

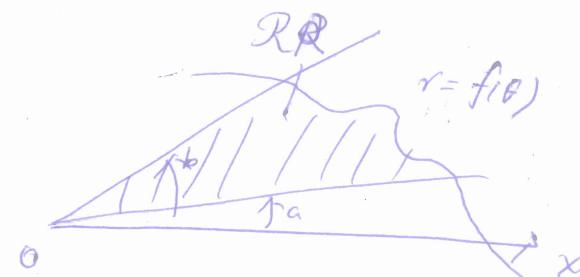
① §10.4 Areas and Lengths in Polar Coordinates

Consider a polar curve $r = f(\theta)$ described by the polar equation.

$$r = f(\theta), \quad a \leq \theta \leq b \quad (*)$$

where $f(\theta) \geq 0, \quad a \leq \theta \leq b$

Question: how to compute the area of a region whose boundary is given by (*)?



Recall: the formulae for the area of a sector of a circle,

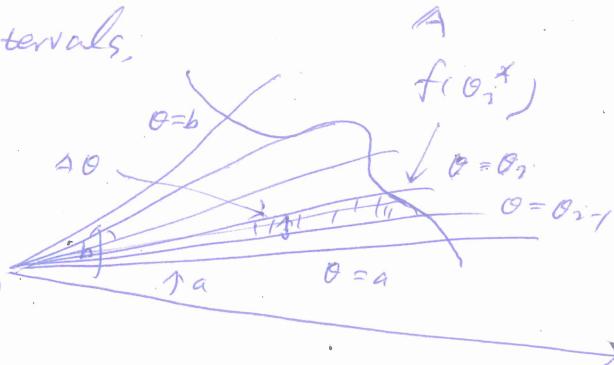
$$A = \frac{1}{2} r^2 \theta$$



Idea: 1. Divide $[a, b]$ into n intervals, with endpoints $\theta_0, \dots, \theta_n$,

$$\Delta\theta = \theta_i - \theta_{i-1} = \frac{b-a}{n}$$

2. Choose $\theta_i^* \in [\theta_{i-1}, \theta_i]$.



Then ~~ΔA_i of the i th~~
the area of the i th region

$$\Delta A_i \approx \frac{1}{2} [f(\theta_i^*)]^2 \Delta\theta$$

to the total area A of R

$$A \approx \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{2} [f(\theta_i^*)]^2 \Delta\theta$$

Thus,

$$A = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{2} [f(\theta_i^*)]^2 \Delta\theta$$

$$= \int_a^b \frac{1}{2} [f(\theta)]^2 d\theta \quad (3)$$

$$= \int_a^b \frac{1}{2} r^2 d\theta \quad (4)$$

② Ex 1. Find the area enclosed by one loop of the four-leaves rose $r = \cos 2\theta$

$$A = \int_{-\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \frac{1}{2} r^2 d\theta$$

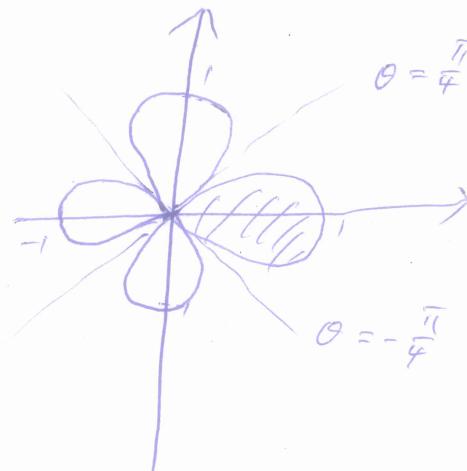
$$= \int_{-\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \frac{1}{2} \cos^2 2\theta d\theta$$

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

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

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[\theta + \frac{1}{4} \sin 4\theta \right]_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}}$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{8}$$



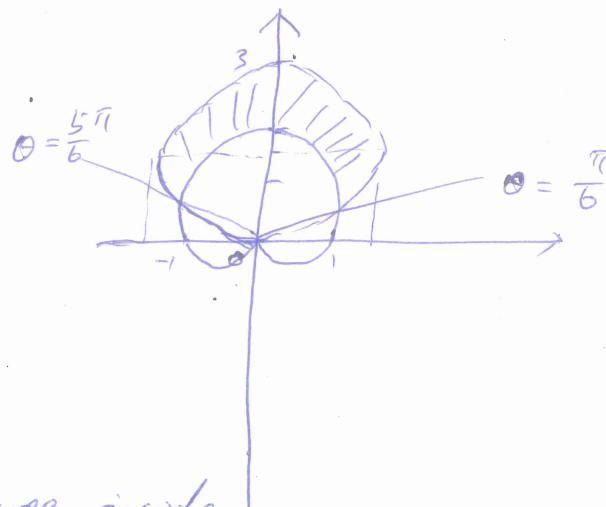
Ex 2. Find the area of the region that lies inside the circle $r = 3 \sin \theta$ and outside the cardioid $r = 1 + \sin \theta$.

points of intersection of the two curves:

$$3 \sin \theta = 1 + \sin \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \cancel{3 \sin \theta} = \cancel{1} + \frac{1}{2} \sin \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{5\pi}{6}$$



(~~start with~~ subtracting the area inside the cardioid between $\theta = \frac{\pi}{6}$ and $\theta = \frac{5\pi}{6}$ from that inside the circle - from $\frac{\pi}{6}$ to $\frac{5\pi}{6}$).

