

It might help you see this by the following

$$\sqrt{x^2+y^2} = d-x$$

square

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 = d^2 - 2dx + x^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 2dx = -y^2 + d^2 \Rightarrow x = \frac{-1}{2d}y^2 + \frac{d}{2}$$

Lecture 3

Before doing  $\epsilon > 1$  &  $\epsilon < 1$ , let's do the following:

$$r = \frac{d}{1+\epsilon \cos \theta} \Leftrightarrow r + \epsilon r \cos \theta = d$$

$$\Rightarrow \pm \sqrt{x^2+y^2} + \epsilon x = d$$

$$\Rightarrow \pm \sqrt{x^2+y^2} = d - \epsilon x$$

$$(square) \Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 = d^2 - 2\epsilon dx + \epsilon^2 x^2$$

$$\Rightarrow (1-\epsilon^2)x^2 + 2\epsilon dx + y^2 = d^2$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + \frac{2\epsilon d}{1-\epsilon^2}x + \frac{y^2}{(1-\epsilon^2)} = \frac{d^2}{1-\epsilon^2}$$

$$(complete the square) \Rightarrow x^2 + \frac{2\epsilon d}{1-\epsilon^2}x + \frac{\epsilon^2 d^2}{(1-\epsilon^2)^2} + \frac{y^2}{1-\epsilon^2} = \frac{d^2}{1-\epsilon^2} + \frac{\epsilon^2 d^2}{(1-\epsilon^2)^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(x + \frac{\epsilon d}{1-\epsilon^2}\right)^2 + \frac{y^2}{1-\epsilon^2} = \frac{d^2}{1-\epsilon^2} \cdot \frac{1-\epsilon^2}{1-\epsilon^2} + \frac{\epsilon^2 d^2}{(1-\epsilon^2)^2} = \left(\frac{d}{1-\epsilon^2}\right)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\left(x + \frac{\epsilon d}{1-\epsilon^2}\right)^2}{\left(\frac{d}{1-\epsilon^2}\right)^2} + \frac{y^2}{\left(\frac{d}{1-\epsilon^2}\right)^2} = 1 \quad (**)$$

(ii)  $\varepsilon < 1$  This means  $1 - \varepsilon^2 > 0$

Let  $a = \frac{d}{1 - \varepsilon^2}$ ,  $b = \frac{d}{\sqrt{1 - \varepsilon^2}}$ , and  $c = \sqrt{a^2 - b^2}$ .

$$a^2 - b^2 = \frac{d^2}{(1 - \varepsilon^2)^2} - \frac{d^2}{1 - \varepsilon^2} = \frac{d^2 - (1 - \varepsilon^2)d^2}{(1 - \varepsilon^2)^2} = \frac{\varepsilon^2 d^2}{(1 - \varepsilon^2)^2}$$

So,  $c = \sqrt{a^2 - b^2} = \frac{\varepsilon d}{1 - \varepsilon^2} = \varepsilon a$ .

(\*\*) now becomes

$$\frac{(x+c)^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$$

This an ellipse with center  $(-c, 0)$ , semimajor axis  $a = \frac{d}{1 - \varepsilon^2}$ , semiminor axis  $b = \frac{d}{\sqrt{1 - \varepsilon^2}}$ , and right focal point at the origin. Because  $c = \varepsilon a$ ,  $\varepsilon = \frac{c}{a}$  is the eccentricity of the ellipse.

Remember, the foci always sit on semimajor axis,  $c$  units away from the center on either side.

Notice that if  $\varepsilon < 1$ ,  $1 + \varepsilon \cos \theta > 0$  so  $r > 0$ .

Notice if  $\epsilon=0$ , then

(\*\*)  $\frac{x^2}{d^2} + \frac{y^2}{d^2} = 1 \iff x^2 + y^2 = d^2 \iff r = d$

a circle of radius  $d$  w/ center  $= (0,0)$ .

We can easily see this from (\*).

(iii)  $\epsilon > 1$  In this case  $1 - \epsilon^2 < 0$  or  $\epsilon^2 - 1 > 0$ .

