

# Glimpses of Chapter 11

1. The general form of the polar coordinates is  $(r, \theta)$ .
2. The general form of the polar equations is  $r = f(\theta)$ .
3.  $(-r, \theta)$  and  $(r, \theta + \pi)$  are polar coordinates of the same points.
4. To convert from polar coordinates to rectangular coordinates:  $x = r \cos \theta$  and  $y = r \sin \theta$ .
5. To convert from rectangular coordinates to polar coordinates:  $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$  and  $\theta = \tan^{-1}(y/x)$ .
6.  $\theta = \alpha$  represent a line passes through the pole and makes an angle  $\alpha$  with the polar axis.
7. Families of Polar Curves

- *Families of Circles:*

$r = a$  (circle of radius  $a$  with center at origin)

$r = 2a \cos \theta$  (circle of radius  $|a|$  with center at  $(a, 0)$ ).

$r = 2a \sin \theta$  (circle of radius  $|a|$  with center at  $(0, b)$ ).

- *Families of Rose Curves:*

$r = a \cos n\theta$  and  $r = a \sin n\theta$  ( $n \geq 1, a > 0$ ) represent family of roses.

If  $n$  is even, then rose with  $2n$  loops (of radius  $a$ ).

If  $n$  is odd, then rose with  $n$  loops (of radius  $a$ ).

- *Families of Lemniscates:*

$r^2 = a^2 \cos 2\theta$  and  $r^2 = a^2 \sin 2\theta$  represent graphs with two loops pass through the pole with radius  $a$ .

- *Families Limacons:*

$r = a \pm b \cos \theta$  and  $r = a \pm b \sin \theta$  ( $a > 0, b > 0$ ) represent Limacons.

If  $a < b$ , then curves have an inner loop and pass through the pole.

If  $a > b$ , then curves do not have inner loop and do not pass through the pole.

If  $a = b$ , then curves are heart shaped and pass through the pole.

- *Families of Spirals:*

A spiral is a curve that coils around a central point. The polar equation  $r = a\theta$  ( $\theta \geq 0$ ) represents a spiral.

8. For parametric equations  $x = f(t)$  and  $y = g(t)$ ,

$$y' = \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy/dt}{dx/dt}, \quad y'' = \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{dy'/dt}{dx/dt}, \quad y''' = \frac{d^3y}{dx^3} = \frac{dy''/dt}{dx/dt}.$$

- (a) The tangent to a parametric curve  $x = f(t)$ ,  $y = g(t)$  is horizontal at the points where  $\frac{dy}{dt} = 0$  and  $\frac{dx}{dt} \neq 0$ ;
- (b) The tangent to a parametric curve  $x = f(t)$ ,  $y = g(t)$  is vertical at the points where  $\frac{dx}{dt} = 0$  and  $\frac{dy}{dt} \neq 0$ ;
- (c) The points where  $\frac{dx}{dt} = 0$  and  $\frac{dy}{dt} = 0$  are called singular points.

9. For polar equation  $r = f(\theta)$ ,

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy/d\theta}{dx/d\theta} = \frac{r \cos \theta + \sin \theta \frac{dr}{d\theta}}{-r \sin \theta + \cos \theta \frac{dr}{d\theta}}.$$

- (a) The tangent to a polar curve  $r = f(\theta)$  is horizontal at the points where  $\frac{dy}{d\theta} = 0$  and  $\frac{dx}{d\theta} \neq 0$ ;
- (b) The tangent to a polar curve  $r = f(\theta)$  is vertical at the points where  $\frac{dx}{d\theta} = 0$  and  $\frac{dy}{d\theta} \neq 0$ ;
- (c) The points where  $\frac{dx}{d\theta} = 0$  and  $\frac{dy}{d\theta} = 0$  are called singular points.

10. The arc length  $L$  of a polar curve from  $\theta = \alpha$  to  $\theta = \beta$  is

$$L = \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} \sqrt{r^2 + \left(\frac{dr}{d\theta}\right)^2} d\theta.$$

11. The area of the surface  $S$  generated by revolving the parametric curve  $x = f(t)$ ,  $y = g(t)$ , ( $a \leq t \leq b$ )

(a) about the  $x$ -axis is

$$S = \int_a^b 2\pi y \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2} dt;$$

(b) about the  $y$ -axis is

$$S = \int_a^b 2\pi x \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2} dt.$$

12. The area  $A$  of the region enclosed by the polar curve  $r = f(\theta)$  and the rays  $\theta = \alpha$  and  $\theta = \beta$  is

$$A = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} [f(\theta)]^2 d\theta = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} r^2 d\theta,$$

where  $\alpha < \beta \leq \alpha + 2\pi$ ,  $f$  is continuous and  $f(\theta) \neq 0$  for  $\alpha < \theta < \beta$ .

13. The area of the surface  $S$  generated by revolving the portion of the polar curve  $r = f(\theta)$  from  $\theta = \alpha$  to  $\theta = \beta$

(a) about the polar axis (about  $\theta = 0$ ) is

$$S = \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} 2\pi r \sin \theta \sqrt{r^2 + \left(\frac{dr}{d\theta}\right)^2} d\theta;$$

(b) about  $\theta = \pi/2$  is

$$S = \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} 2\pi r \cos \theta \sqrt{r^2 + \left(\frac{dr}{d\theta}\right)^2} d\theta;$$