

1 | Problem 1

1.1 | a)

In order for the boat to be going in the right direction we know that $\vec{C} + \vec{S} = \alpha \vec{D}$, where \vec{C} is the current of the river, \vec{S} is the speed of the boat, α is some scalar and \vec{D} is the vector that goes from the boatman's starting point to their desired endpoint.

We can set the boatman's start point as $(0, 0)$, and thus $\vec{D} = \langle 3, 2 \rangle$. We also know that $\vec{C} = \langle 0, -3.5 \rangle$. Lastly, $\vec{S} = \langle 13 \sin(\theta), 13 \cos(\theta) \rangle$, where θ is the angle between the side of the river and \vec{S} .

We can then plug in these values into the equation written above:

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{C} + \vec{S} &= \alpha \vec{D} \\ \Rightarrow \langle 0, -3.5 \rangle + \langle 13 \sin(\theta), 13 \cos(\theta) \rangle &= \alpha \langle 3, 2 \rangle \\ \Rightarrow \langle 13 \sin(\theta), -3.5 + 13 \cos(\theta) \rangle &= \langle \alpha 3, \alpha 2 \rangle \\ \Rightarrow 13 \sin(\theta) = \alpha 3, -3.5 + 13 \cos(\theta) &= \alpha 2 \\ \Rightarrow 6\alpha = 26 \sin(\theta), 6\alpha = -10.5 + 39 \cos(\theta) & \\ \Rightarrow 26 \sin(\theta) = -10.5 + 39 \cos(\theta) &\end{aligned}$$

plug it into wolfram alpha:

$$\theta \approx 0.75686 \text{ radians or } \approx 43.36^\circ$$

1.2 | b)

The net velocity of the boat is $\vec{S} + \vec{C} = \langle 13 \sin(\theta), 13 \cos(\theta) - 3.5 \rangle$, where θ is the answer to part a. To get the speed of the boat we find the magnitude of this vector:

$$|\vec{S} + \vec{C}| = \sqrt{(13 \sin(\theta))^2 + (13 \cos(\theta) - 3.5)^2} \approx 10.7282 \text{ km/h}$$

Now we need to find the distance traveled by the boat, which should be the magnitude of \vec{D} :

$$|\vec{D}| = \sqrt{2^2 + 3^2} = \sqrt{4 + 9} = \sqrt{13} \approx 3.60555 \text{ km}$$

To get the time it took to take the trip we divide the distance by the speed:

$$\frac{3.60555}{10.7282} = 0.336 \text{ hours, which is 20.2 minutes}$$

2 | Problem 2

2.1 | a)

$$\vec{r}(t) = (R \cos(\omega_o t), R \sin(\omega_o t))$$

This is because the x coordinate is defined as $r \cos(\theta)$ and the y coordinate is defined as $r \sin(\theta)$. In this case r or the radius is R and θ is $\omega_o t$, because $\omega_o = \frac{\theta}{t}$ (definition of angular velocity).

2.2 | b)

$$\vec{v}(t) = \vec{r}'(t) = \left(\frac{d}{dt} R \cos(\omega_o t), \frac{d}{dt} R \sin(\omega_o t) \right) = (-R \omega_o \sin(\omega_o t), R \omega_o \cos(\omega_o t))$$

$$\text{Answer: } \vec{v}(t) = (-R \omega_o \sin(\omega_o t), R \omega_o \cos(\omega_o t))$$

2.3 | c)

$$\vec{a}(t) = \vec{r}''(t) = \left(\frac{d}{dt}(-R\omega_o \sin(\omega_o t)), \frac{d}{dt} R\omega_o \cos(\omega_o t) \right) = (-R\omega_o^2 \cos(\omega_o t), -R\omega_o^2 \sin(\omega_o t))$$

$$\text{Answer: } \vec{a}(t) = (-R\omega_o^2 \cos(\omega_o t), -R\omega_o^2 \sin(\omega_o t))$$

2.4 | d)

The tangent:

Because $\vec{v}(t)$ is a vector it can be placed anywhere on the plane, so the only requirement for $\vec{v}(t)$ is that it has to be perpendicular to $\vec{r}(t)$, which is the radius of the circle. This means that the slope of $\vec{v}(t)$ has to be the opposite reciprocal of $\vec{r}(t)$:

$$\text{Slope of } \vec{r}(t) = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \frac{R \sin(\omega_o t) - 0}{R \cos(\omega_o t) - 0} = \frac{\sin(\omega_o t)}{\cos(\omega_o t)}$$

$$\text{Slope of } \vec{v}(t) = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \frac{R\omega_o \cos(\omega_o t) - 0}{-R\omega_o \sin(\omega_o t) - 0} = -\frac{\cos(\omega_o t)}{\sin(\omega_o t)}$$

The slopes are opposite reciprocals, thus $\vec{v}(t)$ is perpendicular to $\vec{r}(t)$, thus $\vec{v}(t)$ is tangent to the circle.

