

10.4 Calculus in Polar Coordinates (Solutions)

Areas Between Polar Curves

1. Set up an integral to find the area enclosed by the cardioid:

$$r = 2(1 + \cos \theta).$$

Solution:

- The formula for the area enclosed by a polar curve is:

$$A = \frac{1}{2} \int_a^b r^2 d\theta.$$

- Substituting $r = 2(1 + \cos \theta)$:

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} [2(1 + \cos \theta)]^2 d\theta \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} [4(1 + 2\cos \theta + \cos^2 \theta)] d\theta. \end{aligned}$$

- Expanding the integral:

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} 4 + 8\cos \theta + 4\cos^2 \theta d\theta \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\int_0^{2\pi} 4 d\theta + \int_0^{2\pi} 8\cos \theta d\theta + \int_0^{2\pi} 4\cos^2 \theta d\theta \right]. \end{aligned}$$

- Evaluating each integral:

- $\int_0^{2\pi} 4 d\theta = 4(2\pi) = 8\pi.$
- $\int_0^{2\pi} 8\cos \theta d\theta = 0.$
- Using the identity $\cos^2 \theta = \frac{1 + \cos 2\theta}{2}$:

$$\int_0^{2\pi} 4\cos^2 \theta d\theta = 4 \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1 + \cos 2\theta}{2} d\theta.$$

- Splitting the integral:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{2\pi} 4\cos^2 \theta d\theta &= 4 \left[\frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} 1 d\theta + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} \cos 2\theta d\theta \right] \\ &= 4 \left[\frac{1}{2}(2\pi) + \frac{1}{2}(0) \right] = 4[\pi] = 4\pi. \end{aligned}$$

- Summing the results:

$$A = \frac{1}{2} [8\pi + 0 + 4\pi] = \frac{1}{2}(12\pi) = 6\pi.$$

- **Final Answer:**

$$\boxed{6\pi}$$

2. Find the area common to both polar curves:

$$r = 3 + \cos \theta, \quad r = 3 - \cos \theta.$$

Solution:

- To find the intersection points, set $r_1 = r_2$:

$$3 + \cos \theta = 3 - \cos \theta.$$

- Solving for θ :

$$\cos \theta = -\cos \theta \quad \Rightarrow \quad \cos \theta = 0.$$

- This occurs at:

$$\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}, \quad \theta = \frac{3\pi}{2}.$$

3. Find the area enclosed by the four-leaved rose:

$$r = 3 \cos(2\theta).$$

Solution:

- **Determine Limits for One Petal:**

$$3 \cos(2\theta) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \cos(2\theta) = 0.$$

This yields

$$2\theta = \pm \frac{\pi}{2} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \theta = \pm \frac{\pi}{4},$$

so one petal is traced when

$$\theta \in \left[-\frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{\pi}{4}\right].$$

- **Area of One Petal:**

$$\begin{aligned} A_{\text{petal}} &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\pi/4}^{\pi/4} (3 \cos(2\theta))^2 d\theta \\ &= \frac{9}{2} \int_{-\pi/4}^{\pi/4} \cos^2(2\theta) d\theta. \end{aligned}$$

- **Substitute $u = 2\theta$:**

$$d\theta = \frac{du}{2}, \quad \theta = -\frac{\pi}{4} \Rightarrow u = -\frac{\pi}{2}, \quad \theta = \frac{\pi}{4} \Rightarrow u = \frac{\pi}{2}.$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} A_{\text{petal}} &= \frac{9}{2} \int_{-\pi/4}^{\pi/4} \cos^2(2\theta) d\theta \\ &= \frac{9}{2} \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \cos^2(u) \frac{du}{2} \\ &= \frac{9}{4} \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \cos^2(u) du \\ &= \frac{9}{4} \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \frac{1 + \cos(2u)}{2} du \\ &= \frac{9}{8} \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} (1 + \cos(2u)) du \\ &= \frac{9}{8} \left[\left(u + \frac{\sin(2u)}{2} \right) \right]_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \\ &= \frac{9}{8} \cdot \pi \end{aligned}$$

