

(The numerators of these fractions are the moments of mass of the thin plate w.r.t. the x - & y -axis, respectively.)

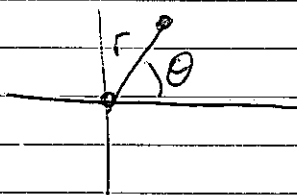
Note when $\delta = \text{const}$, we've already discussed (back when we did Pappus' theorem.)

Insert here note that

$$\iint_{\mathcal{A}} r(x)y(y) dx dy = \int_a^b r(x) dx = \int_c^d g(y) dy$$

Next: polar coordinates.

Idea: locate point by distance from the origin (r) & angle w/ positive x -axis (θ)



First observation: not unique

$$(r, \theta) = (-r, \theta + \pi) = (r, \theta + 2\pi) = (-r, \theta - \pi), \dots$$

Also, $(0, \theta)$ is the origin for every angle θ .

Translating:

$$x = r \cos \theta$$

$$y = r \sin \theta$$

$$r^2 = x^2 + y^2$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{y}{x}$$

The graph of an equation in polar coordinates is just the set of points that satisfy the equation.

Examples: Graph: $\bullet r = 1$
 $\bullet \theta = \pi/4$
 $\bullet r = 2 \cos \theta$

Question: Which of the following points lie on the curve with equation $r = \sin^2 \theta$?

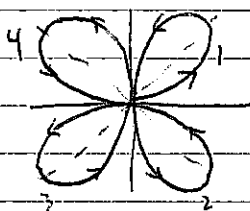
- $\bullet (2, \pi/4)$
- $\bullet (1, \pi/2)$
- $\bullet (0, 3\pi/2)$ (tricky!)

Question: identify the graph $r = 2 \csc \theta$.

Question: give a polar equation for the rectangular equation $y = x^2$.

Use: some things are much easier to describe in polar coordinates than in rectangular coordinates: a simple example is the 4-leaf rose

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



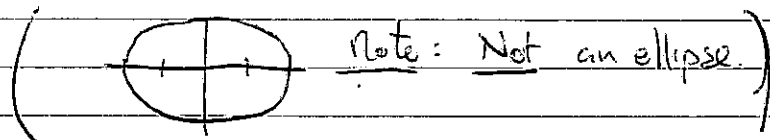
— imagine trying to give it in rectangular coordinates!

(Question: can we give it parametric coordinates?)

Remark: finding intersections of polar curves can be very tricky:

consider the curves $r = 1 + \cos^2 \theta$ & $r = -1 - \cos^2 \theta$.

Their graphs are identical



Now, let's consider some of the classical problems of calculus for polar coordinates. Arclength:

$$x = r \cos \theta \Rightarrow dx = dr \cdot \cos \theta - r \sin \theta d\theta$$

$$y = r \sin \theta \Rightarrow dy = dr \cdot \sin \theta + r \cos \theta d\theta$$

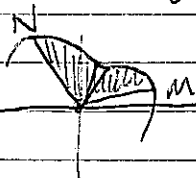
$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow ds^2 &= dx^2 + dy^2 \\ &= (dr^2 \cos^2 \theta - 2r \sin \theta \cos \theta dr d\theta + r^2 \sin^2 \theta d\theta^2) \\ &\quad + (dr^2 \sin^2 \theta + 2r \sin \theta \cos \theta dr d\theta + r^2 \cos^2 \theta d\theta^2) \end{aligned}$$

$$= dr^2 + r^2 d\theta^2$$

So, for example, arclength of the spiral $r = \theta^2$?

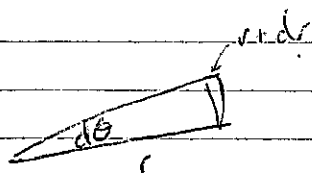
Areas in polar coordinates

Given a curve "around the origin," how much area in the sector it defines?



Introduce
this by
other way!

$$\text{Area} = \int_m^N dA$$



$$dA = \frac{1}{2} r^2 d\theta$$

$$\text{Area} = \int_{\theta_1}^{\theta_2} \frac{1}{2} r^2 d\theta$$

Some care is necessary in choosing the right bounds.

Area inside one leaf of four-leaf rose $r = \sin 2\theta$?



$$\int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{1}{2} (\sin 2\theta)^2 d\theta$$

$$= \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1 - \cos 4\theta}{2} \right) d\theta$$

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Sometimes polar coordinates make double integrals easier to compute (e.g., if region is most naturally described in polar).

In this case, our element of area is