

7. The curve C has Cartesian equation

$$(x^2 + y^2)^2 = 6xy \quad x > 0, y > 0$$

(a) Show that for $0 < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$ the equation for C can be written as the polar equation

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

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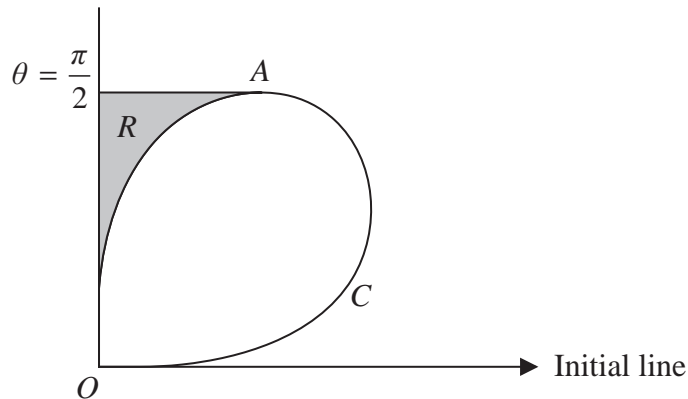


Figure 1

Figure 1 shows a sketch of the curve C . The tangent to C at the point A is parallel to the initial line.

The finite region R , shown shaded in Figure 1, is bounded by C , the tangent to the curve at the point A and the line with equation $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$

(b) Use calculus to determine the area of the shaded region R .

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