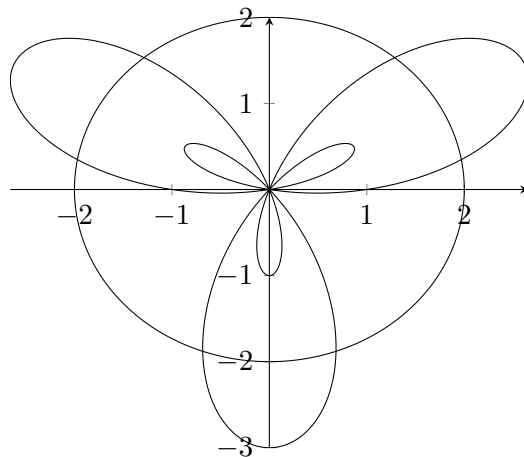


Due Wednesday, December 13th at the beginning of class.

1. The polar curves

$$r(\theta) = 1 + 2 \sin(3\theta), \quad r = 2,$$

are graphed below.

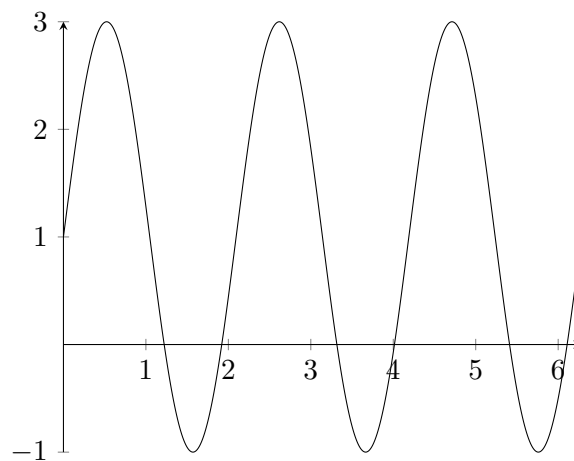


- (a) Find the area inside the larger loops and outside the smaller loops of the graph of $r = 1 + 2 \sin(3\theta)$.

Solution. Solving $r = 0$ gives

$$r = 1 + 2 \sin(3\theta) = 0, \quad \sin(3\theta) = -1/2, \quad 3\theta = -\pi/6, 7\pi/6 + 2\pi k, \quad \theta = -\pi/18, 7\pi/18 + 2\pi k/3.$$

One of the “big” loops is traced out by $-\pi/18 \leq \theta \leq 7\pi/18$, and one of the small loops is traced out by $7\pi/18 \leq \theta \leq 11\pi/18$. It’s helpful to graph $r(\theta)$:



The corresponding areas are

$$\begin{aligned}
 A_{big} &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\pi/18}^{7\pi/18} (1 + 2 \sin(3\theta))^2 d\theta = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\pi/18}^{7\pi/18} (1 + 4 \sin(3\theta) + 4 \sin^2(3\theta)) d\theta \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\pi/18}^{7\pi/18} (1 + 4 \sin(3\theta) + 2(1 - \cos(6\theta))) d\theta \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left(3\theta - \frac{4}{3} \cos(3\theta) - \frac{1}{3} \sin(6\theta) \right) \Big|_{-\pi/18}^{7\pi/18} \\
 &= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + \frac{2\pi}{3} = 2.96042 \dots,
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 A_{small} &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{7\pi/18}^{11\pi/18} (1 + 2 \sin(3\theta))^2 d\theta = \frac{1}{2} \int_{7\pi/18}^{11\pi/18} (1 + 4 \sin(3\theta) + 4 \sin^2(3\theta)) d\theta \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{7\pi/18}^{11\pi/18} (1 + 4 \sin(3\theta) + 2(1 - \cos(6\theta))) d\theta \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left(3\theta - \frac{4}{3} \cos(3\theta) - \frac{1}{3} \sin(6\theta) \right) \Big|_{7\pi/18}^{11\pi/18} \\
 &= \frac{\pi}{3} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = 0.18117 \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence the total area inside the big loops and outside the small loops is

$$3(A_{big} - A_{small}) = \pi + 3\sqrt{3} = 8.3377 \dots$$

- (b) Find the area outside the circle $r = 2$ but inside the curve $r = 1 + 2 \sin(3\theta)$.

Solution. We have

$$r = 2 = 1 + 2 \sin(3\theta), \quad \sin(3\theta) = 1/2, \quad 3\theta = \pi/6, 5\pi/6 + 2\pi k, \quad \theta = \pi/18, 5\pi/18 + 2\pi k/3.$$

One third of the area outside the circle and inside the other curve is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{A}{3} &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{\pi/18}^{5\pi/18} [(1 + 2 \sin(3\theta))^2 - 2^2] d\theta = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\pi/18}^{5\pi/18} (-3 + 4 \sin(3\theta) + 4 \sin^2(3\theta)) d\theta \\
 &= \int_{\pi/18}^{5\pi/18} (-3/2 + 2 \sin(3\theta) + 1 - \cos(6\theta)) d\theta \\
 &= \left(-\frac{\theta}{2} - \frac{2}{3} \cos(3\theta) - \frac{1}{6} \sin(6\theta) \right) \Big|_{\pi/18}^{5\pi/18} \\
 &= \frac{5}{2\sqrt{3}} - \frac{\pi}{9} = 1.09430 \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence the total area outside the circle but inside the other curve is

$$A = \frac{5\sqrt{3}}{2} - \frac{\pi}{3} = 3.28292 \dots$$

- (c) What is the tangent line to the curve $r = 1 + 2 \sin(3\theta)$ at the point in the first quadrant where r is maximum?

