t) &= X(t), \quad Y(-t) = -Y(t), \quad Z(-t) = Z(t), \\ \lim_{t \rightarrow \pm\infty} \langle X(t), Y(t), Z(t) \rangle &= \langle \text{d.n.e.}, \text{d.n.e.}, 0 \rangle, \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

where, further, the “d.n.e.components” actually correspond to periodic motion, as in the graph above.

3. (5 points) The parametric equations for the tangent line of the space curve

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \left\langle e^t, 2 + \sin(t), 3 + \log(t+1) \right\rangle \quad (5)$$

at the point  $\langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle$  can be written as

a)  $x = 1 + e^t, y = 2 + \cos(t), z = 3 + \frac{1}{t+1}$ , b)  $x = e^t, y = \cos(t), z = \frac{1}{t+1}$ , c)  $x = t, y = t, z = t$ ,

d)  $x = 1 - t, y = 2 - t, z = 3 + t$ , e)  $x = 1 - t, y = 2 - t, z = 3 - t$ , f) none of the above

**Solution:** The correct answer is e): the tangent line is always of the form

$$\mathbf{R}(t) = \mathbf{r}(t_0) + t\mathbf{r}'(t_0), \quad t \in \mathbb{R}. \quad (6)$$

Since

$$\mathbf{r}(t_0) := \left\langle e^{t_0}, 2 + \sin(t_0), 3 + \log(t_0 + 1) \right\rangle = \langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle \Leftrightarrow t_0 = 0, \quad (7)$$

we find that in (6) we must choose  $t_0 = 0$ , whence, since

$$\mathbf{r}'(t) = \left\langle e^t, \cos(t), \frac{1}{t+1} \right\rangle \quad (8)$$

the tangent line is given by

$$\mathbf{R}(t) = \mathbf{r}(0) + t\mathbf{r}'(0), \quad t \in \mathbb{R} \quad (9)$$

where

$$\mathbf{r}'(0) = \left\langle e^0, \cos(0), \frac{1}{0+1} \right\rangle = \langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle, \quad (10)$$

and, so,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{R}(t) &= \mathbf{r}(0) + t\mathbf{r}'(0) = \langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle + t\langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle = \langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle + \langle t, t, t \rangle \\ &= \langle 1+t, 2+t, 3+t \rangle, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}, \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

Replacing  $t$  with  $-t$  (which maps  $\mathbb{R}$  to itself) we get the results in e).

4. (5 points) Let  $b > a$ . The arc length function  $s(t)$  for a space curve  $\mathbf{r}(t) : t \in [a, b]$  is

a)  $s(t) = \int_a^t du \|\mathbf{r}(u)\|, \quad t \in [a, b],$

b)  $s(t) = \int_a^t du \sqrt{\mathbf{r}'(u) \cdot \mathbf{r}'(u)}, \quad t \in [a, b],$

c)  $s(t) = \int_a^t du \mathbf{r}'(u), \quad t \in [a, b],$

d)  $s(t) = \int_a^t du \mathbf{r}(u), \quad t \in [a, b],$

e)  $s(t) = \int_a^t du \|\mathbf{r}'(u)\|^2,$

f) f) none of the above.

**Solution:** By definitions we certainly have

$$s(t) := \lim_{\|\Delta\| \downarrow 0} \sum_i \|\Delta \mathbf{r}_i\| =: \int_a^t \|\mathbf{r}'(u)\| du, \quad t \in [a, b], \quad (12)$$

whence with the chain rule, etc., we certainly get

$$\begin{aligned} s(t) &= \int_a^t \left\| du \frac{d\mathbf{r}}{du}(u) \right\| = \int_a^t du \left\| \frac{d\mathbf{r}}{du}(u) \right\| = \int_a^t du \|\mathbf{r}'(u)\| \\ &= \int_a^t du \sqrt{\mathbf{r}'(u) \cdot \mathbf{r}'(u)}, \quad t \in [a, b], \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

and, so, the only correct answer is b).

