

Problem 1: Find the area of one leaf of the rose given by $r = 3 \sin 2\theta$. (Source: AoPS Calculus)

We can divide the leaf into a number of small sectors, where each sector has an area of $\frac{d\theta}{2\pi}(\pi r^2)$. We can integrate this expression from $\theta = 0$ to $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$ to get the area of the leaf.

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} (\pi r^2) \frac{d\theta}{2\pi} &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} r^2 d\theta \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} (3 \sin 2\theta)^2 d\theta \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} 9 \sin^2 2\theta d\theta \\ &= \frac{9}{2} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^2 2\theta d\theta\end{aligned}$$

Now we are going to prove a trig identity that lets us integrate $\sin^2 2\theta$.

$$\begin{aligned}\cos 2x &= \cos^2 x - \sin^2 x \\ \sin^2 x &= \cos^2 x - \cos 2x \\ \sin^2 x &= (1 - \sin^2 x) - \cos 2x \\ 2 \sin^2 x &= 1 - \cos 2x \\ \sin^2 x &= \frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos 2x)\end{aligned}$$

Let $u = 2\theta$. Then $\frac{du}{d\theta} = 2$.

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} (\pi r^2) \frac{d\theta}{2\pi} &= \frac{9}{2} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^2 2\theta d\theta \\ &= \frac{9}{2} \int_0^{\pi} \sin^2 u \frac{du}{2} \\ &= \frac{9}{4} \int_0^{\pi} \sin^2 u du \\ &= \frac{9}{4} \int_0^{\pi} \frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos 2u) du \\ &= \frac{9}{8} \int_0^{\pi} (1 - \cos 2u) du \\ &= \frac{9}{8} \left(u - \frac{1}{2} \sin 2u \right) \Big|_0^{\pi} \\ &= \boxed{\frac{9\pi}{8}}\end{aligned}$$