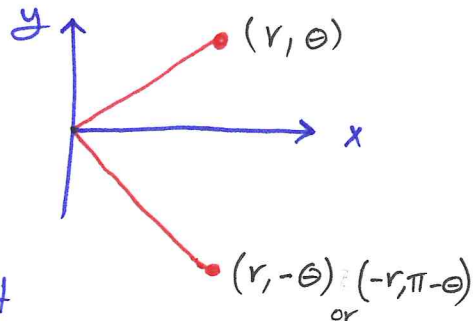


# 11.4 Graphing in Polar Coordinates

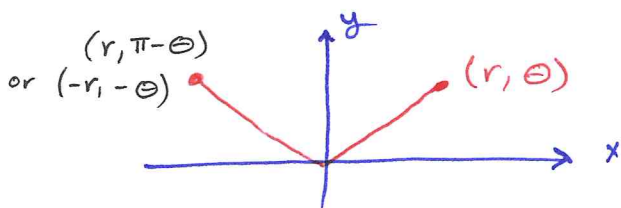
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## Symmetry Tests for Polar Graphs:

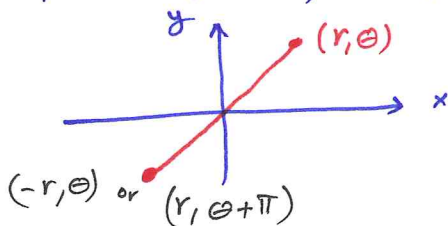
[1] Symmetry about x-axis: If the point  $(r, \theta)$  lies on the graph, then  $(r, -\theta)$  or  $(-r, \pi - \theta)$  lies on the graph.



[2] Symmetry about y-axis: If the point  $(r, \theta)$  lies on the graph, then the point  $(r, \pi - \theta)$  or  $(-r, -\theta)$  lies on the graph.



[3] Symmetry about the origin: If the point  $(r, \theta)$  lies on the graph, then the point  $(-r, \theta)$  or  $(r, \theta + \pi)$  lies on the graph.



slope Let  $r = f(\theta)$ . Recall the parametric equations:

$$\begin{aligned} x &= r \cos \theta \\ &= f(\theta) \cos \theta \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} y &= r \sin \theta \\ &= f(\theta) \sin \theta \end{aligned}$$

$$r' = f'(\theta)$$

slope of the curve  $r = f(\theta)$  at  $(r, \theta)$  is

$$\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{(r, \theta)} = \frac{r' \sin \theta + r \cos \theta}{r' \cos \theta - r \sin \theta}$$

Proof  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy/d\theta}{dx/d\theta}$

$$= \frac{f' \sin \theta + f \cos \theta}{f' \cos \theta - f \sin \theta}$$

Note that when the curve  $r = f(\theta)$  passes through the origin at  $\theta_0 \Rightarrow \left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{(0, \theta_0)} = \tan \theta_0$

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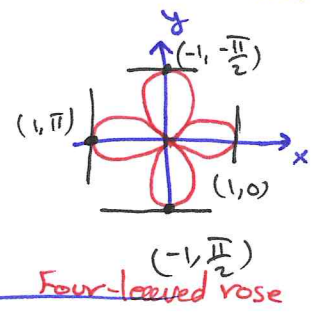
Exp Find the slope of  $r = \cos 2\theta$  at  $\theta = 0, \frac{\pi}{2}$

• when  $\theta = 0 \Rightarrow r = 1 \Rightarrow (r, \theta) = (1, 0)$   $r' = -2\sin 2\theta$

slope is  $\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{(1,0)} = \frac{r' \sin \theta + r \cos \theta}{r' \cos \theta - r \sin \theta} \Bigg|_{(1,0)} = \frac{-2\sin(0)\sin(0) + (1)\cos(0)}{-2\sin(0)\cos(0) - (1)\sin(0)} = \frac{1}{0}$  undefined

• when  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2} \Rightarrow r = -1 \Rightarrow (r, \theta) = (-1, \frac{\pi}{2})$

the slope is  $\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{(-1, \frac{\pi}{2})} = \frac{-2\sin(\pi)\sin(\frac{\pi}{2}) + (-1)\cos(\frac{\pi}{2})}{-2\sin(\pi)\cos(\frac{\pi}{2}) - (-1)\sin(\frac{\pi}{2})} = 0$



Exp sketch the graph of the following curves, identify the symmetry

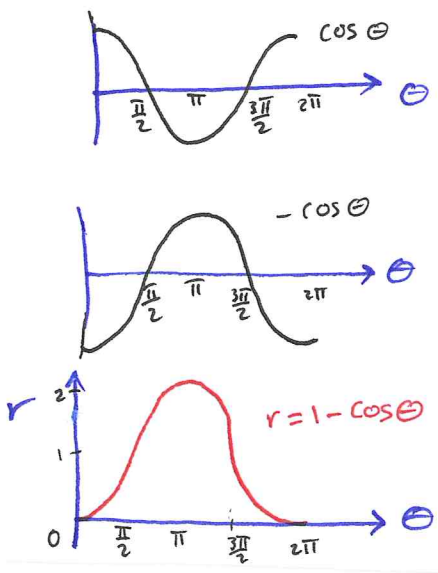
(1)  $r = 1 - \cos \theta$

•  $(r, \theta)$  on the graph  $\Rightarrow r = 1 - \cos \theta$   
 $\Rightarrow r = 1 - \cos(-\theta)$   
 $\Rightarrow (r, -\theta)$  on the graph

