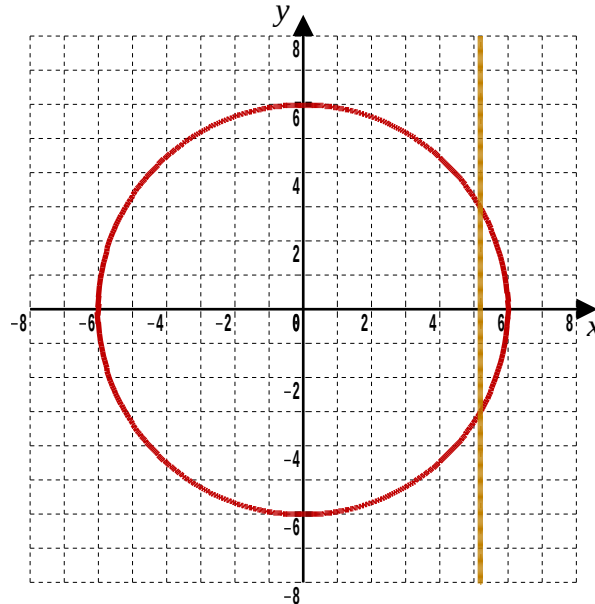


4.5 Answers to 4.4 Exercise

Further A-Level Pure Mathematics, Core 2 **Polar Coordinates**

Answer 1

(i)



$r = 6$ is a circle, centre origin, radius 6

$r = 3\sqrt{3} \sec \theta$ is the vertical line $x = 3\sqrt{3}$

(ii) At points of intersection,

$$3\sqrt{3} \sec \theta = 6$$

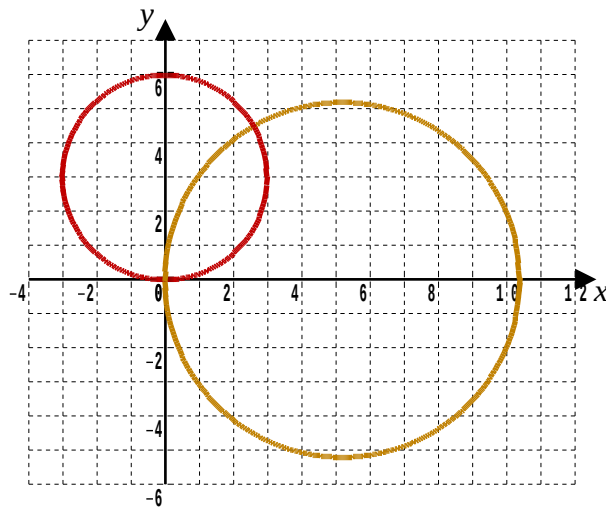
$$\frac{1}{\cos \theta} = \frac{6}{3\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$\theta = 30^\circ \text{ or } 330^\circ$$

So the polar coordinates of intersection are $(6, 30^\circ)$, $(6, 330^\circ)$

[4 marks]

Answer 2**(i)**

$r_1 = 6 \sin \theta_1$ is a circle, centre $(0, 3)$ radius 3

$r_2 = 6\sqrt{3} \cos \theta_2$ is a circle, centre $(3\sqrt{3}, 0)$ and radius $3\sqrt{3}$

(ii) At the point of intersection,

$$6 \sin \theta = 6\sqrt{3} \cos \theta$$

$$\frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} = \sqrt{3}$$

$$\tan \theta = \sqrt{3}$$

$$\theta = 60^\circ, 240^\circ$$

When $\theta = 60^\circ$, $r_1 = 6 \sin(60)$

$$= 3\sqrt{3} \quad \therefore (3\sqrt{3}, 60^\circ)$$

When $\theta = 240^\circ$, $r_1 = 6 \sin(240)$

$$= -3\sqrt{3} \quad \therefore (-3\sqrt{3}, 240^\circ)$$

But $(-3\sqrt{3}, 240^\circ) = (3\sqrt{3}, 60^\circ)$ so this is the same point twice.

However, there is another point of intersection at the pole !