- **Total Area:**

$$A_{\text{total}} = 4 \cdot A_{\text{petal}} = 4 \cdot \frac{9\pi}{8} = \frac{9\pi}{2}.$$

4. Compute the area inside one petal of the rose curve:

$$r = 2 \sin(3\theta).$$

Solution:

- The formula for the area enclosed by a polar curve is:

$$A = \frac{1}{2} \int_a^b r^2 d\theta.$$

- A three-petal rose $r = 2 \sin(3\theta)$ has three identical petals.
- One petal is traced when θ runs from 0 to $\frac{\pi}{3}$.
- The area of one petal is:

$$A = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\pi/3} (2 \sin(3\theta))^2 d\theta.$$

- Expanding the square:

$$A = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\pi/3} 4 \sin^2(3\theta) d\theta.$$

- Using the identity $\sin^2 x = \frac{1 - \cos 2x}{2}$:

$$A = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\pi/3} 4 \times \frac{1 - \cos 6\theta}{2} d\theta.$$

- Splitting the integral:

$$A = \frac{1}{2} \left[\int_0^{\pi/3} 2 d\theta - \int_0^{\pi/3} 2 \cos 6\theta d\theta \right].$$

- Evaluating:

$$- \int_0^{\pi/3} 2 d\theta = 2 \times \frac{\pi}{3} = \frac{2\pi}{3}.$$

$$- \int_0^{\pi/3} 2 \cos 6\theta d\theta = 2 \times \frac{\sin 6\theta}{6} \Big|_0^{\pi/3} = 0.$$

- So the final area is:

$$A = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{2\pi}{3} = \frac{\pi}{3}.$$

- **Final Answer:**

$$\boxed{\frac{\pi}{3}}$$

5. Find the area inside $r = 2 + \cos \theta$ and outside $r = 1$.

Solution:

The area enclosed between two polar curves is given by:

$$A = \frac{1}{2} \int_a^b (r_{\text{outer}}^2 - r_{\text{inner}}^2) d\theta.$$

Here, $r_{\text{outer}} = 2 + \cos \theta$ and $r_{\text{inner}} = 1$.

Step 1: Find the Limits of Integration

The curves intersect when:

$$2 + \cos \theta = 1.$$

Solving for θ : $\cos \theta = -1 \Rightarrow \theta = \pi$. Since we are computing the total enclosed area, we integrate from $\theta = 0$ to $\theta = 2\pi$.

Step 2: Integrate

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} ((2 + \cos \theta)^2 - 1^2) d\theta \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} (4 + 4 \cos \theta + \cos^2 \theta - 1) d\theta \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} (3 + 4 \cos \theta + \cos^2 \theta) d\theta \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\int_0^{2\pi} 3 d\theta + \int_0^{2\pi} 4 \cos \theta d\theta + \int_0^{2\pi} \cos^2 \theta d\theta \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Computing each integral:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{2\pi} 3 d\theta &= 3(2\pi) = 6\pi, \\ \int_0^{2\pi} 4 \cos \theta d\theta &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Using $\cos^2 \theta = \frac{1 + \cos 2\theta}{2}$, we rewrite:

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \cos^2 \theta d\theta = \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1 + \cos 2\theta}{2} d\theta.$$

Splitting:

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1 + \cos 2\theta}{2} d\theta = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} 1 d\theta + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} \cos 2\theta d\theta.$$

Since $\int_0^{2\pi} \cos 2\theta d\theta = 0$, we obtain:

$$\frac{1}{2} \cdot 2\pi = \pi.$$

Step 3: Compute the Final Result

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \frac{1}{2} (6\pi + 0 + \pi) \\ &= \frac{7\pi}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

6. Find the area inside $r = 6 \sin \theta$ and outside $r = 3$.

Solution:

The area enclosed between two polar curves is given by:

$$A = \frac{1}{2} \int_a^b (r_{\text{outer}}^2 - r_{\text{inner}}^2) d\theta.$$

Here, $r_{\text{outer}} = 6 \sin \theta$ and $r_{\text{inner}} = 3$.

