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- Very useful, do remember this set of formulas, otherwise you may have to derive them by yourselves during the exam!

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$$\vec{r} = r\hat{n}_r \quad (1)$$

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## Relations with cartesian coordinates

$$x = r\cos\theta, \quad y = r\sin\theta$$

$$d\vec{r} = dr\hat{n}_r + r d\theta\hat{n}_\theta, \quad |d\vec{r}| = \sqrt{(dr)^2 + (rd\theta)^2}$$

# Examples

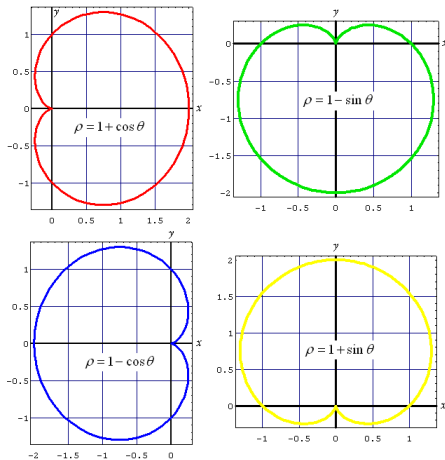


Figure: Cardioid.

Examples Lemniscate:

$$r^2 = 2A^2 \cos 2\theta.$$

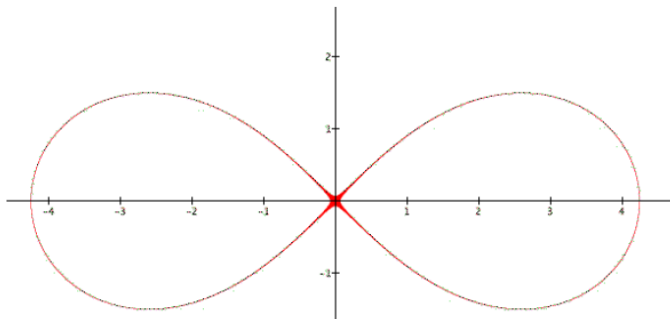


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If you can derive it by yourself, you can be very confident about kinematics problems in exams.

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$$\vec{v} = v \hat{n}_\tau$$

$$\vec{a} = \dot{v} \hat{n}_\tau + \frac{v^2}{R_c} \hat{n}_n$$

$R_c$  means radius of curvature, what is radius of curvature?

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How to derive them?

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## Exercise 2

### Cartesian coordinates and natural coordinates

A particle moves in the  $x$ - $y$  plane so that

$$x(t) = at, \quad y(t) = bt^2,$$

where  $a, b$  are positive constants. Find its trajectory, velocity, and acceleration (its tangential and normal components).

## Exercise 3

### Cartesian coordinates and natural coordinates

The velocities of two particles observed from a fixed frame of reference are given in the Cartesian coordinates by vectors  $\vec{v}_1(t) = (0, 2, 0) + (3, 1, 2)t^2$  and  $\vec{v}_2(t) = (1, 0, 1)$ . At the initial instant of time  $t = 0$ , the positions of these particles are  $\vec{r}_1(0) = (1, 0, 0)$  and  $\vec{r}_2(0) = (0, 1, 1)$ .

**Find:** the positions of both particles and the acceleration of particle 1 (and its tangential and normal components), relative position, and relative acceleration of particle 1 with respect to particle 2 at any instant of time  $t$ .

## Exercise 4

### Polar coordinates (Archimedes' spiral)

A disc of radius  $R$  rotates about its axis of symmetry (perpendicular to the disk surface) with constant angular velocity  $\dot{\phi} = \omega = \text{const.}$  At the instant of time  $t = 0$  a beetle starts to walk with constant speed  $v_0$  along a radius of the disk, from its center to the edge.

### Find

- (a) the position of the beetle and its trajectory in the Cartesian and polar coordinate systems,
- (b) its velocity both systems,
- (c) its acceleration in both systems (Cartesian components, polar components, as well as tangential and normal components).

## Exercise 5

### Polar coordinates

A particle moves along a hyperbolic spiral (i.e. a curve  $r = c/\varphi$ , where  $c$  is a positive constant), so that  $\varphi(t) = \varphi_0 + \omega t$ , where  $\varphi_0$  and  $\omega$  are positive constants. **Find** its velocity and acceleration (all components and magnitudes of both vectors).

## Exercise 6

For the situation discussed in [Exercise 3](#), answer the following questions.

- (a) What is the distance covered by the beetle (write down the integral only, do not evaluate it)?
- (b) What is the radius of curvature of the trajectory?



## Exercise 7

Four spiders are initially placed at the four corners of a square with side length  $a$ . The spiders crawl counter-clockwise at the same speed and each spider crawls directly toward the next spider at all times. They approach the center of the square along spiral paths.

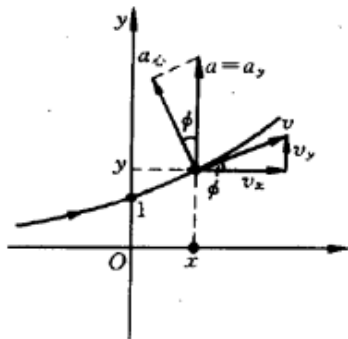
### Find

- (a) polar coordinates of a spider at any instant of time, assuming the origin is at the center of the square,
- (b) the time after which all spiders meet,
- (c) the trajectory of a spider in polar coordinates.



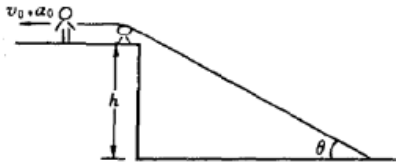
## Exercise 9 (supplement)

Using kinematics method to solve the distribution function  $\rho(x)$  of the radius of curvature of the curve  $y = e^x$ .



## Exercise 10 (supplement)

The height of the river bank is  $h$ , and people use ropes to pull the boat to shore. If the angle between the rope and the water surface is  $\theta$ , the speed of the human left is  $v_0$  and the acceleration is  $a_0$ . Try to find the speed  $v$  and acceleration  $a$  of the ship at this time.



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