

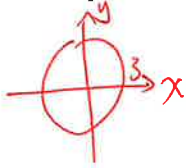
## ➤ Polar Coordinates and Slopes of Curves

✧ If a point  $P$  has rectangular coordinates  $(x, y)$  and polar coordinates  $(r, \theta)$ , then

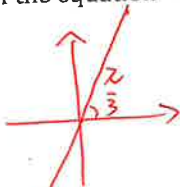
$$(r, \theta) \rightarrow (x, y): \begin{cases} x = r \cos \theta \\ y = r \sin \theta \end{cases} \quad (x, y) \rightarrow (r, \theta): \begin{cases} r = \frac{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} \\ \tan \theta = \frac{y}{x} \end{cases}$$

✧ Some polar curves

1. Sketch a graph of the equation  $r = 3$

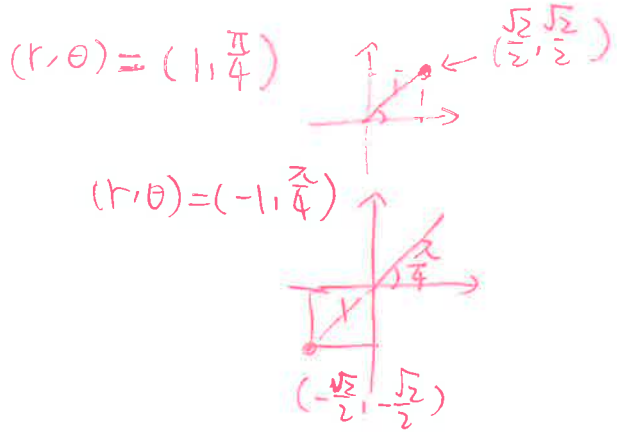
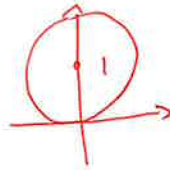


2. Sketch a graph of the equation  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{3}$

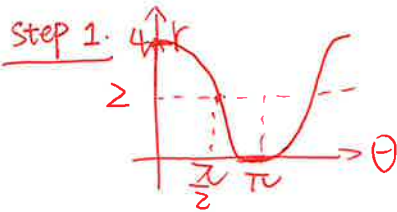


3. Sketch a graph of the polar equation  $r = 2 \sin \theta$

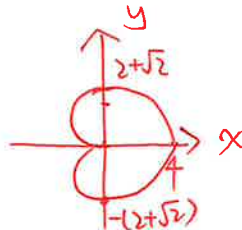
$$\begin{aligned} r &= 2 \sin \theta \\ x^2 + y^2 &= 2y \\ x^2 + (y-1)^2 &= 1 \end{aligned}$$



4. Sketch a graph of  $r = 2 + 2 \cos \theta$



Step 2:

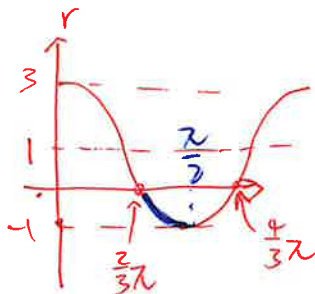


$$\begin{aligned} 0 < \theta < \pi: r &\downarrow 4 \rightarrow 0 \\ \theta = \frac{\pi}{2}: r &= 2 + \sqrt{2} \\ \pi < \theta < 2\pi: r &\uparrow 0 \rightarrow 4 \end{aligned}$$

✧ **Cardioid (heart-shaped):** The graph of any equation of the form  $r = a(1 \pm \cos \theta)$  or  $r = a(1 \pm \sin \theta)$  is a cardioid.

✧ **Limaçon**

5. Sketch a graph of the equation  $r = 1 + 2 \cos \theta$



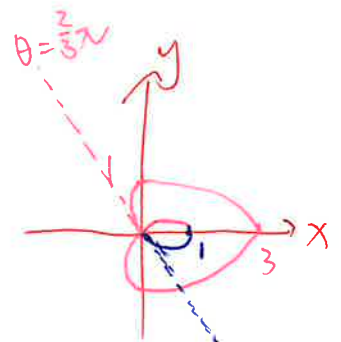
midline  
amplitude

$$r = 0: 1 + 2 \cos \theta = 0$$

$$2 \cos \theta = -1$$

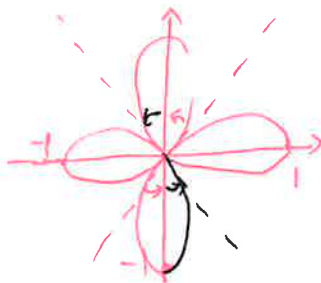
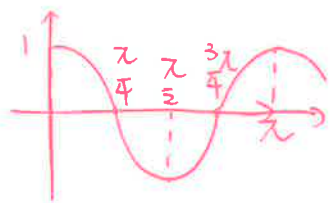
$$\cos \theta = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\theta = \frac{2}{3}\pi, \frac{4}{3}\pi$$

