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Exercise A, Question 1

Question:

Find the polar coordinates of the following points

a (5, 12)

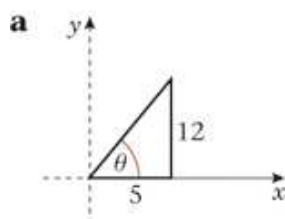
b (-5, 12)

c (-5, -12)

d (2, -3)

e ($\sqrt{3}$, -1)

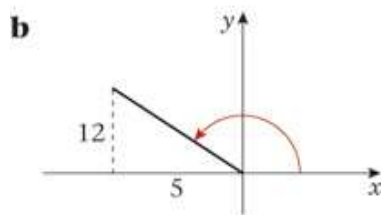
Solution:



$$\arctan\left(\frac{12}{5}\right) = 67.4^\circ$$

$$r = \sqrt{5^2 + 12^2} = 13$$

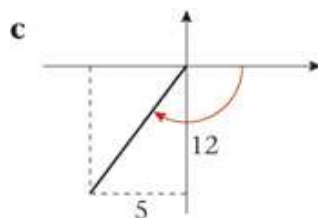
$$\therefore \text{point is } (13, 67.4^\circ)$$



$$r = \sqrt{(-5)^2 + 12^2} = 13$$

$$\theta = 180 - \arctan\left(\frac{12}{5}\right) = 112.6^\circ$$

$$\therefore \text{point is } (13, 112.6^\circ)$$

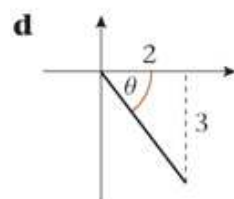


$$\theta = -\left(180 - \arctan\frac{12}{5}\right)$$

$$= -112.6^\circ$$

$$r = \sqrt{(-5)^2 + (-12)^2} = 13$$

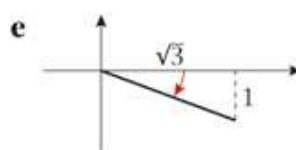
$$\therefore \text{point is } (13, -112.6^\circ)$$



$$\theta = -\arctan\frac{3}{2} = -56.3^\circ$$

$$r = \sqrt{2^2 + (-3)^2} = \sqrt{13}$$

$$\therefore \text{point is } (\sqrt{13}, -56.3^\circ)$$



$$\theta = -\arctan\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} = -30^\circ$$

$$r = \sqrt{\sqrt{3}^2 + (-1)^2} = \sqrt{4} = 2$$

$$\therefore \text{point is } (2, -30^\circ)$$

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Exercise A, Question 2

Question:

Find Cartesian coordinates of the following points. Angles are measured in radians.

a $\left(6, \frac{\pi}{6}\right)$

b $\left(6, -\frac{\pi}{6}\right)$

c $\left(6, \frac{3\pi}{4}\right)$

d $\left(10, \frac{5\pi}{4}\right)$

e $(2, \pi)$

Solution:

a $x = 6 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) = \frac{6\sqrt{3}}{2} = 3\sqrt{3}$

$y = 6 \sin\frac{\pi}{6} = 3$

\therefore point is $(3\sqrt{3}, 3)$

b $x = 6 \cos\left(-\frac{\pi}{6}\right) = \frac{6\sqrt{3}}{2} = 3\sqrt{3}$

$y = 6 \sin\left(-\frac{\pi}{6}\right) = -3$

\therefore point is $(3\sqrt{3}, -3)$

c $x = 6 \cos\left(\frac{3\pi}{4}\right) = -\frac{6}{\sqrt{2}} \text{ or } -3\sqrt{2}$

$y = 6 \sin\left(\frac{3\pi}{4}\right) = \frac{6}{\sqrt{2}} = 3\sqrt{2}$

\therefore point is $(-3\sqrt{2}, 3\sqrt{2})$

d $x = 10 \cos\left(\frac{5\pi}{4}\right) = -\frac{10}{\sqrt{2}} = -5\sqrt{2}$

$y = 10 \sin\left(\frac{5\pi}{4}\right) = -\frac{10}{\sqrt{2}} = -5\sqrt{2}$

\therefore point is $(-5\sqrt{2}, -5\sqrt{2})$

e $x = 2 \cos(\pi) = -2$

$y = 2 \sin(\pi) = 0$

\therefore point is $(-2, 0)$

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Exercise B, Question 1

Question:

Find Cartesian equations for the following curves where a is a positive constant.

a $r = 2$

b $r = 3 \sec \theta$

c $r = 5 \operatorname{cosec} \theta$

Solution:

a $r = 2$ is $x^2 + y^2 = 4$

b $r = 3 \sec \theta$

$\Rightarrow r \cos \theta = 3$ i.e. $x = 3$

c $r = 5 \operatorname{cosec} \theta$

$\Rightarrow r \sin \theta = 5$ i.e. $y = 5$

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Exercise B, Question 2

Question:

Find Cartesian equations for the following curves where a is a positive constant.

a $r = 4a \tan \theta \sec \theta$

b $r = 2a \cos \theta$

c $r = 3a \sin \theta$

Solution:

a $r = 4a \tan \theta \sec \theta$

$$r = \frac{4a \sin \theta}{\cos^2 \theta}$$

$$r \cos^2 \theta = 4a \sin \theta \quad \bullet \quad \text{Multiply by } r.$$

$$r^2 \cos^2 \theta = 4ar \sin \theta$$

$$\therefore x^2 = 4ay \quad \text{or} \quad y = \frac{x^2}{4a}$$

b $r = 2a \cos \theta$

$$r^2 = 2ar \cos \theta$$

$$\therefore x^2 + y^2 = 2ax \quad \text{or} \quad (x - a)^2 + y^2 = a^2$$

c $r = 3a \sin \theta \quad \bullet \quad \text{Multiply by } r.$

$$r^2 = 3ar \sin \theta$$

$$x^2 + y^2 = 3ay \quad \text{or} \quad x^2 + \left(y - \frac{3a}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{9a^2}{4}$$

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Exercise B, Question 3

Question:

Find Cartesian equations for the following curves where a is a positive constant.

a $r = 4(1 - \cos 2\theta)$

b $r = 2 \cos^2 \theta$

c $r^2 = 1 + \tan^2 \theta$

Solution:

a $r = 4(1 - \cos 2\theta)$ • Use $\cos 2\theta = 1 - 2 \sin^2 \theta$
 $r = 4 \times 2 \sin^2 \theta$ $\therefore 2 \sin^2 \theta = 1 - \cos 2\theta$
 $r^3 = 8r^2 \sin^2 \theta$ • $\times r^2$
 $\therefore (x^2 + y^2)^{\frac{3}{2}} = 8y^2$

b $r = 2 \cos^2 \theta$
 $r^3 = 2r^2 \cos^2 \theta$ • $\times r^2$
 $(x^2 + y^2)^{\frac{3}{2}} = 2x^2$

c $r^2 = 1 + \tan^2 \theta$
 $\therefore r^2 = \sec^2 \theta$ • Use $\sec^2 \theta = 1 + \tan^2 \theta$.
 $\therefore r^2 \cos^2 \theta = 1$
 i.e. $x^2 = 1$ or $x = \pm 1$

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Exercise B, Question 4

Question:

Find polar equations for the following curves:

a $x^2 + y^2 = 16$

b $xy = 4$

c $(x^2 + y^2)^2 = 2xy$

Solution:

a $x^2 + y^2 = 16$

$$\Rightarrow r^2 = 16 \quad \text{or} \quad r = 4$$

b $xy = 4$

$$\Rightarrow r \cos \theta \, r \sin \theta = 4$$

$$r^2 = \frac{4}{\cos \theta \sin \theta} = \frac{8}{2 \cos \theta \sin \theta}$$

i.e. $r^2 = 8 \operatorname{cosec} 2\theta$

c $(x^2 + y^2)^2 = 2xy$

$$\Rightarrow (r^2)^2 = 2r \cos \theta \, r \sin \theta$$

$$r^4 = 2r^2 \cos \theta \sin \theta$$

$$r^2 = \sin 2\theta$$

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Exercise B, Question 5

Question:

