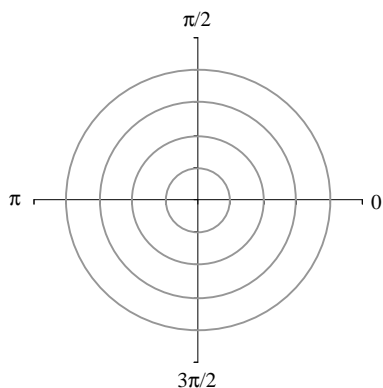


Section 6.8 Graphs of Polar Equations

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

I. Introduction (Page 462)

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



II. Symmetry (Pages 463–464)

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 $r = 2(1 - \sin \theta)$.

III. Zeros and Maximum r -Values (Pages 464–465)

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

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What you should learn

How to graph a polar equation by point plotting

What you should learn

How to use symmetry as an aid to graphing polar equations

What you should learn

How to use zeros and maximum r -values as graphing aids

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

IV. Special Polar Graphs (Pages 466–467)

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

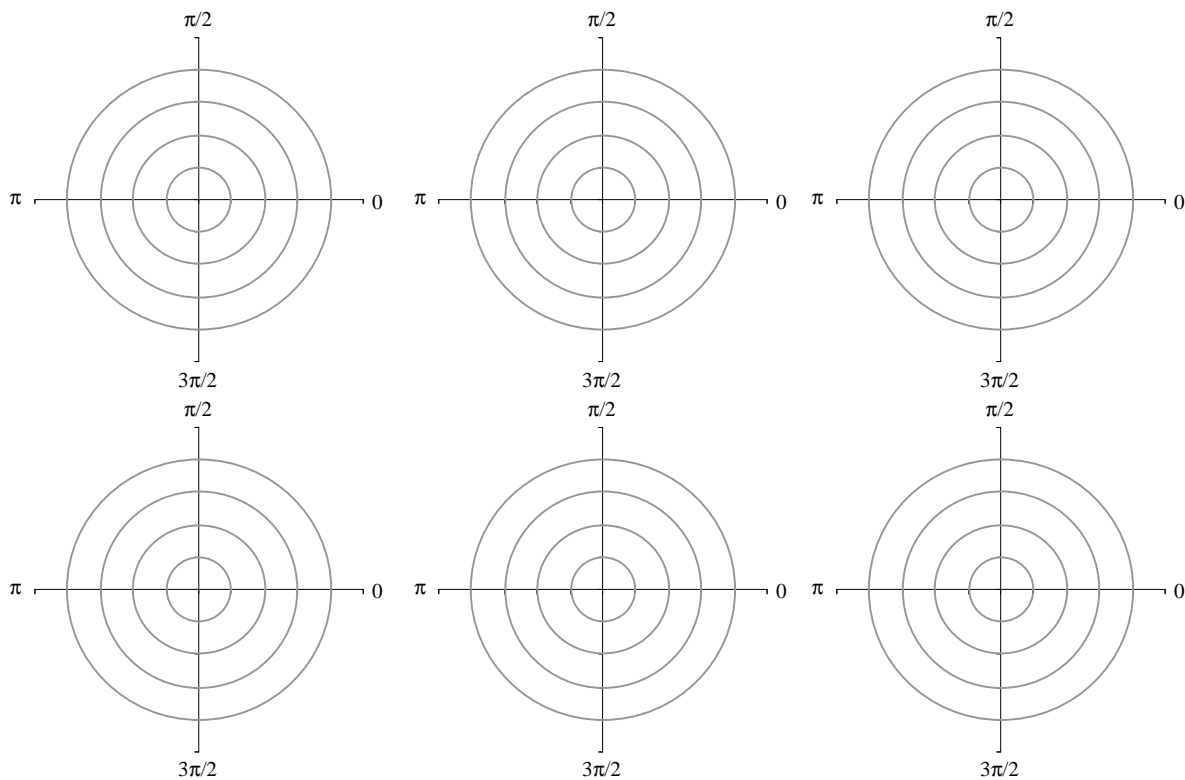
What you should learn
 How to recognize special polar graphs

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Rose curves:

Circles:

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