Step 1: Find the Limits of Integration

The curves intersect when:

$$6 \sin \theta = 3 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \sin \theta = \frac{1}{2}, \quad \theta = \frac{\pi}{6}, \quad \frac{5\pi}{6}.$$

We integrate from $\theta = \frac{\pi}{6}$ to $\theta = \frac{5\pi}{6}$.

Step 2: Set Up the Integral

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{\pi/6}^{5\pi/6} ((6 \sin \theta)^2 - 3^2) d\theta \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{\pi/6}^{5\pi/6} (36 \sin^2 \theta - 9) d\theta. \end{aligned}$$

Using $\sin^2 \theta = \frac{1 - \cos 2\theta}{2}$, we substitute:

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{\pi/6}^{5\pi/6} \left(36 \cdot \frac{1 - \cos 2\theta}{2} - 9 \right) d\theta \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{\pi/6}^{5\pi/6} (9 - 18 \cos 2\theta) d\theta. \end{aligned}$$

Step 3: Evaluate the Integral

Computing each term:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\pi/6}^{5\pi/6} 9 d\theta &= 9 \left(\frac{5\pi}{6} - \frac{\pi}{6} \right) = 9 \cdot \frac{4\pi}{6} = 6\pi, \\ \int_{\pi/6}^{5\pi/6} 18 \cos 2\theta d\theta &= 18 \cdot \frac{\sin 2\theta}{2} \Big|_{\pi/6}^{5\pi/6} \\ &= 9 \left(\sin \frac{5\pi}{3} - \sin \frac{\pi}{3} \right) \\ &= -9\sqrt{3} \end{aligned}$$

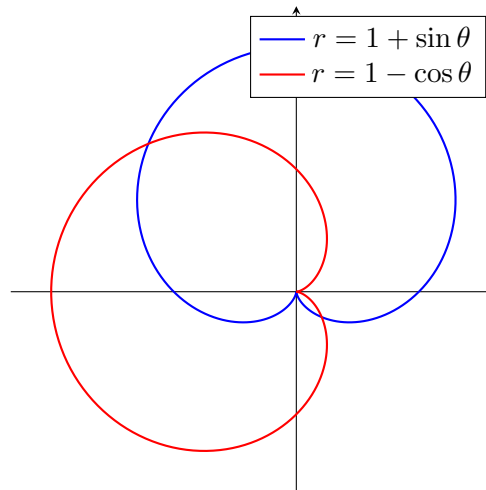
Step 4: Compute the Final Result

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \frac{1}{2} (6\pi + 9\sqrt{3}) \\ &= 3\pi + \frac{9\sqrt{3}}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

Tangent Lines and Arc Length

1. Find all points of intersection of the curves:

$$r = 1 + \sin \theta, \quad r = 1 - \cos \theta.$$



Solution:

Step 1: Justifying the Range $[0, 2\pi]$

While the equation $r = 1 + \sin \theta$ completes one full trace over $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$, and $r = 1 - \cos \theta$ also completes its trace over $[0, \pi]$, we must consider θ in the full range $[0, 2\pi]$.

The reason is that in polar coordinates, a curve may intersect itself or intersect another curve at different angles, sometimes occurring at θ values outside $[0, \pi]$. Additionally, the same point can have multiple representations in polar form, meaning that intersections might not be obvious just by looking at $[0, \pi]$.

Step 2: Finding Intersection Points

To find intersections, we set the equations equal to each other:

$$1 + \sin \theta = 1 - \cos \theta.$$

Simplifying:

$$\sin \theta + \cos \theta = 0.$$

Dividing by $\cos \theta$ (where valid):

$$\tan \theta = -1.$$

The general solutions to $\tan \theta = -1$ are:

$$\theta = \frac{3\pi}{4} + k\pi, \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

Restricting to $[0, 2\pi]$, the valid solutions are:

$$\theta = \frac{3\pi}{4}, \quad \theta = \frac{7\pi}{4}.$$

Step 3: Compute r at These Intersections

Substituting into $r = 1 + \sin \theta$:

$$r = 1 + \sin \frac{3\pi}{4} = 1 + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} = \frac{2 + \sqrt{2}}{2}.$$

$$r = 1 + \sin \frac{7\pi}{4} = 1 - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} = \frac{2 - \sqrt{2}}{2}.$$

