

1. We showed that the circle of radius a has the concise description in polar coordinates as $r = a$. Find a description of the circles $(x - a)^2 + y^2 = a^2$ and $x^2 + (y - a)^2 = a^2$ in polar coordinates. (What if a is negative?)

Solution

Before converting to polar coordinates, we can expand out the squares and simplify. The first circle satisfies the equation $x^2 - 2ax + a^2 + y^2 = a^2$, which implies that

$$x^2 + y^2 = 2ax. \quad (1)$$

Similarly, we find that the second circle satisfies the equation

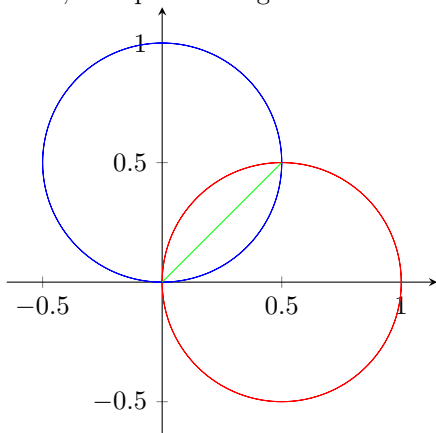
$$x^2 + y^2 = 2ay. \quad (2)$$

Noting that $r^2 = x^2 + y^2$, and that $x = r \cos(\theta)$, $y = r \sin(\theta)$, we find that equation (1) becomes $r^2 = 2ar \cos(\theta)$, which implies that $r = 2a \cos(\theta)$, which is our polar description of the first circle. Similarly, (2) can be simplified to give us $r = 2a \sin(\theta)$. The sign of a just tells us where the circles are centered. For example if a is negative, the first circle will lie to the left and be tangent to the y -axis.

2. Compute the area inside the curves $r = \cos \theta$ and $r = \sin \theta$.

Solution

First, let's plot the region.



We see that the curves intersect at $\theta = \pi/4$. The area of the region between the green segment and the blue curve $r = \sin(\theta)$ is precisely

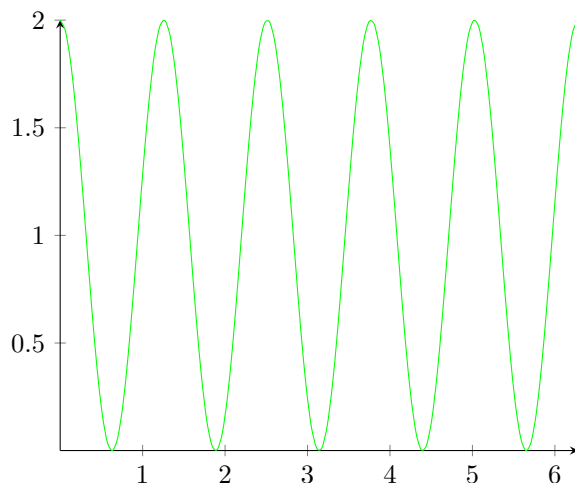
$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{\pi/4} \int_0^{\sin(\theta)} r dr d\theta &= \int_0^{\pi/4} \frac{\sin^2(\theta)}{2} d\theta \\ &= \int_0^{\pi/4} \frac{1 - \cos(2\theta)}{4} d\theta \\ &= \left[\frac{\theta}{4} - \frac{\sin(2\theta)}{8} \right]_0^{\pi/4} \\ &= \frac{\pi}{16} - \frac{1}{8}. \end{aligned}$$

By symmetry, the total area should be twice this, so $A = \frac{\pi}{8} - \frac{1}{4}$.

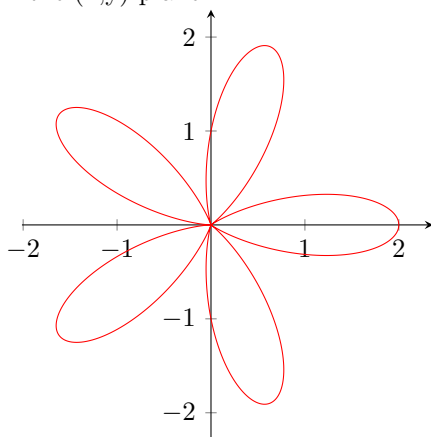
3. (a) Plot the curve $r = 1 + \cos(5\theta)$ (it should look something like a flower).

Solution

First, it may be helpful to graph this function in the (θ, r) plane:



We see that $r \geq 0$, and $r = 0$ when $\theta = \frac{\pi}{5}, \frac{3\pi}{5}, \pi, \frac{7\pi}{5}, \frac{9\pi}{5}$. Each petal will lie between these angles where $r = 0$. The petal on the x-axis is half drawn as we trace the curve from 0 to $\pi/5$, and is completed when we trace the curve from $9\pi/5$ to 2π . Using this information, we can plot the curve in the (x, y) plane.



- (b) Find the area of one “petal” of the curve $r = 1 + \cos 5\theta$. You will probably need to use the double angle formula.

