

Lecture 15

Review

Parameterized curve $(x(t), y(t))$ $a \leq t \leq b$.

• Velocity vector $(x'(t), y'(t))$

• Slope of tangent is $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy/dt}{dx/dt} = y'(t)/x'(t)$

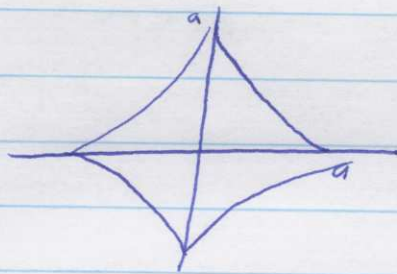
• Arc Length (Distance travelled) = $\int_a^b \sqrt{x'(t)^2 + y'(t)^2} dt$
where speed = $\sqrt{x'(t)^2 + y'(t)^2}$

Areas • Recall if $y = f(x) \geq 0$, $a \leq x \leq b$ then Area under curve is $\int_a^b f(x) dx$

• If curve is $(x(t), y(t))$ then

$$\text{Area} = \int_a^b y dx = \int_a^b y(t) x'(t) dt$$

Ex Find area enclosed by astroid $x = a \cos^3 \theta$ $y = a \sin^3 \theta$



$$\begin{aligned} \text{Solution Area} &= 4 \cdot \int_{\pi/2}^0 a \sin^3 \theta \cdot 3a \cos^2 \theta (-\sin \theta d\theta) \\ &= 12a^2 \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^4 \theta \cos^2 \theta d\theta = \frac{12a^2 \pi}{32} \end{aligned}$$

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Surface Area Suppose $x=f(t)$ $y=g(t)$ $a \leq t \leq b$ about x axis, $g(t) \geq 0$.

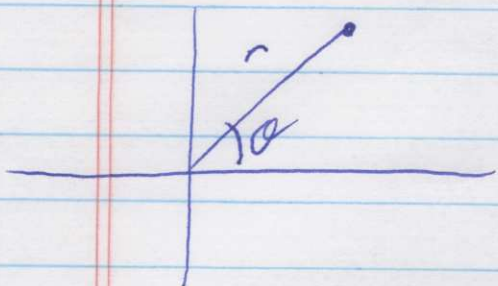
Then

$$SA = 2\pi \int_a^b y \, ds = 2\pi \int_a^b g(t) \sqrt{f'(t)^2 + g'(t)^2} \, dt$$

Rmk Typically parametrized curves meander all over, so area & SA formulas here not so common.

Problem $x = \sin^2 t$ $y = \cos^2 t$ $0 \leq t \leq 3\pi$. Find distance travelled by particle, compare w/ length of curve.

Polar Coordinates



For a point in (x,y) plane, let

$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ be distance from origin,

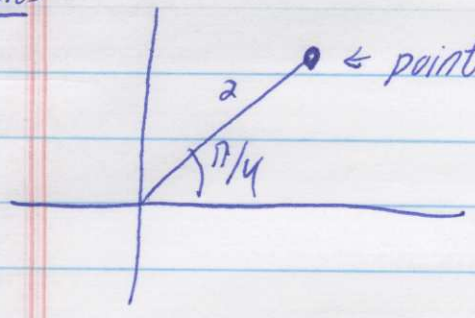
$\theta = \angle$ from positive x axis ccwise

$$\tan \theta = y/x$$

Rmk For points $\neq (0,0)$ there is a unique coordinate $r > 0$ and $0 \leq \theta < 2\pi$

Rmk If $r > 0$ then $(-r, \theta)$ lies on same line as (r, θ) but opp direction

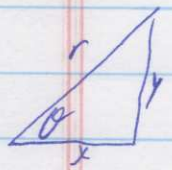
Examples



point is $(2, \pi/4)$ in polar.
 A.K.A. $(-2, 5\pi/4)$
 AKA $(2, 9\pi/4)$ etc..

Remk (r, θ) is obviously same as $(r, \theta + 2n\pi)$ $n = \dots -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, \dots$
 and same as $(-r, \theta + \pi + 2n\pi)$ " "

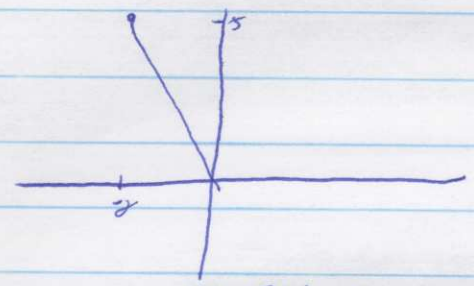
Converting Back and Forth



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

$$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \quad \tan \theta = y/x$$

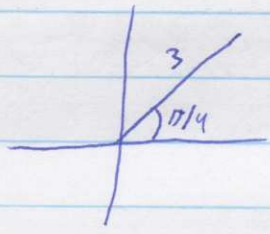
Ex Put $(-2, 5)$ into polar coord!



$$r = \sqrt{29}$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{5}{-2}\right)$$