5. (5 points) Given that the arc length function  $s(t)$  of a space curve  $\mathbf{r}(t) : t \in [a, b]$  satisfies

$$\frac{ds(t)}{dt} = \|\mathbf{r}'(t)\|, \quad (14)$$

and the unit tangent vector (function) is given by

$$\mathbf{T}(t) := \frac{\mathbf{r}'(t)}{\|\mathbf{r}'(t)\|}, \quad (15)$$

and that one straightforward representation of the curvature (function) is given by

$$\kappa(t(s)) = \left\| \frac{d\mathbf{T}(t(s))}{ds} \right\|, \quad (16)$$

another representation of curvature not referencing the arc length function is

$$\begin{array}{lll} \text{a) } \frac{\|\mathbf{T}'(t)\|}{\|\mathbf{r}'(t)\|} & \text{b) } \frac{\|\mathbf{T}(t)\|}{\|\mathbf{r}(t)\|} & \text{c) } \frac{\|\mathbf{T}'(t)\|}{\|\mathbf{r}(t)\|} \\ \text{d) } \frac{\|\mathbf{T}(t)\|}{\|\mathbf{r}'(t)\|} & \text{e) } \|\mathbf{T}'(t)\| & \text{f) } \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{T}'(t)\|}. \end{array}$$

**Solution:** The solution is a): by the Chain Rule

$$\kappa(t) = \left\| \frac{d\mathbf{T}(t)}{ds} \right\| = \left\| \frac{d\mathbf{T}(t)}{dt} / \frac{ds}{dt} \right\| = \|\mathbf{T}'(t) / \mathbf{r}'(t)\| = \frac{\|\mathbf{T}'(t)\|}{\|\mathbf{r}'(t)\|}. \quad (17)$$

Part II: In the following problems, show all work, and simplify your results.

6. (25 points) Find the arc length function  $s(t)$  for the space curve

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle e^{2t} \sin(t), e^{2t} \cos(t), 7 \rangle \quad t \in [0, 2\pi] \quad (18)$$

such that  $s(0) = 0$ . Then reparameterize the curve according to arc length  $s$ . To check your results (and which is worth some points), confirm that for your specific answer  $\tilde{\mathbf{r}}(s) := \mathbf{r}(t(s))$  you do in fact get the necessary result that

$$\left\| \frac{d}{ds} \tilde{\mathbf{r}}(s) \right\| = \|\tilde{\mathbf{r}}'(s)\| \equiv 1, \quad (19)$$

the “ $\equiv$ ” in (19) indicating “independent of  $s$ ”. In lieu of that specific computation, you can show that (19) holds generally, which is actually much easier.

**Solution:** We have

$$\mathbf{r}'(u) = \langle e^{2u} (2 \sin(u) + \cos(u)), e^{2u} (2 \cos(u) - \sin(u)), 0 \rangle \quad (20)$$

thus by (12) we have

$$s(t) = \int_a^t du \sqrt{\mathbf{r}'(u) \cdot \mathbf{r}'(u)} = \int_0^t du \sqrt{\mathbf{r}'(u) \cdot \mathbf{r}'(u)} \quad (21)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{r}'(u) \cdot \mathbf{r}'(u) &= e^{4u} (2 \sin(u) + \cos(u))^2 + e^{4u} (2 \cos(u) - \sin(u))^2 \\ &= e^{4u} \left( (4 \sin^2(u) + 4 \sin(u) \cos(u) + \cos^2(u)) + (4 \cos^2(u) - 4 \cos(u) \sin(u) + \sin^2(u)) \right) \\ &= e^{4u} (5 \sin^2(u) + 5 \cos^2(u)) = 5e^{4u} \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

whence

$$s(t) = \int_0^t du \sqrt{\mathbf{r}'(u) \cdot \mathbf{r}'(u)} = \int_0^t du \sqrt{5e^{4u}} = \sqrt{5} \int_0^t du e^{2u} = \sqrt{5} \left[ \frac{e^{2u}}{2} \right]_0^t = \sqrt{5} \frac{e^{2t} - 1}{2}, \quad (23)$$

