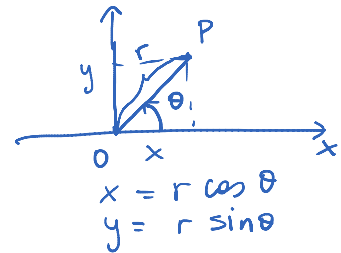




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15.3: Double Integrals in Polar Coordinates



The **polar coordinate system** consists of:

- the **pole** (or origin) labeled O ;
- the **polar axis** which is a ray starting at O (usually drawn horizontally to the right);

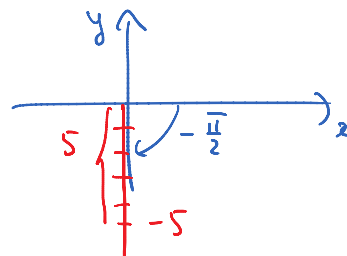
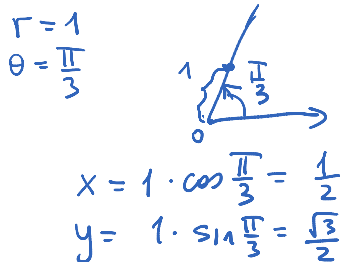
The **polar coordinates** (r, θ) of a point P :

- θ is the angle between the polar axis and the line OP (the angle is positive if measured in counter-clockwise direction from the polar axis);
- r is the distance from O to P .

EXAMPLE 1. Plot the points whose polar coordinates are given:

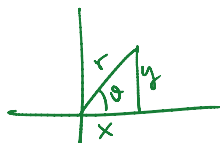
(a) $(1, \pi/3)$

(b) $(5, -\pi/2)$.



$x = 5 \cos(-\frac{\pi}{2}) = 0$
 $y = 5 \sin(-\frac{\pi}{2}) = -5$

The connection between polar and Cartesian coordinates:



$$\cos \theta = \frac{x}{r} = \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}$$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{y}{r} = \frac{y}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}$$

$$x = r \cos \theta$$

$$y = r \sin \theta$$

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

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

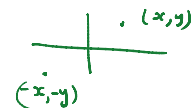
REMARK 2. In converting from the Cartesian to polar coordinates we must choose θ so that the point (r, θ) lies in the correct quadrant. For $(-x, -y)$ $\frac{-y}{-x} = \frac{y}{x}$

EXAMPLE 3. What curve is represented by the following polar equation

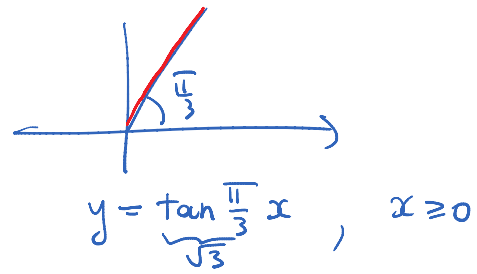
(a) $r = 12$

(b) $\theta = \frac{\pi}{3}$

↓ a circle of radius 12 around the origin



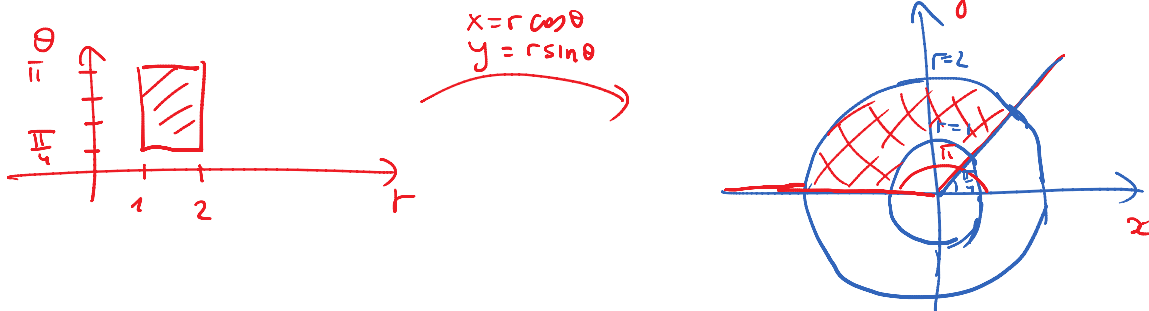
↓ a circle of radius 12
around the origin

$$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} = 12 \Leftrightarrow x^2 + y^2 = (12)^2$$


