

6-4 Videos Guide

6-4a

- Area in polar coordinates
 - $A = \int_a^b \frac{1}{2} [f(\theta)]^2 d\theta$
 - Between two curves f and g ($f \geq g$): $A = \frac{1}{2} \int_a^b \{[f(\theta)]^2 - [g(\theta)]^2\} d\theta$
- Arc length
 - $L = \int_a^b \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{d\theta}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{d\theta}\right)^2} d\theta = \int_a^b \sqrt{r^2 + \left(\frac{dr}{d\theta}\right)^2} d\theta$

Exercises:

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- Graph the curve and find the area that it encloses.
 $r = 3 - 2 \cos 4\theta$

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- Find the area of the region that lies inside the first curve and outside the second curve.
 $r = 3 \sin \theta, \quad r = 2 - \sin \theta$

6-4d

- Find the area of the region that lies inside both curves.
 $r = \sin 2\theta, \quad r = \cos 2\theta$

6-4e

- Find the length of the polar curve.
 $r = 5^\theta, \quad 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$

6-3f

- Tangents to a polar curve: if $r = f(\theta)$ and $x = r \cos \theta, \quad y = r \sin \theta$, then
 - $\frac{dy}{d\theta} = \frac{dr}{d\theta} \sin \theta + r \cos \theta$ (by the product rule)
 - $\frac{dx}{d\theta} = \frac{dr}{d\theta} \cos \theta - r \sin \theta$ (product rule again)
 - $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\frac{dr}{d\theta} \sin \theta + r \cos \theta}{\frac{dr}{d\theta} \cos \theta - r \sin \theta}$
 - Horizontal tangents occur when $\frac{dy}{d\theta} = 0$ (if $\frac{dx}{d\theta} \neq 0$)
 - Vertical tangents occur when $\frac{dx}{d\theta} = 0$ (if $\frac{dy}{d\theta} \neq 0$)

Note: if both $\frac{dy}{d\theta} = 0$ and $\frac{dx}{d\theta} = 0$, we use l'Hospital's Rule

Exercises:

- Find the slope of the tangent line to the given polar curve at the point specified by the value of θ .

$$r = 2 + \sin 3\theta, \quad \theta = \pi/4$$

6-3g

- Find the points on the given curve where the tangent line is horizontal or vertical.

$$r = 1 - \sin \theta$$