3.E - Trigonometric Identities and Equations

Fundamental Identities

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Pythagorean Identities

$$\sin^2\theta + \cos^2\theta = 1$$

$$\tan^2 \theta + 1 = \sec^2 \theta$$
$$1 + \cot^2 \theta = \csc^2 \theta$$

Sum and Difference Identities

$$\sin(\alpha \pm \beta) = \sin \alpha \cos \beta \pm \cos \alpha \sin \beta$$
$$\cos(\alpha \pm \beta) = \cos \alpha \cos \beta \mp \sin \alpha \sin \beta$$

Double Angle Identities

$$\sin(2\theta) = 2\sin\theta\cos\theta$$
$$\cos(2\theta) = \cos^2\theta - \sin^2\theta$$
$$\tan(2\theta) = \frac{2\tan\theta}{1 - \tan^2\theta}$$

Cofunction Identities

$$\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta\right) = \cos\theta$$

$$\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta\right) = \sin\theta$$

Even/Odd Identities

$$\sin(-\theta) = -\sin\theta$$
$$\cos(-\theta) = \cos\theta$$

$$\tan(-\theta) = -\tan\theta$$

Power Reducing Identities

$$\sin^2 \theta = \frac{1 - \cos 2\theta}{2}$$
$$\cos^2 \theta = \frac{1 + \cos 2\theta}{2}$$

$$\tan^2\theta = \frac{1 - \cos 2\theta}{1 + \cos 2\theta}$$

Proving Identities

Recall, to prove an identity, we start with one side of the equation and manipulate it until it looks like the other side.

1.
$$\frac{\sin \theta}{1 + \cos \theta} = \frac{1 - \cos \theta}{\sin \theta}$$

$$2. \frac{\sec^2 \theta - 1}{\sec^2 \theta} = \sin^2 \theta$$

3.
$$\frac{1}{1 - \sin x} + \frac{1}{1 + \sin x} = 2\sec^2 x$$

4.
$$(\tan^2 \theta + 1) (\cos^2 \theta - 1) = -\tan^2 \theta$$

5.
$$\tan^3 x + 1 = (\tan x + 1)(\sec^2 x - \tan x)$$

6.
$$\sin^3 x \cos^4 x = (\cos^4 x - \cos^6 x) \sin x$$

7.
$$\cos^4 \theta - \sin^4 \theta = \cos 2\theta$$

8.
$$\csc(2x) = \frac{\sec x}{2\sin x}$$

Solving Equations

For each of the following, solve the equation and list all solutions on the interval $[0, 2\pi)$.

1.
$$2\sin 3\theta = -\sqrt{3}$$

$$2. \ 2\cos^2\theta + \cos\theta - 1 = 0$$

3.
$$\sin \theta = \sqrt{3} \cos \theta$$

$$4. \ \frac{\sin 2x}{\cos x} - 1 = 0$$

$$5. \, \sec x + \tan x = 1$$

6.
$$\cos 2\theta - \sin^2 \theta = \cos^2 \theta + 3\cos \theta$$

Other Problems

Using identities, and without the use of a calculator, solve the following problems. Your answers should be exact values.

1. $\sin(75^{\circ})$

 $2. \cos\left(\frac{5\pi}{12}\right)$

3. Given $\sin \theta = \frac{5}{14}$ and θ is in Quadrant II, find $\cos 2\theta$.

4. Given that $\theta = -105^{\circ}$, find the exact values of sine, cosine, and tangent of θ .

3.F - Polar Coordinates and Equations

Converting Between Rectangular and Polar Coordinates

Recall: Converting Between Rectangular and Polar Coordinates

Rectangular to Polar

Polar to Rectangular

$$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$
$$\theta = \arctan\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$$

$$x = r\cos\theta$$

$$y = r\sin\theta$$

Convert each of the following points to rectangular coordinates.

1. $(3, \pi/6)$

2. $(4,7\pi/4)$

3. $(2, 5\pi/3)$

4. $(-3, 5\pi/6)$

5. $(-4, -7\pi/6)$

6. $(0, 1\pi/3)$

Convert each of the following points to polar coordinates.