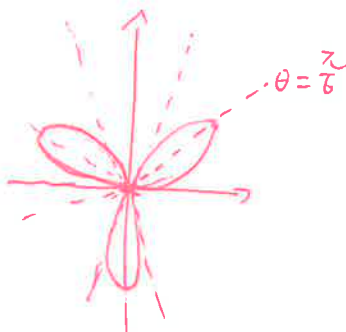
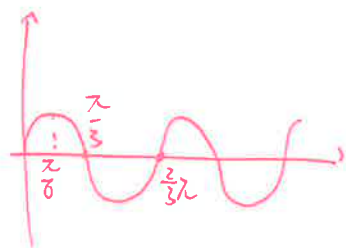


✧ **Roses**

6. Sketch the curve  $r = \cos 2\theta$



7. Sketch the curve  $r = \sin 3\theta$



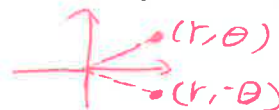
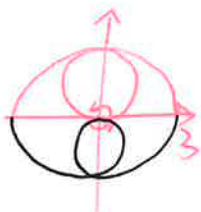
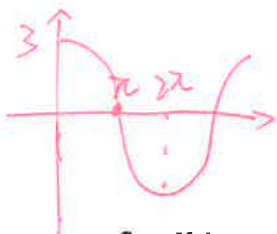
✧ In general, the graph of an equation of the form  $r = a \cos n\theta$  is an 2n-leaved rose if  $n$  is even.

the graph of an equation of the form  $r = a \sin n\theta$  is an n-leaved rose if  $n$  is odd.

✧ **Symmetry**

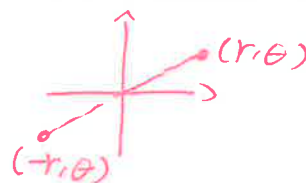
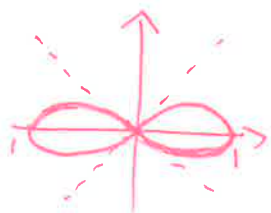
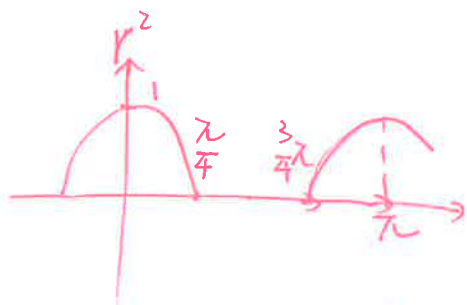
- If a polar equation is unchanged when we replace  $\theta$  by  $-\theta$ , then the graph is symmetric about the polar axis.

8. Sketch a graph of  $r = 3 \cos \frac{\theta}{2}$



- If the equation is unchanged when we replace  $r$  by  $-r$ , then the graph is symmetric about the pole.

9. Sketch a graph of  $r^2 = \cos 2\theta$



✧ The slope of the tangent line to the graph of  $r = f(\theta)$  at point  $(r, \theta)$  is:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\frac{d(r \sin \theta)}{d\theta}}{\frac{d(r \cos \theta)}{d\theta}} = \frac{\frac{dr}{d\theta} \sin \theta + r \cdot \cos \theta}{\frac{dr}{d\theta} \cos \theta + r \cdot (-\sin \theta)} = \frac{f'(\theta) \sin \theta + f(\theta) \cos \theta}{f'(\theta) \cos \theta - f(\theta) \sin \theta}$$

✧ If  $r > 0$  and

- $\frac{dr}{d\theta} < 0$ , then  $r$  is increasing/decreasing, which means the curve is getting closer/farther from the origin. (as  $\theta$  increases) w.r.t.  $\theta$
- $\frac{dr}{d\theta} > 0$ , then  $r$  is increasing, which means the curve is getting farther from the origin. w.r.t.  $\theta$

### Practice.

1. A curve is defined by the polar equation  $r = 4 \sin(2\theta)$  for  $0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$ .

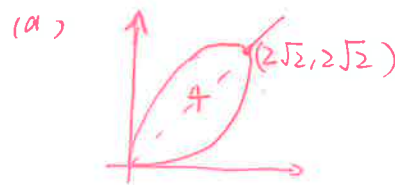
(a) Graph the curve.

(b) Find the slope of the curve at the point where  $\theta = \pi/4$ .

(c) Find an equation in terms of  $x$  and  $y$  for the line tangent to the curve at the point where  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$ .

(d) Find an interval where the curve is getting closer to the origin.

