

Special Polar Graphs Exploration

Graph 1: Cardioid

Equations for the groups:

$r = 2 + 2 \cos \theta$

$r = 3 - 3 \cos \theta$

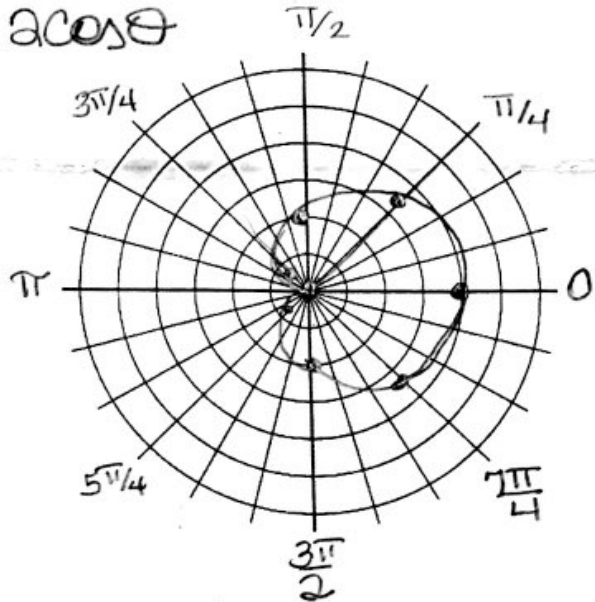
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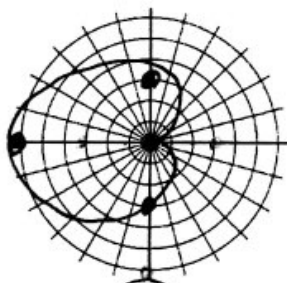
1. Sketch a graph of the equation on a separate sheet of graph paper. Then fill out the table. Use the table to graph on your polar graph.

angle (x)	radius (y)
0	4
$\frac{\pi}{4}$	3.4
$\frac{\pi}{2}$	2
$\frac{3\pi}{4}$	0.6
π	0
$\frac{5\pi}{4}$	0.6
$\frac{3\pi}{2}$	2
$\frac{7\pi}{4}$	3.4
2π	4

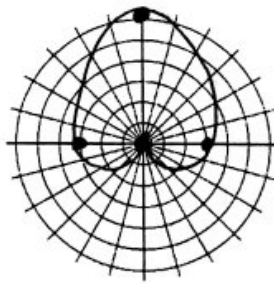
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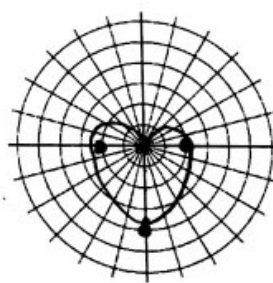
2. Sketch some of the graphs you see from the other groups.



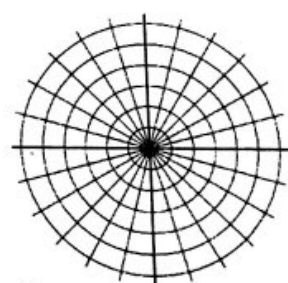
$r = 3 - 3 \cos \theta$



$r = 3 + 3 \sin \theta$



$r = 2 - 2 \sin \theta$



3. What determines how big the cardioid is?

Amp.

4. What determines which direction the cardioid goes?



Graph 2: limacon w/out a loop

Equations for the groups:

$$r = 2 + 1 \cos \theta$$

$$r = 3 + 2 \sin \theta$$

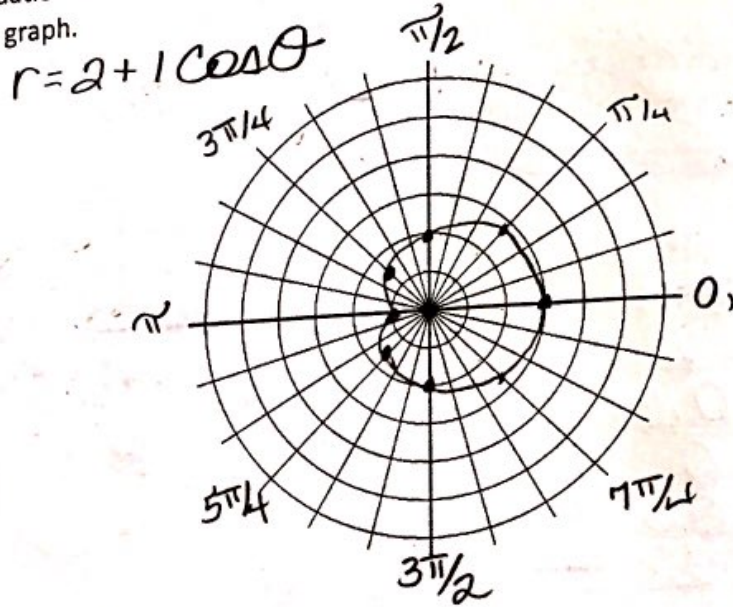
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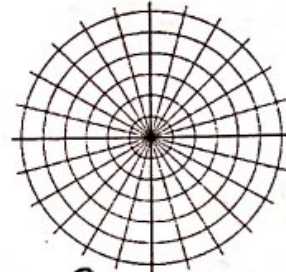
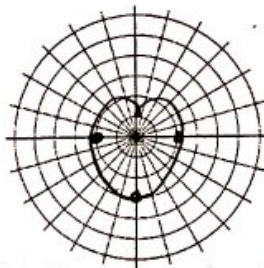
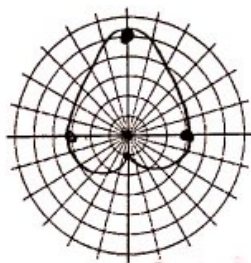
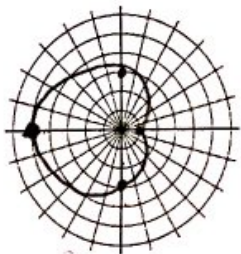
Graph 3: limacon
Equations for the groups