1. (3,4)

2. (-3,4)

3. (-3, -4)

4. $(2\sqrt{3}, -2)$

5. $(-1,\sqrt{3})$

6. (8,0)

Converting Equations

Convert each of the following equations from rectangular to polar form.

1.
$$y^2 = -x^2 + 16$$

2.
$$xy = -(x-2)^2$$

Convert each of the following equations from polar to rectangular form.

1.
$$r = 3$$

2.
$$r = 2 \sec \theta$$

3.
$$\theta = -\frac{11\pi}{6}$$

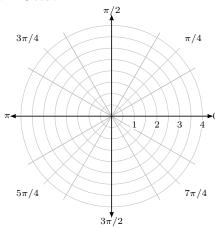
4.
$$r = -2\sin\theta$$

5.
$$r = 5\sin\theta\cos\theta$$

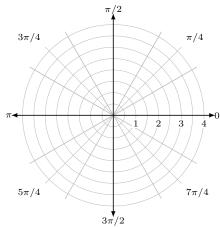
Graphing Polar Equations

Sketch a graph of the given polar functions. Confirm your answer with a calculator or Desmos.com.

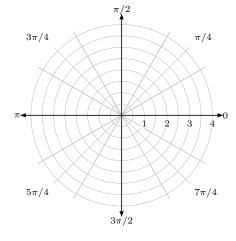
1. $r = 3\cos\theta$



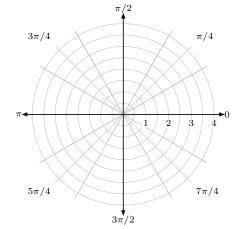
 $2. \ r = -2\sin\theta$



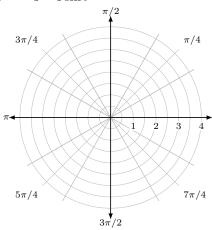
3. $r = 4\sin 2\theta$



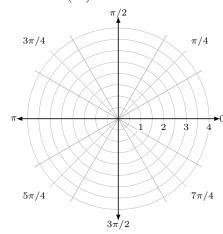
 $4. \ r = 1 + 3\cos\theta$



5. $r = -3 - 3\sin\theta$

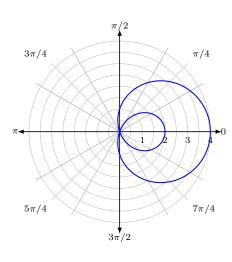


6. $r = -3\cos(3\theta)$

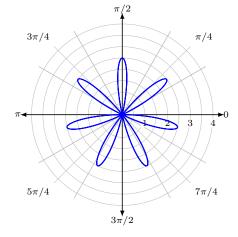


Given the graph of a polar curve, write the equation $r = f(\theta)$ that describes it. There may be multiple answers.

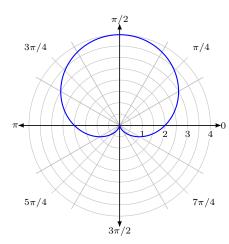
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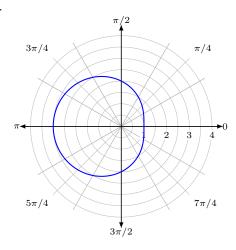
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Symmetry

Find all axes or lines of symmetry for the provided polar functions.

1.
$$r = 3\sin\theta$$

$$2. \ r = 4\cos 2\theta$$

Rates of Change

Find the average rate of change of the given polar functions over the given interval [a, b]. Round to 3 decimal places.

1.
$$r = 2\sin(3\pi\theta)$$
 over $\left[1, \frac{7}{6}\right]$

2.
$$r = 2\cos\left(\frac{5}{3}\theta\right) + 3 \text{ over } \left[-\frac{12\pi}{5}, -\frac{9\pi}{4}\right]$$

For each of the following polar functions, determine (1) if r and (2) the distance from the origin are increasing, decreasing, or neither at the given value of θ .

1.
$$r = 2\sin\theta$$
 at $\theta = \pi/4$

2.
$$r = 3\cos\theta$$
 at $\theta = 3\pi/2$

3.
$$r = 4\sin 2\theta$$
 at $\theta = \pi/6$

4.
$$r = 1 + 3\cos\theta$$
 at $\theta = 0$