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Q3: If we let that $\gamma(t)=(\gamma_1(t),\gamma_2(t))$, then we note that since $|\gamma(t)|^2=1$, then $\frac{d}{dt}|\gamma(t)|^2=0$. For the two vectors in $T_{\gamma(t)}\mathbb{R}^2$, $(\gamma(t),\gamma(t))$ and $(\gamma(t),\gamma'(t))$ we compute their inner product as

$$\begin{split} \langle (\gamma(t), \gamma(t)), (\gamma(t), \gamma'(t)) \rangle &= \langle \gamma(t), \gamma'(t) \rangle \\ &= \gamma_1(t) \cdot \gamma_1'(t) + \gamma_2(t) \cdot \gamma'(t) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} |\gamma(t)|^2 \\ &= 0 \end{split}$$

Therefore, these tangent vectors are perpendicular.