

## MA 114 Worksheet #22: Polar coordinates, Calculus in Polar Coordinates

1. Find the equation in polar coordinates of the line through the origin with slope  $\frac{1}{3}$ .
2. Find the polar equation for:
  - (a)  $x^2 + y^2 = 9$
  - (b)  $x = 4$
  - (c)  $y = 4$
  - (d)  $xy = 4$
3. Convert the equation of the circle  $r = 2 \sin \theta$  to rectangular coordinates and find the center and radius of the circle.
4. Find  $dy/dx$  for the following polar curves.
  - (a)  $r = 2 \cos \theta + 1$
  - (b)  $r = 1/\theta$
5. Compute the slope of the tangent line to the graph of  $r = \sin \theta$  at  $\theta = \pi/3$ , and sketch the curve and the tangent line.
6.
  - (a) Give the formula for the area of region bounded by the polar curve  $r = f(\theta)$  from  $\theta = a$  to  $\theta = b$ . Give a geometric explanation of this formula.
  - (b) Give the formula for the length of the polar curve  $r = f(\theta)$  from  $\theta = a$  to  $\theta = b$ .
  - (c) Use these formulas to establish the formulas for the area and circumference of a circle.
7. Find the slope of the tangent line to the polar curve  $r = \theta^2$  at  $\theta = \pi$ .
8. Find the area enclosed by one leaf of the curve  $r = \sin 2\theta$ .
9. Find the arc length of one leaf of the curve  $r = \sin 2\theta$ .
10. Find the area in the first quadrant that lies inside the curve  $r = 2 \cos \theta$  and outside the curve  $r = 1$ .
11. Consider the sequence of circles,  $C_n$ , defined by the equations  $x^2 + \left(y + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{n}$ . Define  $a_n$  as the area of circle  $C_n$  and  $b_n$  as the area between circles  $C_n$  and  $C_{n+1}$ .
  - (a) Sketch the picture of this infinite sequence of circles.
  - (b) Does  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converge?
  - (c) Does  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  converge?
  - (d) Define the circles  $D_n$  by the equations  $x^2 + \left(y + \frac{1}{n}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{n^2}$  with  $d_n$  as the area of  $D_n$ . Does  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} d_n$  converge?