

CURVE TRACING

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For Cartesian Curves -

Rule 1:- Symmetry.

- 1) If all powers of y are even \Rightarrow Curve is Symmetric about X axis.
- 2) If all powers of x are even \Rightarrow Curve is Symmetric about Y axis.
- 3) Replace $x \rightarrow y$ & $y \rightarrow x$.
equation is unchanged. Curve is Symmetric about line $y=x$.

Rule 2:- Pts of Intersection

Origin:- put $x=0$ & $y=0$ if equation is satisfied then Curve passes through Origin.

Tangent at Origin \rightarrow Equate lowest degree term to zero.

Intersection with X axis:- put $y=0$, find all possible values of x .

Intersection with Y axis:- put $x=0$, find all possible values of y .

Rule 3:- A symptote (tangent at infinity).

1) Parallel to X-axis:- equate Coefficient of highest power of x to zero.

2) Parallel to Y axis:- equate Coefficient of highest power of y to zero

Note - If Coefficient is Constant then no asymptote in that case.

Rule 4:- Region of Absence:-

1) Arrange equation as $y^2 = f(x)$ find x for which y^2 is negative or y is imaginary.

2) or Arrange equation as $x^2 = f(y)$. find y where x^2 is negative or x is imaginary.

3) Sometimes find x & y and observe whether they are \uparrow or \downarrow
(like $x = (y-1)(y-2)(y-3)$) \rightarrow example.

Note:- Two points on same line are always Connected with a loop.

POLAR CURVES (in terms of r & θ)

Rule 1:- **Symmetry**

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1) put θ by $-\theta$ if equation is unchanged.
 \Rightarrow Curve is Symmetric about initial line
 $\theta = 0^\circ$.

2) put $\theta \rightarrow -\theta$ & $r \rightarrow -r$ if equation is unchanged \Rightarrow Curve is Symmetric about
 $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$ line.

Same Symmetry exist when equation is unchanged replacing θ by $\pi - \theta$.

Use it for equations having sin terms
as $\sin(\pi - \theta) = \sin \theta$

Rule 2:- **Pole**

put $r=0$ & find $\theta \Rightarrow$ if such θ exists
then pole lies on curve.

$\theta \rightarrow$ represents tangent at pole.

Rule 3:- **Table for r & θ**

1) for Symmetric about $\theta = 0^\circ$.

θ	0	45	90	135	180
r					

2) for Symmetric about $\theta = \pi/2$.

θ	90	135	180	225	270
r					

Rule 4:- Region of absence

For $r^2 = f(\theta)$ find values of θ where r^2 is negative then no curve for that value of θ . If equation is not given in terms of $r^2 = f(\theta)$ then curve is present for all θ .

Rule 5:- Angle ϕ between tangent & radius vector.

Solve $\tan \phi = r \frac{d\theta}{dr}$

ROSE CURVES

Type:- $r = a \cos n\theta$ / $r = a \sin n\theta$

Rule 1:- Symmetry

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- 1) put θ as $-\theta$ if equation is unchanged \Rightarrow Curve is Symmetric about initial line $\theta = 0^\circ$.
- 2) put $\theta \rightarrow -\theta$ & $r \rightarrow -r$ if equation is unchanged \Rightarrow Curve is Symmetric about $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$ line.

Rule 2:- Pole:-

put $r = 0$ & find θ if such θ exists then pole lies on the Curve.
 $\theta \rightarrow$ represents tangent at pole.

Rule 3:- No of loops:- There are \Rightarrow

- a) $2n$ loops if n is even
- b) n loops if n is odd.

Rule 4:- Divide each quadrant into n equal parts.

If equation is $r = a \cos n\theta$ \rightarrow first loop starts along $\theta = 0^\circ$.

If equation is $r = a \sin n\theta$ \rightarrow first loop starts along $\theta = \frac{\pi/2}{n}$

For n is even - Draw loops Consecutively in every two sectors.

For n is odd - Draw loops alternatively keeping two sectors vacant in between them.

Rule 5:- Angle between tangent & radius vector

$$\tan \phi = r \cdot \frac{d\theta}{dr}$$

Note:- for $r = a \sin n\theta$

putting $r = 0$

we get $\sin n\theta = 0$

$$n\theta = 0, \pi, 2\pi, 3\pi, \dots$$

$$\theta = 0, \frac{\pi}{n}, \frac{2\pi}{n}, \frac{3\pi}{n}, \dots$$

for $r = a \cos n\theta$

for $r = 0$

$$0 = \cos n\theta$$

$$n\theta = -\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}, \dots$$

$$\theta = -\frac{\pi}{2n}, \frac{\pi}{2n}, \frac{3\pi}{2n}, \dots$$