

Graphs of Polar Equations

If

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{0}{0}$$

or

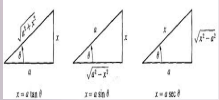
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{\infty}{\infty}$$

Then

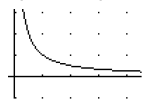
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)}$$

provided that the latter limit exists.

$$f(x) = f(x) + f'(x)(x-x_1) + \frac{f''(x_1)}{2!}(x-x_1)^2 + \frac{f'''(x_1)}{3!}(x-x_1)^3 + \frac{f^{(4)}(x_1)}{4!}(x-x_1)^4 + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(x_1)}{n!}(x-x_1)^n$$



$$\ln(x) = \int_1^x \frac{1}{t} dt \Rightarrow \ln(2) = \int_1^2 \frac{1}{t} dt \approx 0.69315$$



$$\int u dv = uv - \int v du$$

where it comes from:

the product rule for differentiation

$$\frac{d}{dx}(uv) = u \frac{dv}{dx} + v \frac{du}{dx}$$

put into reverse

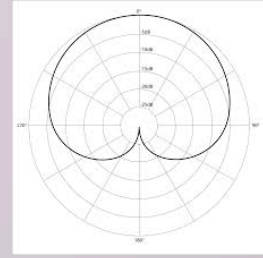
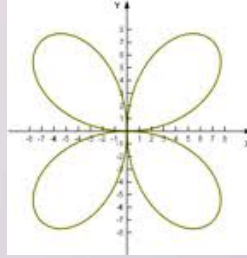
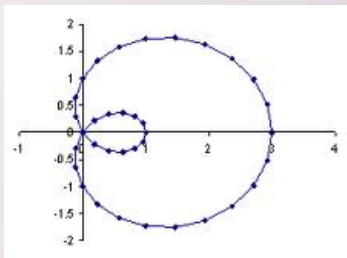
$$\int \frac{d}{dx}(uv) = \int \left(u \frac{dv}{dx} + v \frac{du}{dx} \right)$$

and then

$$uv = \int u \frac{dv}{dx} + \int v \frac{du}{dx}$$

rearranged

$$\int u \frac{dv}{dx} = uv - \int v \frac{du}{dx}$$



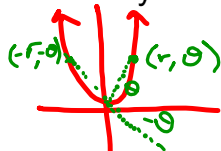
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Symmetry

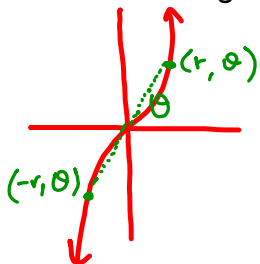
About the x-axis \Rightarrow replacing (r, θ) with $(r, -\theta)$ produces equivalent equation



About the y-axis \Rightarrow replacing (r, θ) with $(-r, -\theta)$ produces equivalent equation



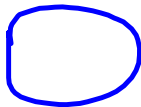
About the origin \Rightarrow replacing (r, θ) with $(-r, \theta)$ produces equivalent equation



Polar Equations

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$$a > b$$



$$r = a \pm b \cos \theta$$

$$a = b$$



cardioid

$$r = a \pm b \sin \theta$$

$$a < b$$



lemniscate

$$r^2 = \pm a \cos(2\theta)$$

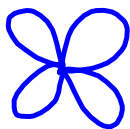
$$r^2 = \pm a \sin(2\theta)$$



rose

$$r = a \cos(n\theta)$$

$$r = a \sin(n\theta)$$



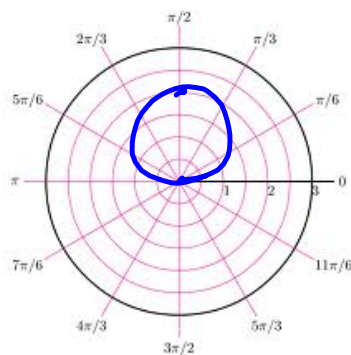
(n leaves if n odd)
($2n$ leaves if n even)

EX 1 Sketch a graph of the given polar equations.

a) $r = 4 \sin \theta$

circle.
(goes through origin)

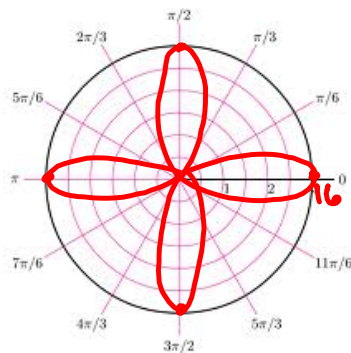
r	θ
4	$\pi/2$
0	0



b) $r = -16 \cos(2\theta)$

(rose) $n = 2$
 \Rightarrow 4 leaves
(petals)

r	θ
-16	0
16	$\pi/2$
-16	π

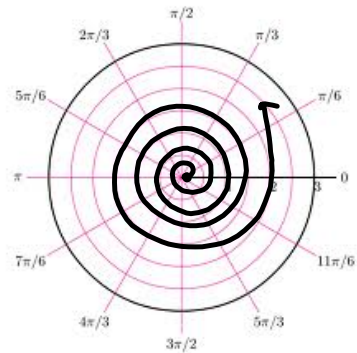
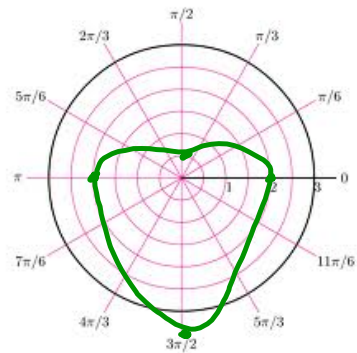


c) $r = 4 - 3\sin \theta$

limacon $a=4, b=3$
 $a > b$



r	θ
1	$\pi/2$
7	$3\pi/2$
4	0



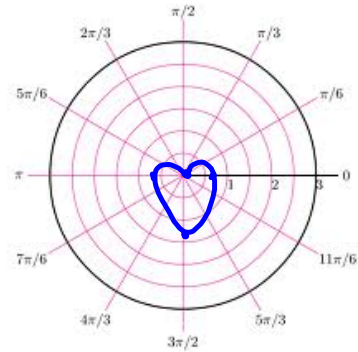
d) $r = 2\theta$

spiral

e) $r = \sqrt{2} - \sqrt{2} \sin \theta$

Cardioid

r	θ
0	$\pi/2$
$2\sqrt{2}$	$3\pi/2$
$\sqrt{2}$	$0, \pi$

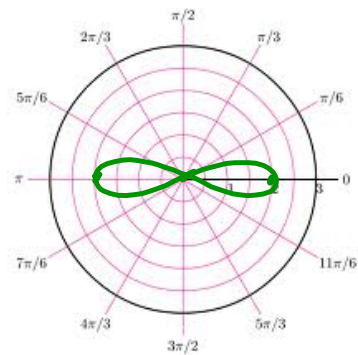


f) $r^2 = 4 \cos(2\theta)$

lemniscate

r	θ
± 2	0
	$\pi/2$
0	$\pi/4$

$r^2 = -4$



Conclusion:

Intro into graphing some polar eqns.