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1) For a real number t , let L_t be the line passing through the point $(-1, 0)$ with slope t , and let M_t be the line passing through the point $(1, 0)$ and perpendicular to L_t .

a) Find the intersection point P_t of the lines L_t and M_t .

If $t \neq 0$, then:

$$L_t: y = t(x - 1)$$

$$M_t: y = -\frac{1}{t}(x + 1)$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} L_t: y = t(x - 1) \\ M_t: y = -\frac{1}{t}(x + 1) \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow t(x - 1) = -\frac{1}{t}(x + 1)$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$x = \frac{1 - t^2}{1 + t^2}$$

$$y = \frac{2t}{1 + t^2}$$

If $t = 0$, then:

$$L_0: y = 0 \Rightarrow M_0: x = 1$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$P_0 = (1, 0)$$

$$P_t = \left(\frac{1 - t^2}{1 + t^2}, \frac{2t}{1 + t^2} \right) \text{ for all } t$$

b) Describe the curve traced by P_t for $-\infty < t < \infty$ using Cartesian coordinates.

$$\left(\frac{1 - t^2}{1 + t^2} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{2t}{1 + t^2} \right)^2 = \frac{1 - 2t^2 + t^4 + 4t^2}{(1 + t^2)^2} = \frac{1 + 2t^2 + t^4}{(1 + t^2)^2} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 = 1.$$

$$x = \frac{1 - t^2}{1 + t^2} = 1 - \frac{2t^2}{1 + t^2} \text{ takes on all values in } (-1, 1]$$

and for these x , $y = \frac{2t}{1 + t^2}$ gives all possible

values of y in $x^2 + y^2 = 1$.

Hence $\boxed{x^2 + y^2 = 1, (x, y) \neq (-1, 0)}$ is the trajectory.

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2) Determine all values of the constant a for which the function $f(x) = e^x + ae^{-x}$ is one-to-one. For these values of a , find $f^{-1}(x)$ and the domain of f^{-1} .

We solve $y = e^x + ae^{-x}$ for x :

$$(e^x)^2 - y \cdot e^x + a = 0 \Rightarrow e^x = \frac{y \pm \sqrt{y^2 - 4a}}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \ln\left(\frac{y \pm \sqrt{y^2 - 4a}}{2}\right)$$

Case 1: $a > 0$.

If $y > \sqrt{4a}$, then $y + \sqrt{y^2 - 4a} > y - \sqrt{y^2 - 4a} > 0$, and there are two solutions. So f is not 1-1 if $a > 0$.

Case 2: $a = 0$.

$y = e^x \Rightarrow x = \ln y$ is the unique solution for $y > 0$.

Hence f is 1-1 and $f^{-1}(x) = \ln x$ for $x > 0$ if $a = 0$.

Case 3: $a < 0$.

For all y , $y + \sqrt{y^2 - 4a} > 0 > y - \sqrt{y^2 - 4a}$. So there is a unique x for any y .

Hence f is 1-1 and $f^{-1}(x) = \ln\left(\frac{x + \sqrt{x^2 - 4a}}{2}\right)$ for

all x if $a < 0$.

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3) Find all real solutions of the equation $27^x - 3^{2x+1} + 3^{x+1} = 1$.

$$27^x - 3^{2x+1} + 3^{x+1} - 1 = 0$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$3^{3x} - 3 \cdot 3^{2x} + 3 \cdot 3^x - 1 = 0$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$(3^x)^3 - 3(3^x)^2 + 3 \cdot 3^x - 1 = 0$$

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$$(3^x - 1)^3 = 0$$

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$$3^x - 1 = 0$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$x = 0$$

$x = 0$ is the only solution.

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4) Express $\sin(5\theta)$ in terms of $\sin \theta$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sin 5\theta &= \sin(\theta + 4\theta) \\
 &= \sin \theta \cdot \cos 4\theta + \cos \theta \cdot \sin 4\theta \\
 &= \sin \theta \cdot (1 - 2\sin^2 2\theta) \\
 &\quad + \cos \theta \cdot (2 \sin 2\theta \cos 2\theta) \\
 &= \sin \theta \cdot (1 - 2 \cdot (2\sin \theta \cos \theta)^2) \\
 &\quad + \cos \theta \cdot 2 \cdot (2\sin \theta \cos \theta) \cdot (1 - 2\sin^2 \theta) \\
 &= \sin \theta \cdot (1 - 8\sin^2 \theta \cos^2 \theta) \\
 &\quad + 4\sin \theta \cos^2 \theta \cdot (1 - 2\sin^2 \theta) \\
 &= \sin \theta \cdot (1 - 8\sin^2 \theta \cdot (1 - \sin^2 \theta)) \\
 &\quad + 4\sin \theta \cdot (1 - \sin^2 \theta) \cdot (1 - 2\sin^2 \theta) \\
 &= \boxed{5\sin \theta - 20\sin^3 \theta + 16\sin^5 \theta}
 \end{aligned}$$

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5) Find the following limits:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{a) } \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{\sqrt{x^2+8}-3}{x+1} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{\sqrt{x^2+8}-3}{x+1} \quad (x^2+8)-9 = x^2-1 = (x+1)(x-1) \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{(\sqrt{x^2+8}-3)(\sqrt{x^2+8}+3)}{(x+1)(\sqrt{x^2+8}+3)} \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{x-1}{\sqrt{x^2+8}+3} \\
 &= \frac{-1-1}{\sqrt{(-1)^2+8}+3} = \boxed{-\frac{1}{3}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{b) } \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{1}{(x+h)^2} - \frac{1}{x^2}}{h} &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2 - (x+h)^2}{h \cdot (x+h)^2 \cdot x^2} \\
 &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-2xh + h^2}{h \cdot (x+h)^2 \cdot x^2} \\
 &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-2x + h}{(x+h)^2 \cdot x^2} \\
 &= \frac{-2x + 0}{(x+0)^2 \cdot x^2} = \boxed{-\frac{2}{x^3}}
 \end{aligned}$$

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