and we find that

$$t(s) = \frac{1}{2} \log \left( \frac{2s}{\sqrt{5}} + 1 \right). \quad (24)$$

Thus we can write the curve as

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\mathbf{r}}(s) &:= \mathbf{r}(t(s)) = \left\langle e^{\frac{2}{2} \log \left( \frac{2s}{\sqrt{5}} + 1 \right)} \sin \left( \frac{1}{2} \log \left( \frac{2s}{\sqrt{5}} + 1 \right) \right), e^{\frac{2}{2} \log \left( \frac{2s}{\sqrt{5}} + 1 \right)} \cos \left( \frac{1}{2} \log \left( \frac{2s}{\sqrt{5}} + 1 \right) \right), 7 \right\rangle \\ &= \left\langle \left( \frac{2s}{\sqrt{5}} + 1 \right) \sin \left( \frac{1}{2} \log \left( \frac{2s}{\sqrt{5}} + 1 \right) \right), \left( \frac{2s}{\sqrt{5}} + 1 \right) \cos \left( \frac{1}{2} \log \left( \frac{2s}{\sqrt{5}} + 1 \right) \right), 7 \right\rangle. \end{aligned} \quad (25)$$

From (25) we find

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\mathbf{r}}'(s) &= \left\langle \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \sin \left( \frac{1}{2} \log \left( \frac{2s}{\sqrt{5}} + 1 \right) \right) + \left( \frac{2s}{\sqrt{5}} + 1 \right) \cos \left( \frac{1}{2} \log \left( \frac{2s}{\sqrt{5}} + 1 \right) \right) \frac{1}{2} \frac{\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}}{\frac{2s}{\sqrt{5}} + 1}, \right. \\ &\quad \left. \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \cos \left( \frac{1}{2} \log \left( \frac{2s}{\sqrt{5}} + 1 \right) \right) - \left( \frac{2s}{\sqrt{5}} + 1 \right) \sin \left( \frac{1}{2} \log \left( \frac{2s}{\sqrt{5}} + 1 \right) \right) \frac{1}{2} \frac{\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}}{\frac{2s}{\sqrt{5}} + 1}, 0 \right\rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left\langle 2 \sin \left( \frac{1}{2} \log \left( \frac{2s}{\sqrt{5}} + 1 \right) \right) + \cos \left( \frac{1}{2} \log \left( \frac{2s}{\sqrt{5}} + 1 \right) \right), 2 \cos \left( \frac{1}{2} \log \left( \frac{2s}{\sqrt{5}} + 1 \right) \right) - \sin \left( \frac{1}{2} \log \left( \frac{2s}{\sqrt{5}} + 1 \right) \right), 0 \right\rangle \\ &=: \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \langle 2 \sin(\theta) + \cos(\theta), 2 \cos(\theta) - \sin(\theta), 0 \rangle \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

which gives

$$\begin{aligned} \|\tilde{\mathbf{r}}'(s)\| &= \left\| \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \langle 2 \sin(\theta) + \cos(\theta), 2 \cos(\theta) - \sin(\theta), 0 \rangle \right\| \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \sqrt{(2 \sin(\theta) + \cos(\theta))^2 + (2 \cos(\theta) - \sin(\theta))^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \sqrt{(4 \sin^2(\theta) + 4 \sin(\theta) \cos(\theta) + \cos^2(\theta)) + (4 \cos^2(\theta) - 4 \cos(\theta) \sin(\theta) + \sin^2(\theta))} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \sqrt{5 \sin^2(\theta) + 5 \cos^2(\theta)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \sqrt{5} = 1, \end{aligned} \quad (27)$$

as advertized. Generally we simply note that

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{\mathbf{r}}(s) &:= \mathbf{r}(t(s)) \Rightarrow \\ \tilde{\mathbf{r}}'(s) &= \frac{d}{ds} \mathbf{r}(t(s)) = \frac{d}{dt(s)} \mathbf{r}(t(s)) \frac{dt(s)}{ds} = \mathbf{r}'(t(s)) \frac{dt(s)}{ds},\end{aligned}\tag{28}$$

