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7. Let \mathbf{r} be a vector-valued function of t for $0 \leq t \leq 1$. Suppose that $\mathbf{r}(0) = \langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle$, $\mathbf{r}(1)$ is in the x, y plane, and

$$\mathbf{r}'(t) \times \langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle = 0$$

for all t . What is $\mathbf{r}(1)$?

Since $\vec{\mathbf{r}}'(t) \times \langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle = 0$, it follows that $\vec{\mathbf{r}}'(t)$ is parallel to $\langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle$. This means that $\vec{\mathbf{r}}'(t) = f(t) \langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle$ where f is a scalar function of t . By the fundamental theorem of calculus,

$$\vec{\mathbf{r}}(1) - \vec{\mathbf{r}}(0) = c \langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle \text{ where } c = \int_0^1 f(t) dt.$$

Writing $\vec{\mathbf{r}}(1) = \langle x, y, z \rangle$, this equation becomes $\langle x-1, y-1, z-1 \rangle = \langle c, 2c, 3c \rangle$.

Equating the z components gives $c = -1/3$.

Then equating the x and y components gives

$$x = 1 + c = 2/3 \text{ and } y = 1 + 2c = 1/3.$$

Thus the answer is

$$\boxed{\vec{\mathbf{r}}(1) = \langle 2/3, 1/3, 0 \rangle}$$