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EXAMPLE 4. Sketch the region in the Cartesian plane consisting of points whose polar coordinates satisfy the following conditions: $1 \leq r \leq 2, \quad \pi/4 \leq \theta \leq \pi$.



EXAMPLE 5. Find a polar equation for the curve represented by the given Cartesian equation:

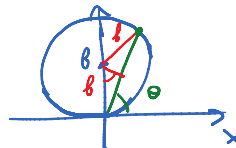
(a) $x^2 + y^2 = 2by, \quad b > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} x &= r \cos \theta \\ y &= r \sin \theta \end{aligned} \quad \left| \quad x^2 + y^2 = r^2 \right.$$

$$r^2 = 2br \sin \theta \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\boxed{r = 2b \sin \theta}$$

Since $r \geq 0 \xrightarrow{b > 0} \sin \theta \geq 0 \Rightarrow 0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$



In Cartesian plane:

$$x^2 + y^2 = 2by \Leftrightarrow$$

$$x^2 + y^2 - 2by = 0$$

↓ complete squares

$$x^2 + y^2 - 2b \cdot y + b^2 = b^2$$

$$(y-b)^2$$

$$x^2 + (y-b)^2 = b^2 \Rightarrow$$

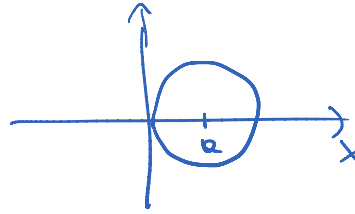
a circle of radius b
centered at $(0, b)$

(b) $(x - a)^2 + y^2 = a^2$, $a > 0$

$$x^2 + y^2 = 2ax$$

$$r = 2a \cos \theta \geq 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$$

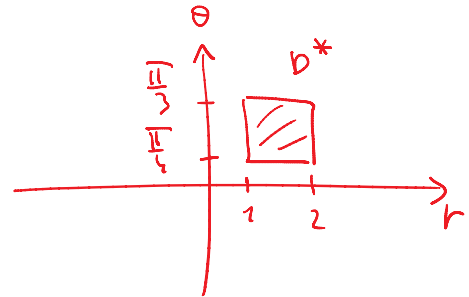
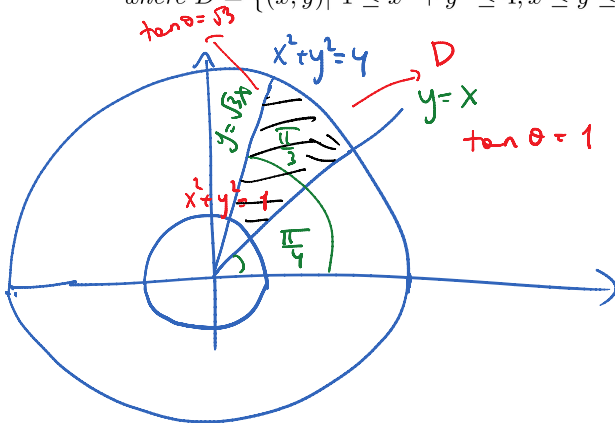


Using polar coordinates to evaluate double integrals

EXAMPLE 6. Evaluate

$$I = \iint_D \arctan \frac{y}{x} dA$$

where $D = \{(x, y) \mid 1 \leq x^2 + y^2 \leq 4, x \leq y \leq \sqrt{3}x, x \geq 0\}$.