Find polar equations for the following curves:

a $x^2 + y^2 - 2x = 0$

b $(x + y)^2 = 4$

c $x - y = 3$

Solution:

a $x^2 + y^2 - 2x = 0$

$$\Rightarrow r^2 - 2r \cos \theta = 0$$

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

$$r = 2 \cos \theta$$

b $(x + y)^2 = 4$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 + 2xy = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow r^2 + 2r \cos \theta r \sin \theta = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow r^2 (1 + \sin 2\theta) = 4$$

$$r^2 = \frac{4}{1 + \sin 2\theta}$$

c $x - y = 3$

$$r \cos \theta - r \sin \theta = 3$$

$$r(\cos \theta - \sin \theta) = 3$$

$$r \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cos \theta - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sin \theta \right) = \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$r \cos \left(\theta + \frac{\pi}{4} \right) = \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\therefore r = \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}} \sec \left(\theta + \frac{\pi}{4} \right)$$

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Exercise B, Question 6

Question:

Find polar equations for the following curves:

a $y = 2x$

b $y = -\sqrt{3}x + a$

c $y = x(x - a)$

Solution:

a $y = 2x$

$$\Rightarrow r \sin \theta = 2r \cos \theta$$

$$\tan \theta = 2 \quad \text{or} \quad \theta = \arctan 2$$

b $y = -\sqrt{3}x + a$

$$r \sin \theta = -\sqrt{3}r \cos \theta + a$$

$$r(\sin \theta + \sqrt{3} \cos \theta) = a$$

$$r \left(\frac{1}{2} \sin \theta + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \cos \theta \right) = \frac{a}{2}$$

$$r \sin \left(\theta + \frac{\pi}{3} \right) = \frac{a}{2}$$

$$\therefore r = \frac{a}{2} \operatorname{cosec} \left(\theta + \frac{\pi}{3} \right)$$

c $y = x(x - a)$

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

$$\tan \theta = r \cos \theta - a$$

$$r \cos \theta = \tan \theta + a$$

$$r = \tan \theta \sec \theta + a \sec \theta$$

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Exercise C, Question 1

Question:

Sketch the following curves.

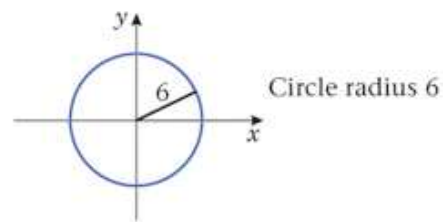
a $r = 6$

b $\theta = \frac{5\pi}{4}$

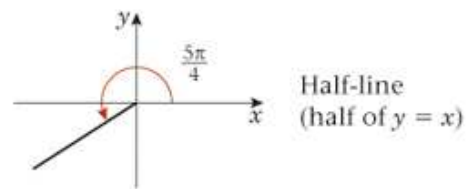
c $\theta = -\frac{\pi}{4}$

Solution:

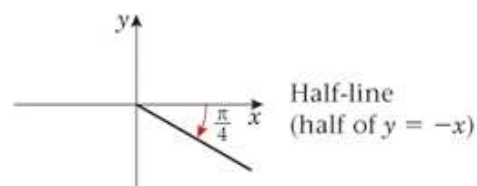
a $r = 6$



b $\theta = \frac{5\pi}{4}$



c $\theta = -\frac{\pi}{4}$



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Exercise C, Question 2

Question:

Sketch the following curves.

a $r = 2 \sec \theta$

b $r = 3 \operatorname{cosec} \theta$

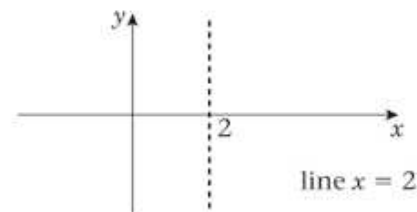
c $r = 2 \sec \left(\theta - \frac{\pi}{3} \right)$

Solution:

a $r = 2 \sec \theta$

$$\Rightarrow r \cos \theta = 2$$

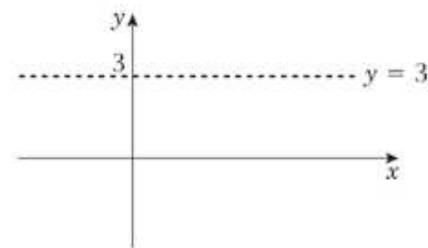
i.e. $x = 2$



b $r = 3 \operatorname{cosec} \theta$

$$\Rightarrow r \sin \theta = 3$$

i.e. $y = 3$



c $r = 2 \sec \left(\theta - \frac{\pi}{3} \right)$

$$r \cos \left(\theta - \frac{\pi}{3} \right) = 2$$

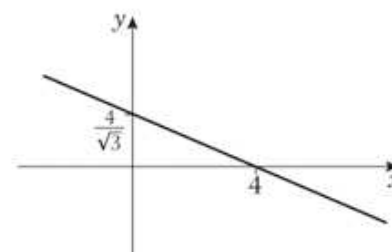
$$\Rightarrow r \cos \theta \cos \frac{\pi}{3} + r \sin \theta \sin \frac{\pi}{3} = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x}{2} + y \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = 2$$

$$x + y\sqrt{3} = 4$$

or

$$y = \frac{4}{\sqrt{3}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}x$$



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Exercise C, Question 3

Question:

Sketch the following curves.

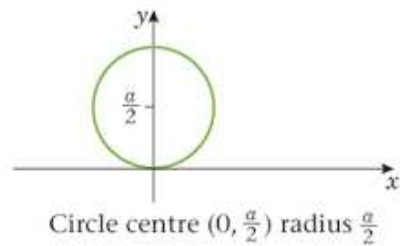
a $r = a \sin \theta$

b $r = a(1 - \cos \theta)$

c $r = a \cos 3\theta$

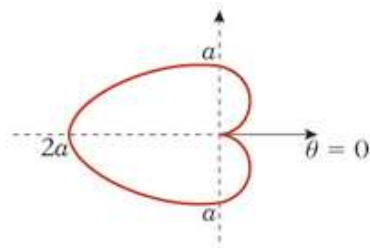
Solution:

a $r = a \sin \theta$
 $\Rightarrow r^2 = ar \sin \theta$
 $x^2 + y^2 = ay$
 $x^2 + \left(y - \frac{a}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{a^2}{4}$



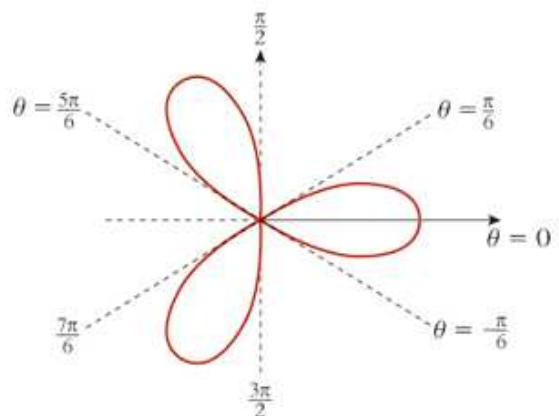
b $r = a(1 - \cos \theta)$

θ	0	$\frac{\pi}{2}$	π	$\frac{3\pi}{2}$	2π
r	0	a	$2a$	a	0



c $r = a \cos 3\theta$

θ	0	$\frac{\pi}{6}$	$-\frac{\pi}{6}$	$\frac{\pi}{2}$	$\frac{2\pi}{3}$	$\frac{5\pi}{6}$	$\frac{7\pi}{6}$	$\frac{4\pi}{3}$	$\frac{3\pi}{2}$
r	a	0	0	0	a	0	0	a	0



