

HW #3 is due Fri, 2/13

THE LECTURE ON
POLAR EQUATIONS
OF CONIC SECTIONS

For Monday, Read Sec's

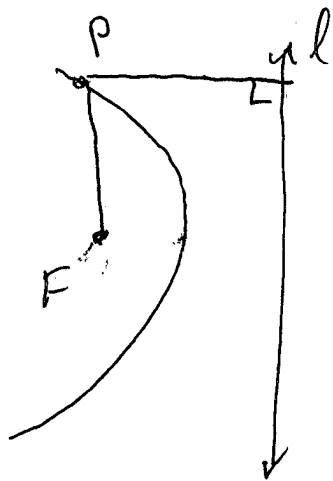
12.1 and 12.2

Conics in Polar Coord's

Let F be a fixed point (Focus)

Let l be fixed line (Directrix)

Let e be a positive real number, $e > 0$ (eccentricity)



A conic section is the
set of all points P such
that $\frac{|PF|}{|Pl|} = e$

For e :

$e < 1$

$e = 1$

$e > 1$

$\Rightarrow$

The Conic is:

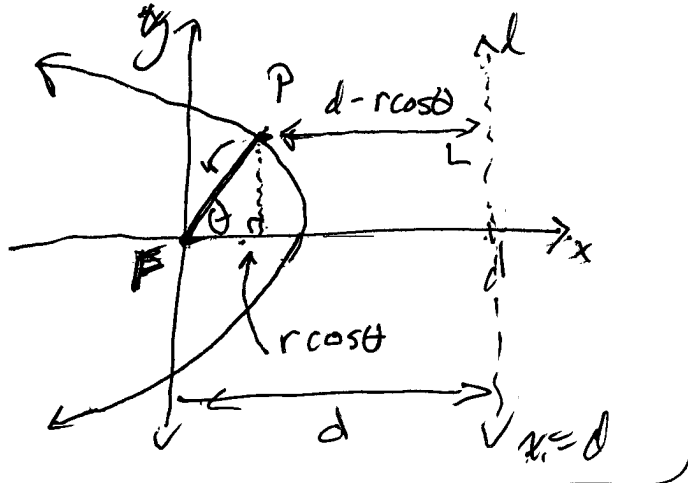
Ellipse

Parabola

Hyperbola.

For Polar Conics, place the Focus F at the Pole (Origin) (2)

Suppose (for now) that the directrix is a vertical line with rectangular equation $x = d$, $d > 0$, and eccentricity $e > 0$.



$$\frac{|PF|}{|PL|} = e = \frac{r}{d - r \cos \theta}$$

$$r = e(d - r \cos \theta)$$

$$r = ed - er \cos \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow r + er \cos \theta = ed \Rightarrow r(1 + e \cos \theta) = ed$$

$$r = \frac{ed}{1 + e \cos \theta}$$

← The polar Equation of the conic with vertical Directrix with equation $x = +d$

Note: The Graph always opens out away from the directrix.

In fact, with $e > 0$ and $d \neq 0$, A polar equation of the form

$$r = \frac{ed}{1 \pm e \cos \theta}$$

$$\text{OR } r = \frac{ed}{1 \pm e \sin \theta}$$

is the equation of a conic with a focus at the pole.

Ex: Determine the vertex (or vertices) and sketch the graph of the polar conic (3)

$$r = \frac{15}{3 - 2 \cos \theta} \quad \times \frac{\frac{1}{3}}{\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$r = \frac{ed}{1 \pm e \cos \theta}$$

Get "1" here

Sol'n: $r = \frac{5}{1 - \frac{2}{3} \cos \theta}$

$$\Rightarrow e = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$ed = 5 = \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)d$$

$$d = \frac{3}{2} \times 5 = \frac{15}{2} = 7.5$$

Directrix is Vertical and
(Red) Equation is $x = -d$, " $x = -7.5$ " is the Directrix

$e = \frac{2}{3} < 1 \Rightarrow$ Ellipse!