Let  $a = \frac{d}{\epsilon^2 - 1}$ ,  $b = \frac{d}{\sqrt{\epsilon^2 - 1}}$ , and  $c = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$ .

$a^2 + b^2 = \frac{d^2}{(\epsilon^2 - 1)^2} + \frac{d^2}{\epsilon^2 - 1} = \frac{d^2 + (\epsilon^2 - 1)d^2}{(\epsilon^2 - 1)^2} = \frac{\epsilon^2 d^2}{(\epsilon^2 - 1)^2} = \left(\frac{\epsilon d}{\epsilon^2 - 1}\right)^2$

$\implies c = \frac{\epsilon d}{\epsilon^2 - 1} = \epsilon a$ . This time we get for (\*\*)

$\frac{(x-c)^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$

Comparing this to  $\frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$ , we see it is a hyperbola with semimajor axis  $a$ , semiminor axis  $b$ , asymptotes intersecting at  $(c,0)$ , and foci at  $(0,0)$  and  $(2c,0)$ .

## A word on how hyperbolas graph in polar coordinates <sup>(3-4)</sup>

If  $\epsilon > 1$ , then  $1 + \epsilon \cos \theta$  can be positive, negative, and zero! So, as long as it's defined,  $r$  can be positive or negative in this case!

$$(*) \quad r = \frac{d}{1 + \epsilon \cos \theta} \Leftrightarrow r + \epsilon r \cos \theta = d \Leftrightarrow \boxed{r + \epsilon x = d}$$

$$(i) \quad r > 0 \Rightarrow r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \geq x$$

$$\text{So, } d = r + \epsilon x \geq x + \epsilon x = (1 + \epsilon)x \Rightarrow x \leq \frac{d}{1 + \epsilon}$$

So, when  $r > 0$ , we get the branch of the hyperbola to the left of the line  $x = \frac{d}{1 + \epsilon}$ .

$$(ii) \quad r < 0 \Rightarrow r = -\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \leq -x$$

$$\Rightarrow d = r + \epsilon x \leq -x + \epsilon x = (\epsilon - 1)x \Rightarrow x \geq \frac{d}{\epsilon - 1}$$

So, when  $r < 0$ , we get the branch of the hyperbola to the right of the line  $x = \frac{d}{\epsilon - 1}$ .

Ex: Identify and sketch the following equations:

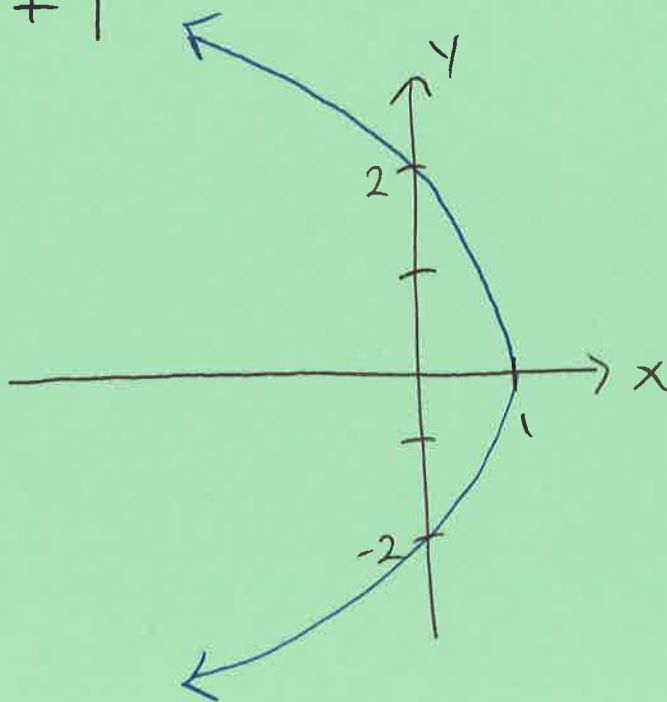
(a)  $r = \frac{2}{1 + \cos \theta}$     (b)  $r = \frac{3}{1 + \frac{1}{2} \cos \theta}$     (c)  $r = \frac{2}{1 + 3 \cos \theta}$

