

Section 6.7 Graphs of Polar Equations

Objective: In this lesson you learned how to graph polar equations.

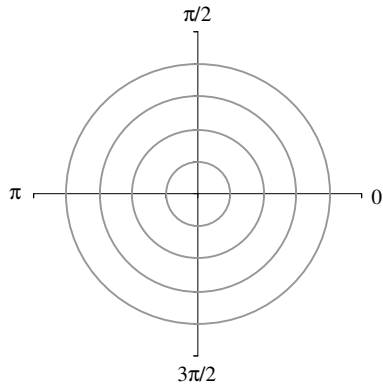
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I. Introduction (Page 499)

Example 1: Use point plotting to sketch the graph of the polar equation $r = 3 \cos \theta$.



What you should learn

How to graph polar equations by point plotting

II. Symmetry (Pages 500–501)

The graph of a polar equation is symmetric with respect to the following if the given substitution yields an equivalent equation.

Substitution

- 1) The line $\theta = \pi/2$:
- 2) The polar axis:
- 3) The pole:

Example 2: Describe the symmetry of the polar equation $r = 2(1 - \sin \theta)$.

What you should learn

How to use symmetry to sketch graphs of polar equations

III. Zeros and Maximum r -Values (Pages 501–502)

Two additional aids to sketching graphs of polar equations are . . .

What you should learn

How to use zeros and maximum r -values to sketch graphs of polar equations

Example 3: Describe the zeros and maximum r -values of the polar equation $r = 5 \cos 2\theta$

IV. Special Polar Graphs (Pages 503–504)

List the general equations that yield each of the following types of special polar graphs:

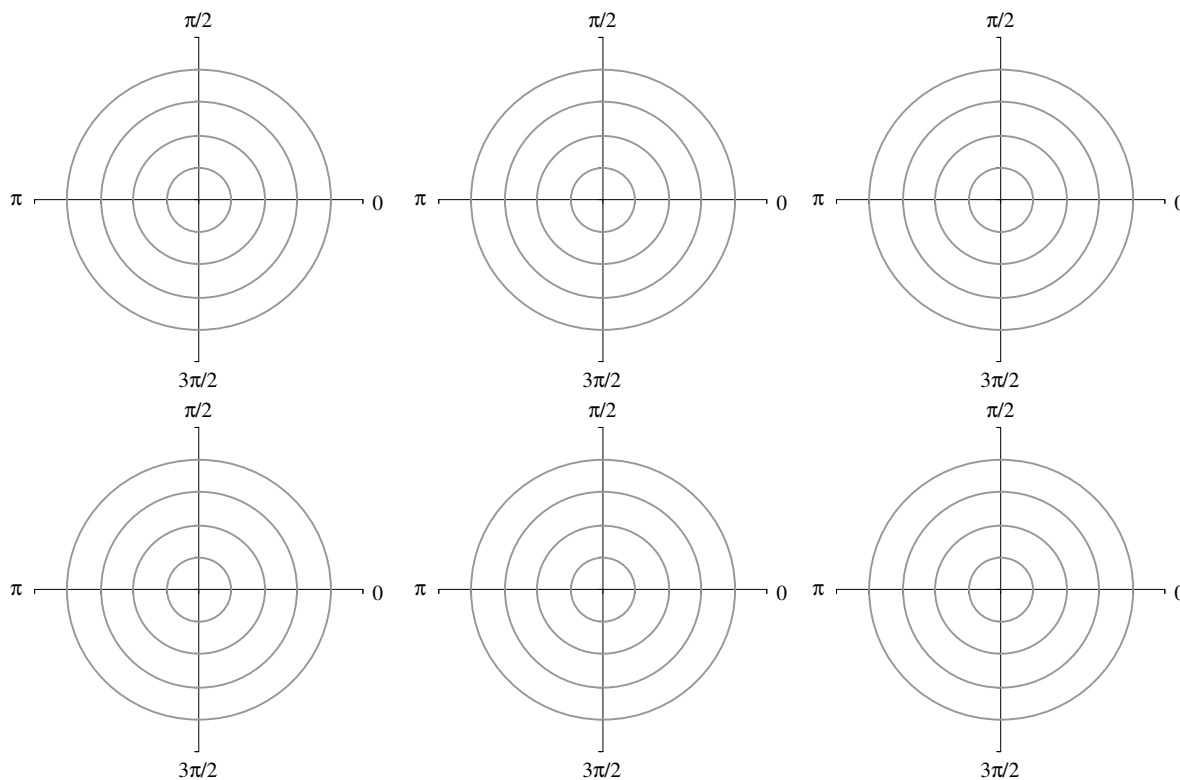
What you should learn
How to recognize special polar graphs

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Rose curves:

Circles:

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