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Exam 1

# TMath 126

1. [6] TRUE/FALSE: Write True in each of the following cases if the statement is *always* true and provide a brief justification. Otherwise, write False and provide a counterexample or brief justification.

Typo →

False

- (a) (WebHW12.4#2) If  $\vec{v}$  and  $\vec{w}$  are vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  so that  $\vec{v} \times \vec{w} = 0$  (that is, the cross product of vectors  $v$  and  $w$ ), then  $\vec{v}$  is perpendicular to  $\vec{w}$ .

$\vec{v} \times \vec{w}$  is a vector, 0 is a number  
vector  $\neq$  number so the statement  $\vec{v} \times \vec{w} = 0$   
does not make sense.

Start (1.5)

dot prod/cross prod (+)  
sense (+)

- (b) (§13.2#26) If  $\vec{r}(t) = \langle t^2, \ln(et), t^3 - 3t \rangle$ , then the line tangent to  $\vec{r}(1)$  is:

$$\langle x, y, z \rangle = \langle 1, 1, -2 \rangle + \langle 2t, \frac{e}{t}, 3t^2 - 3 \rangle$$

Typo →

False

Recall a line is of the form

$$\langle x, y, z \rangle = \langle x_0, y_0, z_0 \rangle + t \langle v_1, v_2, v_3 \rangle$$

where  $\langle v_1, v_2, v_3 \rangle$  is a directional vector.

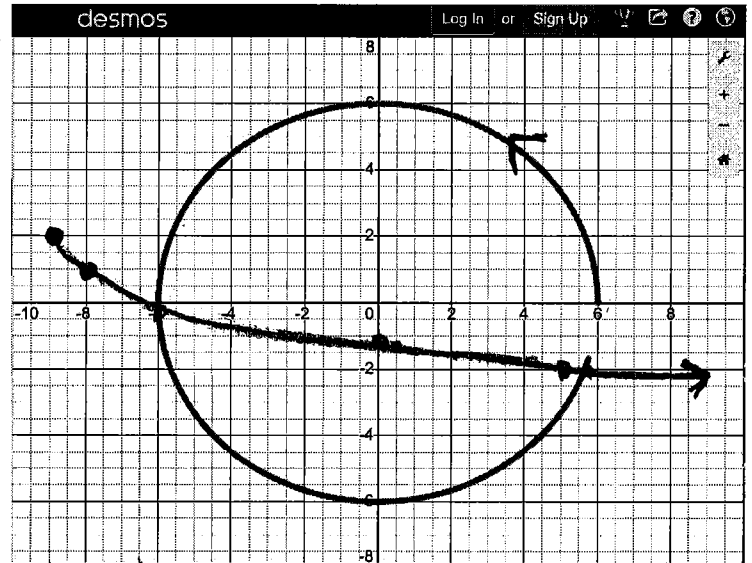
That is  $v_1, v_2$  and  $v_3$  should be numbers  
not functions of  $t$ ?

Start (1.5)

line def (+)  
sense (+)

3. A plane's position is traced by a parameterized curve:  $x_p(t) = t^2 - 9$  and  $y_p(t) = 2 - t$  (in meters). Similarly, parameterized curves for a helicopter's position is  $x_h(t) = 6 \cos(t)$  and  $y_h(t) = 6 \sin(t)$  (in meters). The helicopter's path is traced below for  $t = 0$  to 10.

- (a) [1] (WebHw13.1#1) As  $t$  increases, indicate the direction of the helicopter's path by adding an arrow to the path graphed.



- (b) [2] (ParametricActivity#1) Sketch the path of the plane from  $t = 0$  to  $t = 8$ .

- (c) [4] (WrittenHW10.2 #56) Set up the expression that will return the distance traveled by the helicopter between  $(6, 0)$  and  $(5.6568, -2)$ .

Make sure your answer can be completed with technology, you do not need to find the numeric answer!

$$\int_{\text{start point}}^{\text{end point}} \sqrt{(-6\sin(t))^2 + (6\cos(t))^2} dt$$

derivatives  $\frac{dx}{dt}$  and  $\frac{dy}{dt}$  (+1)  
integral for arc length & used right (+1)

need to find  $t$  values

(+1) start point  $\Rightarrow t = 0$

end point find  $t$  so

$$(5.6568, -2) = (6\cos t, 6\sin t)$$

$$5.6568 = 6\cos t$$

$$\Rightarrow t = \cancel{1.34} \text{ or } (5.943) \quad | \quad -2 = 6\sin t \quad | \quad t = \cancel{2.481} \text{ or } (5.943)$$

$$\text{So } \int_0^{5.943} \sqrt{36\sin^2(t) + 36\cos^2 t} dt = 35.658 \text{ meters (+1)}$$

(Desmos)

- (d) [3] (WordProblem #7) Find the coordinates of any points where the two paths intersect.

(+1) for technology to work I need rectangular coordinates

Plane:  $t = 2 - y$

$$\hookrightarrow x = (2 - y)^2 - 9$$

helicopter:  $x^2 + y^2 = 36$

$$x^2 + y^2 = 36$$

(Desmos)

(+1)

@  $(5.712, -1.836)$   
and  
 $(-5.994, 0.266)$

- (e) [2] (WordProblem #7) Does the plane ever collide with the helicopter? Provide justification for your answer.

(+1) We need to find  $t$  values that plane & helicopter hit 2 points

(+1) helicopter  $(5.712, -1.836) = (6\cos(t), 6\sin(t))$

plane  $(5.712, -1.836) = (t^2 - 9, 2 - t)$

Similarly for the 2nd point  
plane @  $t = 1.734$   
and heli @  $t = 3.017$

different points in time  $\Rightarrow$  So No (+1)