

P1] (a) First, we get the polar coordinates.

Getting θ as a function of t is the hard step, so we get it first.

By our given formula sheet,

$$\frac{d^2 \vec{r}}{dt^2} = (\ddot{r} - r\dot{\theta}^2) \hat{r} + (2\dot{r}\dot{\theta} + r\ddot{\theta}) \hat{\theta}$$

We are told that $|2\dot{r}\dot{\theta} + r\ddot{\theta}| = t^3$.

But $r(t) = 5$, so $\dot{r}(t) = 0 \Rightarrow$

$|5\ddot{\theta}| = t^3$. It would be nice to know that $\ddot{\theta} \geq 0$, but this is already clear because $\ddot{\theta}$ must have the same sign as the component of the acceleration in the tangential direction, which is ≥ 0 since $t > 0$.

$$\Rightarrow 5\ddot{\theta} = t^3 \Rightarrow 5\dot{\theta} = \frac{1}{4}t^4 + C_1$$

$$\text{But } \dot{\theta}(0) = 0 \Rightarrow \dot{\theta}(0) = 0 \Rightarrow C_1 = 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow 5\theta = \frac{1}{20}t^5 + C_2 \Rightarrow 0 = 0 + C_2$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \frac{t^5}{100}$$

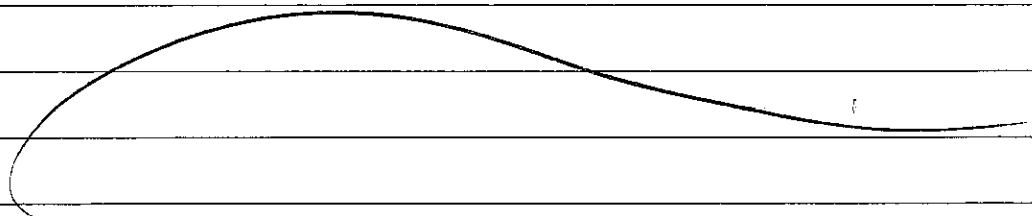
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(a) \Rightarrow polar coordinates are $(r, \theta)_p = \left(5, \frac{t^5}{100}\right)_p$

cartesian coordinates are $(x, y)_c = \left(5 \cos\left(\frac{t^5}{100}\right), 5 \sin\left(\frac{t^5}{100}\right)\right)_c$.

(b) acceleration in \hat{r} direction: $\ddot{r} - r\dot{\theta}^2 = 0 - 5 \cdot \left(\frac{t^4}{20}\right)^2$

$$= -\frac{1}{80} t^8$$

... so, yes. That's it.



P2] (a) We are given r , so we need to find θ .

We are told that $|\text{proj}_{\hat{\theta}} \vec{v}| = \omega$, a constant.

$$\vec{v} = \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \stackrel{\text{(by formula sheet)}}{=} \dot{r}\hat{r} + r\dot{\theta}\hat{\theta}$$

$$\text{Thus } \omega = r\dot{\theta} \Rightarrow \dot{\theta} = \frac{\omega}{r} = \frac{\omega}{1+t^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \int_0^t \frac{\omega}{1+t'^2} dt' = \omega \cdot \arctan(t') \Big|_{0=0}^{t=t} = \omega \cdot \arctan(t)$$

Therefore, $\vec{r}(t) = ((1+t^2)\cos(\omega \arctan(t)), ((1+t^2)\sin(\omega \arctan(t)))$.

$$(b) \theta = \omega \cdot \arctan(t) \Rightarrow t = \tan\left(\frac{\theta}{\omega}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow r(t) = 1+t^2 = 1 + \tan^2\left(\frac{\theta}{\omega}\right) = r(\theta)$$

(c) We want these to be a solution to the equation $\theta = 2\pi$.

$$\theta = \omega \cdot \arctan(t) < \omega \cdot \frac{\pi}{2}, \text{ with } \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \theta = \omega \cdot \frac{\pi}{2}$$

Thus, ω needs to be strictly larger than 4.