Type of Graph	Equations	Properties	Example
Spiral	r = αθ	Begins at the origin spiraling outward in a counter-clockwise direction, crossing the polar axis at $(2\pi a k, 0)$ for $k = 0, 1, 2, 3,$	$r = \frac{1}{3}\theta \text{ with } 0 \le \theta \le 6\pi$
Circles	$r = a$ $r = 2a \sin \theta$ $r = 2a \cos \theta$	If $r=a$, then a circle with radius $ a $ centered at $(0,0)$ If $\sin\theta$, then a circle with radius $ a $ centered at $(0,a)$ If $\cos\theta$, then a circle with radius $ a $ centered at $(a,0)$	$r = 6 \sin \theta$
Lines	$\theta = \theta_0$	A line passing through the origin with slope $m\!=\! an heta_0^{}$	$\theta = \frac{\pi}{5}$

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Lemniscates	$r^2 = a^2 \sin \theta$ $r^2 = a^2 \cos \theta$	If $\sin\theta$, then two loops along the $y=x$ line each having a radius $ a $ If $\cos\theta$, then two loops along the $y=0$ line each having a radius $ a $	$r^2 = 25\sin(2\theta)$
Limaçons Inner Loop (a < b) Cardioid (a = b) Dimple (a > b)	$r = a \pm b \sin \theta$ $r = a \pm b \cos \theta$	If $+b\sin\theta$ then extends upward, if $-b\sin\theta$ then extends downward; has y -intercepts at $(0,b\pm a)$; has x -intercepts at $(\pm a,0)$; inner loop and cardioid also cross through origin If $+b\cos\theta$ then extends right, if $-b\cos\theta$ then extends left; has x -intercepts at $(b\pm a,0)$; has y -intercepts at $(0,\pm a)$; inner loop and cardioid also cross through origin	$r = 2 - 3\cos\theta$
Roses	$r = a\sin(n\theta)$ $r = a\cos(n\theta)$	If $\sin(n\theta)$, then no petals on either axis if n is even or 1 petal on y -axis if n is odd (alternates $+y$ or $-y$ for incrementally odd values) If $\cos(n\theta)$, then first petal on positive x -axis # of petals: if n is odd then n petals, if n is even then $2n$ petals	$r = 6\cos(5\theta)$