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Exercise C, Question 4

Question:

Sketch the following curves.

a $r = a(2 + \cos \theta)$

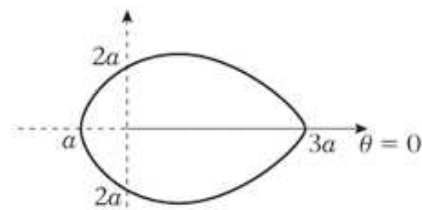
b $r = a(6 + \cos \theta)$

c $r = a(4 + 3 \cos \theta)$

Solution:

a $r = a(2 + \cos \theta)$

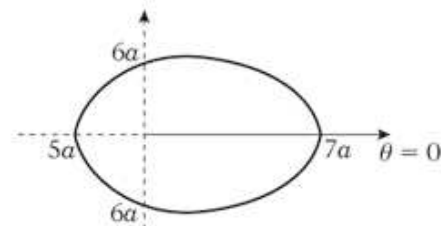
θ	0	$\frac{\pi}{2}$	π	$\frac{3\pi}{2}$	2π
r	$3a$	$2a$	a	$2a$	$3a$



$2 = 2 \times 1 \quad \therefore$ no dimple.

b $r = a(6 + \cos \theta)$

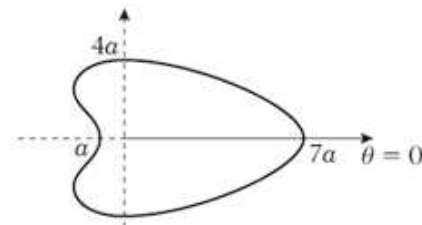
θ	0	$\frac{\pi}{2}$	π	$\frac{3\pi}{2}$	2π
r	$7a$	$6a$	$5a$	$6a$	$7a$



$6 > 2 \times 1 \quad \therefore$ no dimple.

c $r = a(4 + 3 \cos \theta)$

θ	0	$\frac{\pi}{2}$	π	$\frac{3\pi}{2}$	2π
r	$7a$	$4a$	a	$4a$	$7a$



$4 < 2 \times 3 \quad \therefore$ a dimple at $\theta = \pi$.

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Exercise C, Question 5

Question:

Sketch the following curves.

a $r = a(2 + \sin \theta)$

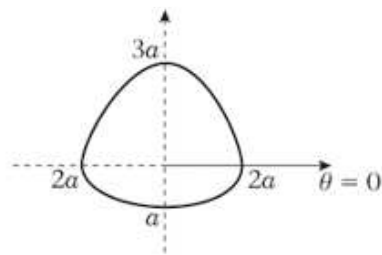
b $r = a(6 + \sin \theta)$

c $r = a(4 + 3 \sin \theta)$

Solution:

a $r = a(2 + \sin \theta)$

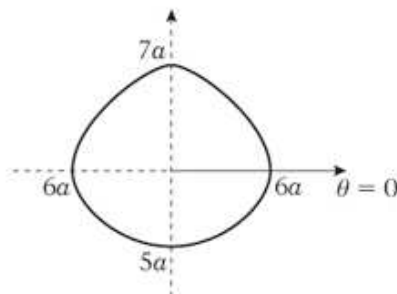
θ	0	$\frac{\pi}{2}$	π	$\frac{3\pi}{2}$	2π
r	$2a$	$3a$	$2a$	a	$2a$



$2 = 2 \times 1$ so no dimple

b $r = a(6 + \sin \theta)$

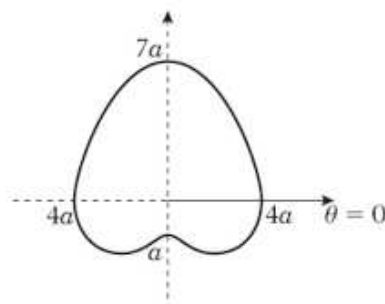
θ	0	$\frac{\pi}{2}$	π	$\frac{3\pi}{2}$	2π
r	$6a$	$7a$	$6a$	$5a$	$6a$



$6 > 2 \times 1$ so no dimple

c $r = a(4 + 3 \sin \theta)$

θ	0	$\frac{\pi}{2}$	π	$\frac{3\pi}{2}$	2π
r	$4a$	$7a$	$4a$	a	$4a$



$4 < 2 \times 3 \therefore$ there is a dimple at $\theta = \frac{3\pi}{2}$

The graphs in question 5 are simply rotations of the graphs in question 4.

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Exercise C, Question 6

Question:

Sketch the following curves.

a $r = 2\theta$

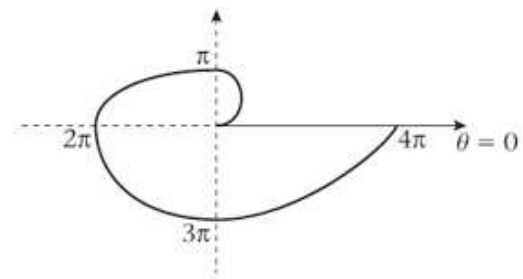
b $r^2 = a^2 \sin \theta$

c $r^2 = a^2 \sin 2\theta$

Solution:

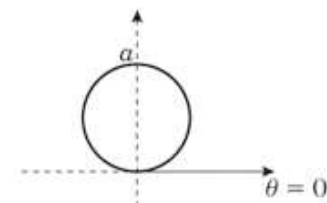
a $r = 2\theta$

θ	0	$\frac{\pi}{2}$	π	$\frac{3\pi}{2}$	2π
r	0	π	2π	3π	4π



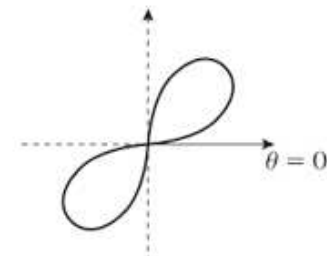
b $r^2 = a^2 \sin \theta$

θ	0	$\frac{\pi}{2}$	π
r	0	a	0



c $r^2 = a^2 \sin 2\theta$

θ	0	$\frac{\pi}{4}$	$\frac{\pi}{2}$	π	$\frac{5\pi}{4}$	$\frac{3\pi}{2}$
r	0	a	0	0	a	0



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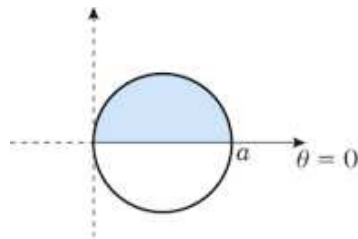
Exercise D, Question 1

Question:

Find the area of the finite region bounded by the curve with the given polar equation and the half lines $\theta = \alpha$ and $\theta = \beta$.

$$r = a \cos \theta, \quad \alpha = 0, \beta = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

Solution:



$$r = a \cos \theta$$

$$\text{Area} = \frac{1}{2} a^2 \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos^2 \theta \, d\theta$$

$$= \frac{a^2}{4} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} (\cos 2\theta + 1) \, d\theta$$

$$= \frac{a^2}{4} \left[\frac{1}{2} \sin 2\theta + \theta \right]_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}}$$

$$= \frac{a^2}{4} \left[\left(0 + \frac{\pi}{2} \right) - (0) \right]$$

$$= \frac{\pi a^2}{8}$$

$$\cos 2\theta = 2 \cos^2 \theta - 1$$

$r = a \cos \theta$ is a circle centre $\left(\frac{a}{2}, 0\right)$ and radius $\frac{a}{2}$.

