

# AP Classroom Problems Unit 7

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## Notes

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\frac{dy}{d\theta}}{\frac{dx}{d\theta}} = \frac{\frac{dr}{d\theta} \sin \theta + r \cos \theta}{\frac{dr}{d\theta} \cos \theta - r \sin \theta} \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{\frac{d}{d\theta} \left( \frac{dy}{dx} \right)}{\frac{dx}{d\theta}} \quad (2)$$

## 7.01

1. What is the slope of the line tangent to the polar curve  $r = 1 + 2 \sin \theta$  at  $\theta = 0$ ?

(a)  $\frac{dr}{d\theta} = 2 \cos \theta$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2 \cos \theta \cdot \sin \theta + (1 + 2 \sin \theta) \cdot \cos \theta}{2 \cos^2 \theta - (1 + 2 \sin \theta) \cdot \sin \theta} \bigg|_{\theta=0} = \boxed{\frac{1}{2}}$$

2. A polar curve is given by the equation  $r = \frac{10\theta}{\theta^2+1}$  for  $\theta \geq 0$ . What is the instantaneous rate of change of  $r$  with respect to  $\theta$  when  $\theta = 2$ ?

$$\frac{dr}{d\theta} = \frac{-10(\theta^2 - 1)}{(\theta^2 + 1)^2} \bigg|_{\theta=2} = \boxed{\frac{-6}{5}}$$

3. A polar curve is given by the differentiable function  $r = f(\theta)$  for  $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$ . If the line tangent to the polar curve at  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{3}$  is horizontal, which of the following must be true?

$$0 = \frac{dy}{d\theta} \bigg|_{\frac{\pi}{3}} = \boxed{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} f' \left( \frac{\pi}{3} \right) + \frac{1}{2} f \left( \frac{\pi}{3} \right)}$$

4. For a certain polar curve  $r = f(\theta)$ , it is known that  $\frac{dx}{d\theta} = \cos \theta - \theta \sin \theta$  and  $\frac{dy}{d\theta} = \sin \theta + \theta \cos \theta$ . What is the value of  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$  at  $\theta = 4$ ?

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{\theta^2 + 2}{(\cos \theta - \theta \sin \theta)^3} \bigg|_{\theta=4} \approx \boxed{1.34607}$$

5. What is the slope of the line tangent to the polar curve  $r = 2\theta$  at the point  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$ ?

(a)  $\frac{dr}{d\theta} = 2$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2 \sin \theta + (2\theta) \cdot \cos \theta}{2 \cos \theta - (2\theta) \cdot \sin \theta} \bigg|_{\theta=\frac{\pi}{2}} = \boxed{\frac{-2}{\pi}}$$

6. What is the slope of the line tangent to the polar curve  $r = 2 \cos \theta - 1$  at the point where  $\theta = \pi$ ?

(a)  $\frac{dr}{d\theta} = -2 \sin \theta$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-2 \sin^2 \theta + (2 \cos \theta - 1) \cos \theta}{-2 \sin \theta \cos \theta - (2 \cos \theta - 1) \sin \theta} \bigg|_{\theta=\pi} = \boxed{\frac{1}{0}}$$

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7. What is the slope of the line tangent to the polar curve  $r = \cos \theta$  at the point where  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{6}$ ?

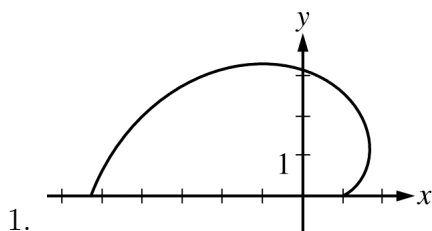
(a)  $\frac{dr}{d\theta} = -\sin \theta$

(b)  $\frac{dy}{d\theta} = -\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta$

(c)  $\frac{dx}{d\theta} = -\sin \theta \cos \theta - \cos \theta \sin \theta$

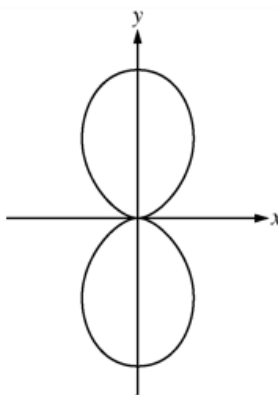
$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta}{-\sin \theta \cos \theta - \cos \theta \sin \theta} \bigg|_{\theta=\frac{\pi}{6}} = \boxed{\frac{-1}{\sqrt{3}}}$$

## 7.02



The graph above shows the polar curve  $r = 2\theta + \cos \theta$  for  $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$ . What is the area of the region bounded by the curve and the  $x$ -axis?

