

Quiz # 3 Math 101-Section **09** Calculus I 16 October 2018, Friday Instructor: Ali Sinan Sertöz **Solution Key**



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Q-1) Angle θ depends on time as $\theta(t) = \frac{\pi}{15} t$, where t is in seconds and all distances are in centimeters We have two points in the plane given as $P(t) = (\sin \theta, \cos \theta)$ and $Q = (-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}})$. How fast is the point P moving away from the point Q when t = 5?

Solution:

Let d(t) be the distance between P and Q. Then

$$d(t)^{2} = (\sin\theta + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}})^{2} + (\cos\theta - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}})^{2} = 2 + \sqrt{2}(\sin\theta - \cos\theta).$$

Taking derivatives of both sides with respect to t, we get

$$2d(t)d'(t) = \sqrt{2}(\cos\theta + \sin\theta)\theta'(t) = \sqrt{2}(\cos\theta + \sin\theta)\frac{\pi}{15}.$$

We find that

$$d(5)^2 = 2 + \sqrt{2}(\frac{\sqrt{3}-1}{2}),$$

and

$$2d(5)d'(5) = \sqrt{2}\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}+1}{2}\right)\frac{\pi}{15}.$$

Hence

$$d'(5) = \frac{\sqrt{2}(\sqrt{3}+1)\pi}{15\sqrt{8+2\sqrt{2}(\sqrt{3}-1)}} \approx 0.25.$$

Thus the point P is moving away from point Q with a speed of 0.25 centimeters per second.