and then get that, writing the arc length function as  $S(t)$ , and using (14),

$$\begin{aligned}S(t(s)) &= s \Rightarrow \\ \|\mathbf{r}'(t(s))\| \frac{dt(s)}{ds} &= S'(t(s)) \frac{dt(s)}{ds} = \frac{d}{dt(s)} S(t(s)) \frac{dt(s)}{ds} = \frac{d}{ds} S(t(s)) = 1 \\ \Rightarrow \\ \frac{dt(s)}{ds} &= \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{r}'(t(s))\|},\end{aligned}\tag{29}$$

which in (28) gives

$$\tilde{\mathbf{r}}'(s) = \mathbf{r}'(t(s)) \frac{dt(s)}{ds} = \mathbf{r}'(t(s)) \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{r}'(t(s))\|} = \frac{\mathbf{r}'(t(s))}{\|\mathbf{r}'(t(s))\|} =: \mathbf{T}(t(s))\tag{30}$$

and which readily then gives (19).

7. (15 points) Find the curvature of the curve in the previous problem.

**Solution:** From (17), which is

$$\kappa(t) = \frac{\|\mathbf{T}'(t)\|}{\|\mathbf{r}'(t)\|} \quad (31)$$

we decide to compute in turn

$$\mathbf{r}'(t) = \langle e^{2t} (2 \sin(t) + \cos(t)), e^{2t} (2 \cos(t) - \sin(t)), 0 \rangle \quad (32)$$

then, as above,

$$\|\mathbf{r}'(t)\| = \sqrt{5}e^{2t} \quad (33)$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{T}(t) &:= \frac{\mathbf{r}'(t)}{\|\mathbf{r}'(t)\|} = \frac{\langle e^{2t} (2 \sin(t) + \cos(t)), e^{2t} (2 \cos(t) - \sin(t)), 0 \rangle}{\sqrt{5}e^{2t}} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \langle 2 \sin(t) + \cos(t), 2 \cos(t) - \sin(t), 0 \rangle \end{aligned} \quad (34)$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{T}'(t) &= \frac{d}{dt} \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \langle 2 \sin(t) + \cos(t), 2 \cos(t) - \sin(t), 0 \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \langle 2 \cos(t) - \sin(t), -2 \sin(t) - \cos(t), 0 \rangle \end{aligned} \quad (35)$$

then

$$\begin{aligned}
\|\mathbf{T}'(t)\| &= \left\| \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \langle 2\cos(t) - \sin(t), -2\sin(t) - \cos(t), 0 \rangle \right\| \\
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \sqrt{(2\cos(t) - \sin(t))^2 + (-2\sin(t) - \cos(t))^2} \\
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \sqrt{(2\cos(t) - \sin(t))^2 + (2\sin(t) + \cos(t))^2} \\
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \sqrt{(4\cos^2(t) - 4\cos(t)\sin(t) + \sin^2(t)) + (4\sin^2(t) + 4\sin(t)\cos(t) + \cos^2(t))} \\
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \sqrt{5\cos^2(t) + 5\sin^2(t)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \sqrt{5} = 1,
\end{aligned} \tag{36}$$

whence

$$\kappa(t) = \frac{\|\mathbf{T}'(t)\|}{\|\mathbf{r}'(t)\|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}e^{2t}} = \frac{e^{-2t}}{\sqrt{5}}. \tag{37}$$

8. (15 points) Find the tangential and normal components  $a_T(t)$  and  $a_N(t)$  of acceleration  $\mathbf{a}(t) = \mathbf{r}''(t)$  for the space curve

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle \sin(t), \cos(t), 7 \rangle. \quad (38)$$

How does your result make intuitive sense?