Solution

Let’s calculate the area of the petal lying on the x-axis (by symmetry all petals should have the same area). One way we could do this is to find the area of the half of the petal lying above the

x-axis, and then double the result. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Area of petal} &= 2 \int_0^{\pi/5} \int_0^{1+\cos(5\theta)} r dr d\theta \\
 &= 2 \int_0^{\pi/5} \frac{(1+\cos(5\theta))^2}{2} d\theta \\
 &= \int_0^{\pi/5} [1 + 2\cos(5\theta) + \cos^2(5\theta)] d\theta \\
 &= \int_0^{\pi/5} \left[1 + 2\cos(5\theta) + \frac{1+\cos(10\theta)}{2} \right] d\theta \\
 &= \int_0^{\pi/5} \left[\frac{3}{2} + 2\cos(5\theta) + \frac{\cos(10\theta)}{2} \right] d\theta \\
 &= \left[\frac{3\theta}{2} + \frac{2\sin(5\theta)}{5} + \frac{\sin(10\theta)}{20} \right]_0^{\pi/5} \\
 &= \frac{3\pi}{10}.
 \end{aligned}$$

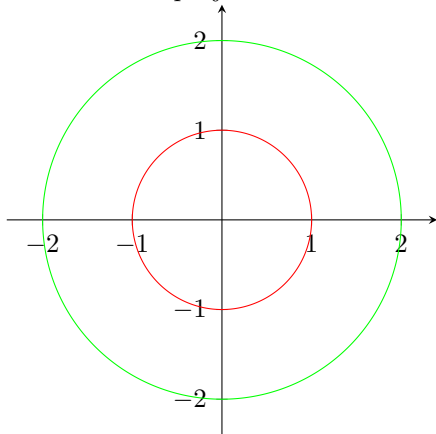
4. If a solid in a region $\mathcal{W} \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ has density given by $\rho(x, y, z)$ then its mass is given by $\iiint_{\mathcal{W}} \rho(x, y, z) dV$.

Suppose that we are measuring in meters and consider a solid that is above the plane $z = 0$, below the paraboloid $z = 4 - (x^2 + y^2)$, and outside the cylinder $x^2 + y^2 = 1$. Suppose that the density of this solid is inversely proportional to the distance from the z -axis and that the density of this solid along the boundary where the paraboloid hits the xy -plane is $1/2 \text{ kg/m}^3$.

Compute the mass of this solid.

Solution

Since the region W is z -simple, bounded below by $z = 0$ and above by $z = 4 - x^2 - y^2$, we need to find the projection of W onto the $x - y$ plane. The paraboloid and the z -axis intersect when $z = 0$, which implies that $0 = 4 - (x^2 + y^2)$. Therefore the circle $x^2 + y^2 = 4$ forms the outer boundary of the projection. The inner boundary is formed by the cylinder, which projects the circle $x^2 + y^2 = 1$. Therefore our projection looks like



and the region on integration is between the red and green circles.

Next, let's figure out a formula for $\delta(x, y, z)$. We are told that δ is inversely proportional to the distance from the z -axis, so

$$\delta(r) = \frac{C}{r}$$

for some constant C . We also know that the density is $\frac{1}{2}$ kg/m² when the paraboloid hits the xy -plane, which means that $\delta(2) = \frac{1}{2}$. This suggests that $C = 1$, so $\delta(r) = \frac{1}{r}$. Finally, we'll set up the integral, and use cylindrical coordinates.

$$\begin{aligned} M &= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_1^2 \int_0^{4-r^2} \frac{1}{r} r dz dr d\theta \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_1^2 4 - r^2 dr d\theta \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} \left[4r - \frac{r^3}{3} \right]_1^2 d\theta \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{5}{3} d\theta \\ &= \frac{10\pi}{3} \end{aligned}$$

5. In this problem you will find the area of the ellipse $(x/a)^2 + (y/b)^2 = 1$. We'll use a distorted version of polar coordinates. We'll measure points in the plane by the angle θ the line from the origin to the point makes with the x -axis and the value of r for which the point lies on the ellipse $\left(\frac{x}{ar}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{y}{br}\right)^2 = 1$.

(a) Using these coordinates what point in the xy -plane does the value (r, θ) correspond to?

See picture below:

