

1. [16 points] Carla and Bobby run a race after spinning in circles for a good amount of time to make themselves dizzy. They start at the origin in the  $xy$ -plane and they race to the line  $y = 5$ . Assume the units of  $x$  and  $y$  are meters.

Bobby's position in the  $xy$ -plane  $t$  seconds after the race starts is

$$\left(-\sqrt{3}t \cos t, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}t \sin t\right)$$

and Carla's position in the  $xy$ -plane  $t$  seconds after the race starts is

$$(t \sin t, -t \cos t).$$

- a. [4 points] Write an integral that gives the distance that Carla travels during the first two seconds of the race. Do not evaluate your integral.

*Solution:* We have

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dx}{dt} &= \sin(t) + t \cos(t), \\ \frac{dy}{dt} &= -\cos(t) + t \sin(t).\end{aligned}$$

The distance traveled by Carla in the first two seconds of the race is then given by

$$\int_0^2 \sqrt{(\sin(t) + t \cos(t))^2 + (t \sin(t) - \cos(t))^2} dt.$$

- b. [3 points] Find Carla's speed at  $t = \pi$ .

*Solution:* We have that Carla's speed is given by the function

$\sqrt{(\sin(t) + t \cos(t))^2 + (t \sin(t) - \cos(t))^2}$ , and so we need only plug in  $t = \pi$  which gives us the value below.

Carla's speed at  $t = \pi$  is  $\underline{\hspace{2cm} \sqrt{\pi^2 + 1} \text{ m/sec} \hspace{2cm}}$

- c. [4 points] Carla and Bobby are so dizzy that they run into each other at least once during the race. Find the first time  $t > 0$  that they run into each other, and give the point  $(x, y)$  where the collision occurs.

*Solution:* Setting the  $x$  and  $y$  coordinate functions equal gives us that collisions will occur when  $\tan(t) = -\sqrt{3}$ . The first time for  $t > 0$  when this occurs is  $2\pi/3$ . Plugging this  $t$  value into either the equations for Bobby's or Carla's position will give the  $(x, y)$  coordinates given below for where the collision occurs.

They first run into each other at  $t = \underline{\hspace{2cm} \frac{2\pi}{3} \hspace{2cm}}$

The collision occurs at  $(x, y) = \underline{\hspace{2cm} \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}\pi, \frac{\pi}{3}\right) \hspace{2cm}}$

- d. [5 points] Bobby's phone flies out of his pocket at  $t = \pi/2$ . It travels in a straight line in the same direction as he was moving at  $t = \pi/2$ . Find the equation of this line in Cartesian coordinates.

*Solution:* Plug in  $t = \frac{\pi}{2}$  to the parametric equations for Bobby's position to get that Bobby is at the point  $P = \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2\sqrt{3}}\right)$  at  $t = \frac{\pi}{2}$ . We can find the slope of the curve at that point

$$\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_P = \frac{\left. \frac{dy}{dt} \right|_{t=\pi/2}}{\left. \frac{dx}{dt} \right|_{t=\pi/2}} = \frac{\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \sin(\frac{\pi}{2}) + \frac{\pi}{2\sqrt{3}} \cos(\frac{\pi}{2})}{-\sqrt{3} \cos(\frac{\pi}{2}) + \frac{\sqrt{3}\pi}{2} \sin(\frac{\pi}{2})} = \frac{2}{3\pi}.$$

Since the line that gives the path of the phone is the same as the tangent line to the curve giving Bobby's motion at the point  $P$ , the equation of the line we want is that given below.

The equation for the line is  $y = \frac{2}{3\pi}x + \frac{\pi}{2\sqrt{3}}$