

11.3 Polar Functions
BC Calculus

Want to use numerical integration to find areas enclosed by polar curves. It is not reasonable to convert all polar functions into rectangular equations. So we need to have a formula involving small changes in θ rather than x .

A small change Δx produces a thin rectangular strip of area

A small change $\Delta\theta$ produces a thin circular sector of area

$$\frac{\text{sector}}{\pi r^2} = \frac{\theta}{360^\circ}$$

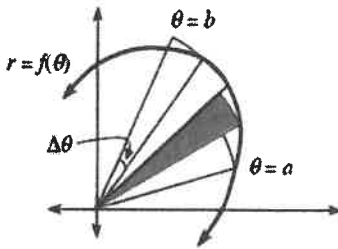
$$\begin{aligned} \text{sector} &= \theta \frac{\pi r^2}{360} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} r^2 \theta \end{aligned}$$

* $\frac{\pi}{180}$
convert
to radians

Area of a sector: $\frac{1}{2} r^2 \theta$

Area of highlighted sector: $\frac{1}{2} f(\theta)^2 \Delta\theta$

Calculate entire enclosed area: $\frac{1}{2} \int_{\theta_1}^{\theta_2} f(\theta)^2 d\theta$



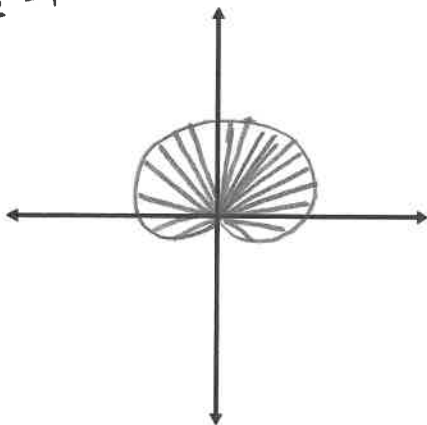
Area in Polar Coordinates

The area of the region between the original and the curve $r = f(\theta)$ for $\alpha \leq \theta \leq \beta$ is:

$$A = \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} \frac{1}{2} f(\theta)^2 d\theta$$

1. Find the area bounded by the graph of $r = 2 + 2 \sin \theta$

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



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

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} (4 + 8 \sin \theta + 4 \sin^2 \theta) d\theta$$

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

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

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

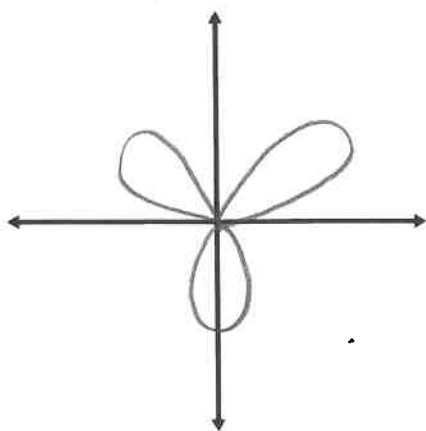
$$= 3\theta - 4 \cos \theta - \frac{1}{2} \sin 2\theta \Big|_0^{2\pi}$$

$$= 3(2\pi) - 4 \cos 2\pi - \frac{1}{2} \sin 4\pi - (0 - 4 \cos 0 - \frac{1}{2} \sin 0)$$

$$= 6\pi - 4 + 4 = \boxed{6\pi}$$

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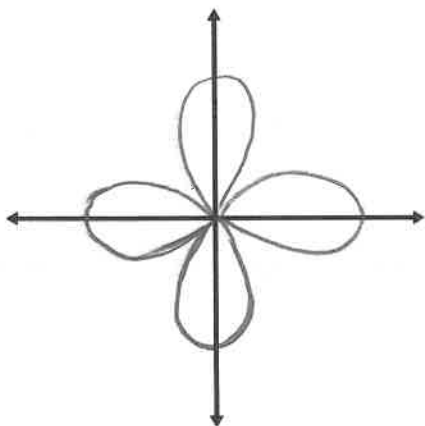
2. Find the area of one petal of $r = 2 \sin 3\theta$



$$\begin{aligned} \sin 3\theta &= 1 \text{ and } -1 \\ 3\theta &= \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}, \frac{5\pi}{2}, \frac{7\pi}{2} \\ \theta &= \frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{5\pi}{6}, \frac{7\pi}{6} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\pi/3} (2 \sin 3\theta)^2 d\theta \\ &= \boxed{\frac{\pi}{3}} \end{aligned}$$

3. Find the area of one petal of $r = 4 \cos 2\theta$

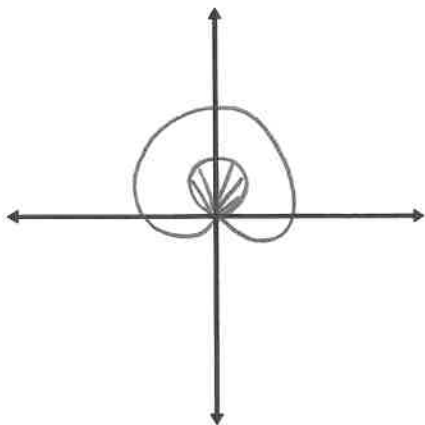


$$\begin{aligned} \cos 2\theta &= 0 \\ 2\theta &= \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}, \frac{5\pi}{2}, \frac{7\pi}{2} \\ \theta &= \frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{3\pi}{4}, \frac{5\pi}{4}, \frac{7\pi}{4} \end{aligned}$$

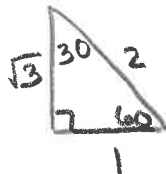
$$\begin{aligned} A &= \int_{\pi/4}^{3\pi/4} \frac{1}{2} (4 \cos 2\theta)^2 d\theta \\ &= \boxed{2\pi} \end{aligned}$$

