

8.5 Answers to Exercise 8.4

Further A-Level Pure Mathematics, Core 2 Polar Coordinates

Answer 1

(i)

$$\begin{aligned} y &= r \sin \theta \\ &= (7 + 2 \cos \theta) \sin \theta \\ &= 7 \sin \theta + 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta \\ &= 7 \sin \theta + \sin 2\theta \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{dy}{d\theta} = 7 \cos \theta + 2 \cos 2\theta$$

But $\frac{dy}{d\theta} = 0$ for a tangent to be parallel to the polar axis

$$\therefore 7 \cos \theta + 2 \cos 2\theta = 0$$

$$7 \cos \theta + 2(\cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta) = 0$$

$$7 \cos \theta + 2(2 \cos^2 \theta - 1) = 0$$

$$4 \cos^2 \theta + 7 \cos \theta - 2 = 0$$

$$(4 \cos \theta - 1)(\cos \theta + 2) = 0$$

$$\text{Either } \cos \theta = \frac{1}{4} \text{ or } \cos \theta = -2$$

As $\cos \theta = -2$ has no solutions, the only solution is $\cos \theta = \frac{1}{4}$ □

[5 marks]

(ii)

$$\begin{aligned} r &= 7 + 2 \cos \theta \\ &= 7 + 2 \times \frac{1}{4} \\ &= 7.5 \end{aligned}$$

[1 mark]

Answer 2**(a)**

$$\begin{aligned}
 x &= r \cos \theta \\
 &= (1 + \tan \theta) \cos \theta \\
 &= \cos \theta + \sin \theta
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{dx}{d\theta} = -\sin \theta + \cos \theta$$

But $\frac{dx}{d\theta} = 0$ for a tangent to be perpendicular to the polar axis

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

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

$$\tan \theta = 1$$

$$\theta = \frac{\pi}{4} \Rightarrow r = 2 \Rightarrow P\left(2, \frac{\pi}{4}\right)$$

[5 marks]**(b)** Without worrying about the limits to begin with...

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Area } R &= \frac{1}{2} \int (1 + \tan \theta)^2 d\theta \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \int 1 + 2 \tan \theta + \tan^2 \theta d\theta \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \int 1 + 2 \tan \theta + \sec^2 \theta - 1 d\theta \\
 &= \int \tan \theta d\theta + \frac{1}{2} \int \sec^2 \theta d\theta \\
 &= \ln |\sec \theta| + \frac{1}{2} \tan \theta + c
 \end{aligned}$$

With a lower limit of $\frac{\pi}{4}$ and an upper limit of $\frac{\pi}{3}$ this becomes,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Area } R &= \ln \left| \frac{1}{\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)} \right| + \frac{1}{2} \tan\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) - \ln \left| \frac{1}{\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)} \right| - \frac{1}{2} \tan\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) \\
 &= \ln 2 + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} - \ln \sqrt{2} - \frac{1}{2} \\
 &= \ln 2 - \frac{1}{2} \ln 2 + \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{3} - \frac{1}{2} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} (\ln 2 + \sqrt{3} - 1)
 \end{aligned}$$

That is, $p = 2$, $q = 3$ and $r = -1$

[7 marks]

Answer 3

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a)} \quad y &= r \sin \theta \\ &= a (\sin 2\theta \sin \theta) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{d\theta} &= a (\sin 2\theta \cos \theta + 2 \cos 2\theta \sin \theta) \\ &= a (2 \sin \theta \cos^2 \theta + 2 (\cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta) \sin \theta) \\ &= a (2 \sin \theta \cos^2 \theta + 2 \sin \theta \cos^2 \theta - 2 \sin^3 \theta) \\ &= a (4 \sin \theta \cos^2 \theta - 2 \sin^3 \theta) \\ &= 2a \sin \theta (2 \cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta) \\ &= 2a \sin \theta (2 \cos^2 \theta - (1 - \cos^2 \theta)) \\ &= 2a \sin \theta (3 \cos^2 \theta - 1) \end{aligned}$$

But $\frac{dy}{d\theta} = 0$ for a tangent to be parallel to the polar axis

$$\therefore 2a \sin \theta (3 \cos^2 \theta - 1) = 0$$

$$\text{Either } \sin \theta = 0 \text{ or } 3 \cos^2 \theta - 1 = 0$$

The $\sin \theta = 0$ result shows that the initial angle of the loop at the origin is 0

$$\text{For } 3 \cos^2 \theta - 1 = 0$$

$$\cos^2 \theta = \frac{1}{3}$$

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

The $\cos \theta = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ result corresponds to a loop not shown in the diagram that is for values of θ outside of the domain specified.

For the angle of interest, where $\theta = \phi$, $\cos \phi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ □

[6 marks]

$$\text{(b)} \quad r = a \sin 2\theta \text{ with } \theta = \phi, \cos \phi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \sin \phi = \frac{\sqrt{2} \sqrt{3}}{3}$$

$$\begin{aligned} r &= 2a \sin \phi \cos \phi \\ &= 2a \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)^2} \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ &= \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3} a \end{aligned}$$

[2 marks]

(c) Preparation...

$$\cos^2 2\theta + \sin^2 2\theta = 1$$

$$\text{Subtract} \quad \cos^2 2\theta - \sin^2 2\theta = \cos 4\theta$$

$$2 \sin^2 \theta = 1 - \cos 4\theta$$

$$\sin^2 \theta = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \cos 4\theta$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Area } S &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\phi a^2 \sin^2 2\theta \, d\theta \\ &= \frac{a^2}{4} \int_0^\phi 1 - \cos 4\theta \, d\theta \\ &= \frac{a^2}{16} \int_0^\phi 4 - 4 \cos 4\theta \, d\theta \\ &= \frac{a^2}{16} \left[4\theta - \sin 4\theta \right]_0^\phi \\ &= \frac{a^2 \phi}{4} - \frac{a^2 \sin 4\phi}{16} \\ &= \frac{a^2 \phi}{4} - \frac{a^2 2 \sin 2\phi \cos 2\phi}{16} \\ &= \frac{a^2 \phi}{4} - \frac{a^2 4 \sin \phi \cos \phi (\cos^2 \phi - \sin^2 \phi)}{16} \\ &= \frac{a^2 \phi}{4} - \frac{a^2}{4} \times \frac{\sqrt{2} \sqrt{3}}{3} \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \left(\frac{1}{3} - \frac{2}{3} \right) \\ &= \frac{a^2 \phi}{4} - \frac{a^2}{4} \times \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3} \left(-\frac{1}{3} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{36} a^2 (9\phi + \sqrt{2}) \\ &= \frac{1}{36} a^2 \left(9 \arccos \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} + \sqrt{2} \right) \right) \end{aligned}$$

[7 marks]