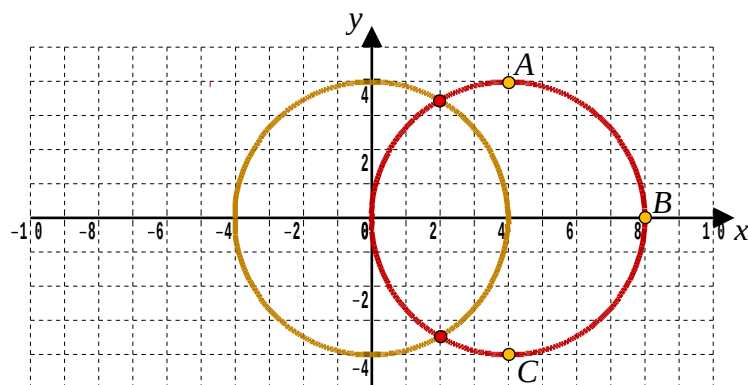
Note: At the pole the graphs intersect, not because $\theta_1 = \theta_2$ but because

$r_1 = r_2 = 0$; Always check if the pole is a point of intersection !

The pole can be written as the polar coordinate $(0, \phi^\circ)$ where ϕ is any angle at all !

Answer 3

(i), (ii) and (iii)



[3, 3, 1 marks)

(iv)

$$4 = 8 \cos \theta$$

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

$$\theta = 60^\circ, 300^\circ$$

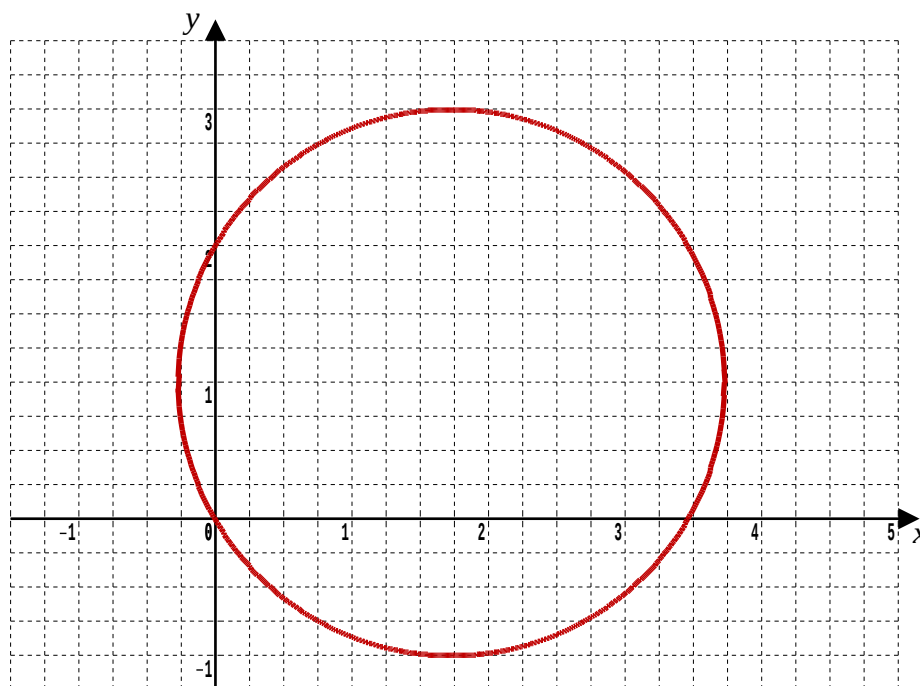
The polar coordinates of intersection are;

$$(4, 60^\circ), (4, 300^\circ)$$

[4 marks]

Answer 4**(i)**

$$\begin{aligned}
 r &= 4 \cos(\theta - 30^\circ) \\
 &= 4 \cos \theta \cos 30 + 4 \sin \theta \sin 30 \\
 &= 4 \cos \theta \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + 4 \sin \theta \times \frac{1}{2} \\
 &= 2\sqrt{3} \cos \theta + 2 \sin \theta \quad \square
 \end{aligned}$$

[2 marks]**(ii)** It is known that a circle,Centre (a, b) , radius r ($\therefore$ passing through the pole): Cartesian $(x - a)^2 + (y - b)^2 = r^2$ with $r^2 = a^2 + b^2$: Polar $r = 2a \cos \theta + 2b \sin \theta$ Thus $r = 2\sqrt{3} \cos \theta + 2 \sin \theta$ has centre $(\sqrt{3}, 1)$, radius 2**[3 marks]**