Thus, two intersection points are:

$$\left(\frac{2 + \sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{4} \right), \quad \left(\frac{2 - \sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{7\pi}{4} \right).$$

Step 4: Checking for the Origin as an Intersection

A point is at the origin if $r = 0$ for some θ . Setting $r = 0$ in both equations:

- From $r = 1 + \sin \theta$, setting $1 + \sin \theta = 0$ gives:

$$\sin \theta = -1 \Rightarrow \theta = \frac{3\pi}{2}.$$

- From $r = 1 - \cos \theta$, setting $1 - \cos \theta = 0$ gives:

$$\cos \theta = 1 \Rightarrow \theta = 0, 2\pi.$$

Since both equations independently achieve $r = 0$ at different values of θ , they both pass through the origin, meaning $(0, 0)$ must be included as an intersection.

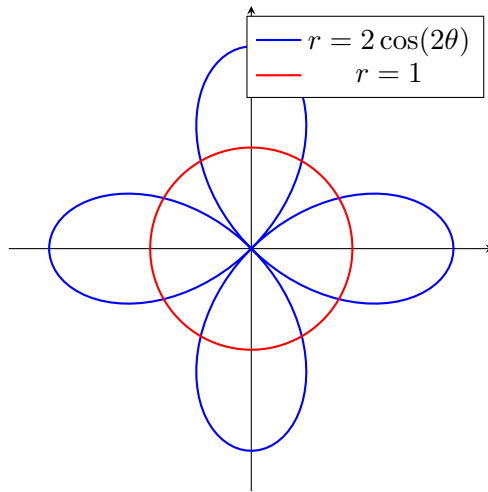
Step 5: Final Answer Including the Origin

The full set of intersection points is:

$$\left(\frac{2 + \sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{4} \right), \quad \left(\frac{2 - \sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{7\pi}{4} \right), \quad (0, 0).$$

2. Find all points of intersection of the curves:

$$r = 2 \cos 2\theta, \quad r = 1.$$



Solution:

Step 1: Solve for Intersections with $r = 1$

To find where the curves intersect, we first solve:

$$2 \cos 2\theta = 1.$$

Solving for θ :

$$\cos 2\theta = \frac{1}{2}.$$

The general solutions for $\cos x = \frac{1}{2}$ are:

$$2\theta = \pm \frac{\pi}{3} + 2k\pi, \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

Dividing by 2:

$$\theta = \pm \frac{\pi}{6} + k\pi.$$

Restricting to $0 \leq \theta < 2\pi$, the valid solutions are:

$$\theta = \frac{\pi}{6}, \quad \theta = \frac{5\pi}{6}, \quad \theta = \frac{7\pi}{6}, \quad \theta = \frac{11\pi}{6}.$$

Since we set $r = 1$, the intersection points are:

$$\left(1, \frac{\pi}{6}\right), \quad \left(1, \frac{5\pi}{6}\right), \quad \left(1, \frac{7\pi}{6}\right), \quad \left(1, \frac{11\pi}{6}\right).$$

Step 2: Solve for Intersections with $r = -1$

A point (r, θ) is equivalent to $(-r, \theta + \pi)$, so we solve:

$$2 \cos 2\theta = -1.$$

Dividing by 2:

$$\cos 2\theta = -\frac{1}{2}.$$

The general solutions for $\cos x = -\frac{1}{2}$ are:

$$2\theta = \pm \frac{2\pi}{3} + 2k\pi, \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

Dividing by 2:

$$\theta = \pm \frac{\pi}{3} + k\pi.$$

Restricting to $0 \leq \theta < 2\pi$, the valid solutions are:

$$\theta = \frac{\pi}{3}, \quad \theta = \frac{2\pi}{3}, \quad \theta = \frac{4\pi}{3}, \quad \theta = \frac{5\pi}{3}.$$