The area of the semicircle is $\therefore \frac{1}{2} \pi \frac{a^2}{4} = \frac{a^2 \pi}{8}$.

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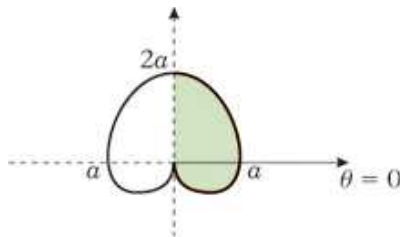
Exercise D, Question 2

Question:

Find the area of the finite region bounded by the curve with the given polar equation and the half lines $\theta = \alpha$ and $\theta = \beta$.

$$r = a(1 + \sin \theta), \quad \alpha = -\frac{\pi}{2}, \beta = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

Solution:



$$r = a(1 + \sin \theta)$$

$$\text{Area} = \frac{1}{2} a^2 \int_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} (1 + 2 \sin \theta + \sin^2 \theta) d\theta$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} a^2 \int_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \left(1 + 2 \sin \theta + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \cos 2\theta \right) d\theta \quad \bullet \quad \boxed{\text{Use } \cos 2\theta = 1 - 2 \sin^2 \theta.}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} a^2 \int_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \left(\frac{3}{2} + 2 \sin \theta - \frac{1}{2} \cos 2\theta \right) d\theta$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} a^2 \left[\frac{3}{2} \theta - 2 \cos \theta - \frac{1}{4} \sin 2\theta \right]_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} a^2 \left[\left(\frac{3\pi}{4} - 0 - 0 \right) - \left(-\frac{3\pi}{4} - 0 - 0 \right) \right]$$

$$= \frac{3\pi a^2}{4}$$

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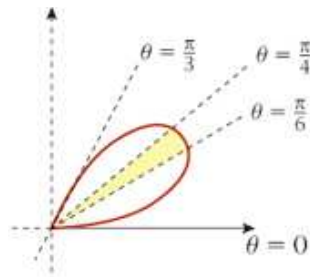
Exercise D, Question 3

Question:

Find the area of the finite region bounded by the curve with the given polar equation and the half lines $\theta = \alpha$ and $\theta = \beta$.

$$r = a \sin 3\theta, \quad \alpha = \frac{\pi}{6}, \beta = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

Solution:



$$r = a \sin 3\theta$$

$$\text{Area} = \frac{1}{2} a^2 \int_{\pi/6}^{\pi/4} \sin^2 3\theta \, d\theta$$

$$= \frac{a^2}{4} \int_{\pi/6}^{\pi/4} (1 - \cos 6\theta) \, d\theta \quad \leftarrow \text{Use } \cos 6\theta = 1 - 2\sin^2 3\theta.$$

$$= \frac{a^2}{4} \left[\theta - \frac{1}{6} \sin 6\theta \right]_{\pi/6}^{\pi/4}$$

$$= \frac{a^2}{4} \left[\left(\frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{1}{6} \sin \frac{3\pi}{2} \right) - \left(\frac{\pi}{6} - \frac{1}{6} \sin \pi \right) \right]$$

$$= \frac{a^2}{4} \left(\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{1}{6} - \frac{\pi}{6} \right)$$

$$= \frac{a^2}{4} \left(\frac{\pi}{12} + \frac{2}{12} \right)$$

$$= \frac{(\pi + 2)a^2}{48}$$

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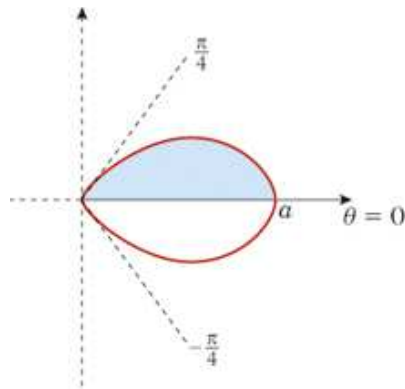
Exercise D, Question 4

Question:

Find the area of the finite region bounded by the curve with the given polar equation and the half lines $\theta = \alpha$ and $\theta = \beta$.

$$r^2 = a^2 \cos 2\theta, \quad \alpha = 0, \beta = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

Solution:



$$r = a^2 \cos 2\theta$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Area} &= \frac{1}{2} a^2 \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \cos 2\theta \, d\theta \\ &= \left[\frac{a^2}{4} \sin 2\theta \right]_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \\ &= \left(\frac{a^2}{4} \sin \frac{\pi}{2} \right) - (0) \\ &= \frac{a^2}{4} \end{aligned}$$

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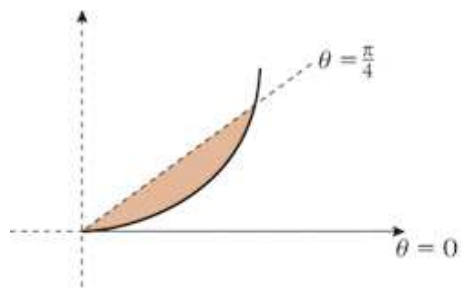
Exercise D, Question 5

Question:

Find the area of the finite region bounded by the curve with the given polar equation and the half lines $\theta = \alpha$ and $\theta = \beta$.

$$r^2 = a^2 \tan \theta, \quad \alpha = 0, \beta = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

Solution:



$$r^2 = a^2 \tan \theta$$

$$\text{Area} = \frac{1}{2} a^2 \int_0^{\pi/4} \tan \theta \, d\theta$$

$$= \left[\frac{1}{2} a^2 \ln \sec \theta \right]_0^{\pi/4}$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{2} a^2 \ln \sqrt{2} \right) - (0)$$

$$= \frac{a^2 \ln \sqrt{2}}{2} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{a^2 \ln 2}{4}$$

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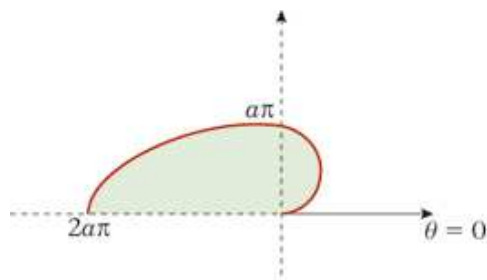
Exercise D, Question 6

Question:

Find the area of the finite region bounded by the curve with the given polar equation and the half lines $\theta = \alpha$ and $\theta = \beta$.

$$r = 2a\theta, \quad \alpha = 0, \beta = \pi$$

Solution:



$$r = 2a\theta$$

$$\text{Area} = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\pi} 4a^2 \theta^2 d\theta$$

$$= 2a^2 \left[\frac{\theta^3}{3} \right]_0^{\pi}$$

$$= 2a^2 \left[\left(\frac{\pi^3}{3} \right) - (0) \right]$$

$$= \frac{2a^2 \pi^3}{3}$$

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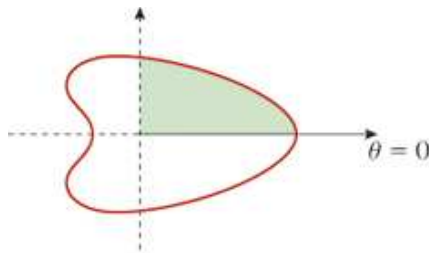
Exercise D, Question 7

Question:

Find the area of the finite region bounded by the curve with the given polar equation and the half lines $\theta = \alpha$ and $\theta = \beta$.

$$r = a(3 + 2 \cos \theta), \quad \alpha = 0, \beta = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