(e) Find the value of  $\theta$  in the interval  $0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$  such that the point on the curve has the greatest distance from the origin.



(b)  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{4 \cos(2\theta) \cdot 2 \cdot \sin \theta + 4 \sin(2\theta) \cdot \cos \theta}{8 \cos(2\theta) \cdot \cos \theta - 4 \sin(2\theta) \sin \theta}$

$\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{\theta = \frac{\pi}{4}} = \frac{4 \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}}{-4 \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}} = -1$

(c)  $r(\frac{\pi}{4}) = 4$

$\begin{cases} x = 2\sqrt{2} \\ y = 2\sqrt{2} \end{cases}$

$\therefore y - 2\sqrt{2} = -(x - 2\sqrt{2})$

$y = -x + 4\sqrt{2}$

(e)  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$

$r'(\theta) = 8 \cos 2\theta = 0$

$\therefore \theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$

(d)  $r'(\theta) = 4 \cos(2\theta) \cdot 2 < 0$

$\therefore \frac{\pi}{4} < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$

$r - r \cos \theta = 8$

2. (cal) The equation of the polar curve is given by  $r = \frac{8}{1 - \cos \theta}$ . What is the angle  $\theta$  that corresponds to the point on the curve with  $x$ -coordinate  $-3$ ?

(A) 1.248

(B) 1.356

(C) 1.596

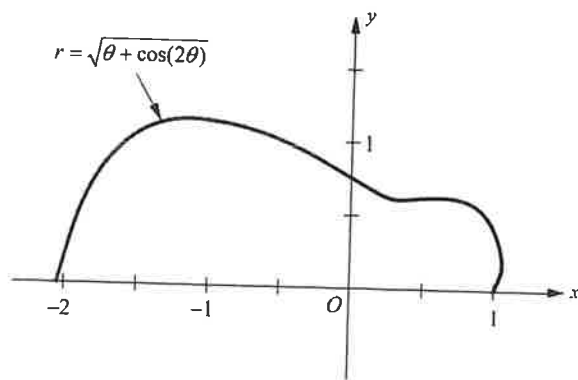
(D) 2.214

$\therefore r = 8 + (-3) = 5$

$\therefore \cos \theta = -\frac{3}{5}$

cal:  $\theta \approx 2.214$

3.



The polar curve  $r = \sqrt{\theta + \cos(2\theta)}$ , for  $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$ , is drawn in the figure above.

- (a) Find  $\frac{dr}{d\theta}$ , the derivative of  $r$  with respect to  $\theta$ .
- (b) Find the angle  $\theta$  that corresponds to the point on the curve with  $x$ -coordinate 0.5.
- (c) For  $\frac{\pi}{12} < \theta < \frac{5\pi}{12}$ ,  $\frac{dr}{d\theta}$  is negative. What does this fact say about  $r$ ? What does this fact say about the curve?
- (d) Find the value of  $\theta$  in the interval  $0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$  that correspond to the point on the curve in the first quadrant with the least distance from the origin. Justify your answer.

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

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

$$(b) x = r \cos \theta = 0.5 = \sqrt{\theta + \cos(2\theta)} \cdot \cos \theta = 0.5$$

calculator:  $\theta = 0.910$

(c)  $r$  is decreasing as  $\theta$  increases.

The curve is getting closer to the origin.

(d) distance =  $r$

$$r'(\theta) = 0: 1 - 2\sin(2\theta) = 0$$

$$\therefore 2\theta = \frac{\pi}{6}, \theta = \frac{\pi}{12}$$

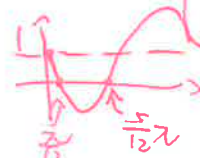
$$\text{OR } 2\theta = \frac{5\pi}{6}, \theta = \frac{5\pi}{12}$$

$$r(0) = 1$$

$$r\left(\frac{5\pi}{12}\right) = \sqrt{\frac{5\pi}{12} + \frac{1}{2}} > r(0)$$

$\theta$	$(0, \frac{\pi}{12})$	$\frac{\pi}{12}$	$(\frac{\pi}{12}, \frac{5\pi}{12})$	$\frac{5\pi}{12}$	$(\frac{5\pi}{12}, \pi)$
$r'(\theta)$	+	0	-	0	+
$r(\theta)$	$\nearrow$	max	$\searrow$	min	$\nearrow$

numerator of  $r'(\theta)$



$\therefore$  when  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{12}$ , the curve has the least distance from the origin.