5. Sketch a graph of the equation on a separate sheet of graph paper. Then fill out the table. Use the table to graph on your polar graph.

angle (x)	radius (y)
0	3
$\frac{\pi}{4}$	2.7
$\frac{\pi}{2}$	2
$\frac{3\pi}{4}$	1.3
π	1
$\frac{5\pi}{4}$	1.3
$\frac{3\pi}{2}$	2
$\frac{7\pi}{4}$	2.7
2π	3



6. Sketch some of the graphs you see from the other groups.



$$r = 3 - 2 \cos \theta$$

$$r = 3 + 2 \sin \theta$$

$$r = 2 - 1 \sin \theta$$

7. How does determining the size and direction of the limaçon compare to the cardioid?

* direction same as cardioid

* Add |Vertical Shift| + |amp| to get how far out from the pole it goes

8. How is the graph different from the cardioid graph?

* does not touch the pole

* Smooth Curve

Graph 3: limaçon with inner loop

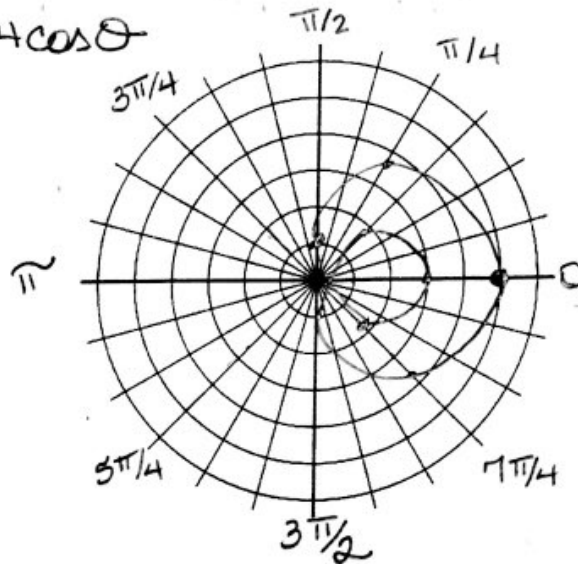
Equations for the groups:

$$\begin{aligned} r &= 1 + 4 \cos \theta & r &= 2 - 4 \cos \theta \\ r &= 2 + 5 \sin \theta & r &= 2 - 3 \sin \theta \end{aligned}$$

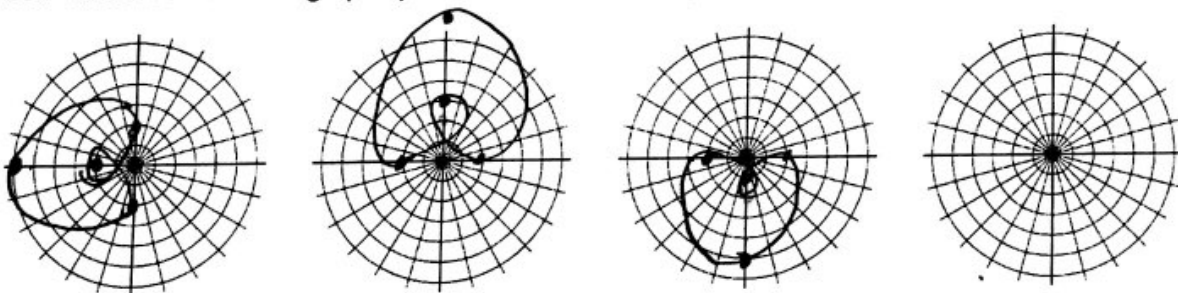
9. Sketch a graph of the equation on a separate sheet of graph paper. Then fill out the table. Use the table to graph on your polar graph.

angle (x)	radius (y)
0	5
$\frac{\pi}{4}$	3.8
$\frac{\pi}{2}$	1
$\frac{3\pi}{4}$	-1.8
π	-3
$\frac{5\pi}{4}$	-1.8
$\frac{3\pi}{2}$	1
$\frac{7\pi}{4}$	3.8
2π	5