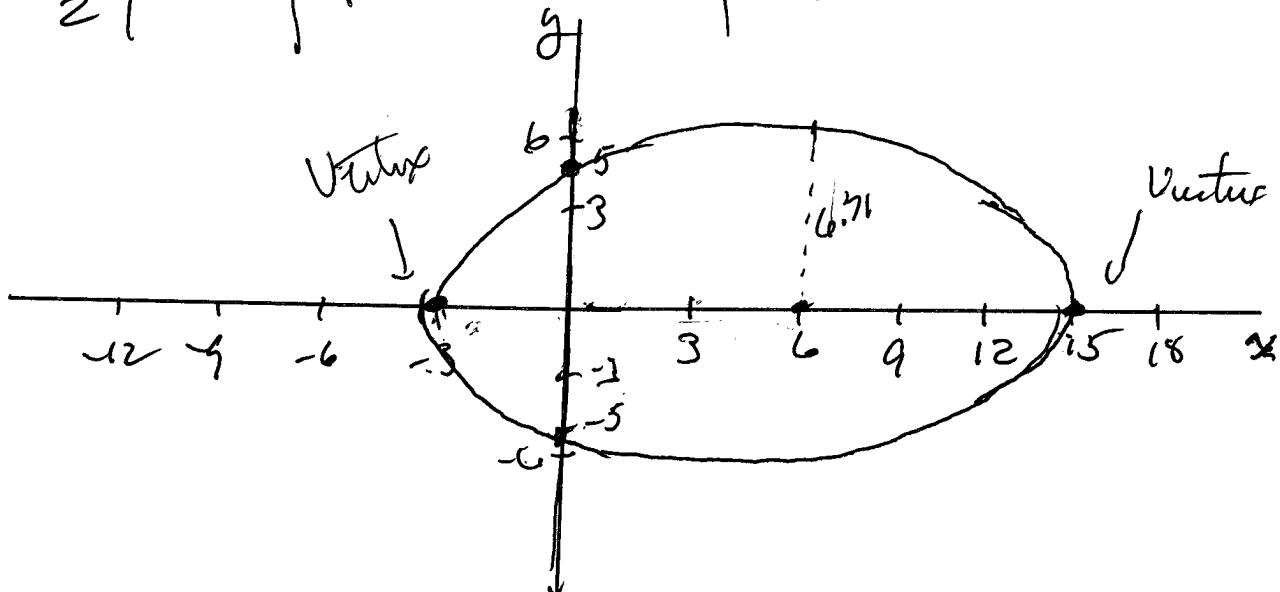
θ	$\cos \theta$	$r = \frac{15}{3 - 2 \cos \theta}$	$(r, \theta)_P$
0	1	$r = 15/1 = 15$	$(15, 0)_P$
$\frac{\pi}{2}$	0	$r = 5 = 15/3$	$(5, \frac{\pi}{2})$
π	-1	$r = \frac{15}{5} = 3$	$(3, \pi)$
$\frac{3\pi}{2}$	0	$r = 5$	$(5, \frac{3\pi}{2})$

$$2a = 15 - (-3) = 18$$

$$a = 9$$

$$15 - 9 = 6$$

Center (6, 0)



FACT For Ellipses and Hyperbolas:

$$e = \frac{c}{a} \quad (\text{From } a, b, c \text{ in Rectangular Terms})$$

$$\text{Here } a=9, e=\frac{2}{3} \Rightarrow \frac{2}{3} = \frac{c}{9} \Rightarrow c=6$$

$$\text{Recall, } a^2 = b^2 + c^2 \Rightarrow b^2 = a^2 - c^2 = 81 - 36$$

$$b^2 = 45, \quad b = \sqrt{45} \approx 6.71$$

Rect Eq:

(Before Shift)

$$\frac{x^2}{81} + \frac{y^2}{45} = 1$$

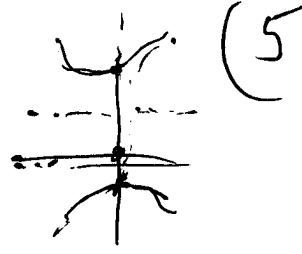
$(0,0) \rightarrow (6,0)$ After Shift

$$\boxed{\frac{(x-6)^2}{81} + \frac{y^2}{45} = 1}$$

Ex: Sketch the Conic

$$r = \frac{32}{3+5\sin\theta} \times \frac{\frac{1}{3}}{\frac{1}{3}}$$

Horizontal distance



$$r = \frac{\frac{32}{3}}{1 + \frac{5}{3}\sin\theta}$$

$$e = \frac{5}{3} > 1 \Rightarrow \text{Hyperbola!}$$

$$ed = \frac{32}{3} = \left(\frac{5}{3}\right)d \quad \left| \quad r = \frac{ed}{1+e\sin\theta} \right.$$

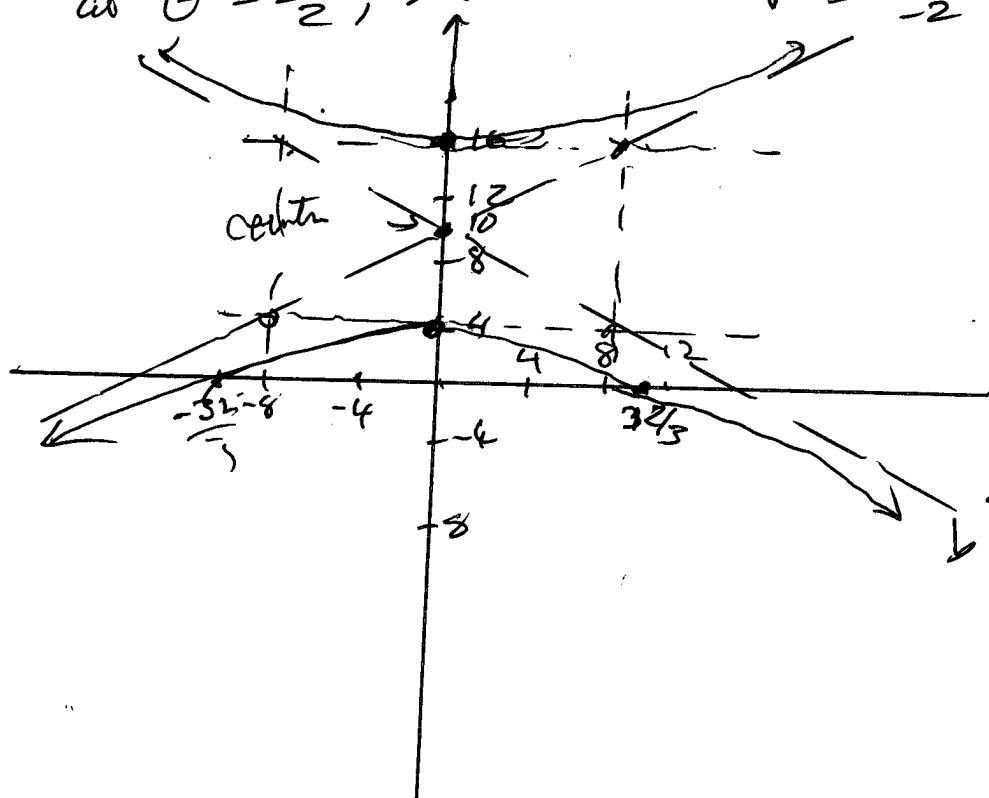
$$d = \frac{32}{5} = 6.4$$

Directrix: $y = +6.4$

at $\theta = 0$ and $\theta = \pi$, $\sin\theta = 0$, $r = \frac{32}{3} = 10.66\dots$

at $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$, $\sin\theta = 1 \Rightarrow r = \frac{32}{8} = 4 \quad (4, \frac{\pi}{2})$ Vertex

at $\theta = \frac{3\pi}{2}$, $\sin\theta = -1 \Rightarrow r = \frac{32}{-2} = -16 \quad (-16, \frac{3\pi}{2})$



Center

$$2a = 16 - 4 = 12$$

$$a = 6$$

$$e = \frac{5}{3} = \frac{c}{a} = \frac{c}{6} \Rightarrow c = 10$$

$$b^2 = c^2 - a^2 \Rightarrow b^2 = 100 - 36 = 64$$

$$b^2 = 64$$

$$b = 8$$