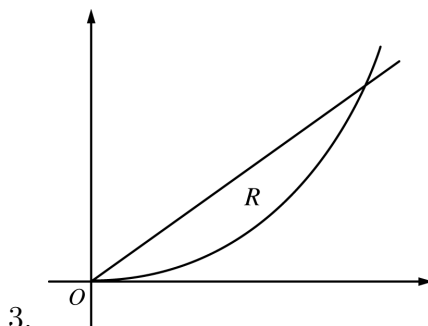
$$A = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\pi (2\theta + \cos \theta)^2 d\theta = \frac{8\pi^3 + 3\pi - 48}{12} \approx \boxed{17.456}$$



2.

Which of the following expressions gives the total area enclosed by the polar curve  $r = \sin^2 \theta$  shown in the figure above?

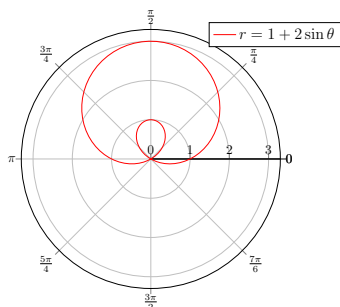
$$\int_0^\pi \sin^4 \theta \, d\theta$$



Let  $R$  be the region in the first quadrant that is bounded by the polar curves  $r = \theta$  and  $\theta = k$ , where  $k$  is a constant,  $0 < k < \frac{\pi}{2}$ , as shown in the figure above. What is the area of  $R$  in terms of  $k$ ?

$$R = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^k \theta^2 \, d\theta = \frac{\theta^3}{6} \Big|_0^k = \frac{k^3}{6}$$

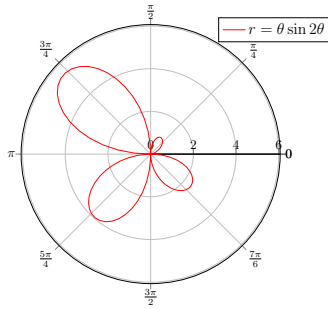
4. Which of the following integrals represents the area enclosed by the smaller loop of the graph of  $r = 1 + 2 \sin \theta$ ?



- (a)  $0 = 1 + 2 \sin \theta$  when  $\theta = \frac{7\pi}{6}$  and  $\theta = \frac{11\pi}{6}$

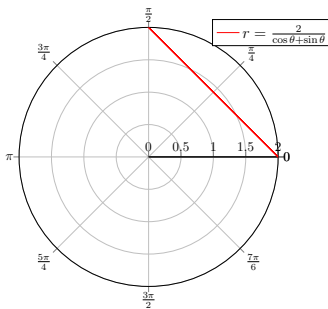
$$A = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\frac{7\pi}{6}}^{\frac{11\pi}{6}} (1 + 2 \sin \theta)^2 \, d\theta$$

5. Which of the following gives the total area enclosed by the graph of the polar curve  $r = \theta \sin 2\theta$  for  $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$ ?



$$A = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} |\theta \sin 2\theta|^2 d\theta$$

6. Which of the following integrals gives the area of the region that is bounded by the graphs of the polar equations  $\theta = 0$ ,  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$ , and,  $r = \frac{2}{\cos \theta + \sin \theta}$ ?

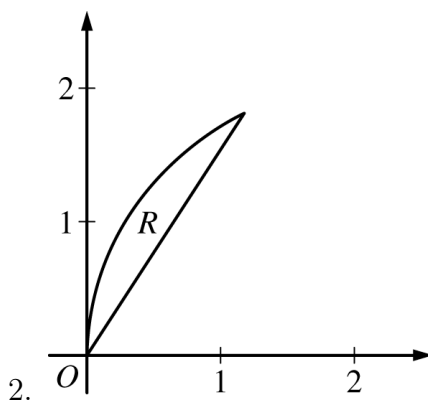


$$A = \int_0^{\pi/4} \frac{2}{(\cos \theta + \sin \theta)^2} d\theta$$

## 7.03

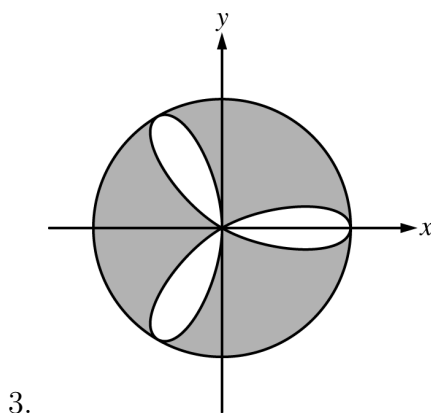
1. What is the total area between the polar curves  $r = 5 \sin(3\theta)$  and  $r = 8 \sin(3\theta)$ ?

