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No calculators needed or allowed.

Let $\vec{r}(t) = (2t, t + \frac{1}{t}, t^2)$.

1. Compute $\vec{v}(t)$.
2. Compute the tangent line $\vec{l}(t)$ at $t = 1$.
3. Compute $\vec{a}(t)$.
4. Show that $\text{proj}_{\vec{v}}(\vec{a}) = \text{proj}_{\vec{T}}(\vec{a})$.
Hint: there is a nonzero constant c such that $\vec{v} = c\vec{T}$. Substitute this into the formula for $\text{proj}_{\vec{v}}(\vec{a})$.
5. Decompose $a(1)$ into tangential and normal components.
6. Compute ds/dt at $t = 1$.
7. Compute the curvature κ and radius of curvature R at $t = 1$.
8. Compute the osculating circle at $t = 1$, or at least say as much about it as you can.

① $\vec{v}(t) = (2, 1 - \frac{1}{t^2}, 2t)$

② $\vec{v}(1) = (2, 2, 1)$
 $\vec{v}(1) = (2, 0, 2)$

$\vec{l}(t) = (2, 2, 1) + t(2, 0, 2)$

③ $\vec{a}(t) = (0, \frac{2}{t^3}, 2)$

④ $\text{proj}_{\vec{v}} \vec{a} = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{v}}{\vec{v} \cdot \vec{v}} \vec{v}$
 $= \frac{\vec{a} \cdot c\vec{T}}{c\vec{T} \cdot c\vec{T}} c\vec{T}$
 $= \frac{c^2}{c^2} \left(\frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{T}}{\vec{T} \cdot \vec{T}} \vec{T} \right) = \text{proj}_{\vec{T}} \vec{a}$

⑤ $\vec{a}(1) = (0, 2, 2)$ so
 $\vec{a}_T = \text{proj}_{\vec{v}(1)} \vec{a}(1) = \frac{(0, 2, 2) \cdot (2, 0, 2)}{(2, 0, 2) \cdot (2, 0, 2)} (2, 0, 2)$
 $= \frac{4}{8} (2, 0, 2) = (1, 0, 1)$

$\vec{a}_N = \vec{a} - \vec{a}_T = (0, 2, 2) - (1, 0, 1) = (-1, 2, 1)$
so that $\vec{a}(1) = \vec{a}_T + \vec{a}_N$

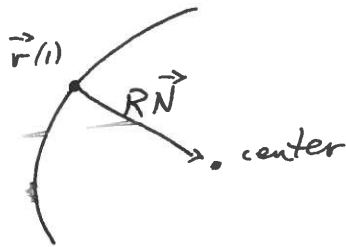
⑥ $\frac{ds}{dt} \Big|_{t=1} = |\vec{v}(1)| = \sqrt{2^2 + 0^2 + 2^2} = \sqrt{8}$

⑦ $\kappa = \frac{|\vec{a}_N|}{v^2} = \frac{\sqrt{1+4+1}}{8} = \frac{\sqrt{6}}{8}$

⑧ see reverse.

$$8. R = \frac{1}{\kappa} = \frac{8}{\sqrt{6}}$$

$$\vec{N} = \frac{\vec{a}_N}{|\vec{a}_N|} = \frac{(-1, 2, 1)}{\sqrt{6}}$$



So the center of the osculating circle is $\left[\frac{8}{\sqrt{6}} \frac{(-1, 2, 1)}{\sqrt{6}} \right]$

$$\vec{r}(t) + R\vec{N} = (2, 2, 1) + \frac{8}{\sqrt{6}} \frac{(-1, 2, 1)}{\sqrt{6}} \quad \leftarrow \text{FIX BLUR}$$

$$= (2, 2, 1) + \frac{4}{3}(-1, 2, 1) = \left(2 - \frac{4}{3}, 2 + \frac{8}{3}, 1 + \frac{4}{3}\right)$$

$$= \left(\frac{2}{3}, \frac{14}{3}, \frac{7}{3}\right)$$

Now the challenge: how do you write a circle in space?

We know one radius ought to be $-R\vec{N}$ to get from the center to $\vec{r}(t)$ on the curve. Also, we want to use $R\vec{T}$ to move tangent to the curve.

Key: If P is a point in \mathbb{R}^3 (or \mathbb{R}^n)

and \vec{u} and \vec{v} are vectors such that

$$|\vec{u}| = |\vec{v}| \quad (=R, \text{ let's say})$$

$$\text{and } \vec{u} \perp \vec{v}$$

then $\vec{r}(t) = \vec{OP} + (\cos t)\vec{u} + (\sin t)\vec{v}$

is a circle in the plane spanned by \vec{u} and \vec{v} (passing through, or from, P) with center P .

$$\text{Here } R\vec{T} = \frac{8}{\sqrt{6}} \frac{\vec{v}}{\sqrt{8}} = \frac{8}{\sqrt{6}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{8}} (2, 0, 2) = \sqrt{\frac{4}{3}} (2, 0, 2)$$

So
$$\vec{r}(t) = \left(\frac{2}{3}, \frac{14}{3}, \frac{7}{3}\right) + (\cos t) \left(\frac{4}{3}(-1, 2, 1)\right) + (\sin t) \left(\sqrt{\frac{4}{3}} (2, 0, 2)\right)$$