The magnitude:

$$|\vec{v}(t)| = \sqrt{(-R\omega_o \cos(\omega_o t))^2 + (R\omega_o \sin(\omega_o t))^2} = \sqrt{R^2\omega_o^2 \cos^2(\omega_o t) + R^2\omega_o^2 \sin^2(\omega_o t)} = \sqrt{R^2\omega_o^2 (\cos^2(\omega_o t) + \sin^2(\omega_o t))} = \sqrt{R^2\omega_o^2 (1)} = \sqrt{R^2\omega_o^2} = R\omega_o$$

2.5 | e)

Point towards the center of the circle:

$$\vec{a}(t) \text{ is a scalar multiple of } \vec{r}(t): \vec{a}(t) = -\omega_o^2 \cdot \vec{r}(t) = -\omega_o^2 (R \cos(\omega_o t), R \sin(\omega_o t)) = (-R\omega_o^2 \cos(\omega_o t), -R\omega_o^2 \sin(\omega_o t)) = \vec{a}(t)$$

because the scalar multiple is negative $\vec{v}(t)$ points in the opposite direction of $\vec{r}(t)$, which is towards the center of the circle because $\vec{r}(t)$ points from the center of the circle outwards.

The magnitude:

$$|\vec{a}(t)| = \sqrt{(-R\omega_o^2 \cos(\omega_o t))^2 + (-R\omega_o^2 \sin(\omega_o t))^2} = \sqrt{R^2\omega_o^4 \cos^2(\omega_o t) + R^2\omega_o^4 \sin^2(\omega_o t)} = \sqrt{R^2\omega_o^4 (\cos^2(\omega_o t) + \sin^2(\omega_o t))} = \sqrt{R^2\omega_o^4 (1)} = \sqrt{R^2\omega_o^4} = R\omega_o^2$$

$$\frac{|\vec{v}(t)|^2}{R} = \frac{(R\omega_o)^2}{R} = \frac{R^2\omega_o^2}{R} = R\omega_o^2$$

2.6 | f)

$$\theta'(t) = \int \theta''(t) dt = \int \alpha_o dt = \alpha_o t + c, \text{ where } c \text{ is the constant of integration}$$

$$\text{Answer: } \alpha_o t + c$$

2.7 | g)

$$\theta(t) = \int \theta'(t) dt = \int (\alpha_o t + c) dt = \int \alpha_o t dt + \int c dt = \frac{\alpha_o t^2}{2} + ct + c' \text{ where } c' \text{ is another constant of integration.}$$

$$\text{Answer: } \frac{\alpha_o t^2}{2} + ct + c'$$

2.8 | h)

For simplicity's sake, I am going to assume that $c = 0$ and $c' = 0$:

$$\vec{r}(t) = (R \cos(\frac{\alpha_o t^2}{2}), R \sin(\frac{\alpha_o t^2}{2}))$$

2.9 | i)

$$\vec{v}(t) = \frac{d}{dt} \vec{r}(t) = (\frac{d}{dt} R \cos(\frac{\alpha_o t^2}{2}), \frac{d}{dt} R \sin(\frac{\alpha_o t^2}{2})) = (-R \alpha_o t \sin(\frac{\alpha_o t^2}{2}), R \alpha_o t \cos(\frac{\alpha_o t^2}{2}))$$

$$\text{Answer: } \vec{v}(t) = (-R \alpha_o t \sin(\frac{\alpha_o t^2}{2}), R \alpha_o t \cos(\frac{\alpha_o t^2}{2}))$$

2.10 | j)

$$\vec{a}(t) = \vec{r}''(t) = (\frac{d}{dt} -R \alpha_o t \sin(\frac{\alpha_o t^2}{2}), \frac{d}{dt} R \alpha_o t \cos(\frac{\alpha_o t^2}{2}))$$

It will be easier to visualize by doing the math in it's x and y component:

x component:

$$\frac{d}{dt} -R \alpha_o t \sin(\frac{\alpha_o t^2}{2}) = -R \alpha_o (\sin(\frac{\alpha_o t^2}{2}) + \alpha_o t^2 \cos(\frac{\alpha_o t^2}{2})) = -R \alpha_o \sin(\frac{\alpha_o t^2}{2}) - R \alpha_o^2 t^2 \cos(\frac{\alpha_o t^2}{2})$$

y component:

$$\frac{d}{dt} R \alpha_o t \cos(\frac{\alpha_o t^2}{2}) = R \alpha_o (\cos(\frac{\alpha_o t^2}{2}) - \alpha_o t^2 \sin(\frac{\alpha_o t^2}{2})) = R \alpha_o \cos(\frac{\alpha_o t^2}{2}) - R \alpha_o^2 t^2 \sin(\frac{\alpha_o t^2}{2})$$

Putting these two together we get:

$$\vec{a}(t) = (-R \alpha_o \sin(\frac{\alpha_o t^2}{2}) - R \alpha_o^2 t^2 \cos(\frac{\alpha_o t^2}{2}), R \alpha_o \cos(\frac{\alpha_o t^2}{2}) - R \alpha_o^2 t^2 \sin(\frac{\alpha_o t^2}{2}))$$

2.11 | k)