

### 3.15 Rates of Change in Polar Functions

AP Precalculus

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CA #1

Use the table of selected values for the polar function  $r = f(\theta)$  to answer the following.

1.

$\theta$	0	$\frac{\pi}{4}$	$\frac{\pi}{2}$	$\frac{3\pi}{4}$	$\pi$	$\frac{5\pi}{4}$	$\frac{3\pi}{2}$	$\frac{7\pi}{4}$	$2\pi$
$r$	3	-1.24	-3	-1.24	3	7.24	9	7.24	3

- Determine the interval(s) where  $f$  is increasing.
- Determine the interval(s) where  $f$  is decreasing.
- Are there any extrema on the interval  $0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{7\pi}{4}$ ? Explain how you know.
- Determine the interval(s) where distance between  $f(\theta)$  and the pole is increasing on  $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$ ? Justify your work.
- Determine the interval(s) where distance between  $f(\theta)$  and the pole is decreasing on  $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$ ? Justify your work.
- Find the average rate of change of  $f$  between  $\theta = \pi$  and  $\theta = \frac{5\pi}{4}$ .
- Estimate the value of  $f\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)$  using an average rate of change.

Use the polar function  $r = f(\theta)$  to fill in the table and answer the questions. Calculator Active.

2.  $r = f(\theta) = 8 \sin(2\theta)$

a. Is  $f$  increasing or decreasing on the interval  $0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{4}$ ?

b. Is the distance between  $f(\theta)$  and the pole is increasing or decreasing on the interval  $0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{4}$ ?

$\theta$	$r$
0	
$\frac{\pi}{6}$	
$\frac{\pi}{4}$	

c. Find the average rate of change of  $f$  between  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{6}$  and  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$ .

d. Estimate the value of  $f\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)$  using an average rate of change.

### Answers to 3.15 CA #1

1.

a.  $\left(\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}\right)$

b.  $\left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$  and  $\left(\frac{3\pi}{2}, 2\pi\right)$

c. at least 2 extrema: changes from decreasing to increasing to decreasing

d.  $\left(\pi, \frac{3\pi}{2}\right)$   $r$  is positive and increasing

$\left(\frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$   $r$  is negative and decreasing

e.  $\left(\frac{3\pi}{2}, 2\pi\right)$   $r$  is positive and decreasing

$\left(\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{4}\right)$   $r$  is negative and increasing

f.  $\frac{16.96}{\pi} \approx 5.398$  units per radian

g.  $y + 3 = -2.24\left(x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$

$f\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) \approx -1.827$

2.

$\theta$	$r$
0	0
$\frac{\pi}{6}$	6.928
$\frac{\pi}{4}$	8

a. increasing

b. increasing:  $r$  is positive and increasing

c.  $\frac{-12.864}{-\pi} \approx 4.09$  units per radian

d.  $y - 0 = 10.18(x - 0)$

$f\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) \approx 5.33$