Solution:



$$r = a(3 + 2 \cos \theta)$$

$$\text{Area} = \frac{a^2}{2} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} (9 + 12 \cos \theta + 4 \cos^2 \theta) d\theta$$

$$= \frac{a^2}{2} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} (11 + 12 \cos \theta + 2 \cos 2\theta) d\theta \quad \leftarrow \text{Use } \cos 2\theta = 2 \cos^2 \theta - 1.$$

$$= \frac{a^2}{2} \left[11\theta + 12 \sin \theta + \sin 2\theta \right]_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}}$$

$$= \frac{a^2}{2} \left[\left(\frac{11\pi}{2} + 12 + 0 \right) - (0) \right]$$

$$= \frac{a^2}{4} (11\pi + 24)$$

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Exercise D, Question 8

Question:

Show that the area enclosed by the curve with polar equation

$$r = a(p + q \cos \theta) \text{ is } \frac{2p^2 + q^2}{2} \pi a^2.$$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Area} &= \frac{1}{2} a^2 \int_0^{2\pi} (p^2 + 2pq \cos \theta + q^2 \cos^2 \theta) d\theta \\ &= \frac{1}{2} a^2 \int_0^{2\pi} \left(p^2 + 2pq \cos \theta + \frac{q^2}{2} \cos 2\theta + \frac{q^2}{2} \right) d\theta \\ &= \frac{1}{2} a^2 \int_0^{2\pi} \left(\left[\frac{2p^2 + q^2}{2} \right] + 2pq \cos \theta + \frac{q^2}{2} \cos 2\theta \right) d\theta \\ &= \frac{1}{2} a^2 \left[\left[\frac{2p^2 + q^2}{2} \right] \theta + 2pq \sin \theta + \frac{q^2}{4} \sin 2\theta \right]_0^{2\pi} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} a^2 \left[\left(\left[\frac{2p^2 + q^2}{2} \right] \pi \times 2 + 0 + 0 \right) - (0) \right] \\ &= \frac{a^2 (2p^2 + q^2) \pi}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Use $\cos 2\theta = 2 \cos^2 \theta - 1$.

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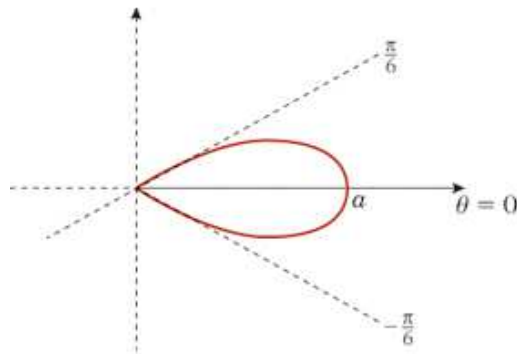
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Exercise D, Question 9

Question:

Find the area of a single loop of the curve with equation $r = a \cos 3\theta$.

Solution:



$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Area} &= \frac{1}{2} a^2 \int_{-\pi/6}^{\pi/6} \cos^2 3\theta \, d\theta = 2 \times \frac{1}{2} a^2 \int_0^{\pi/6} \cos^2 3\theta \, d\theta \\
 &= \frac{a^2}{2} \int_0^{\pi/6} (1 + \cos 6\theta) \, d\theta \\
 &= \frac{a^2}{2} \left[\theta + \frac{1}{6} \sin 6\theta \right]_0^{\pi/6} \\
 &= \frac{a^2}{2} \left[\left(\frac{\pi}{6} + 0 \right) - (0) \right] \\
 &= \frac{\pi a^2}{12}
 \end{aligned}$$

Use $\cos 6\theta = 2 \cos^2 3\theta - 1$.

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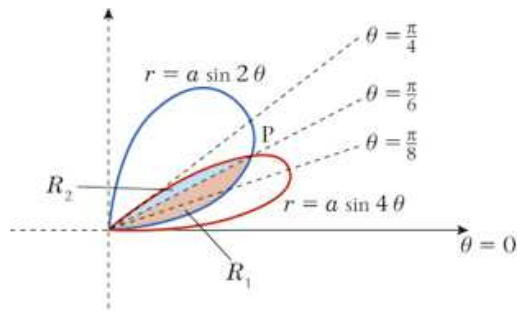
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Exercise D, Question 10

Question:

Find the finite area enclosed between $r = a \sin 4\theta$ and $r = a \sin 2\theta$ for $0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$.

Solution:



Find P

$$a \sin 2\theta = a \sin 4\theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin 2\theta = 2 \sin 2\theta \cos 2\theta$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = \sin 2\theta(2 \cos 2\theta - 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin 2\theta = 0, \theta = 0, \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\cos 2\theta = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi}{6}$$

$$R_1 = \frac{1}{2} a^2 \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{6}} \sin^2 2\theta \, d\theta$$

$$= \frac{a^2}{4} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{6}} (1 - \cos 4\theta) \, d\theta$$

$$= \frac{a^2}{4} \left[\theta - \frac{1}{4} \sin 4\theta \right]_0^{\frac{\pi}{6}} = \frac{a^2}{4} \left[\left(\frac{\pi}{6} - \frac{1}{4} \sin \frac{2\pi}{3} \right) - (0) \right]$$

$$= \frac{a^2}{4} \left[\frac{\pi}{6} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{8} \right]$$

$$\cos 2A = 1 - 2 \sin^2 A.$$

$$R_2 = \frac{1}{2} a^2 \int_{\frac{\pi}{6}}^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \sin^2 4\theta \, d\theta = \frac{a^2}{4} \int_{\frac{\pi}{6}}^{\frac{\pi}{4}} (1 - \cos 8\theta) \, d\theta$$

$$= \frac{a^2}{4} \left[\theta - \frac{1}{8} \sin 8\theta \right]_{\frac{\pi}{6}}^{\frac{\pi}{4}} = \frac{a^2}{4} \left[\left(\frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{1}{8} \sin 2\pi \right) - \left(\frac{\pi}{6} - \frac{1}{8} \sin \frac{4\pi}{3} \right) \right]$$

$$= \frac{a^2}{4} \left[\frac{\pi}{12} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{16} \right]$$

$$\therefore \text{enclosed area} = R_1 + R_2 = \frac{a^2}{4} \left[\frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{16} \right]$$

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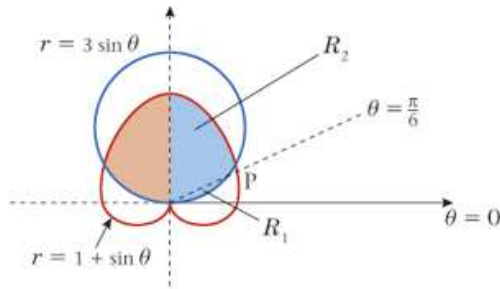
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Exercise D, Question 11

Question:

Find the area of the finite region R enclosed by the curve with equation $r = (1 + \sin \theta)$ that lies entirely within the curve with equation $r = 3 \sin \theta$.

Solution:



First find P :

$$1 + \sin \theta = 3 \sin \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = 2 \sin \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin \theta = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi}{6}$$

Just finding RHS of the required area, so total $= 2(R_1 + R_2)$

$$R_1 = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{6}} (3 \sin \theta)^2 d\theta = \frac{9}{4} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{6}} (1 - \cos 2\theta) d\theta$$

$$R_2 = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\frac{\pi}{6}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} (1 + \sin \theta)^2 d\theta$$

$$\text{So } R_2 = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\frac{\pi}{6}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} (1 + 2 \sin \theta + \sin^2 \theta) d\theta = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\frac{\pi}{6}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \left(\frac{3}{2} + 2 \sin \theta - \frac{1}{2} \cos 2\theta \right) d\theta$$

$$R_1 = \frac{9}{4} \left[\theta - \frac{1}{2} \sin 2\theta \right]_0^{\frac{\pi}{6}} = \frac{9}{4} \left[\left(\frac{\pi}{6} - \frac{1}{2} \sin \frac{\pi}{3} \right) - (0) \right]$$

$$R_1 = \frac{3\pi}{8} - \frac{9\sqrt{3}}{16}$$

$$R_2 = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{3}{2} \theta - 2 \cos \theta - \frac{1}{4} \sin 2\theta \right]_{\frac{\pi}{6}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} = \frac{1}{2} \left[\left(\frac{3\pi}{4} - 0 \right) - \left(\frac{\pi}{4} - \sqrt{3} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{8} \right) \right]$$

$$R_2 = \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{9\sqrt{3}}{16}$$

$$\therefore R_1 + R_2 = \frac{5\pi}{8}$$

$$\therefore \text{Area required is } \frac{5\pi}{4}$$

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Exercise E, Question 1

Question:

Find the points on the cardioid $r = a(1 + \cos \theta)$ where the tangents are perpendicular to the initial line.