Solution. The maximal value of $r = 1 + 2 \sin(3\theta)$ is $r(\pi/6) = 3$, which happens at $(x, y) = (3 \cos(\pi/6), 3 \sin(\pi/6)) = (3\sqrt{3}/2, 3/2)$. Generally, we have

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

which with $r = 1 + 2 \sin(3\theta)$ gives

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{(1 + 2 \sin(3\theta)) \cos \theta + \sin \theta (6 \cos(3\theta))}{-(1 + 2 \sin(3\theta)) \sin \theta + \cos \theta (6 \cos(3\theta))}.$$

At $\theta = \pi/6$ we have

$$\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{\theta=\pi/6} = -\sqrt{3}.$$

Hence the tangent line is

$$y - 3/2 = -\sqrt{3}(x - 3\sqrt{3}/2).$$

- (d) Write down a definite integral for the arclength of the curve $r(\theta) = 1 + 2 \sin(3\theta)$ and use a computer to evaluate.

Solution. The arclength of a parametric curve $(x(t), y(t))$ for $a \leq t \leq b$ is given by

$$L = \int_a^b \sqrt{(x'(t))^2 + (y'(t))^2} dt.$$

Taking $r = r(\theta)$, $(x(\theta), y(\theta)) = (r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta)$ (the curve is parameterized by θ), we get

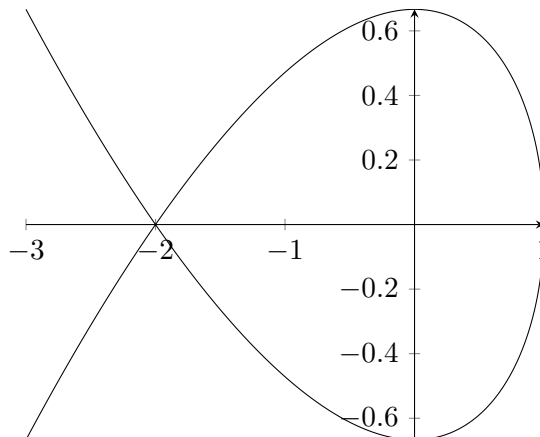
$$L = \int_a^b \sqrt{r^2 + \left(\frac{dr}{d\theta}\right)^2} d\theta.$$

In the case at hand, we have

$$L = \int_0^{2\pi} \sqrt{(1 + 2 \sin(3\theta))^2 + (6 \cos(3\theta))^2} d\theta = 27.2667 \dots$$

2. Consider the parametric curve defined by

$$x(t) = 1 - t^2, \quad y(t) = t - t^3/3.$$



- (a) Find the equations of the tangent lines to the curve at the point $(-2, 0)$.

Solution. The slope of the tangent line at the point $(x(t), y(t))$ is

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy/dt}{dx/dt} = \frac{1-t^2}{-2t}.$$

The t -values corresponding to the point $(-2, 0)$ are $t = \pm\sqrt{3}$ and the corresponding slopes are

$$\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{t=\pm\sqrt{3}} = \frac{-2}{-2(\pm\sqrt{3})} = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}.$$

Hence the tangent lines are

$$y = \frac{x+2}{\sqrt{3}} \quad (t = \sqrt{3}), \quad y = \frac{-(x+2)}{\sqrt{3}} \quad (t = -\sqrt{3}).$$

- (b) When/where does the curve have horizontal tangents?

Solution. The slope dy/dx is zero when $dy/dt = 1 - t^2 = 0$, i.e. when $t = \pm 1$. This corresponds to $(x, y) = (0, \pm 2/3)$.

- (c) What is the length of the part of the curve forming the “loop”?

Solution. The t -values of the point of self-intersection $(-2, 0)$ were found to be $t = \pm\sqrt{3}$ above. The arclength is

$$\begin{aligned} L &= \int_{-\sqrt{3}}^{\sqrt{3}} \sqrt{(-2t)^2 + (1-t^2)^2} dt = \int_{-\sqrt{3}}^{\sqrt{3}} \sqrt{4t^2 + 1 - 2t^2 + t^4} dt \\ &= \int_{-\sqrt{3}}^{\sqrt{3}} \sqrt{(1+t^2)^2} dt = \int_{-\sqrt{3}}^{\sqrt{3}} (1+t^2) dt = t + t^3/3 \Big|_{-\sqrt{3}}^{\sqrt{3}} \\ &= 4\sqrt{3} = 6.9282\dots \end{aligned}$$