

13.1, number 37b: **The position vector of a particle at time  $t$  is given by  $\vec{r}(t) = \cos(2t)\vec{i} + \sin(2t)\vec{j}$ , for  $0 \leq t$ . (Of course, the particle moves on the circle  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ .)**

- i) Does the particle have a constant speed? If so, what is it?
- ii) Is the particle's acceleration always orthogonal to its velocity vector?
- iii) Does the particle move clock-wise or counterclockwise around the circle?
- iv) Is the particle initially located at the point  $(1, 0)$ ?

**Answer:** We calculate

$$\vec{v}(t) = -2 \sin(2t)\vec{i} + 2 \cos(2t)\vec{j}$$

$$\vec{a}(t) = -4 \cos(2t)\vec{i} - 4 \sin(2t)\vec{j}$$

The speed of the object is

$$\begin{aligned} |\vec{v}(t)| &= | -2 \sin(2t)\vec{i} + 2 \cos(2t)\vec{j} | = \sqrt{4 \sin^2(2t) + 4 \cos^2(2t)} \\ &= 2\sqrt{\sin^2(2t) + \cos^2(2t)} = 2. \end{aligned}$$

(a) The object has constant speed 2

The dot product of acceleration and velocity is

$$\begin{aligned} &(-4 \cos(2t)\vec{i} - 4 \sin(2t)\vec{j}) \cdot (-2 \sin(2t)\vec{i} + 2 \cos(2t)\vec{j}) \\ &= 8 \cos(2t) \sin(2t) - 8 \sin(2t) \cos(2t) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

(b) Yes, acceleration and velocity are perpendicular.

(d) The position of the object at  $t = 0$  is  $(1, 0)$ .

The velocity at time 0 of the object is  $\vec{v}(0) = 2\vec{j}$ . The object starts at  $(1, 0)$  and is moving start up.

(c) The object is moving ccw.