Sol:

(a)  $\epsilon = 1 \Rightarrow$  parabola.  $d = 2$  gives

$$x = -\frac{1}{4}y^2 + 1$$

y	0	2	-2
x	1	0	0



(b)  $\epsilon = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow$  ellipse.  $d = 3$  gives

$$a = \frac{3}{1 - \frac{1}{4}} = \frac{3}{\frac{3}{4}} = 4, \quad b = \frac{3}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{4}}} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{\frac{3}{4}}} = 2\sqrt{3} \approx 3.5$$

$$c = \epsilon a = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 4 = 2 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \frac{(x+2)^2}{(4)^2} + \frac{y^2}{(2\sqrt{3})^2} = 1$$

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①  $\epsilon = 3 \Rightarrow$  hyperbola. Since  $d = 2$

$$a = \frac{2}{9-1} = \frac{1}{4}, \quad b = \frac{2}{\sqrt{9-1}} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{8}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \approx 0.7$$

$$c = \epsilon a = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{\left(x - \frac{3}{4}\right)^2}{\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^2} - \frac{y^2}{\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2} = 1$$

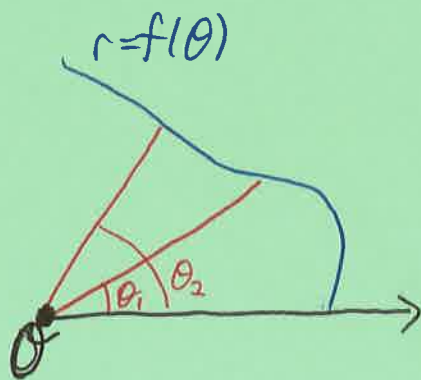
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## Derivatives in Polar Coordinates

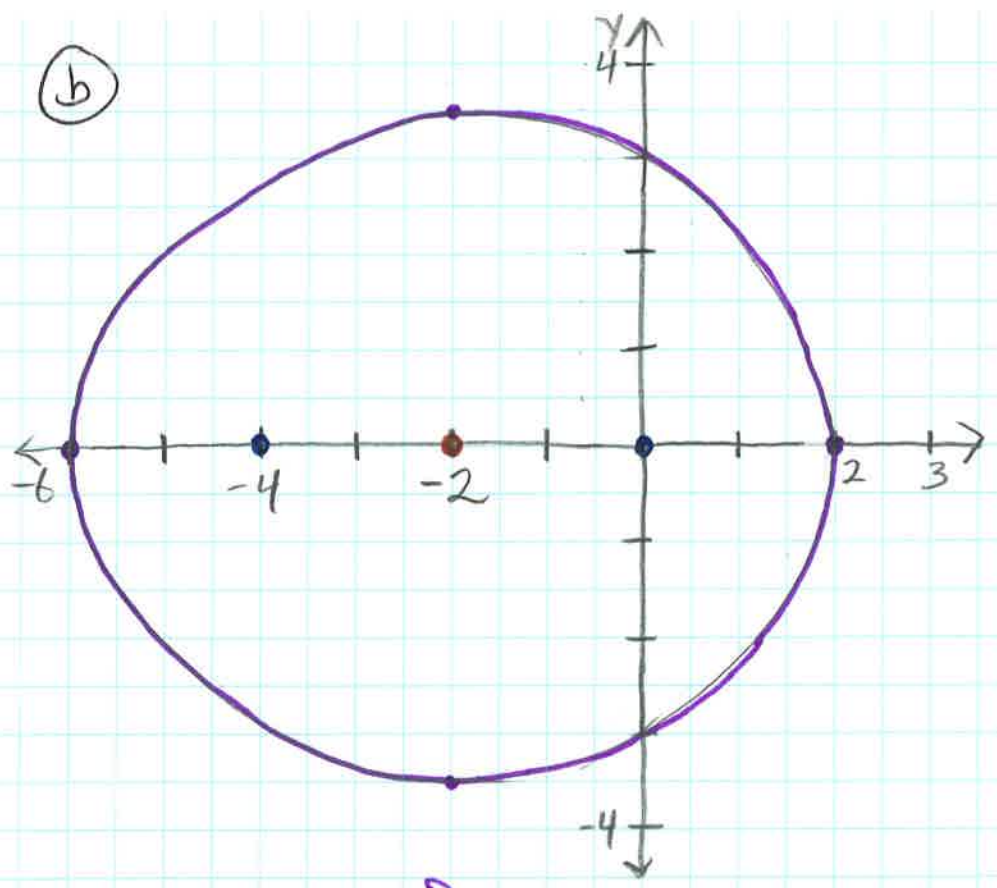
Let  $r = f(\theta)$  be a function and  $f'(\theta)$  its derivative.