* look @
desmos + trace

4. Find the area of the inner loop of the graph of $r = 1 + 2 \sin \theta$



$$\begin{aligned} 1 + 2 \sin \theta &= 0 \\ \sin \theta &= -\frac{1}{2} \\ \theta &= \frac{7\pi}{6}, \frac{11\pi}{6} \end{aligned}$$



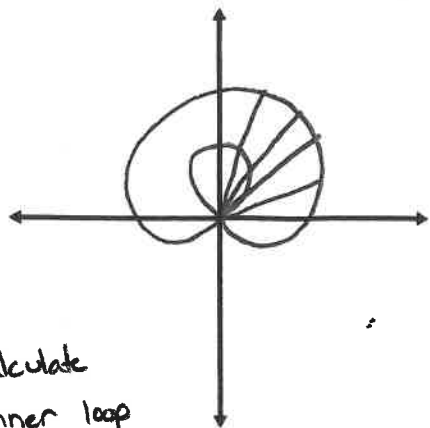
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$$\begin{aligned} A &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{\frac{7\pi}{6}}^{\frac{11\pi}{6}} (1 + 2 \sin \theta)^2 d\theta \\ &= \frac{2\pi - 3\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ &\approx \boxed{0.544} \end{aligned}$$

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5. Find the area of the graph $r = 1 + 2 \sin \theta$

outer $\rightarrow -\pi/6$ to $7\pi/6$ *counts inner piece



$$\textcircled{1} A = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\pi/6}^{7\pi/6} (1 + 2 \sin \theta)^2 d\theta$$

$$= \boxed{8.881}$$

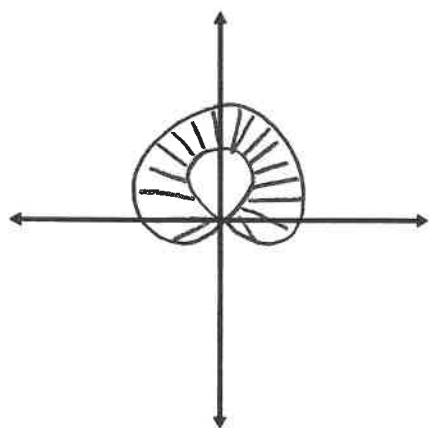
*when calculate sector, inner loop gets included

OR

$$\textcircled{2} A = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} (1 + 2 \sin \theta)^2 d\theta - \frac{1}{2} \int_{7\pi/6}^{11\pi/6} (1 + 2 \sin \theta)^2 d\theta$$

$$= 8.881$$

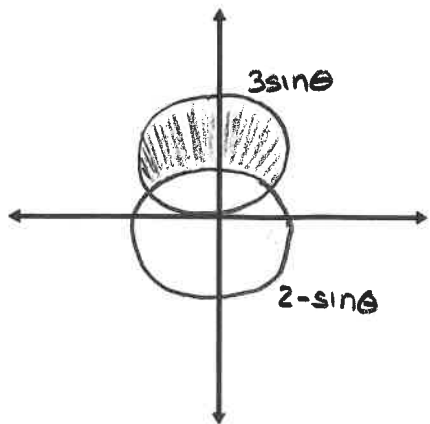
6. Find the area between the two loops for the graph of $r = 1 + 2 \sin \theta$



$$A = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\pi/6}^{7\pi/6} (1 + 2 \sin \theta)^2 d\theta - \frac{1}{2} \int_{7\pi/6}^{11\pi/6} (1 + 2 \sin \theta)^2 d\theta$$

$$= \boxed{8.338}$$

7. Find the area inside of $r = 3 \sin \theta$ and outside $r = 2 - \sin \theta$



$$3 \sin \theta = 2 - \sin \theta$$

$$4 \sin \theta = 2$$

$$\sin \theta = 1/2$$

$$\theta = \pi/6, 5\pi/6$$

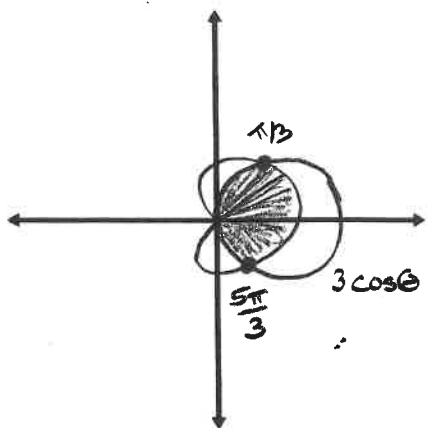
$$A = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\pi/6}^{5\pi/6} [(3 \sin \theta)^2 - (2 - \sin \theta)^2] d\theta$$

$$= \boxed{5.196}$$

*square each individually like would for washer

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8. Find the area of the common interior of $r = 3 \cos \theta$ and $r = 1 + \cos \theta$



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

$$2 \cos \theta = 1$$

$$\cos \theta = 1/2$$

$$\theta = \pi/3, 5\pi/3$$

$$A = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\pi/3}^{\pi/3} (1 + \cos \theta)^2 d\theta + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\pi/3}^{2\pi/3} (3 \cos \theta)^2 d\theta$$

← not $5\pi/3$ b/c
on 2nd revolution
@ $5\pi/3$

★ Remember

$3 \cos \theta$ gets full
shape from $[0, \pi]$

OR

★ $\cos(2\pi/3) = -1/2$
so lands in same
spot as $\cos(5\pi/3)$

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

$$= \boxed{\frac{5\pi}{4}}$$