**Solution:** We can write

$$\mathbf{a}(t) = \mathbf{r}''(t) = a_T(t)\mathbf{T}(t) + a_N(t)\mathbf{N}(t) \quad (39)$$

where, since the indicated vectors are orthonormal,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{T}(t) \cdot \mathbf{r}''(t) &= \mathbf{T}(t) \cdot (a_T(t)\mathbf{T}(t) + a_N(t)\mathbf{N}(t)) \\ &= a_T(t)\mathbf{T}(t) \cdot \mathbf{T}(t) + a_N(t)\mathbf{T}(t) \cdot \mathbf{N}(t) \\ &= a_T(t)(1) + a_N(t)(0) = a_T(t), \\ \mathbf{N}(t) \cdot \mathbf{r}''(t) &= \mathbf{N}(t) \cdot (a_T(t)\mathbf{T}(t) + a_N(t)\mathbf{N}(t)) \\ &= a_T(t)\mathbf{N}(t) \cdot \mathbf{T}(t) + a_N(t)\mathbf{N}(t) \cdot \mathbf{N}(t) \\ &= a_T(t)(0) + a_N(t)(1) = a_N(t), \end{aligned} \quad (40)$$

i.e., given the various definitions,

$$a_T(t) = \mathbf{T}(t) \cdot \mathbf{r}''(t), \quad a_N(t) = \mathbf{N}(t) \cdot \mathbf{r}''(t) = \frac{\mathbf{T}'(t)}{\|\mathbf{T}'(t)\|} \cdot \mathbf{r}''(t). \quad (41)$$

So since we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{r}(t) &= \langle \sin(t), \cos(t), 7 \rangle \\ \mathbf{r}'(t) &= \langle \cos(t), -\sin(t), 0 \rangle, \\ \|\mathbf{r}'(t)\| &= \sqrt{(\cos(t))^2 + (-\sin(t))^2} = 1, \\ \mathbf{T}(t) &= \frac{\mathbf{r}'(t)}{\|\mathbf{r}'(t)\|} = \frac{\mathbf{r}'(t)}{1} = \mathbf{r}'(t) = \langle \cos(t), -\sin(t), 0 \rangle, \\ \mathbf{T}'(t) &= \langle -\sin(t), -\cos(t), 0 \rangle, \\ \|\mathbf{T}'(t)\| &= \sqrt{(-\sin(t))^2 + (-\cos(t))^2} = 1, \\ \mathbf{N}(t) &= \frac{\mathbf{T}'(t)}{\|\mathbf{T}'(t)\|} = \frac{\mathbf{T}'(t)}{1} = \mathbf{T}'(t) = \langle -\sin(t), -\cos(t), 0 \rangle = -\mathbf{r}(t) + \langle 0, 0, 7 \rangle, \\ \mathbf{r}''(t) &= \langle -\sin(t), -\cos(t), 0 \rangle = \mathbf{N}(t), \end{aligned} \quad (42)$$

we get

$$\begin{aligned}a_T(t) &= \mathbf{T}(t) \cdot \mathbf{r}''(t) = \langle \cos(t), -\sin(t), 0 \rangle \cdot \langle -\sin(t), -\cos(t), 0 \rangle = -\cos(t)\sin(t) + \sin(t)\cos(t) \\ &= 0, \\ a_N(t) &= \mathbf{N}(t) \cdot \mathbf{r}''(t) = \mathbf{N}(t) \cdot \mathbf{N}(t) = 1.\end{aligned}\tag{43}$$

This makes sense since this is just motion of constant speed round a circle; in such case we already know the acceleration is constant and directed inwards. (The normal direction  $\mathbf{N}(t)$  is clearly inwards:  $\mathbf{N}(t) = -\mathbf{r}(t) + \langle 0, 0, 7 \rangle$ .)

9. (20 points) Show that the definitions

$$\mathbf{T}(t) := \frac{\mathbf{r}'(t)}{\|\mathbf{r}'(t)\|}, \quad \mathbf{n}(t) := \mathbf{T}'(t) \quad (44)$$

(and differentiability) give

$$\mathbf{n}(t) = \frac{\mathbf{r}''(t)}{\|\mathbf{r}'(t)\|} - \frac{\mathbf{r}'(t) \cdot \mathbf{r}''(t)}{\|\mathbf{r}'(t)\|^3} \mathbf{r}'(t) \quad (45)$$

and then

$$\mathbf{T}(t) \cdot \mathbf{n}(t) = 0. \quad (46)$$

Assume of course that  $\|\mathbf{r}'(t)\| \neq 0$ , etc.

