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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  $\frac{dy}{dx}$ .

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  $t = 2$ .

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  $t = 1$ .

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  $t = \frac{\pi}{2}$ .

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  $t = 1$ .

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  $t = 2$ .

7. A particle moves along the curve  $xy = 10$ . If  $x = 2$  and  $\frac{dy}{dt} = 3$ , what is the value of  $\frac{dx}{dt}$ ?
8. The position of a particle moving in the  $xy$ -plane is given by the parametric equations  $x = t^3 - \frac{3}{2}t^2 - 18t + 5$  and  $y = t^3 - 6t^2 + 9t + 4$ . For what value(s) of  $t$  is the particle at rest?
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  $(8, -4)$ .

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  $x = 25$ .

**Free Response:**

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  $t = 5$ .

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

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

12. Point  $P(x, y)$  moves in the  $xy$ -plane in such away 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  $y = 0$ .

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Multiple Choice:**

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
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  $x > 0$
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)  $\left(2, -\frac{4}{(2t+3)^2}\right)$