Solution:

$$r = a(1 + \cos \theta)$$

$$\text{Require } \frac{d}{d\theta}(r \cos \theta) = 0$$

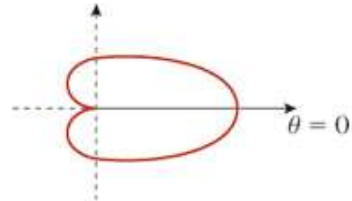
$$\text{i.e. } \frac{d}{d\theta}(a \cos \theta + a \cos^2 \theta) = a[-\sin \theta - 2 \cos \theta \sin \theta]$$

$$\text{So } 0 = -a \sin \theta [1 + 2 \cos \theta]$$

$$\sin \theta = 0 \Rightarrow \theta = 0, \pi \quad (\text{from sketch } \pi \text{ is not allowed})$$

$$\cos \theta = -\frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \theta = \pm \frac{2\pi}{3} \Rightarrow r = a\left(1 - \frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{a}{2}$$

$$\therefore \text{ points are } (2a, 0) \text{ and } \left(\frac{a}{2}, \frac{2\pi}{3}\right), \left(\frac{a}{2}, -\frac{2\pi}{3}\right)$$



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Exercise E, Question 2

Question:

Find the points on the spiral $r = e^{2\theta}$, $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$, where the tangents are
a perpendicular, **b** parallel
 to the initial line. Give your answers to 3 s.f.

Solution:

$$r = e^{2\theta}$$

$$\mathbf{a} \quad x = r \cos \theta = e^{2\theta} \cos \theta$$

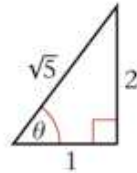
$$\frac{dx}{d\theta} = 0 \Rightarrow 0 = 2e^{2\theta} \cos \theta - \sin \theta e^{2\theta}$$

$$0 = e^{2\theta} (2 \cos \theta - \sin \theta)$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan \theta = 2$$

$$\therefore \theta = 1.107 \text{ (rads)}$$

$$r = e^{2 \times 1.107} = 9.1549 \dots$$



So at (9.15, 1.11) the tangent is perpendicular to initial line.

$$\mathbf{b} \quad y = r \sin \theta = e^{2\theta} \sin \theta$$

$$\frac{dy}{d\theta} = 0 \Rightarrow 0 = 2e^{2\theta} \sin \theta + \cos \theta e^{2\theta}$$

$$0 = e^{2\theta} (2 \sin \theta + \cos \theta)$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan \theta = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\therefore \theta = (-0.463 \dots, 2.6779 \dots)$$

$$r = e^{2 \times 2.6779 \dots} = 211.852 \dots$$

So at (212, 2.68) the tangent is parallel to initial line.

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Exercise E, Question 3

Question:

- a** Find the points on the curve $r = a \cos 2\theta$, $-\frac{\pi}{4} \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{4}$, where the tangents are parallel to the initial line, giving your answers to 3 s.f. where appropriate.
- b** Find the equation of these tangents.

Solution:

$$r = a \cos 2\theta$$

a $y = r \sin \theta = a \sin \theta \cos 2\theta$

$$\frac{dy}{d\theta} = 0 \Rightarrow 0 = a[\cos \theta \cos 2\theta - 2 \sin 2\theta \sin \theta]$$

$$0 = a \cos \theta [\cos 2\theta - 4 \sin^2 \theta]$$

$$0 = a \cos \theta [\cos^2 \theta - 5 \sin^2 \theta]$$

$$\cos \theta = 0 \Rightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi}{2} \quad (\text{outside range})$$

$$\therefore \tan^2 \theta = \frac{1}{5} \Rightarrow \tan \theta = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$$

$$\theta = \pm 0.42053\dots$$

$$r = a[\cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta] = a\left[\frac{5}{6} - \frac{1}{6}\right] = \frac{2a}{3}$$

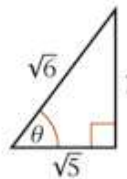
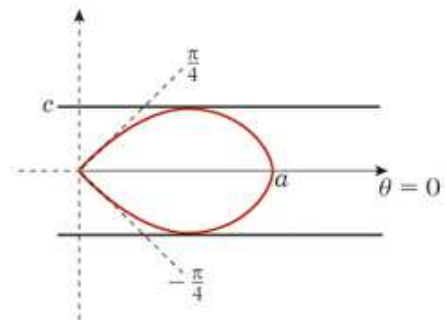
$$\therefore \text{points are } \left(\frac{2a}{3}, \pm 0.421\right)$$

- b** The lines are $y = \pm c$ where $c = r \sin(0.42053\dots)$

$$= \frac{2a}{3} \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} = \frac{a\sqrt{6}}{9}$$

The line $y = c$ is $r \sin \theta = \frac{a\sqrt{6}}{9}$

$$\therefore \text{Tangents have equations } r = \pm \frac{a\sqrt{6}}{9} \operatorname{cosec} \theta$$



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Exercise E, Question 4

Question:

Find the points on the curve with equation $r = a(7 + 2 \cos \theta)$ where the tangents are parallel to the initial line.

Solution:

$$r = a(7 + 2 \cos \theta)$$

$$y = r \sin \theta = a(7 \sin \theta + 2 \cos \theta \sin \theta)$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\sin 2\theta$$

$$\frac{dy}{d\theta} = 0 \Rightarrow 0 = a(7 \cos \theta + 2 \cos 2\theta)$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = 4 \cos^2 \theta + 7 \cos \theta - 2$$

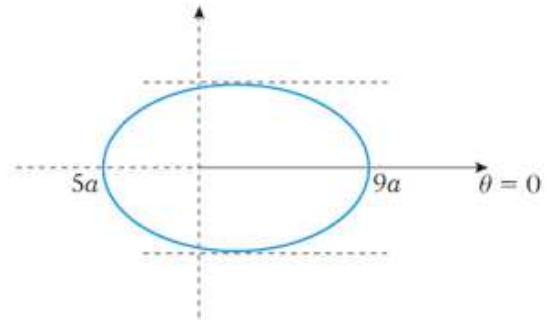
$$0 = (4 \cos \theta - 1)(\cos \theta + 2)$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{1}{4} \text{ (or } -2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \pm 1.318 \dots$$

$$r = a\left(7 + \frac{2}{4}\right) = 7\frac{1}{2}a$$

\therefore tangents are parallel at $\left(7\frac{1}{2}a, \pm 1.32\right)$



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Exercise E, Question 5

Question:

Find the equation of the tangents to $r = 2 + \cos \theta$ that are perpendicular to the initial line.