Ex Convert $(3, \pi/4)$ from polar to Cartesian



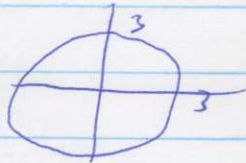
$$x = 3 \cos(\pi/4) = \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

$$y = 3 \sin(\pi/4) = \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

Sketching Polar Equations

Hint Some curves (and regions) are simpler when described in polar coordinates

Ex Sketch $r=3$

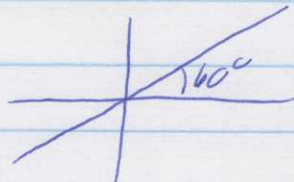


$$\sqrt{x^2+y^2} = 3$$

Ex Region $1 \leq r \leq 2$

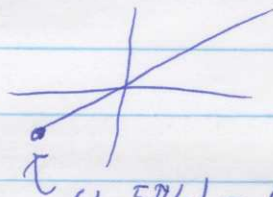


Ex $\theta = \pi/3$



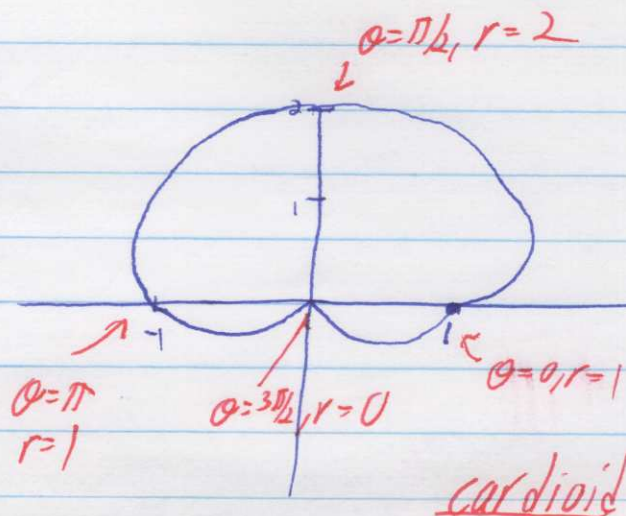
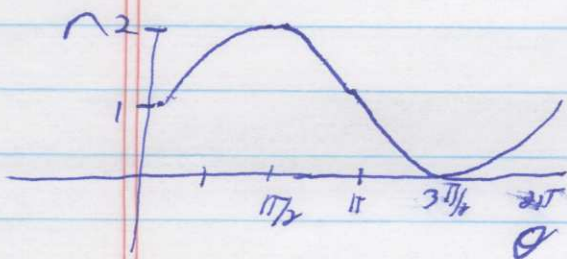
Def The graph of a polar equation $F(r, \theta) = 0$ is all points that have at least one polar representation (r, θ) which satisfies equation

Ex $\theta = \pi/4$

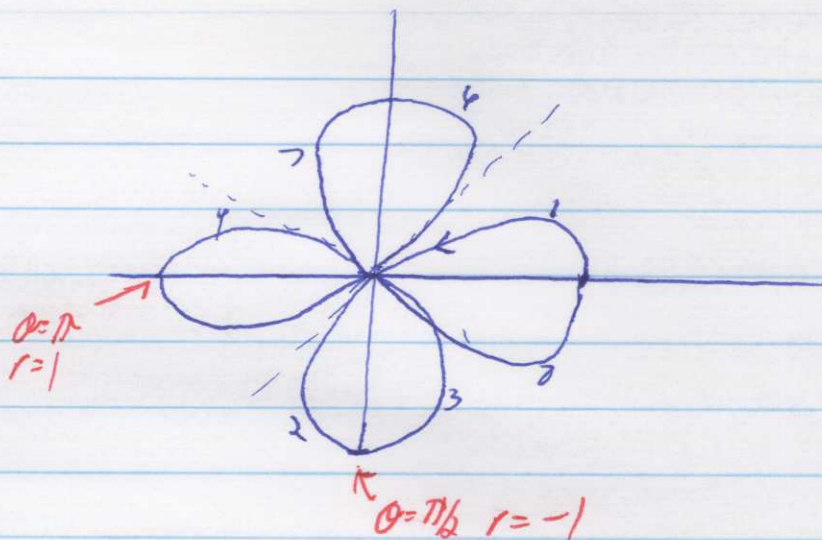
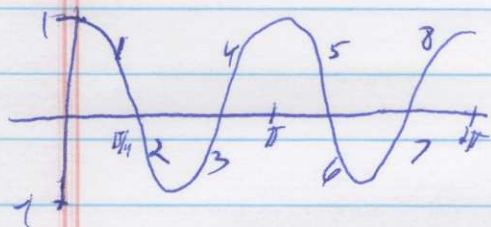


$(1, 5\pi/4) = (-1, \pi/4)$ so point is on curve!

Ex Sketch $r = 1 + \sin \theta$



Ex $r = \cos(2\theta)$ $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$



four-leave rose.

Tips For Sketching

1. Plot curve in r, θ plane to help
2. Symmetries : For example $r = \cos(2\theta)$ but $\cos(2\theta) = \cos(-2\theta)$ so graph must be symmetric about origin.

Tangents to Polar Curves $r = f(\theta)$

Suppose $r = f(\theta)$ is a polar curve Then:

$$x = r \cos \theta = f(\theta) \cos \theta$$

$$y = r \sin \theta = f(\theta) \sin \theta$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy/d\theta}{dx/d\theta} = \frac{f'(\theta) \sin \theta + f(\theta) \cos \theta}{f'(\theta) \cos \theta - f(\theta) \sin \theta} = \frac{\frac{dr}{d\theta} \sin \theta + r \cos \theta}{\frac{dr}{d\theta} \cos \theta - r \sin \theta}$$

Don't memorize this!

Problems

1. $r = \cos(\theta/3)$ Find tangent line at $\theta = \pi/4$.

$$y = \cos(\theta/3) \sin \theta$$

$$x = \cos(\theta/3) \cos \theta \quad \text{etc.}$$

2. Let $r = e^\theta$, find points w/ vertical or horiz tangents
Sketch curve.

3. $x^2 + y^2 = 5x$, put in polar equation.

4. Sketch $r = \ln \theta$ $\theta \geq 1$.

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