THEOREM 7. Change to polar coordinates in a double integral: Let f be a continuous on the region D . Denote by D^* the region representing D in the polar coordinates (r, θ) . Then

$$\iint_D f(x, y) dA = \iint_{D^*} f(r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta) r dr d\theta.$$

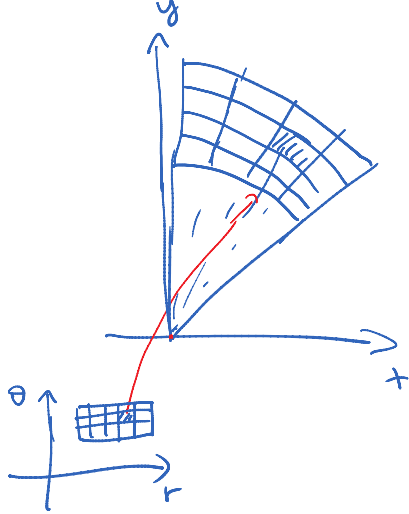
Explanation of factor r :

$x = r \cos \theta$
 $y = r \sin \theta$

↳ additional factor of the change in the

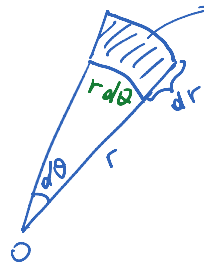
$$\begin{aligned} x &= r \cos \theta \\ y &= r \sin \theta \end{aligned}$$

Explanation of factor r :



↳ additional factor of the change in the area element

$$dA \approx r d\theta \cdot dr$$



$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} (r+dr)^2 d\theta - \frac{1}{2} r^2 d\theta = \\ & \underbrace{\text{the area of a big sector}} - \underbrace{\text{the area of a small sector}} \\ & = \frac{1}{2} (r^2 + 2r dr + (dr)^2 - r^2) d\theta = r dr d\theta + \cancel{(dr)^2 d\theta} \end{aligned}$$

REMARK 8. Be careful not to forget the additional factor r on the right side of the formula.

Solution of Example 6:

Evaluate $I = \iint_D \arctan \frac{y}{x} dA$, where $D = \{(x, y) \mid 1 \leq x^2 + y^2 \leq 4, x \leq y \leq \sqrt{3}x, x \geq 0\}$.

What is D^* ? $D = \{(x, y) \mid 1 \leq x^2 + y^2 \leq 4, x \leq y \leq \sqrt{3}x, x \geq 0\}$

Plug $\begin{matrix} x = r \cos \theta \\ y = r \sin \theta \end{matrix}$ to the given inequalities:

• $1 \leq \underbrace{x^2 + y^2}_{r^2} \leq 4 \Leftrightarrow 1 \leq r^2 \leq 4 \Leftrightarrow \boxed{1 \leq r \leq 2}$

• $x \leq y \leq \sqrt{3}x$ & $x \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow 1 \leq \frac{y}{x} \leq \sqrt{3} \Leftrightarrow 1 \leq \frac{r \sin \theta}{r \cos \theta} \leq \sqrt{3} \Leftrightarrow 1 \leq \tan \theta \leq \sqrt{3}$
 and we are in 1st or 4th quadrant
 (Note: "ineq. do not change" and "plug polar coordinates" are written in red)

