

**Assignment 25: Vector-Valued Functions, Part I (11.1–3) Name \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Please provide a handwritten response.**

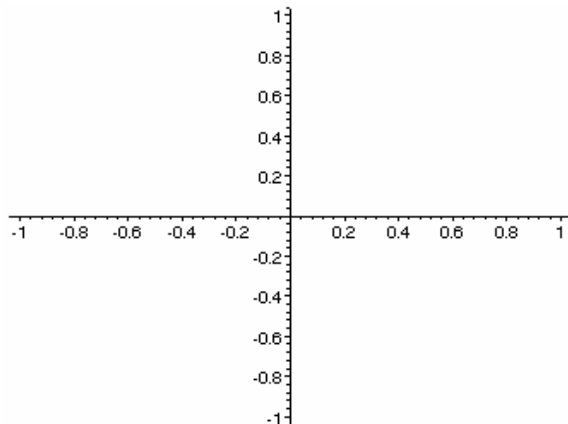
**1a.** Execute

```
r:=t->[cos(3*t),sin(2*t)];
```

to define the vector-valued function  $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle \cos 3t, \sin 2t \rangle$ ,  $0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$  and draw the graph of  $\mathbf{r}(t)$  by executing

```
plot([op(r(t)),t=0..2*Pi]);
```

Sketch the resulting “Lissajous curve” on the axes at right.



**1b.** To list the points  $\mathbf{r}(0)$ ,  $\mathbf{r}\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)$ , etc. execute

```
evalf(seq(r(n*Pi/4),n=0..8));
```

Mark these coordinates, with their corresponding values of  $t$ , on the graph, and then draw arrows to show the orientation of the curve.

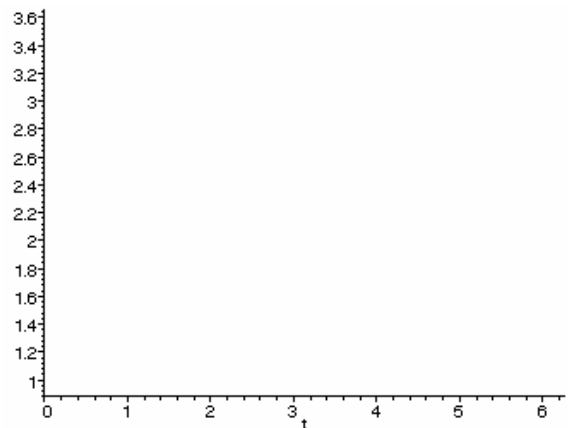
**1c.** Thinking of  $\mathbf{r}(t)$  as representing the position of a moving point, execute

```
v:=diff(r(t),t);
```

to find the velocity vector  $\mathbf{v}(t) = \mathbf{r}'(t)$ , followed by

```
with(linalg);  
speed:=norm(v,2);
```

to find the speed  $\|\mathbf{v}(t)\| = \sqrt{\mathbf{v}(t) \cdot \mathbf{v}(t)}$ . Sketch the graph of  $\|\mathbf{v}(t)\|$  over  $0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$  on the axes at right; based on this graph, does the moving point ever stop?



**1d.** Now execute  $\mathbf{r}_1 := \mathbf{r}(t + 3 \sin t)$ ; to define the reparameterization  $\mathbf{r}_1(t) = \mathbf{r}(t + 3 \sin t)$ ,  $0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$  and execute `plot([op(r1),t=0..2*Pi]);` to draw the graph of  $\mathbf{r}_1(t)$  over  $0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$ . What is the subtle difference between this graph and that in part **a**? Draw the graph of  $\mathbf{r}_1(t)$  also over  $0 \leq t \leq 2\pi - 0.05$ ; what light does this shed?

**1e.** Execute `vr1:=diff(r1,t)`; to find  $vr1(t) = r1'(t)$ . Imitate part **c** to plot over  $0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$  the speed of a point moving under  $\mathbf{r}_1(t)$ , note the approximate values of  $t$  where the speed is zero, and apply `fsolve` to `speed=0` to find more accurate values. Then use `subs` and `r1` to find the coordinates of these points where  $\mathbf{r}_1(t)$  “stops”, and record the results below. (You may have to use `evalf` to convert to a decimal.)

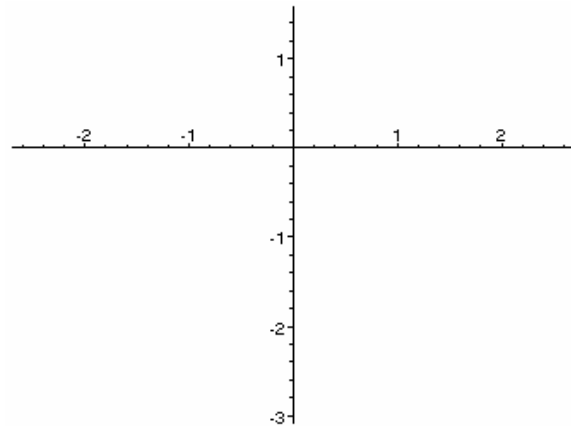
**1f.** Suppose you knew only the graph of a vector-valued function; so far, can we say for sure whether there are any points at which the function “stops”?

**1g.** Finding the points where this curve crosses itself, which amounts to finding pairs of numbers  $s$  and  $t$  such that  $\mathbf{r}(s) = \mathbf{r}(t)$ , would be difficult symbolically but is easy using `fsolve` provided suitable starting values for  $s$  and  $t$  are given. For example, execute

$$\text{fsolve}(\{\text{op}(1, \mathbf{r}(t)) = \text{op}(1, \mathbf{r}(s)), \text{op}(2, \mathbf{r}(t)) = \text{op}(2, \mathbf{r}(s))\}, \{s, t\}, \{s=0..1, t=4..5\});$$

to start near  $s = 0.6$  and  $t = 4$ . Evaluate  $\mathbf{r}(t)$  at the values and record the result below.

**2a.** Clear variables and redefine  $\mathbf{r}(t)$  as  $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle 2\cos t + \sin 2t, 2\sin t + \cos 2t \rangle$ ,  $0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$  and sketch the graph of  $\mathbf{r}(t)$  on the axes at right.



**2b.** Find and mark on the graph any stationary points of  $\mathbf{r}(t)$ , as above.

**2c.** Execute `r1:=r(t+sin(t))`; to define the vector-valued function  $\mathbf{r}_1(t) = \mathbf{r}(t + \sin t)$ ,  $0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$ . Execute `plot([op(r1), t=0..2*Pi])`; to draw the graph of  $\mathbf{r}_1(t)$  over  $0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$ . Check for stationary points; how do the results compare with part **b**?

**2d.** Repeat part **c** with  $\mathbf{r}_1(t)$  redefined by  $\mathbf{r}_2(t) = \mathbf{r}(t^2)$ ,  $0 \leq t \leq \sqrt{2\pi}$ .

**2e.** Would you now modify your answer to Question **1f**? How?