

13.3, number 9: Find the point on the curve

$$\vec{r}(t) = (5 \sin t) \vec{i} + (5 \cos t) \vec{j} + 12t \vec{k}$$

at a distance 26π units along the curve from the point $(0, 5, 0)$ in the direction corresponding to increasing t values.

Answer: An object moving on the curve stands at the point $(0, 5, 0)$ at time $t = 0$. We will find the distance traveled between time $t = 0$ and time $t = t_0$. (We take t_0 to be positive.) Then we will find the value of t_0 that makes the distance traveled by the object between $t = 0$ and $t = t_0$ equal to 26π . The answer is the position of the object at time equals t_0 .

The distance traveled by the object between $t = 0$ and $t = t_0$ is

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{t_0} |\vec{r}'(t)| dt &= \int_0^{t_0} |5 \cos t \vec{i} - 5 \sin t \vec{j} + 12 \vec{k}| dt \\ &= \int_0^{t_0} \sqrt{25 \cos^2 t + 25 \sin^2 t + 144} dt \\ &= \int_0^{t_0} \sqrt{25 + 144} dt \\ &= 13t_0 \end{aligned}$$

The object has traveled 26π units, when $26\pi = 13t_0$. That is $t_0 = 2\pi$. The position of the object at time $t_0 = 2\pi$ is $(5 \sin(2\pi), 5 \cos(2\pi), 12(2\pi))$, which is

$$\boxed{(0, 5, 24\pi)}.$$