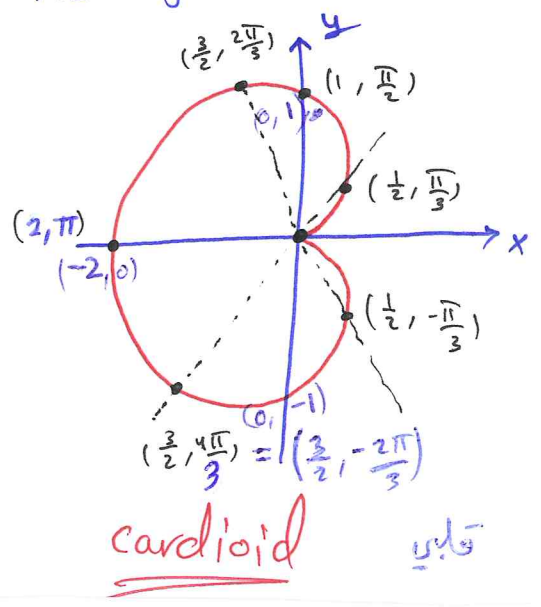
$\Rightarrow$  the curve is symmetric about x-axis.

•  $1 - \cos(-\theta) = 1 - \cos \theta \neq -r$   
 $1 - \cos(\pi - \theta) = 1 + \cos \theta \neq r$   $\Rightarrow$  the curve is not symmetric about y-axis

•  $1 - \cos \theta \neq -r$   
 $1 - \cos(\theta + \pi) = 1 + \cos \theta \neq r$   $\Rightarrow$  the curve is not symmetric about the origin.

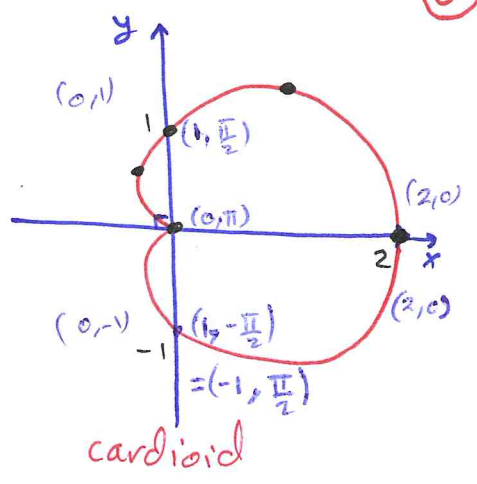


$\theta$	$r = 1 - \cos \theta$
0	0
$\frac{\pi}{3}$	$\frac{1}{2}$
$\frac{\pi}{2}$	1
$\frac{2\pi}{3}$	$\frac{3}{2}$
$\pi$	2



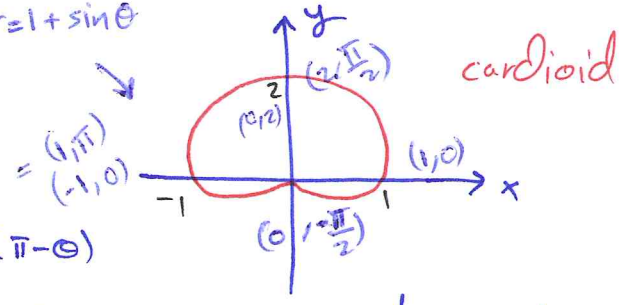
[2]  $r = 1 + \cos \theta$  ✓

- $(r, \theta)$  on the graph  $\Rightarrow$   
 $r = 1 + \cos \theta \Rightarrow r = 1 + \cos(-\theta) \Rightarrow$   
 $(r, -\theta)$  on the graph  $\Rightarrow$  symmetric  
 about x-axis



[3]  $r = -1 + \sin \theta$  similar to  $r = 1 + \sin \theta$  ✓

- $(r, \theta)$  on the graph  $\Rightarrow$   
 $r = -1 + \sin \theta \Rightarrow r = -1 + \sin(\pi - \theta)$   
 $\Rightarrow (r, \pi - \theta)$  on the graph  $\Rightarrow$  the curve is symmetric about y-axis

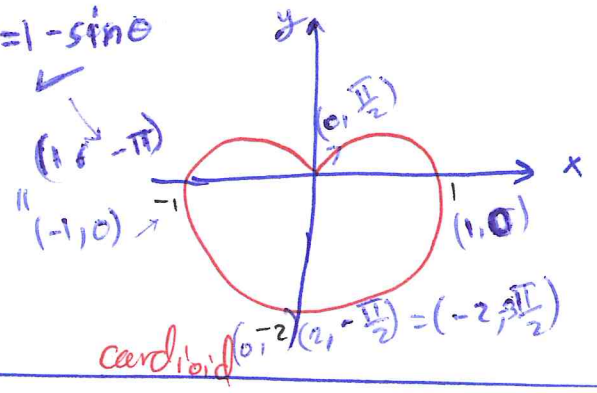


- $-1 + \sin(\theta) = -1 - \sin \theta \neq r$   
 $-1 + \sin(\pi - \theta) = -1 + \sin \theta \neq -r$   $\Rightarrow$  not symmetric about x-axis.

