

Derivatives of Polar Functions

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Find the slope of the tangent line to the given polar curve at the point specified by the value of

0. $r' = 2 \cos \theta$
 1. $r = 2 \sin \theta, \theta = \frac{\pi}{6}$



$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{(2 \cos \theta) \sin \theta + (2 \sin \theta) \cos \theta}{(2 \cos \theta) \cos \theta - (2 \sin \theta) \sin \theta}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2(\cancel{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}})(\frac{1}{2}) + 2(\frac{1}{2})(\cancel{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}})}{2(\cancel{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}})(\cancel{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}}) - 2(\frac{1}{2})(\frac{1}{2})}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}}{\frac{3}{2} - \frac{1}{2}} = \frac{\cancel{2}\sqrt{3}}{\cancel{2}} = \boxed{\sqrt{3}}$$

2. $r' = -2 \sin \theta$ $\theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$

3. $r = 2 \cos \theta, \theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{(-2 \sin \theta) \sin \theta + 2 \cos \theta \cos \theta}{(-2 \sin \theta) \cos \theta - 2 \cos \theta \sin \theta}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-2(\cancel{\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}})(\cancel{\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}}) + 2(\cancel{\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}})(\cancel{\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}})}{-2(\cancel{\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}})(\cancel{\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}}) - 2(\cancel{\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}})(\cancel{\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}})}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\frac{2}{2} + \frac{2}{2}}{\frac{2}{2} - \frac{2}{2}} = \frac{2}{0} = \boxed{\text{undefined}}$$

2. $r' = -\cos \theta$



2. $r = 2 - \sin \theta, \theta = \frac{\pi}{3}$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{(-\cos \theta) \sin \theta + (2 - \sin \theta) \cos \theta}{(-\cos \theta) \cos \theta - (2 - \sin \theta) \sin \theta}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-\frac{1}{2}(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}) + (2 - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2})(\frac{1}{2})}{-\frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{2}) - (2 - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2})(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2})}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} + \frac{2}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}}{-\frac{1}{4} - \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{2} + \frac{3}{4}} = \frac{-\frac{2\sqrt{3}}{4} + \frac{2 \cdot 2}{2}}{-\frac{2\sqrt{3} \cdot 2}{2 \cdot 2} + \frac{2}{4}}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-2\sqrt{3} + 4}{-4\sqrt{3} + 2} = \frac{-2\sqrt{3} + 4}{-4\sqrt{3} + 2} = \boxed{\frac{2 - \sqrt{3}}{1 - 2\sqrt{3}}}$$

4. $r = 1 + 2 \cos \theta, \theta = \frac{\pi}{3}$ $\theta = \frac{\pi}{3}$

$r' = -2 \sin \theta$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{(-2 \sin \theta) \sin \theta + (1 + 2 \cos \theta) \cos \theta}{(-2 \sin \theta) \cos \theta - (1 + 2 \cos \theta) \sin \theta}$$

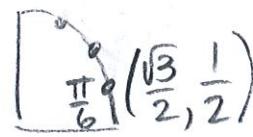
$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-2(\cancel{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}})(\cancel{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}}) + (1 + 2(\frac{1}{2}))(\frac{1}{2})}{-2(\cancel{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}})(\cancel{\frac{1}{2}}) - (1 + 2(\frac{1}{2}))(\cancel{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}})}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-\frac{3}{2} + (1 + 1)(\frac{1}{2})}{-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} - (1 + 1)(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2})} = \frac{-\frac{3}{2} + \frac{2}{2}}{-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} - 2\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-\frac{1}{2} - \frac{2}{3\sqrt{3}}}{-\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} - \frac{2}{3\sqrt{3}}} = \frac{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}}{\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}} = \boxed{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{9}}$$

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Find the points on the given curve where the tangent line is horizontal or vertical.

5. $r = 3 \cos \theta \quad r' = -3 \sin \theta$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{(-3 \sin \theta) \sin \theta + (3 \cos \theta) \cos \theta}{(-3 \sin \theta) \cos \theta - (3 \cos \theta) \sin \theta}$$

Horizontal Tangents

$$-3 \sin^2 \theta + 3 \cos^2 \theta = 0$$

$$-3(1 - \cos^2 \theta) + 3 \cos^2 \theta = 0$$

$$-3 + 3 \cos^2 \theta + 3 \cos^2 \theta = 0$$

$$6 \cos^2 \theta = 3$$

$$\cos^2 \theta = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\cos \theta = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$R = 3 \cos \theta$$

$$R = 3 \cos \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

$$R = 3 \cos 3\frac{\pi}{4} = -\frac{3\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

$$\theta = \frac{\pi}{4} \text{ OR } \frac{3\pi}{4}$$

$$\left(\frac{3\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\pi}{4} \right)$$

$$\left(-\frac{3\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{4} \right)$$

Vertical Tangents

$$-3 \sin \theta \cos \theta - 3 \sin \theta \cos \theta = 0$$

$$-6 \sin \theta \cos \theta = 0$$

$$\sin \theta \cos \theta = 0$$

$$\theta = 0 \quad \theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$R = 3 \cos(0) \quad R = 3 \cos \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$R = 3 \quad R = 0$$

$$(3, 0) \quad (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$$

6. $r = 1 - \sin \theta \quad r' = -\cos \theta$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{(-\cos \theta) \sin \theta + (1 - \sin \theta) \cos \theta}{(-\cos \theta) \cos \theta - (1 - \sin \theta) \sin \theta}$$

Horizontal Tangents

$$-\cos \theta \sin \theta + \cos \theta - \cos \theta \sin \theta = 0$$

$$-2 \cos \theta \sin \theta + \cos \theta = 0$$

$$\cos \theta [-2 \sin \theta + 1] = 0$$

$$\cos \theta = 0 \quad \sin \theta = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\theta = \frac{\pi}{6}$$

$$r = 1 - \sin \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$r = 1 - \sin \frac{\pi}{6}$$

$$r = 1 - 1 = 0$$

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

Graph



$0, \frac{\pi}{2}$
twice
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$$\cancel{(0, \frac{\pi}{2})} \quad (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{\pi}{6})$$



Vertical tangents

$$-\cos^2 \theta - \sin \theta + \sin^2 \theta = 0$$

$$-(1 - \sin^2 \theta) - \sin \theta + \sin^2 \theta = 0$$

$$-1 + \sin^2 \theta - \sin \theta + \sin^2 \theta = 0$$

$$2 \sin^2 \theta - \sin \theta - 1 = 0$$

$$(2 \sin \theta + 1)(\sin \theta - 1)$$

$$\sin \theta = -\frac{1}{2} \quad \sin \theta = 1$$

$$\theta = -\frac{\pi}{6}$$

$$r = 1 - \sin(-\frac{\pi}{6})$$

$$1 - -\frac{1}{2} = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$(0, \frac{\pi}{2})$$

$$(\frac{3}{2}, -\frac{\pi}{6})$$