By symmetry, we have

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$$A = 2(A_{1_\theta} - A_2)$$

$$A_1 = \int_{\frac{\pi}{6}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{1}{2} (3\sin\theta)^2 d\theta, \quad A_2 = \int_{\frac{\pi}{6}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{1}{2} (1+\sin\theta)^2 d\theta$$

$$\Rightarrow A = \int_{\frac{\pi}{6}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} (8\sin^2\theta - 1 - 2\sin\theta) d\theta \quad (\sin^2\theta = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos 2\theta))$$

$$= \int_{\frac{\pi}{6}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} (3 - 4\cos 2\theta - 2\sin\theta) d\theta$$

$$= [3\theta - 2\sin 2\theta + 2\cos\theta] \Big|_{\frac{\pi}{6}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}}$$

$$= \pi$$

Arc Length

Motivation: Find the length of a polar curve $r = f(\theta)$, $a \leq \theta \leq b$

Then

$$x = r\cos\theta = f(\theta)\cos\theta$$

$$y = r\sin\theta = f(\theta)\sin\theta$$

Recall: $L = \int ds$

$$(ds)^2 = (dx)^2 + (dy)^2$$

$$ds = \sqrt{(dx)^2 + (dy)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{d\theta}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{d\theta}\right)^2} d\theta$$

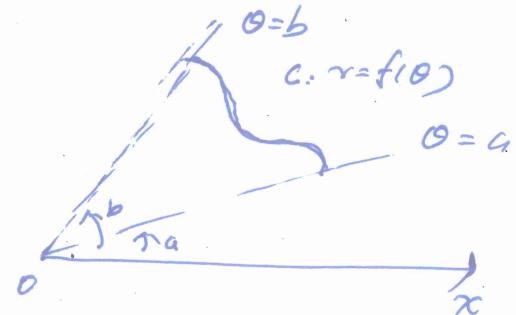
By the Product Rule,

$$\frac{dx}{d\theta} = \frac{dr}{d\theta} \cos\theta - r\sin\theta$$

$$\frac{dy}{d\theta} = \frac{dr}{d\theta} \sin\theta + r\cos\theta$$

$$\text{Thus, } \left(\frac{dx}{d\theta}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{d\theta}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{dr}{d\theta}\right)^2 \cos^2\theta - 2r \frac{dr}{d\theta} \cos\theta \sin\theta + r^2 \sin^2\theta$$

$$+ \left(\frac{dr}{d\theta}\right)^2 \sin^2\theta + 2r \frac{dr}{d\theta} \sin\theta \cos\theta + r^2 \cos^2\theta$$



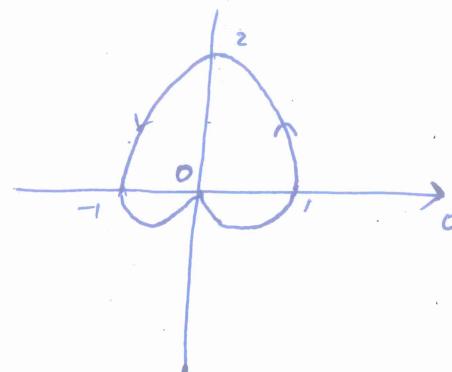
$$④ = \left(\frac{dr}{d\theta} \right)^2 + r^2$$

Assume $f' = \frac{dy}{dx}$ is continuous, we have

$$\begin{aligned} L &= \int ds \\ &= \int_a^b \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{d\theta} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{d\theta} \right)^2} d\theta \\ &= \int_a^b \sqrt{r^2 + \left(\frac{dr}{d\theta} \right)^2} d\theta \end{aligned}$$

Ex 4. Find the length of the cardioid $r = 1 + \sin\theta$.

$$\begin{aligned} L &= \int_0^{2\pi} \sqrt{r^2 + \left(\frac{dr}{d\theta} \right)^2} d\theta \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} \sqrt{(1 + \sin\theta)^2 + \cos^2\theta} d\theta \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} \sqrt{2 + 2\sin\theta} d\theta \\ &= 2 \int_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sqrt{2 + 2\sin\theta} d\theta \\ &= 2 \int_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\sqrt{(2+2\sin\theta)(2-2\sin\theta)}}{\sqrt{2-2\sin\theta}} d\theta \\ &= 2 \int_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{2\sqrt{\cos^2\theta}}{\sqrt{2-2\sin\theta}} d\theta \\ &= \frac{4}{\sqrt{2}} \int_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\cos\theta d\theta}{\sqrt{1-\sin\theta}} \\ &= \frac{4}{\sqrt{2}} \int_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{dsin\theta}{\sqrt{1-sin\theta}} \\ &= \frac{4}{\sqrt{2}} \int_{-1}^1 \frac{du}{\sqrt{1-u}} \\ &= \frac{4}{\sqrt{2}} \lim_{t \rightarrow 1^-} \int_{-1}^t \frac{du}{\sqrt{1-u}} \end{aligned}$$



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$$= \frac{4}{\sqrt{2}} \lim_{t \rightarrow 1^-} [-2\sqrt{1-t}]$$

$$= \frac{4}{\sqrt{2}} \lim_{t \rightarrow 1^-} [-2\sqrt{1-t} + 2\sqrt{2}]$$

$$= \frac{4}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot 2\sqrt{2}$$

$$= 8 \quad)$$