$$A = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\pi} \left( (8 \sin(3\theta))^2 - (5 \sin(3\theta))^2 \right) d\theta \approx \boxed{30.631}$$



Let  $R$  be the region in the first quadrant that is bounded above by the polar curve  $r = 4 \cos \theta$  and below by the line  $\theta = 1$ , as shown in the figure above. What is the area of  $R$ ?

$$R = \frac{1}{2} \int_1^{\frac{\pi}{2}} (4 \cos \theta)^2 d\theta = -2(\sin(2) - \pi + 2) \approx \boxed{0.465}$$

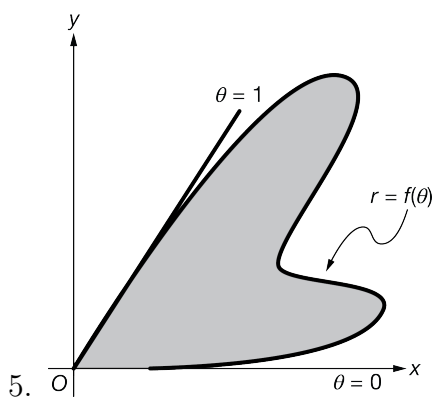


The figure above shows the graphs of the polar curves  $r = 2 \cos(3\theta)$  and  $r = 2$ . What is the sum of the areas of the shaded regions?

$$A = \underbrace{4\pi}_{\text{Area of circle}} - \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \int_0^\pi (2 \cos(3\theta))^2 d\theta}_{\text{Area of rose}} = 3\pi \approx \boxed{9.425}$$

4. What is the area of the region  $R$  bounded by the graph of the polar curve  $r = \sqrt{1 + \frac{3\theta}{\pi}}$  and the  $x$ -axis for  $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$ ?

$$R = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\pi \left(1 + \frac{3\theta}{\pi}\right) d\theta = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \theta + \frac{3\theta^2}{2\pi} \right]_0^\pi = \boxed{\frac{5\pi}{4}}$$

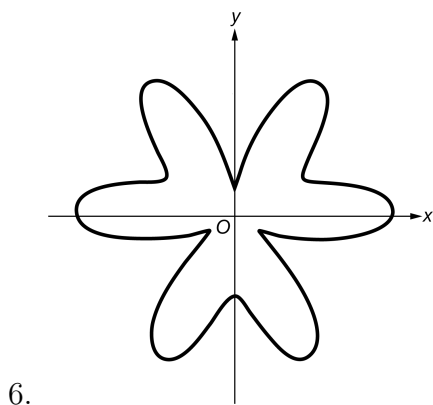


$\theta$	0	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	1
$r$	1	4	3	5	2

Let  $R$  be the region bounded by the graph of the polar curve  $r = f(\theta)$  and the lines  $\theta = 0$  and  $\theta = 1$ , as shaded in the figure above. The table above gives values of the polar function  $r = f(\theta)$  at selected values of  $\theta$ . What is the approximation for the area of region  $R$  using a right Riemann sum with the four subintervals indicated by the data in the table?

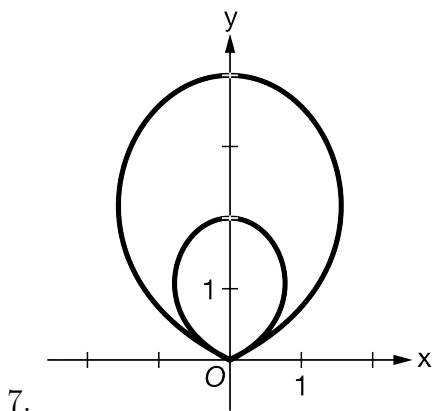
(a) Note that  $\text{Area} \approx \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{2} r(\theta_i)^2 \Delta\theta$

$$A = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \underbrace{\frac{1}{4}}_{\Delta\theta} \left( f\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^2 + f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + f\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^2 \right) \approx \boxed{\frac{1}{8}(16 + 9 + 25 + 4)}$$



What is the area of the region bounded by the graph of the polar curve  $r = 1 + \frac{1}{2} \cos(6\theta) + \frac{1}{4} \sin(3\theta)$ , shown in the figure above?

