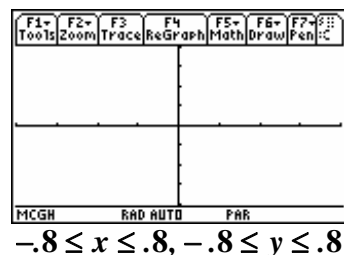


**Assignment 26: Vector-Valued Functions, Part II (11.1-5) Name \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Please provide a handwritten response.**

**1a.** The Cornu spiral can be drawn on your calculator by defining  $x_{t1}(t) = \int (\cos(\pi u^2 / 2), u, 0, t)$  and  $y_{t1}(t) = \int (\sin(\pi u^2 / 2), u, 0, t)$ . Set your window to  $-\pi \leq t \leq \pi$ ,  $-.8 \leq x \leq .8$ ,  $-.8 \leq y \leq .8$  and graph. Sketch the result on the axes below. These integrals are known as “Fresnel integrals” and are used in applied mathematics.



**1b.** To find the arc length of the curve from  $t = 0$  to  $t = c$  you can use the formula  $\int_0^c \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx_{t1}}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy_{t1}}{dt}\right)^2} dt$  by entering  $\int (\sqrt{((d(x_{t1}(t), t))^2 + (d(y_{t1}(t), t))^2)}, t, 0, c)$ .

Record the result below. What does this say about the parameterization of this curve?

**1c.** To find the curvature at  $t = c$  we can use the formula  $\kappa = \frac{\|\vec{T}'(t)\|}{\|\vec{r}'(t)\|}$  where  $\vec{T}(t) = \frac{\vec{r}'(t)}{\|\vec{r}'(t)\|}$  is the unit tangent vector and define  $\vec{v}(t) = d(\vec{r}(t), t)$ . Then define the unit tangent vector as  $\vec{u}(t) = \vec{v}(t) / \text{norm}(\vec{v}(t))$ , its derivative as  $\vec{s}(t) = d(\vec{u}(t), t)$  and define  $k = \text{norm}(\vec{s}(t)) / \text{norm}(\vec{v}(t))$ . Record the result below. What does this say about the curve?

**2a.** Given the vector valued function  $\vec{r}(t) = \langle \cos t, \ln t, \sin t \rangle$ . Find the unit tangent vector  $\vec{T}(t)$  at  $t = \frac{\pi}{2}$  and record your result below.

**2b.** Now find the curvature  $\kappa$  for this function at  $t = \frac{\pi}{2}$  and record the result below. What does this say about the curve at this point?

**3a.** Find the unit tangent vector  $\vec{T}(t) = \frac{\vec{r}'(t)}{\|\vec{r}'(t)\|}$  for  $\vec{r}(t) = \langle t, 2t, t^3 \rangle$  at  $t = 0$  and at  $t = 1$ .

Use the formulas from **1c**. Be sure to define  $\vec{T}(t)$  so you can use it for later calculations. Record your results below.

**3b.** Compute the curvature  $\kappa$  as in **2b** for this function at  $t = 0$  and at  $t = 1$  and record your results below.

**3c.** The principal unit normal vector,  $\vec{N}(t)$  can be found by computing  $\vec{N}(t) = \frac{\vec{T}'(t)}{\|\vec{T}'(t)\|}$ . Be sure to define  $\vec{N}(t)$  so you can use it for later calculations. Compute  $\vec{N}(t)$  at  $t = 0$  and at  $t = 1$  and record your results below.

**3d.** The binormal vector,  $\vec{B}(t)$ , is defined to be  $\vec{B}(t) = \vec{T}(t) \times \vec{N}(t)$  and is orthogonal to both  $\vec{T}(t)$  and  $\vec{N}(t)$ . Calculate  $\vec{B}(t) = \text{crossP}(\vec{T}(t), \vec{N}(t))$  at  $t = 0$  and at  $t = 1$  and record the results below.