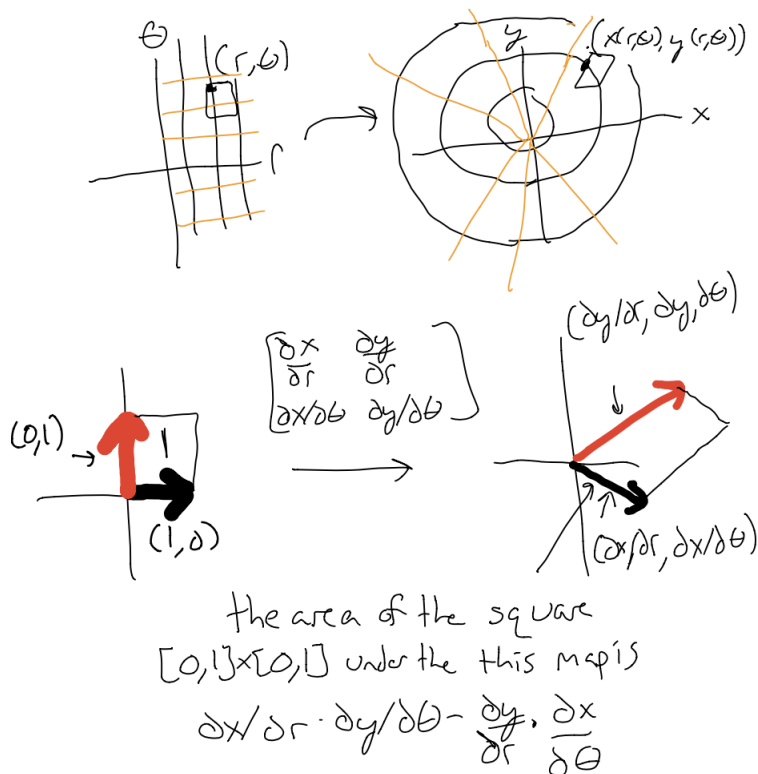
(b) Describe the ellipse $(x/a)^2 + (y/b)^2 = 1$ in these new "distorted polar coordinates". See picture below:

(c) What is the distortion factor for area with these coordinates?

For this, consider the map $(r, \theta) \mapsto (x(r, \theta), y(r, \theta))$ from the first part of the question. Differentiat-

ing this gives the matrix $\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial \theta} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial \theta} \end{bmatrix}$, and the area distortion factor at (r, θ) is the determinant of

this matrix, the quantity $\frac{\partial x}{\partial r} \frac{\partial y}{\partial \theta} - \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} \frac{\partial x}{\partial \theta}$. See the picture below.



(d) What is the area enclosed by this ellipse?

Solution

- a Choose $x(r, \theta) = ar \cos(\theta)$ and $y(r, \theta) = br \sin(\theta)$. We can verify that $(x(r, \theta), y(r, \theta))$ lies on the ellipse by computing

$$\left(\frac{x(r, \theta)}{ar}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{y(r, \theta)}{br}\right)^2 = \cos^2(\theta) + \sin^2(\theta) = 1,$$

Note: It turns out that $(ar \cos(\theta), br \sin(\theta))$ is not the point of intersection between the ray making angle θ with the x-axis and the ellipse $\left(\frac{x}{ar}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{y}{br}\right)^2 = 1$ as the problem states. The actual point of intersection is

$$(x, y) = \left(\frac{abr \cos(\theta)}{\sqrt{a^2 \sin^2(\theta) + b^2 \cos^2(\theta)}}, \frac{abr \sin(\theta)}{\sqrt{a^2 \sin^2(\theta) + b^2 \cos^2(\theta)}} \right),$$

which can be computed by substituting $y = \tan(\theta)x$ into the equation for r -scaled ellipse. This transformation has a very messy Jacobian, and won't help us compute the area of the ellipse $(x/a)^2 + (y/b)^2 = 1$. Instead, we will just define the map by $(x(r, \theta), y(r, \theta)) = (ar \cos(\theta), br \sin(\theta))$, and ignore the geometric definition stated in the problem. All that matters is that our map transforms rectangles in the $r\theta$ -plane (with height 2π) to ellipses in the xy -plane, which we will see is the case.

- b The ellipse $(x/a)^2 + (y/b)^2 = 1$ corresponds to the line segment $r = 1, 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$ in the $r\theta$ plane. This implies that if we mapped the whole region bounded by this ellipse to the $r\theta$ plane, we would form the rectangle $[0, 1] \times [0, 2\pi]$, see below picture.

c In part (a) we found that

$$\begin{aligned}x(r, \theta) &= ar \cos(\theta) \\y(r, \theta) &= br \sin(\theta)\end{aligned}$$

Then the distortion factor is

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial x}{\partial r} \frac{\partial y}{\partial \theta} - \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} \frac{\partial x}{\partial \theta} &= (a \cos(\theta))(br \cos(\theta)) - (b \sin(\theta))(-ar \sin(\theta)) \\&= abr \cos^2(\theta) + abr \sin^2(\theta) \\&= abr.\end{aligned}$$

d Call

$$D = \left\{ (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : \left(\frac{x}{a}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{y}{b}\right)^2 \leq 1 \right\},$$

which represents the interior of the ellipse $\left(\frac{x}{a}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{y}{b}\right)^2 = 1$ in the xy -plane. In part (b), we found that D corresponds to the rectangle $D_0 = [0, 1] \times [0, 2\pi]$ in the $r\theta$ -plane. By the change of variables formula,

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Area of ellipse} &= \iint_D 1 dx dy = \iint_{D_0} 1 \left| \frac{\partial(x, y)}{\partial(r, \theta)} \right| dr d\theta \\&= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^1 ab r dr d\theta \\&= \int_0^{2\pi} ab \left[\frac{r^2}{2} \right]_0^1 d\theta \\&= \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{ab}{2} d\theta \\&= \pi ab.\end{aligned}$$