$r = 1 + 4 \cos \theta$



10. Sketch some of the graphs you see from the other groups.



$r = 2 - 4 \cos \theta$ $r = 2 + 5 \sin \theta$ $r = 2 - 3 \sin \theta$

11. What determines the size of the inner loop?

The difference in the Amp + Vertical shift

12. Compare the equations of the cardioid, limaçon without inner loop, and limaçon with inner loop.

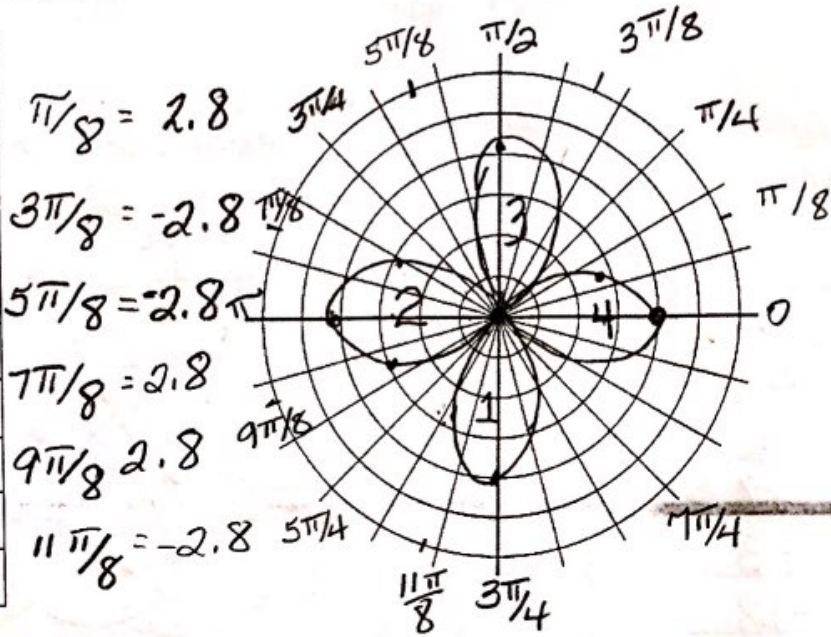
Explain how the numbers in the equation effect the part of the graph near the origin. Why do they effect it this way?

$r = a \pm b \cos \theta$ Cardioid $a = b$ does not touch pole
 $r = a \pm b \sin \theta$ NO loop $a > b$ does not touch the origin
 with loop $a < b$ does form the inner loop!

Graph 4: $r = 4 \cos(2\theta)$

13. Sketch a graph of the equation on a separate sheet of graph paper. Then fill out the table. Use the table to graph on your polar graph.

angle (x)	radius (y)
0	4
$\frac{\pi}{4}$	0
$\frac{\pi}{2}$	-4
$\frac{3\pi}{4}$	0
π	4
$\frac{5\pi}{4}$	0
$\frac{3\pi}{2}$	-4
$\frac{7\pi}{4}$	0
2π	4

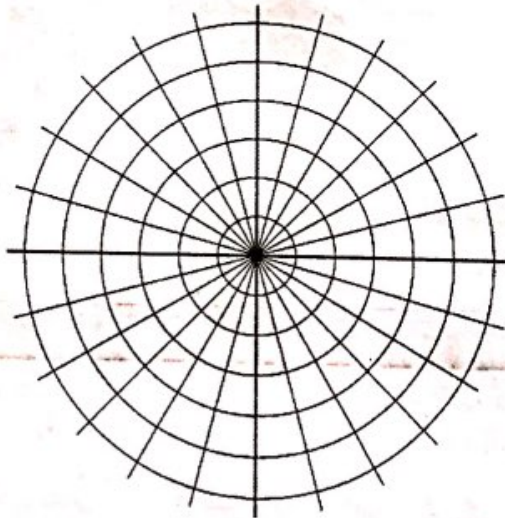


Graph 5: $r = 3 \sin(3\theta)$

14. Predict the number of petals the graph will have: 3.

15. Sketch a graph of the equation on a separate sheet of graph paper. Then fill out the table. Use the table to graph on your polar graph.

angle (x)	radius (y)
0	
$\frac{\pi}{4}$	
$\frac{\pi}{2}$	
$\frac{3\pi}{4}$	
π	
$\frac{5\pi}{4}$	
$\frac{3\pi}{2}$	
$\frac{7\pi}{4}$	
2π	



16. Did the graph have as many petals as you thought it would? Why or why not?

The petals graph on top of themselves
for an odd function

17. How many petals would $r = 3 \cos(4\theta)$ have? ^{8 petals} How many petals would $r = 6 \sin(3\theta)$ have? ^{3 petals} How about $r = 5 \sin(6\theta)$? ^{12 petals}

$$r = \cos(4\theta) - 8p$$

$$r = 6 \sin(3\theta) - 3p$$

$$r = 5 \sin(6\theta) - 12p$$

18. How does the amplitude change the petals?

The length of the curve

19. What difference does the cosine/sine make?

whether you start the graph
at a pole (sin) or halfway through
the petal (cos)