(iii) $(x - \sqrt{3})^2 + (y - 1)^2 = 2^2$

[2 marks]**(iv)** Rotation about the pole of 30° (anticlockwise)**[2 marks]**

Answer 5

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(i)} \quad r &= 5 \sec(\theta - 60^\circ) \\
 &= \frac{5}{\cos(\theta - 60^\circ)} \\
 &= \frac{5}{\cos \theta \cos 60^\circ + \sin \theta \sin 60^\circ} \\
 &= \frac{5}{\cos \theta \times \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + \sin \theta \times \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)} \times \frac{2}{2} \\
 &= \frac{10}{\cos \theta + \sqrt{3} \sin \theta} \quad \square
 \end{aligned}$$

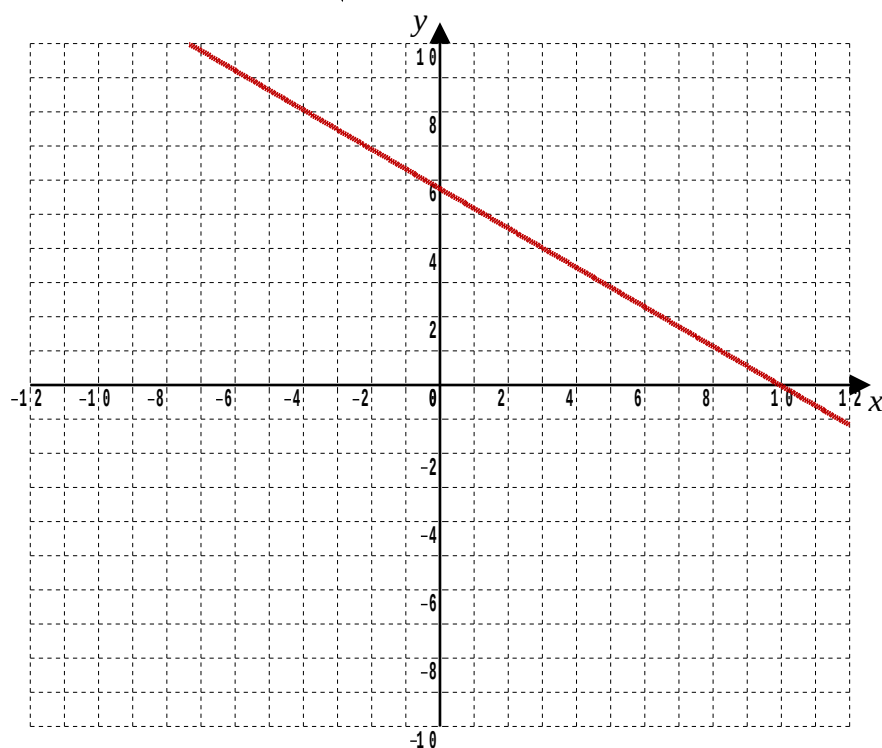
[2 marks]

(ii) It is known that for lines,

$$: \text{Cartesian } y = mx + c \quad : ax + by = c$$

$$: \text{Polar } r = \frac{c}{\sin \theta - m \cos \theta} \quad : r = \frac{c}{a \cos \theta + b \sin \theta}$$

$$\text{Thus } r = \frac{10}{\cos \theta + \sqrt{3} \sin \theta} \text{ is the line } x + \sqrt{3} y = 10$$



[3 marks]

$$\text{(iii)} \quad y = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}x + \frac{10}{\sqrt{3}}$$

[2 marks]

(iv) Rotation about the pole of 60° (anticlockwise)

[2 marks]

Answer 6

$$(x - 5)^2 + (y - 12)^2 = 169$$

$$x^2 - 10x + 25 + y^2 - 24y + 144 = 169$$

$$x^2 - 10x + y^2 - 24y = 0$$

$$x^2 + y^2 = 10x + 24y$$

$$r^2 = 10r \cos \theta + 24r \sin \theta$$

$$r = 10 \cos \theta + 24 \sin \theta \quad \square$$

[6 marks]**Answer 7**

$$y = x \tan(\sqrt{x^2 + y^2})$$

$$y = x \tan(\sqrt{r^2})$$

$$r \sin \theta = r \cos \theta \tan(r)$$

$$\sin \theta = \cos \theta \tan(r)$$

$$\frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} = \tan(r)$$

$$\tan \theta = \tan(r)$$

$$\theta = \pm r$$

If r is restricted to being positive

$$\theta = r \quad \square$$

[3 marks]