Recall that, in Cartesian coordinates, the derivative gives the slope of the graph. What does the derivative mean in polar coordinates?

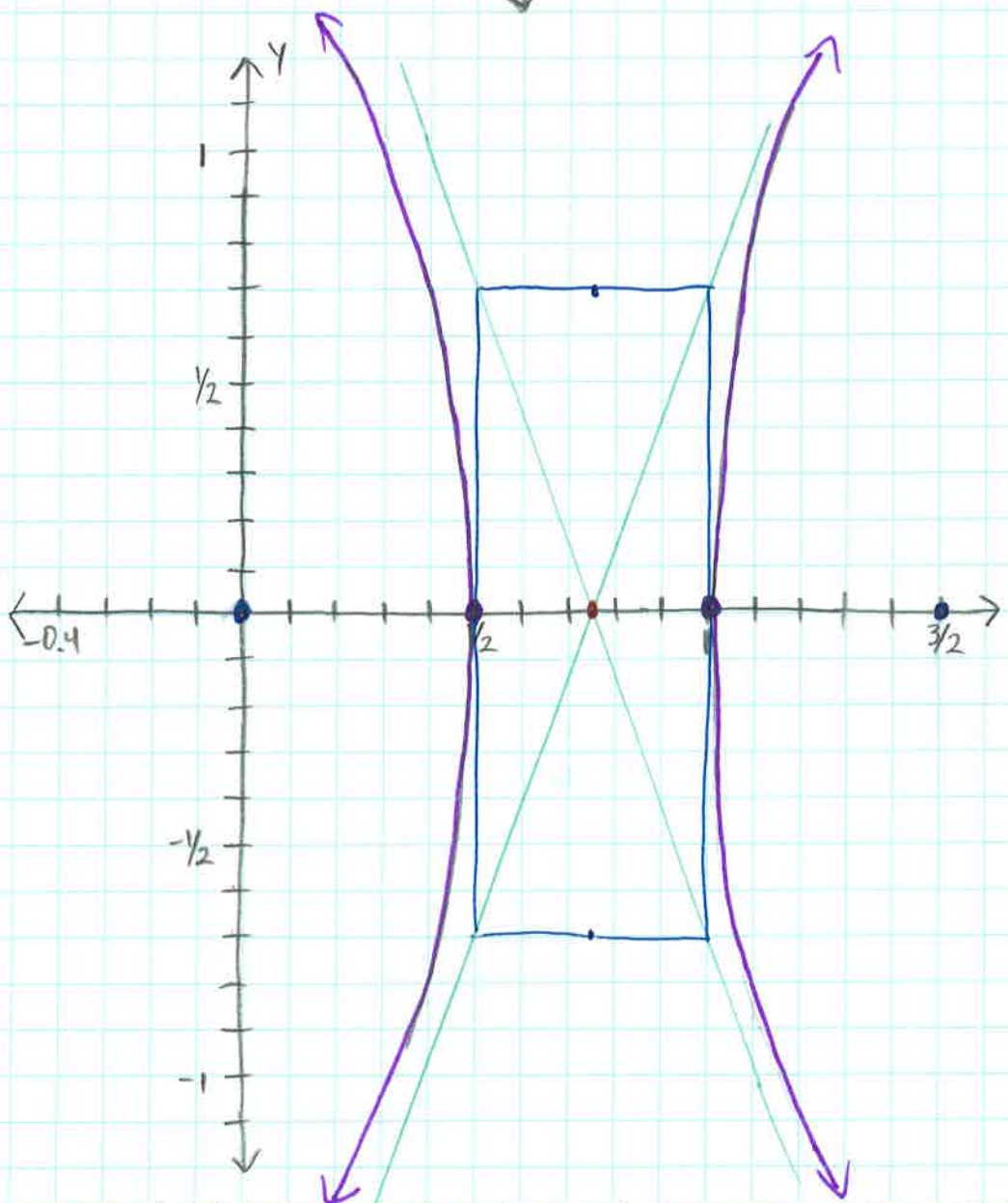
Consider a typical situation:



(b)



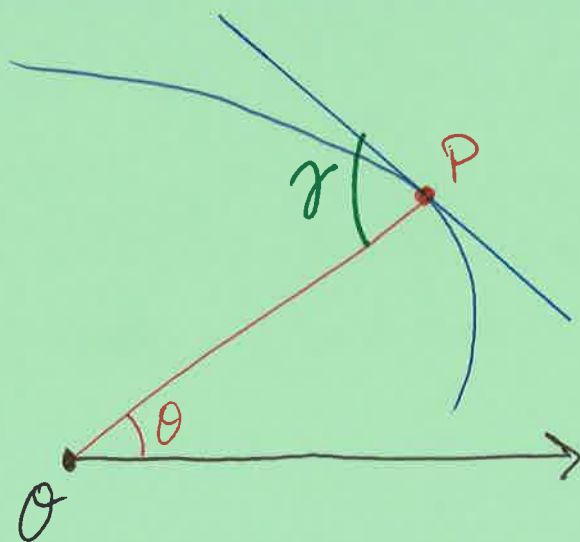
(c)



Suppose  $f'(\theta) > 0$  over the interval  $\theta_1 \leq \theta \leq \theta_2$ . This means that  $r = f(\theta)$  is increasing on this interval, i.e., moving further from  $O$ .

Likewise, if  $f'(\theta) < 0$ , then  $r = f(\theta)$  is decreasing as  $\theta$  sweeps from  $\theta_1$  to  $\theta_2$ .

Let's look at this another way now. Let  $P = (f(\theta), \theta)$  be a point on the graph of  $f(\theta)$  and assume  $P \neq O$ , i.e.,  $f(\theta) \neq 0$ . Let  $\gamma = \gamma(\theta)$  be the angle, measured counterclockwise, from the tangent line to  $f(\theta)$  at  $P$  to the line segment  $OP$ .



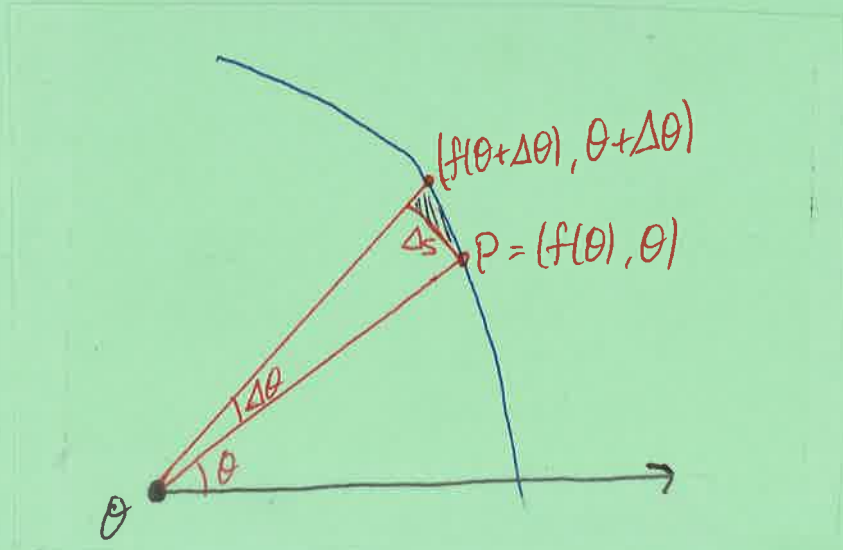
Notice that  $0 \leq \gamma < \pi$ .



