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Housekeeping: HW 5 due today in class

Canvas HW due Friday.

Last time: Surfaces of revol'm

Polar coord.

This time: Polar coord.

Remember (?) :

$$\begin{cases} x = r \cos(\theta) \\ y = r \sin(\theta) \end{cases}$$

parametrized
"unit" circle ~~is~~

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 + y^2 &= r^2 \cos^2 \theta + r^2 \sin^2 \theta \\ &= r^2 (\underbrace{\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta}_{=1}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{x^2 + y^2 = r^2}$$

$$\frac{y}{x} = \frac{r \sin \theta}{r \cos \theta} = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} = \tan \theta,$$

so $\boxed{\frac{y}{x} = \tan \theta}$

These two rules give a way of relabelling polar coordinates as cartesian $\hat{=}$ vice-versa.

They give a way of translating relationships btwn. $r \hat{=} \theta$ into relationships btwn. $x \hat{=} y$.

Example ①

Polar: $r \cos \theta = 2$

Cartesian:

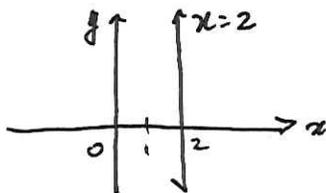
$x = 2$

$r \cos \theta = x$

$r \sin \theta = y$

$\frac{x}{y} = \tan \theta$

$x^2 + y^2 = r^2$

Example ②

Cartesian: $xy = 4$

Polar: $(r \cos \theta)(r \sin \theta) = 4$

$r^2 \sin \theta \cos \theta = 4$

$r^2 = \frac{4}{\sin \theta \cos \theta} = 4 \csc \theta \sec \theta$

Example ③

Polar: $r = 1 + 2r \cos \theta$

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

$x = \frac{r-1}{2} = \frac{\pm \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} - 1}{2}$

$\pm \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} = 2x + 1$

$x^2 + y^2 = (2x + 1)^2 = 4x^2 + 4x + 1$

$y^2 = 3x^2 + 4x + 1$

Example (4)

Polar: $r = 1 - \cos \theta$

Example (5)

Find a polar eq'n for the circle of rad. 3, centered at $(0, 3)$.

Cartesian:

$$(x-0)^2 + (y-3)^2 = 3^2$$

$$x^2 + (y-3)^2 = 9$$