Since these correspond to $r = -1$, we convert to equivalent positive r representations:

$$\left(-1, \frac{\pi}{3}\right) = \left(1, \frac{4\pi}{3}\right),$$

$$\left(-1, \frac{2\pi}{3}\right) = \left(1, \frac{5\pi}{3}\right),$$

$$\left(-1, \frac{4\pi}{3}\right) = \left(1, \frac{\pi}{3}\right),$$

$$\left(-1, \frac{5\pi}{3}\right) = \left(1, \frac{2\pi}{3}\right).$$

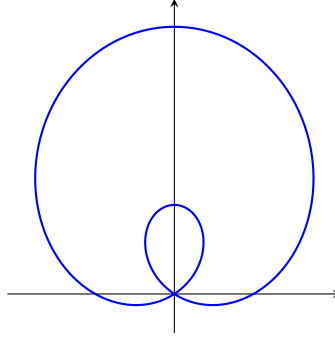
Final Answer: The full set of intersection points is:

$$\left(1, \frac{\pi}{6}\right), \quad \left(1, \frac{5\pi}{6}\right), \quad \left(1, \frac{7\pi}{6}\right), \quad \left(1, \frac{11\pi}{6}\right),$$

$$\left(1, \frac{\pi}{3}\right), \quad \left(1, \frac{2\pi}{3}\right), \quad \left(1, \frac{4\pi}{3}\right), \quad \left(1, \frac{5\pi}{3}\right).$$

3. Find the slope of the tangent line to the curve:

$$r = 1 + 2 \sin \theta, \quad \theta = \frac{\pi}{6}.$$



Solution:

The slope of the tangent line to a polar curve is given by: Compute $\frac{dx}{d\theta}$:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\frac{dy}{d\theta}}{\frac{dx}{d\theta}}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dx}{d\theta} &= (2 \cos \frac{\pi}{6}) \cos \frac{\pi}{6} - (1 + 2 \sin \frac{\pi}{6}) \sin \frac{\pi}{6} \\ &= \left(2 \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} - (2) \frac{1}{2} \\ &= (\sqrt{3}) \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} - 1 \\ &= \frac{3}{2} - 1 = \frac{1}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

Step 1: Compute Cartesian Coordinates The Cartesian coordinates of a polar curve are:

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

Substituting $r = 1 + 2 \sin \theta$:

$$x = (1 + 2 \sin \theta) \cos \theta, \quad y = (1 + 2 \sin \theta) \sin \theta.$$

Step 2: Compute Derivatives Differentiating x with respect to θ :

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

Differentiating y with respect to θ :

$$\frac{dy}{d\theta} = (2 \cos \theta) \sin \theta + (1 + 2 \sin \theta) \cos \theta.$$

Step 3: Evaluate at $\theta = \frac{\pi}{6}$ First, compute necessary trigonometric values:

$$\sin \frac{\pi}{6} = \frac{1}{2}, \quad \cos \frac{\pi}{6} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}.$$

Compute r at $\theta = \frac{\pi}{6}$:

$$r = 1 + 2 \sin \frac{\pi}{6} = 1 + 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} = 2.$$

Compute $\frac{dy}{d\theta}$:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{d\theta} &= (2 \cos \frac{\pi}{6}) \sin \frac{\pi}{6} + (1 + 2 \sin \frac{\pi}{6}) \cos \frac{\pi}{6} \\ &= \left(2 \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) \frac{1}{2} + (2) \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ &= (\sqrt{3}) \frac{1}{2} + \sqrt{3} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + \sqrt{3} = \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

Step 4: Compute the Slope

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}}{\frac{1}{2}} = 3\sqrt{3}.$$

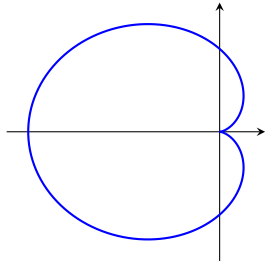
Final Answer:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 3\sqrt{3}.$$

4. Find points where the tangent line is horizontal or vertical for: Restricting to $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$, the valid solutions are:

$$r = 2(1 - \cos \theta).$$

$$\theta = 0, \quad \frac{2\pi}{3}, \quad \frac{4\pi}{3}, \quad 2\pi.$$



Solution:

The slope of the tangent line to a polar curve is given by:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\frac{dy}{d\theta}}{\frac{dx}{d\theta}}.$$

Horizontal tangents occur where $\frac{dy}{d\theta} = 0$ and $\frac{dx}{d\theta} \neq 0$.
Vertical tangents occur where $\frac{dx}{d\theta} = 0$ and $\frac{dy}{d\theta} \neq 0$.