Review 

$$\text{Area} = \frac{1}{2} r l = \frac{1}{2} r \cdot (r \theta) = \frac{1}{2} r^2 \theta$$

## ➤ Area in Polar Coordinates

The area of the region bounded by the graph of  $r = f(\theta)$  between the radial lines  $\theta = \alpha$  and  $\theta = \beta$  is given by:

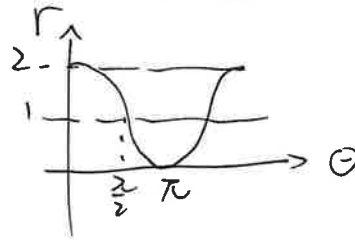
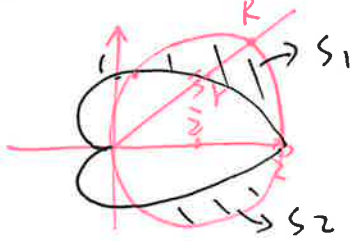
$$A = \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} \frac{1}{2} f^2(\theta) d\theta$$



$$\text{Area} = \frac{1}{2} r l = \frac{1}{2} r \cdot r d\theta = \frac{1}{2} (f(\theta))^2 d\theta$$

### Practice.

1. Find the area of the region that lies inside the circle  $r = 3 \cos \theta$  and outside the cardioid  $r = 1 + \cos \theta$ .



Intersection:  $r = 3 \cos \theta = 1 + \cos \theta$

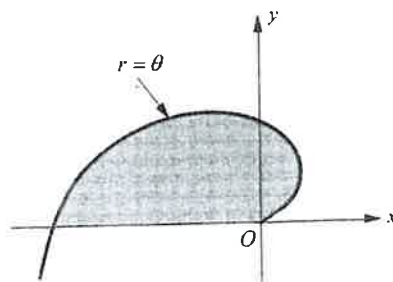
$$2 \cos \theta = 1, \quad \cos \theta = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\theta = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

$$\text{Area } S_1 = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\pi/3} (3 \cos \theta)^2 - (1 + \cos \theta)^2 d\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$S = 2S_1 = \pi$$

2.



$$\int_0^{\pi} \frac{1}{2} \theta^2 d\theta$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{3} [\theta^3]_0^{\pi} = \frac{\pi^3}{6}$$

B The area of the shaded region bounded by the polar curve  $r = \theta$  and the x-axis is

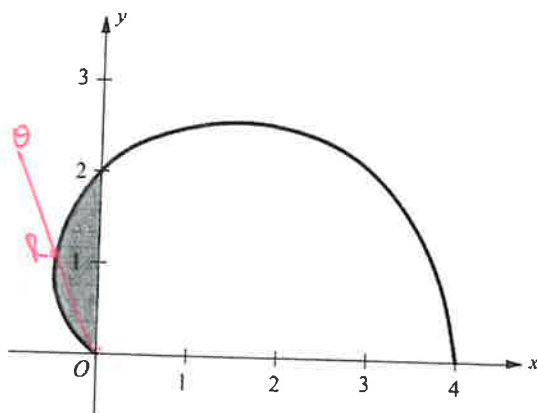
(A)  $\frac{\pi^2}{4}$

(B)  $\frac{\pi^3}{6}$

(C)  $\frac{\pi^3}{3}$

(D)  $\frac{\pi^3}{2}$

3.



The graph of the polar curve  $r = 2 + 2\cos(\theta)$  for  $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$  is shown above.

(a) Write an integral expression for the area of the shaded region.

$$\int_{\pi/2}^{\pi} \frac{1}{2} (2 + 2\cos\theta)^2 d\theta$$

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

(c) Write an equation in terms of  $x$  and  $y$  for the line tangent to the curve at the point where  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(b)} \quad \frac{dx}{d\theta} &= \frac{d(r \cos\theta)}{d\theta} = \frac{dr}{d\theta} \cos\theta + r \cdot (-\sin\theta) \\ &= 2 \cdot (-\sin\theta) \cdot \cos\theta + (-\sin\theta) \cdot (2 + 2\cos\theta) \\ &= -4\sin\theta \cos\theta - 2\sin\theta \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{d\theta} &= \frac{dr}{d\theta} \sin\theta + r \cdot \cos\theta \\ &= -2\sin^2\theta + \cos\theta(2 + 2\cos\theta) \\ &= 2\cos\theta + 2(\cos^2\theta - \sin^2\theta) = 2\cos\theta + 2\cos(2\theta) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{(c)} \quad \left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{\theta=\frac{\pi}{2}} = \frac{\left. \frac{dy}{d\theta} \right|_{\theta=\frac{\pi}{2}}}{\left. \frac{dx}{d\theta} \right|_{\theta=\frac{\pi}{2}}} = 1$$

$$\text{when } \theta = \frac{\pi}{2}, \quad r = 2$$

$$\therefore \text{passes } (0, 2)$$

$$\therefore \text{tangent line: } y - 2 = x$$

$$y = x + 2$$