$\Leftrightarrow \underbrace{\arctan 1}_{\frac{\pi}{4}} \leq \theta \leq \underbrace{\arctan \sqrt{3}}_{\frac{\pi}{3}} \Leftrightarrow \boxed{\frac{\pi}{4} \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{3}} \Rightarrow D^* = \{(r, \theta) \mid \frac{1}{r} \leq r \leq 2, \frac{\pi}{4} \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{3}\}$

$$\begin{aligned} \iint_D \arctan \frac{y}{x} dA &= \iint_{D^*} \arctan \left(\frac{r \sin \theta}{r \cos \theta} \right) r dr d\theta = \iint_{D^*} \arctan(\tan \theta) r dr d\theta \\ &= \int_1^2 r dr \int_{\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\frac{\pi}{3}} \theta d\theta = \frac{1}{2} r^2 \Big|_1^2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \theta^2 \Big|_{\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\frac{\pi}{3}} = \frac{1}{4} (4-1) \left(\frac{\pi^2}{9} - \frac{\pi^2}{16} \right) = \dots = \frac{7}{192} \pi^2 \end{aligned}$$

EXAMPLE 9. Find the volume of the solid that lies under the paraboloid

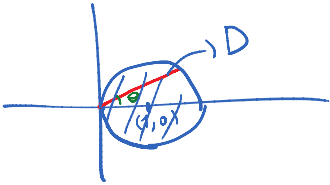
$z = x^2 + y^2$ above the xy -plane and inside the cylinder $x^2 + y^2 = 9$.

$$= \int_1^4 \frac{1}{r^2} dr = \left[-\frac{1}{r} \right]_1^4 = -\frac{1}{4} + 1 = \frac{3}{4}$$

EXAMPLE 9. Find the volume of the solid that lies under the paraboloid

$z = x^2 + y^2$, above the xy -plane and inside the cylinder $x^2 + y^2 = 2x$.

In xy -plane we have $x^2 + y^2 \leq 2x$ (see example 5b showing that $x^2 + y^2 = 2x \Leftrightarrow (x-1)^2 + y^2 = 1 \rightarrow$ the circle of radius 1 centered at $(1,0)$)



$$V = \iint_D (x^2 + y^2) dA$$

What is D^* in (r, θ) -plane?

$$x^2 + y^2 \leq 2x \Leftrightarrow r^2 \leq 2r \cos \theta \Leftrightarrow 0 \leq r \leq 2 \cos \theta \Rightarrow \cos \theta \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow -\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow D^* = \left\{ (r, \theta) : -\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}, 0 \leq r \leq 2 \cos \theta \right\} \rightarrow \text{a region of type 2 in } (r, \theta)\text{-plane}$$

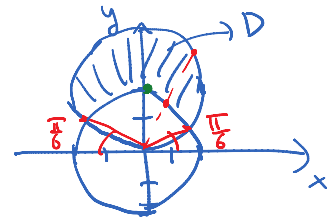
$$V = \iint_D (x^2 + y^2) dA = \iint_{D^*} r^2 \cdot r dr d\theta = \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \int_0^{2 \cos \theta} r^3 dr d\theta = \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \left[\frac{r^4}{4} \right]_{r=0}^{2 \cos \theta} d\theta = \frac{1}{4} \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} 16 \cos^4 \theta d\theta = 4 \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \cos^4 \theta d\theta = 4 \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \left(\frac{3}{2} + 2 \cos 2\theta + \frac{1}{2} \cos 4\theta \right) d\theta = 4 \left[\frac{3}{2} \theta + \sin 2\theta + \frac{1}{8} \sin 4\theta \right]_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} = 4 \left(\frac{3}{2} \pi \right) = 6\pi$$

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EXAMPLE 10. Find the area of the region inside the circle $r = 4 \sin \theta$ and outside the circle $r = 2$. radius 2

Describe D^*

$$2 \leq r \leq 4 \sin \theta \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} \text{outside} \\ \text{of } r=2 \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} \text{inside} \\ \text{of } r=4 \sin \theta \end{matrix}$$



center at $(0,2)$

the following restriction for θ :

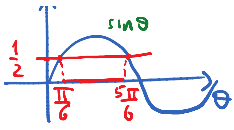
$$4 \sin \theta \geq 2 \Leftrightarrow \sin \theta \geq \frac{1}{2}$$