If  $\gamma(\theta) > \frac{\pi}{2}$ , then we can see that  $f(\theta)$  is increasing at  $\theta$ . If  $\gamma(\theta) < \frac{\pi}{2}$ , we see that  $f(\theta)$  is decreasing at  $\theta$ . If  $\gamma(\theta) = \frac{\pi}{2}$ , then  $f(\theta)$  isn't changing at  $\theta$ . Notice that these exactly correspond to the cases  $f'(\theta) > 0$ ,  $f'(\theta) < 0$ , and  $f'(\theta) = 0$ , respectively. Thus, it is reasonable to expect a connection between  $f'(\theta)$  &  $\gamma(\theta)$ ... So, what is this connection?

Definition of  $f'(\theta)$ :

$$f'(\theta) := \lim_{\Delta\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(\theta + \Delta\theta) - f(\theta)}{\Delta\theta}$$

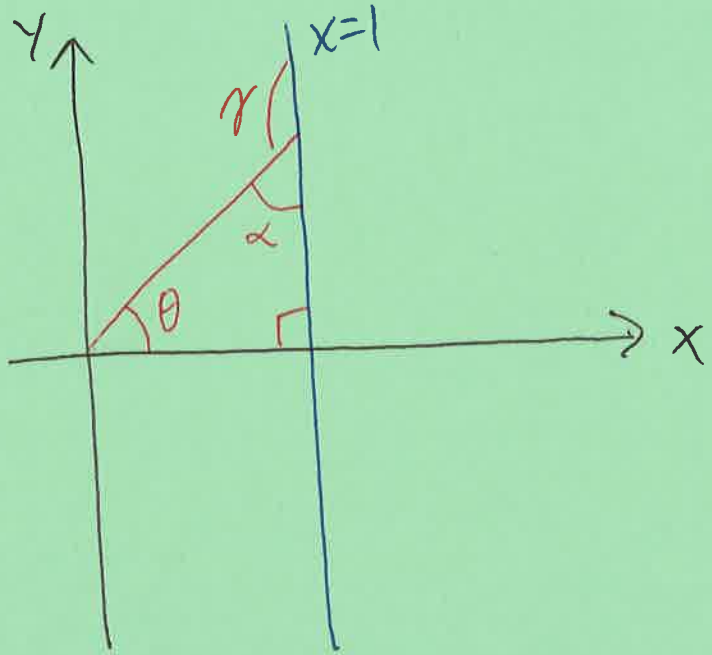


Let's call the (shaded) curved triangle the beak at P.

Recall that  $\Delta s = f'(\theta) \Delta\theta \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\Delta\theta} = f'(\theta) \frac{1}{\Delta s}$ .

Ex: Verify  $f'(\theta) = f(\theta) \tan(\gamma - \frac{\pi}{2})$  for  $f(\theta) = \frac{1}{\cos \theta}$

Sol:  $r = \frac{1}{\cos \theta} \iff r \cos \theta = 1 \iff x = 1$



$$\theta + \alpha = \frac{\pi}{2} \Rightarrow \alpha = \frac{\pi}{2} - \theta$$

$$\gamma + \alpha = \pi$$

$$\Rightarrow \gamma + \frac{\pi}{2} - \theta = \pi$$

$$\Rightarrow \gamma = \theta + \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$f'(\theta) = \frac{-(-\sin \theta)}{(\cos \theta)^2} = \frac{\tan \theta}{\cos \theta}$$

$$f(\theta) \tan(\gamma - \frac{\pi}{2}) = \frac{1}{\cos \theta} \tan(\theta + \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi}{2}) = \frac{\tan \theta}{\cos \theta} \quad \checkmark$$