**Solution:** We note

$$\|\mathbf{r}'(t)\| := (\mathbf{r}'(t) \cdot \mathbf{r}'(t))^{1/2} \quad (47)$$

whence

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \|\mathbf{r}'(t)\| &= \frac{d}{dt} (\mathbf{r}'(t) \cdot \mathbf{r}'(t))^{1/2} = \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{r}'(t) \cdot \mathbf{r}'(t))^{-1/2} \left( \left( \frac{d}{dt} \mathbf{r}'(t) \right) \cdot \mathbf{r}'(t) + \mathbf{r}'(t) \cdot \frac{d}{dt} \mathbf{r}'(t) \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{r}'(t) \cdot \mathbf{r}'(t))^{-1/2} (\mathbf{r}''(t) \cdot \mathbf{r}'(t) + \mathbf{r}'(t) \cdot \mathbf{r}''(t)) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{r}'(t) \cdot \mathbf{r}'(t))^{-1/2} (2\mathbf{r}'(t) \cdot \mathbf{r}''(t)) = (\mathbf{r}'(t) \cdot \mathbf{r}'(t))^{-1/2} \mathbf{r}'(t) \cdot \mathbf{r}''(t) \\ &= \frac{\mathbf{r}'(t) \cdot \mathbf{r}''(t)}{(\mathbf{r}'(t) \cdot \mathbf{r}'(t))^{1/2}} = \frac{\mathbf{r}'(t) \cdot \mathbf{r}''(t)}{\|\mathbf{r}'(t)\|}. \end{aligned} \quad (48)$$

So

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{n}(t) &:= \mathbf{T}'(t) := \frac{d}{dt} \mathbf{T}(t) = \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\mathbf{r}'(t)}{\|\mathbf{r}'(t)\|} = \frac{\|\mathbf{r}'(t)\| \frac{d}{dt} \mathbf{r}'(t) - \mathbf{r}'(t) \frac{d}{dt} \|\mathbf{r}'(t)\|}{\|\mathbf{r}'(t)\|^2} \\
&= \frac{\|\mathbf{r}'(t)\| \mathbf{r}''(t) - \mathbf{r}'(t) \frac{\mathbf{r}'(t) \cdot \mathbf{r}''(t)}{\|\mathbf{r}'(t)\|}}{\|\mathbf{r}'(t)\|^2} = \frac{\|\mathbf{r}'(t)\|^2 \mathbf{r}''(t) - (\mathbf{r}'(t) \cdot \mathbf{r}''(t)) \mathbf{r}'(t)}{\|\mathbf{r}'(t)\|^3} \\
&= \frac{\mathbf{r}''(t)}{\|\mathbf{r}'(t)\|} - \frac{\mathbf{r}'(t) \cdot \mathbf{r}''(t)}{\|\mathbf{r}'(t)\|^3} \mathbf{r}'(t),
\end{aligned} \tag{49}$$

and, so,

$$\begin{aligned}
\|\mathbf{r}'(t)\|^4 \mathbf{T}(t) \cdot \mathbf{n}(t) &= \mathbf{r}'(t) \cdot \left( \|\mathbf{r}'(t)\|^2 \mathbf{r}''(t) - (\mathbf{r}'(t) \cdot \mathbf{r}''(t)) \mathbf{r}'(t) \right) \\
&= \|\mathbf{r}'(t)\|^2 \mathbf{r}'(t) \cdot \mathbf{r}''(t) - (\mathbf{r}'(t) \cdot \mathbf{r}''(t)) \mathbf{r}'(t) \cdot \mathbf{r}'(t) \\
&= \|\mathbf{r}'(t)\|^2 \mathbf{r}'(t) \cdot \mathbf{r}''(t) - (\mathbf{r}'(t) \cdot \mathbf{r}''(t)) \|\mathbf{r}'(t)\|^2 = 0,
\end{aligned} \tag{50}$$

giving (46) as advertized.