$$A = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \int_0^{2\pi} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2} \cos(6\theta) + \frac{1}{4} \sin(3\theta) \right)^2 d\theta = \frac{37\pi}{32} \approx \boxed{3.632}$$



The figure above shows the graphs of the polar curves  $r = 2 \sin^2 \theta$  and  $r = 4 \sin^2 \theta$  for  $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$ . Which of the following integrals gives the area of the region bounded between the two polar curves?

$$A = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\pi \left( (4 \sin^2 \theta)^2 - (2 \sin^2 \theta)^2 \right) d\theta = \boxed{\int_0^\pi 6 \sin^4 \theta d\theta}$$

## Extra Polar Practice

- Which of the following integrals represents the area enclosed by the smaller loop of the graph of  $r = 1 + 2 \sin \theta$ ?

(a)  $r = 0$  when  $\theta = \frac{7\pi}{6}$  and  $\theta = \frac{11\pi}{6}$

$$A = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\frac{7\pi}{6}}^{\frac{11\pi}{6}} (1 + 2 \sin \theta)^2 d\theta$$

- What is the area of the region enclosed by the lemniscate  $r^2 = 18 \cos(2\theta)$ ?

$$A = 4 \left[ \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} 18 \cos(2\theta) d\theta \right] = 2 \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} 18 \cos(2\theta) d\theta$$

(a) Let  $u = 2\theta \implies \frac{du}{2} = d\theta$

$$A = 18 \sin(2\theta) \Big|_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} = \boxed{18}$$

- The area of one loop of the graph of the polar equation  $r = 2 \sin(3\theta)$  is given by which of the following expressions?

(a)  $r = 0$  when  $\theta = \pi/3$  and  $\theta = 0$

$$A = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{3}} 4 \sin^2(3\theta) d\theta = \boxed{3 \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{3}} \sin^2(3\theta) d\theta}$$

- The area of the region inside the polar curve  $r = 4 \sin \theta$  and outside the polar curve  $r = 2$  is given by

- (a) The curves intersect when  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{6}$  and  $\theta = \frac{5\pi}{6}$

$$A = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\frac{\pi}{6}}^{\frac{5\pi}{6}} (16 \sin^2 \theta - 4) d\theta$$

5. Which of the following is equal to the area of the region inside the polar curve  $r = 2 \cos \theta$  and outside the polar curve  $r = \cos \theta$

$$A = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\pi (4 \cos^2 \theta - \cos^2 \theta) d\theta = \frac{3}{2} \int_0^\pi \cos^2 \theta d\theta = 3 \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos^2 \theta d\theta$$

6. Which of the following represents the graph of the polar curve  $r = 2 \sec \theta$ ?

$$r = 2 \sec \theta \implies r \cos \theta = 2 \implies x = 2$$

7. Which of the following represents the area of the region enclosed by the loop of the graph of the polar curve  $r = 4 \cos(3\theta)$ ?

$$A = 8 \int_{-\frac{\pi}{6}}^{\frac{\pi}{6}} \cos^2(3\theta) d\theta$$

8. What is the area of the region enclosed by the polar curve  $r = \sin(2\theta)$  for  $0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$ ?

$$A = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^2(2\theta) d\theta$$

$$2A = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^2(2\theta) d\theta$$

(a)  $u = \sin(2\theta) \implies du = 2 \cos(2\theta) d\theta$

(b)  $v = \frac{-1}{2} \cos(2\theta) \Leftrightarrow dv = \sin(2\theta) d\theta$

(c) Note:  $\cos^2(\theta) = 1 - \sin^2(\theta)$

$$2A = \frac{-1}{2} \cos(2\theta) \sin(2\theta) + \int \cos^2(2\theta) d\theta$$

$$2A = \frac{-1}{2} \cos(2\theta) \sin(2\theta) + \int (1 - \sin^2(2\theta)) d\theta$$

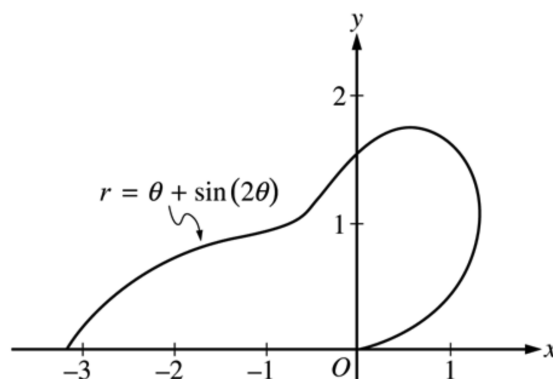
$$2A = \frac{-1}{2} \cos(2\theta) \sin(2\theta) + \theta - 2A$$

$$A = \frac{1}{4} \left[ \frac{-1}{2} \cos(2\theta) \sin(2\theta) + \theta \right]_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}}$$

$$A = \frac{\pi}{8}$$



## FRQ 1



The curve above is drawn in the  $xy$ -plane and is described by the equation in polar coordinates  $r = \theta + \sin(2\theta)$  for  $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$ , where  $r$  is measured in meters and  $\theta$  is measured in radians. The derivative of  $r$  with respect to  $\theta$  is given by  $\frac{dr}{d\theta} = 1 + 2\cos(2\theta)$