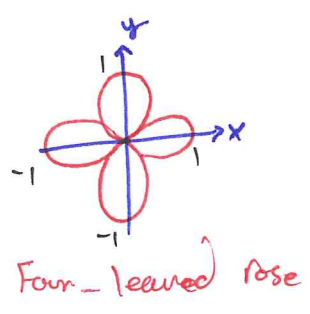
- $-1 + \sin \theta \neq -r$   
 $-1 + \sin(\theta + \pi) = -1 - \sin \theta \neq r$   $\Rightarrow$  not symmetric about origin.

[4]  $r = -1 - \sin \theta$  similar to  $r = 1 - \sin \theta$  ✓

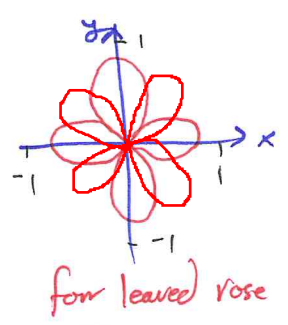
symmetric about y-axis



[5]  $r = \cos 2\theta$  symmetric about x-axis and y-axis and origin

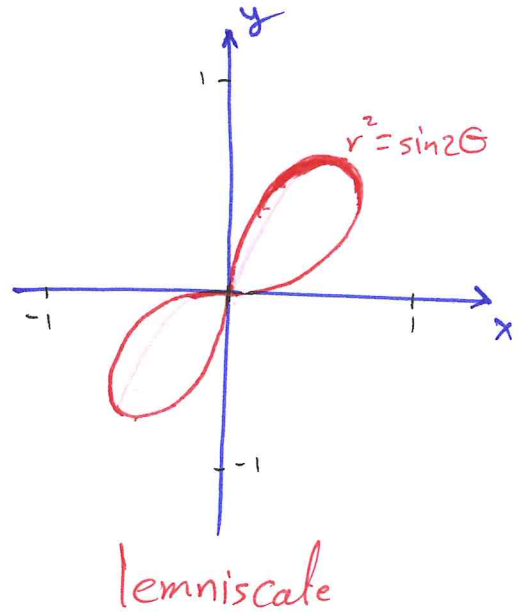
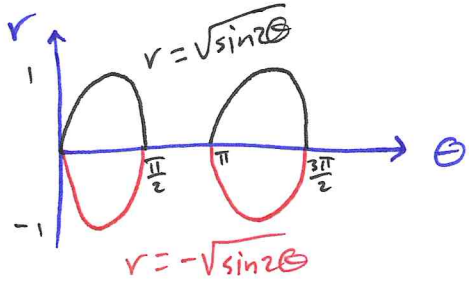
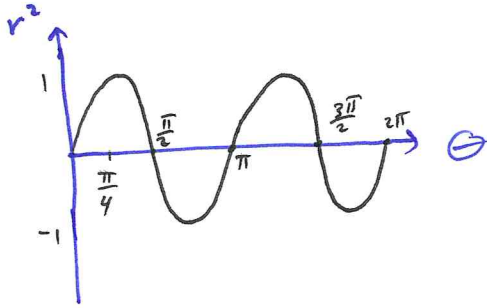


[6]  $r = \sin 2\theta$  symmetric about x-axis, y-axis and origin.

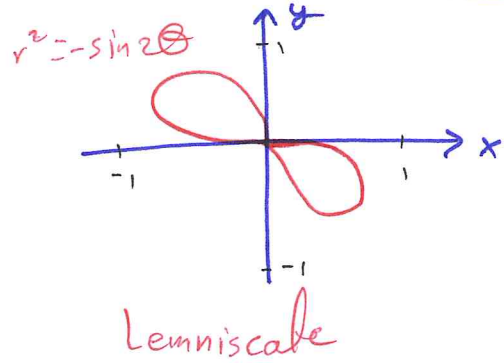


$$\boxed{7} \quad r^2 = \sin 2\theta$$

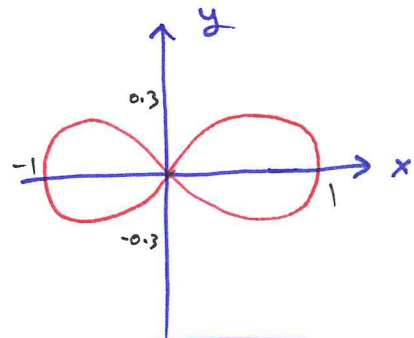
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$$\boxed{7} \quad r^2 = -\sin 2\theta$$



$$\boxed{8} \quad r^2 = \cos 2\theta$$



$$\boxed{9} \quad r^2 = -\cos 2\theta$$

