WORKSHEET XXIII

POLAR COORDINATES



(a) Convert from polar coordinates to Cartesian
coordinates: (3, 0), (1, π/4), (-2^{1/2}, π/6), (4, 3π/2), (7, 5π/3)
(b) Convert from Cartesian coordinates to polar
coordinates: (5, 5), (-3, 0), (1, - 3^{1/2}), (-7, -11)
(c) Which polar coordinate pairs label the same point? (3, 0), (-3, 0), (2, 2π/3), (2, 7π/3), (-3, π), (2, π/3), (-3, 2π), (-2, - π/3)

2. Write each of the following polar equations as a Cartesian equation:

- (a) $r \cos \theta = 2$
- (b) $r \sin \theta = 0$
- (c) $r \cos \theta = 0$
- (d) $r(\cos \theta + \sin \theta) = 1$
- (e) $r^2 = 4r \sin \theta$
- (f) $r^2 \sin 2\theta = 2$

(g)
$$r = \frac{5}{\sin \theta - 2\cos \theta}$$

(h) $r = 11$

- 3. Convert each Cartesian equation below to a polar equation.
 - (a) x = 7(b) $x^2 + y^2 = 4$ (c) $x^2 - y^2 = 1$ (d) xy = 2(e) $x^2 + xy + y^2 = 1$ (f) $\frac{x^2}{9} + \frac{y^2}{4} = 1$

4. In sketching a polar curve how would one check for symmetry (a) about the origin? (b) about the x-axis? (c) about the y-axis?

- 5. Sketch the following polar curves:
 - (a) r = 3
 - (b) $\theta = \pi/3, -1 \le r \le 3$
 - (c) $r = -1, \ 0 \le \theta \le \pi$
 - (d) $r = \theta$ (spiral of Archimedes)
 - (e) $r = 1 \cos \theta$ *(cardioid)*
 - (f) $r = 6 \sin \theta$
 - (g) $r \theta = 1$ (hyperbolic spiral)
 - (h) $r = 1 + 2 \sin \theta$ (looped limaçon)
 - (i) $r = 3 + 2 \sin \theta$ (dimpled limaçon)

- (j) $r = \cos 2\theta$ (rose)
- (k) $r = \cos 3\theta$ (rose)
- (1) $r = \cos 4\theta$ (rose)
- (m) $r = e^{\theta}$ (logarithmic spiral)
- (n) $r^2 = \theta$ (*Fermat's spiral*)
- (o) $r^2 = \cos 2\theta$ (*lemniscate of Bernoulli*)

6. Derive a formula for the area of the fan-shaped region between the origin and the curve $r = f(\theta)$, $\alpha \le \theta \le \beta$.

Find the area of the region:

- (a) bounded by the spiral $r = \theta$ for $0 \le \theta \le \pi$
- (b) enclosed by the cardioid $r = 2(1 + \cos \theta)$
- (c) inside the circle r = 1 and outside the cardioid $r = 1 \cos \theta$
- (d) enclosed by the smaller loop of the limaçon $r = 2 \cos \theta$ + 1
- (e) enclosed by one leaf of the four-leaved rose $r = \cos 2\theta$
- 7. Derive a formula for the arc length of a curve $r = f(\theta)$,

 $\alpha \leq \theta \leq \beta$. Find the arc length of the

- (a) circle r = b
- (b) circle $r = a \cos \theta$, $-\pi/2 \le \theta \le \pi/2$
- (c) spiral $r = \theta^2, 0 \le \theta \le \sqrt{5}$
- (d) cardioid $r = 1 \cos \theta$



Mathematica polar plot of $r = e^{\cos \theta} - 2\cos(4\theta) + \sin^5(\theta/12)$ for $0 \le \theta \le 20\pi$