Step 1: Compute First Derivatives

The Cartesian coordinates of the curve are:

$$\begin{aligned} x &= r \cos \theta = 2(1 - \cos \theta) \cos \theta, \\ y &= r \sin \theta = 2(1 - \cos \theta) \sin \theta. \end{aligned}$$

Differentiating x with respect to θ :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dx}{d\theta} &= 2((1 - \cos \theta)(-\sin \theta) + \cos \theta \sin \theta) \\ &= 2(-\sin \theta + 2 \cos \theta \sin \theta) \\ &= 2 \sin \theta(2 \cos \theta - 1). \end{aligned}$$

Differentiating y with respect to θ :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{d\theta} &= 2((1 - \cos \theta) \cos \theta + \sin \theta \sin \theta) \\ &= 2(\cos \theta - \cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta) \\ &= 2(\cos \theta - \cos 2\theta). \end{aligned}$$

Step 2: Solve $\frac{dy}{d\theta} = 0$

Setting $\frac{dy}{d\theta} = 0$:

$$\cos \theta - \cos 2\theta = 0.$$

Rearranging:

$$\cos \theta = \cos 2\theta.$$

The general solutions to $\cos A = \cos B$ are:

$$A = B + 2k\pi \quad \text{or} \quad A = -B + 2k\pi.$$

Applying $A = \theta$ and $B = 2\theta$, we get:

$$\theta = \frac{2k\pi}{3}.$$

Step 3: Solve $\frac{dx}{d\theta} = 0$

Setting $\frac{dx}{d\theta} = 0$:

$$2 \sin \theta(2 \cos \theta - 1) = 0.$$

Solving each factor separately:

- $\sin \theta = 0$ gives:

$$\theta = 0, \pi, 2\pi.$$

- $2 \cos \theta - 1 = 0$ gives:

$$\cos \theta = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi}{3}, \quad \frac{5\pi}{3}.$$

Step 4: Apply L'Hôpital's Rule at $\theta = 0$ and $\theta = 2\pi$

At $\theta = 0$ and $\theta = 2\pi$, both $\frac{dx}{d\theta} = 0$ and $\frac{dy}{d\theta} = 0$, so we differentiate again:

$$\frac{d^2x}{d\theta^2} = 2(2 \cos^2 \theta - \cos \theta - 1 + \cos 2\theta).$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{d\theta^2} = 2(-\sin \theta + 2 \sin 2\theta).$$

Evaluating at $\theta = 0$:

$$\frac{d^2x}{d\theta^2} = 2, \quad \frac{d^2y}{d\theta^2} = 0.$$

Since $\frac{d^2x}{d\theta^2} \neq 0$ and $\frac{d^2y}{d\theta^2} = 0$, $\theta = 0$ gives a horizontal tangent.

Evaluating at $\theta = 2\pi$:

$$\frac{d^2x}{d\theta^2} = 2, \quad \frac{d^2y}{d\theta^2} = 0.$$

Since $\frac{d^2x}{d\theta^2} \neq 0$ and $\frac{d^2y}{d\theta^2} = 0$, $\theta = 2\pi$ gives a horizontal tangent.

Final Answer:

The curve has horizontal tangents at:

$$\theta = 0, \quad \frac{2\pi}{3}, \quad \frac{4\pi}{3}, \quad 2\pi.$$

The curve has vertical tangents at:

$$\theta = \pi, \quad \frac{\pi}{3}, \quad \frac{5\pi}{3}.$$