Recall that $\sin \theta = \frac{1}{2} \Leftrightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi}{6} \text{ or } \pi - \frac{\pi}{6} = \frac{5\pi}{6} \Rightarrow \sin \theta \geq \frac{1}{2} \Leftrightarrow$
 (if $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$)

$$\frac{\pi}{6} \leq \theta \leq \frac{5\pi}{6} \Rightarrow D^* = \left\{ (r, \theta) : \frac{\pi}{6} \leq \theta \leq \frac{5\pi}{6}, 2 \leq r \leq 4 \sin \theta \right\}$$



$$A = \iint_D dA = \iint_{D^*} r dr d\theta = \int_{\pi/6}^{5\pi/6} \int_2^{4 \sin \theta} r dr d\theta = \int_{\pi/6}^{5\pi/6} \left[\frac{r^2}{2} \right]_2^{4 \sin \theta} d\theta = \int_{\pi/6}^{5\pi/6} (8 \sin^2 \theta - 2) d\theta = 8 \int_{\pi/6}^{5\pi/6} \sin^2 \theta d\theta - 2 \left(\frac{5\pi}{6} - \frac{\pi}{6} \right) = 8 \int_{\pi/6}^{5\pi/6} \frac{1 - \cos 2\theta}{2} d\theta - 2 \left(\frac{4\pi}{6} \right) = 4 \int_{\pi/6}^{5\pi/6} (1 - \cos 2\theta) d\theta - \frac{4\pi}{3} = 4 \left[\theta - \frac{1}{2} \sin 2\theta \right]_{\pi/6}^{5\pi/6} - \frac{4\pi}{3} = 4 \left(\frac{5\pi}{6} - \frac{1}{2} \sin \frac{5\pi}{3} \right) - 4 \left(\frac{\pi}{6} - \frac{1}{2} \sin \frac{\pi}{3} \right) - \frac{4\pi}{3} = 4 \left(\frac{5\pi}{6} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} \right) - 4 \left(\frac{\pi}{6} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} \right) - \frac{4\pi}{3} = 4 \left(\frac{4\pi}{6} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right) - \frac{4\pi}{3} = 4 \left(\frac{2\pi}{3} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right) - \frac{4\pi}{3} = 4 \left(\frac{2\pi}{3} \right) + 2\sqrt{3} - \frac{4\pi}{3} = 2\pi + 2\sqrt{3} - \frac{4\pi}{3} = \frac{2\pi}{3} + 2\sqrt{3}$$



$$A = \iint_D dA = \iint_{D^*} r \, dr \, d\theta = \int_{\frac{\pi}{6}}^{\frac{5\pi}{6}} \int_0^2 r \, dr \, d\theta =$$

\downarrow
 change to polar

$$= \int_{\frac{\pi}{6}}^{\frac{5\pi}{6}} \frac{1}{2} (16 \sin^2 \theta - 4) \, d\theta = \int_{\frac{\pi}{6}}^{\frac{5\pi}{6}} (8 \sin^2 \theta - 2) \, d\theta = \int_{\frac{\pi}{6}}^{\frac{5\pi}{6}} (2 - 4 \cos 2\theta) \, d\theta$$

$\underbrace{8 \sin^2 \theta}_{\frac{1 - \cos 2\theta}{2}}$

$$= 2 \left(\underbrace{\frac{5\pi}{6} - \frac{\pi}{6}}_{\frac{2\pi}{3}} \right) - 4 \cdot \frac{\sin 2\theta}{2} \Big|_{\theta=\frac{\pi}{6}}^{\frac{5\pi}{6}} = \frac{4\pi}{3} - 2 \left(\sin \frac{5\pi}{3} - \sin \frac{\pi}{3} \right)$$

$\underbrace{-\sin \frac{5\pi}{3}}_{-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}}$

$$= \frac{4\pi}{3} - 2 \cdot 2 \cdot \left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right) = \boxed{\frac{4\pi}{3} + 2\sqrt{3}}$$