- (a) Find the area bounded by the curve and the  $x$ -axis.

$$A = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\pi (\theta + \sin(2\theta))^2 d\theta = \frac{\pi(2\pi^2 - 3)}{12} \approx 4.382$$

- (b) Find the angle  $\theta$  that corresponds to the point on the curve with the  $x$ -coordinate -2.

$$\begin{aligned} -2 &= r \cos \theta = (\theta + \sin(2\theta)) \cdot \cos \theta \\ \theta &\approx 2.786 \end{aligned}$$

- (c) For  $\frac{\pi}{3} < \theta < \frac{2\pi}{3}$ ,  $\frac{dr}{d\theta}$  is negative. What does this say about  $r$ ? What does this fact say about the curve?

Since  $\frac{dr}{d\theta} < 0$  for  $\frac{\pi}{3} < \theta < \frac{2\pi}{3}$ ,  $r$  is decreasing on this interval. This means the curve is getting closer to the origin.

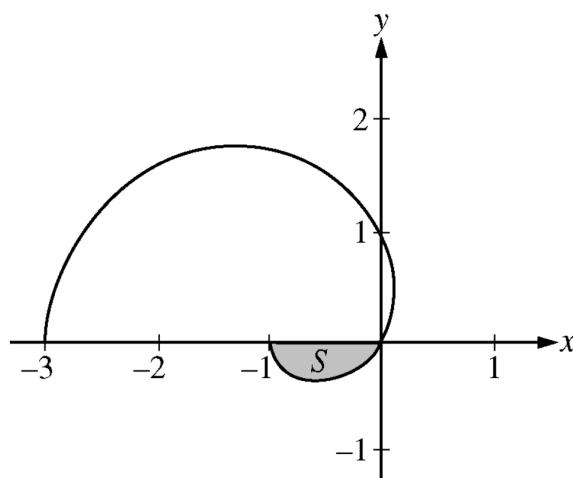
- (d) Find the value of  $\theta$  in the interval  $0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$  that corresponds to the point on the curve in the first quadrant with the greatest distance from the origin. Justify your answer.

The only value in  $[0, \frac{\pi}{2}]$  where  $\frac{dr}{d\theta} = 0$  is  $\frac{\pi}{3}$

$\theta$	$r$
0	0
$\frac{\pi}{3}$	1.913
$\frac{\pi}{2}$	1.571

The greatest distance occurs at  $\frac{\pi}{3}$ .

## FRQ 2



The graph of the polar curve  $r = 1 - 2 \cos \theta$  for  $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$  is shown above. Let  $S$  be the shaded region in the third quadrant bounded by the curve and the  $x$ -axis.

- (a) Write an integral expression for the area of  $S$ .

$$r(0) = -1; r(\theta) = 0 \text{ when } \theta = \frac{\pi}{3}.$$

$$S = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{3}} (1 - 2 \cos(\theta))^2 d\theta$$

- (b) Write expressions for  $\frac{dx}{d\theta}$  and  $\frac{dy}{d\theta}$  in terms of  $\theta$ .

$$x = r \cos \theta \text{ and } y = r \sin \theta$$

$$\frac{dr}{d\theta} = 2 \sin \theta$$

$$\frac{dx}{d\theta} = 4 \sin \theta \cos \theta - \sin \theta$$

$$\frac{dy}{d\theta} = 2 \sin^2 \theta + (1 - 2 \cos \theta) \cdot \cos \theta$$

- (c) Write an equation in terms of  $x$  and  $y$  for the line tangent to the graph of the polar curve at the point where  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$ . Show the computations that lead to your answer.

When  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$ , we have  $x = 0$  and  $y = 1$

$$\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{\theta=\frac{\pi}{2}} = \frac{\frac{dy}{d\theta}}{\frac{dx}{d\theta}} \bigg|_{\theta=\frac{\pi}{2}} = -2$$

The tangent line is given by  $y = 1 - 2x$ .