

In class work **25** has questions **1** through **1** with a total of **6** points. Turn in your work at the end of class *on paper*. This assignment is due at *Thursday 30 November 13:20*.

“Time is never wasted if you remember to bring along something to read.”

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1. In polar coordinates, an equation of a curve \mathcal{C} is $r = \sqrt{\frac{1}{4} - \sin(\theta)^2}$.

- 2 (a) Use Desmos to draw a graph of this polar equation. As best you can, reproduce the graph here.

- 2 (b) Find all solutions to $0 = \sqrt{\frac{1}{4} - \sin(\theta)^2}$. These solutions give all the points on the curve that intersect the origin with $\theta \in [0, 2\pi]$. To find *all* solutions to this equation, use the *source of all knowledge (SOAK)*, that is, the unit circle.

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- (c) For each intersection of \mathcal{C} with the origin, find the slope of the tangent line. Using Desmos, verify that you have found the correct tangent lines. **Note:** Desmos refuses¹ to graph a polar curve of the form $\theta = f(r)$. And in particular, it will not graph the polar curve $\theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$, for example. To work around this, you'll need to find the cartesian equation of the tangent lines.

Optional For extra fun, find a cartesian equation of the curve \mathcal{C} . Show that for $x \in [-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}]$, a cartesian equation of the curve is $y = \pm \frac{\sqrt{\sqrt{64x^2+9}-8x^2-3}}{2^{\frac{3}{2}}}$. And show that the other two solutions are not real. Finally, are there any values of x that allow the nested radical $\sqrt{\sqrt{64x^2+9}-8x^2-3}$ to denest?

¹I think Desmos should hire some UNK CS graduates to fix this.