Solution:

$$r = 2 + \cos \theta$$

$$x = r \cos \theta = 2 \cos \theta + \cos^2 \theta$$

$$\frac{dx}{d\theta} = 0 \Rightarrow 0 = -2 \sin \theta - 2 \cos \theta \sin \theta$$

$$0 = -2 \sin \theta (1 + \cos \theta)$$

$$\sin \theta = 0 \Rightarrow \theta = 0, \pi$$

$$\cos \theta = -1 \Rightarrow \theta = \pi$$

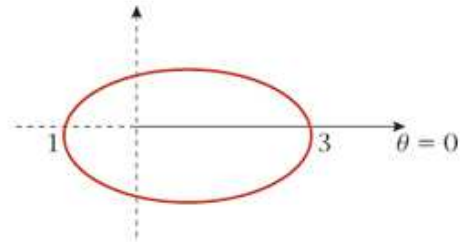
\therefore tangents are perpendicular to the initial line at:

$(3, 0)$ and $(1, \pi)$

The equations are

$$r \cos \theta = 3 \quad r \cos \theta = -1$$

$$r = 3 \sec \theta \quad r = -\sec \theta$$



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Exercise E, Question 6

Question:

Find the point on the curve with equation $r = a(1 + \tan \theta)$, $0 \leq \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$, where the tangent is perpendicular to the initial line.

Solution:

$$r = a(1 + \tan \theta)$$

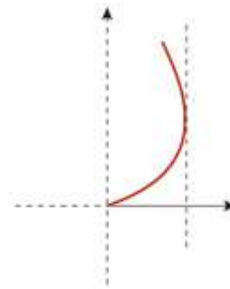
$$x = r \cos \theta = a(\cos \theta + \sin \theta)$$

$$\frac{dx}{d\theta} = 0 \Rightarrow 0 = a[-\sin \theta + \cos \theta]$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan \theta = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\therefore \text{ point is } \left(2a, \frac{\pi}{4}\right)$$



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Exercise F, Question 1

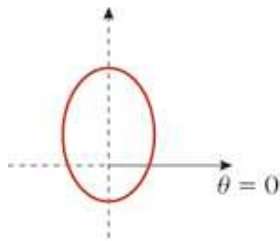
Question:

Determine the area enclosed by the curve with equation

$$r = a(1 + \frac{1}{2} \sin \theta), \quad a > 0, \quad 0 \leq \theta < 2\pi,$$

giving your answer in terms of a and π .

Solution:



$$r = a(1 + \frac{1}{2} \sin \theta)$$

$$\text{Area} = \frac{1}{2} a^2 \int_0^{2\pi} (1 + \frac{1}{2} \sin \theta)^2 d\theta$$

$$= \frac{a^2}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} (1 + \sin \theta + \frac{1}{4} \sin^2 \theta) d\theta$$

$$= \frac{a^2}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} \left(\frac{9}{8} + \sin \theta - \frac{\cos 2\theta}{8} \right) d\theta$$

$$\text{Use } \cos 2\theta = 1 - 2 \sin^2 \theta.$$

$$= \frac{a^2}{2} \left[\frac{9}{8} \theta - \cos \theta - \frac{\sin 2\theta}{16} \right]_0^{2\pi}$$

$$= \frac{a^2}{2} \left[\left(\frac{9\pi}{4} - 1 - 0 \right) - (0 - 1 - 0) \right]$$

$$= \frac{9\pi a^2}{8}$$

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Exercise F, Question 2

Question:

Sketch the curve with equation $r = a(1 + \cos \theta)$ for $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$, where $a > 0$.

Sketch also the line with equation $r = 2a \sec \theta$ for $-\frac{\pi}{2} < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$, on the same diagram.

The half-line with equation $\theta = \alpha$, $0 < \alpha < \frac{\pi}{2}$, meets the curve at A and the line with equation $r = 2a \sec \theta$ at B. If O is the pole, find the value of $\cos \alpha$ for which $OB = 2OA$.

Solution:

$$OB = 2a \sec \alpha$$

$$OA = a(1 + \cos \alpha)$$

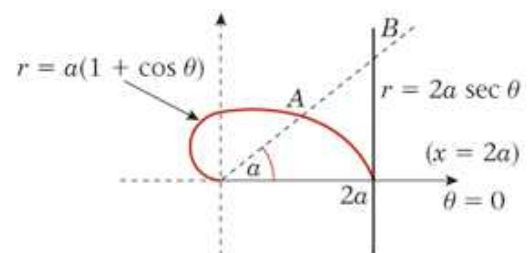
$$2OA = OB \Rightarrow 1 + \cos \alpha = \sec \alpha$$

$$\cos^2 \alpha + \cos \alpha - 1 = 0$$

$$\cos \alpha = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1 + 4}}{2}$$

$\therefore \alpha$ is acute.

$$\cos \alpha = \frac{\sqrt{5} - 1}{2}$$



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Exercise F, Question 3

Question:

Sketch, in the same diagram, the curves with equations $r = 3 \cos \theta$ and $r = 1 + \cos \theta$ and find the area of the region lying inside both curves.

Solution:

First find P :

$$1 + \cos \theta = 3 \cos \theta$$

$$1 = 2 \cos \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \arccos \frac{1}{2} = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

By symmetry the required area $= 2(R_1 + R_2)$

$$R_1 = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{3}} (1 + \cos \theta)^2 d\theta = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{3}} (1 + 2 \cos \theta + \cos^2 \theta) d\theta$$

$$R_1 = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{3}} \left(\frac{3}{2} + 2 \cos \theta + \frac{\cos 2\theta}{2} \right) d\theta$$

Use $\cos 2\theta = 2 \cos^2 \theta - 1$.

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{3}{2} \theta + 2 \sin \theta + \frac{1}{4} \sin 2\theta \right]_0^{\frac{\pi}{3}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[\left(\frac{\pi}{2} + 2 \sin \frac{\pi}{3} + \frac{1}{4} \sin \frac{2\pi}{3} \right) - (0) \right]$$

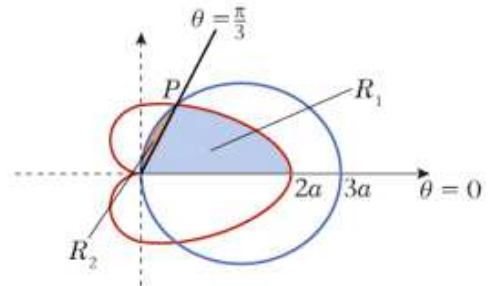
$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{\pi}{2} + \sqrt{3} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{8} \right] = \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{9\sqrt{3}}{16}$$

$$R_2 = \frac{9}{2} \int_{\frac{\pi}{3}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos^2 \theta d\theta = \frac{9}{4} \int_{\frac{\pi}{3}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} (1 + \cos 2\theta) d\theta$$

$$= \frac{9}{4} \left[\theta + \frac{1}{2} \sin 2\theta \right]_{\frac{\pi}{3}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} = \frac{9}{4} \left[\left(\frac{\pi}{2} + 0 \right) - \left(\frac{\pi}{3} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} \right) \right]$$

$$= \frac{3\pi}{8} - \frac{9\sqrt{3}}{16}$$

$$\therefore \text{Area required} = 2 \left(\frac{3\pi}{8} + \frac{\pi}{4} \right) = \frac{5\pi}{4}$$



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Exercise F, Question 4

Question:

Find the polar coordinates of the points on $r^2 = a^2 \sin 2\theta$ where the tangent is perpendicular to the initial line.

Solution:

$$r^2 = a^2 \sin 2\theta \quad \left(\text{must have } 0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2} \right)$$

$$r = a\sqrt{\sin 2\theta}$$

$$x = r \cos \theta = a \cos \theta \sqrt{\sin 2\theta}$$

$$\frac{dx}{d\theta} = 0 \Rightarrow 0 = -\sin \theta \sqrt{\sin 2\theta} + \frac{1}{2} \cos \theta \frac{1}{\sqrt{\sin 2\theta}} 2 \cos 2\theta$$

$$\text{i.e.} \quad 0 = -\sin \theta \times \sin 2\theta + \cos \theta \cos 2\theta$$

$$\text{i.e.} \quad 0 = \cos 3\theta$$

$$\therefore \quad 3\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}$$

$$\therefore \quad \theta = \frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\text{So } \left(a\sqrt{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}}, \frac{\pi}{6} \right) \text{ and } \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2} \right)$$

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Exercise F, Question 5

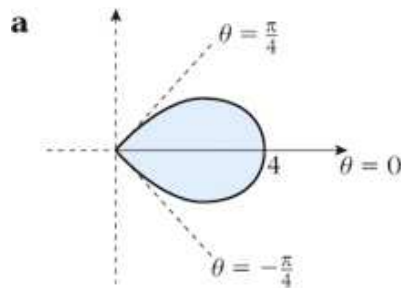
Question:

a Shade the region C for which the polar coordinates r, θ satisfy

$$r \leq 4 \cos 2\theta \quad \text{for} \quad -\frac{\pi}{4} \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{4}$$

b Find the area of C .

Solution:



b

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Area} &= 2 \times \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} 16 \cos^2 2\theta \, d\theta \\
 &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} (8 + 8 \cos 4\theta) \, d\theta \\
 &= \left[8\theta + 2 \sin 4\theta \right]_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \\
 &= 2\pi + 0 - 0 \\
 &= 2\pi
 \end{aligned}$$

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

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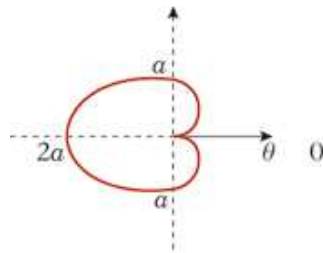
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Exercise F, Question 6

Question:

Sketch the curve with polar equation $r = a(1 - \cos \theta)$, where $a > 0$, stating the polar coordinates of the point on the curve at which r has its maximum value.

Solution:



Max r is $2a$ at point $(2a, \pi)$

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Exercise F, Question 7

Question:

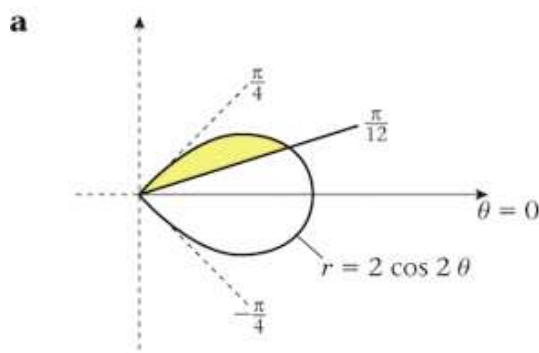
a On the same diagram, sketch the curve C_1 with polar equation

$$r = 2 \cos 2\theta, \quad -\frac{\pi}{4} < \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{4}$$

and the curve C_2 with polar equation $\theta = \frac{\pi}{12}$.

b Find the area of the smaller region bounded by C_1 and C_2 .

Solution:



b Area = $\frac{1}{2} \int_{\frac{\pi}{12}}^{\frac{\pi}{4}} 4 \cos^2 2\theta$

$$= \int_{\frac{\pi}{12}}^{\frac{\pi}{4}} (1 + \cos 4\theta) d\theta$$

$\cos 4\theta = 2 \cos^2 2\theta - 1$

$$= \left[\theta + \frac{1}{4} \sin 4\theta \right]_{\frac{\pi}{12}}^{\frac{\pi}{4}}$$

$$= \left(\frac{\pi}{4} + 0 \right) - \left(\frac{\pi}{12} + \frac{1}{4} \sin \frac{\pi}{3} \right)$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{6} - \frac{1}{4} \times \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{6} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{8}$$

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Exercise F, Question 8

Question:

- a** Sketch on the same diagram the circle with polar equation $r = 4 \cos \theta$ and the line with polar equation $r = 2 \sec \theta$.
- b** State polar coordinates for their points of intersection.

Solution:

a $r = 2 \sec \theta$

$$r \cos \theta = 2$$

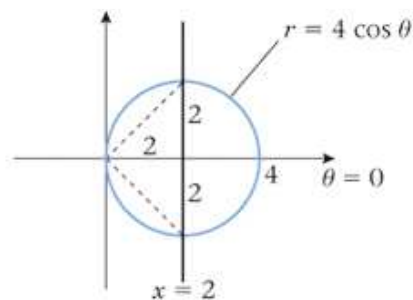
$$x = 2$$

b $x = 2$ is a diameter

$$r = \sqrt{2^2 + 2^2} = 2\sqrt{2}$$

So polar coordinates are

$$\left(2\sqrt{2}, \frac{\pi}{4}\right) \quad \left(2\sqrt{2}, -\frac{\pi}{4}\right)$$



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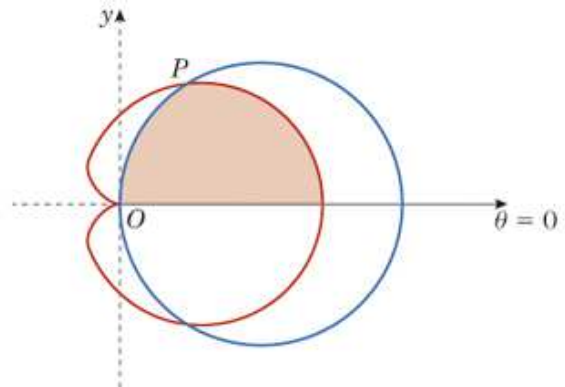
Exercise F, Question 9

Question:

The diagram shows a sketch of the curves with polar equations

$$r = a(1 + \cos \theta) \text{ and } r = 3a \cos \theta, a > 0$$

- a** Find the polar coordinates of the point of intersection P of the two curves.
- b** Find the area, shaded in the figure, bounded by the two curves and by the initial line $\theta = 0$, giving your answer in terms of a and π .



Solution:

a $a(1 + \cos \theta) = 3a \cos \theta$

$$1 = 2 \cos \theta$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

So P is $\left(\frac{3}{2}a, \frac{\pi}{3}\right)$

b Area = $\frac{a^2}{2} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{3}} \left(\frac{3}{2} + 2 \cos \theta + \frac{\cos 2\theta}{2}\right) d\theta + \frac{9}{2} a^2 \int_{\frac{\pi}{3}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos^2 \theta d\theta$

$$= \frac{a^2}{2} \left[\frac{3}{2} \theta + 2 \sin \theta + \frac{1}{4} \sin 2\theta \right]_0^{\frac{\pi}{3}} + \frac{9}{4} a^2 \left[\theta + \frac{1}{2} \sin 2\theta \right]_{\frac{\pi}{3}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}}$$

$$= \frac{a^2}{2} \left[\frac{\pi}{2} + \sqrt{3} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{8} \right] + \frac{9}{4} a^2 \left[\frac{\pi}{6} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} \right]$$

$$= \frac{5\pi}{8} a^2$$

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Exercise F, Question 10

Question:

Obtain a Cartesian equation for the curve with polar equation

a $r^2 = \sec 2\theta,$

b $r^2 = \operatorname{cosec} 2\theta.$

Solution:

a $r^2 = \sec 2\theta$

$$r^2 \cos 2\theta = 1$$

$$r^2(2\cos^2 \theta - 1) = 1$$

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

$$2x^2 = 1 + x^2 + y^2$$

$$\therefore y^2 = x^2 - 1$$

b $r^2 = \operatorname{cosec} 2\theta$

$$\Rightarrow r^2 \sin 2\theta = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 2r \sin \theta r \cos \theta = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 2xy = 1$$

$$y = \frac{1}{2x}$$