

## Maple Project I

### Polar Plots

To plot in maple the **parametric equations**

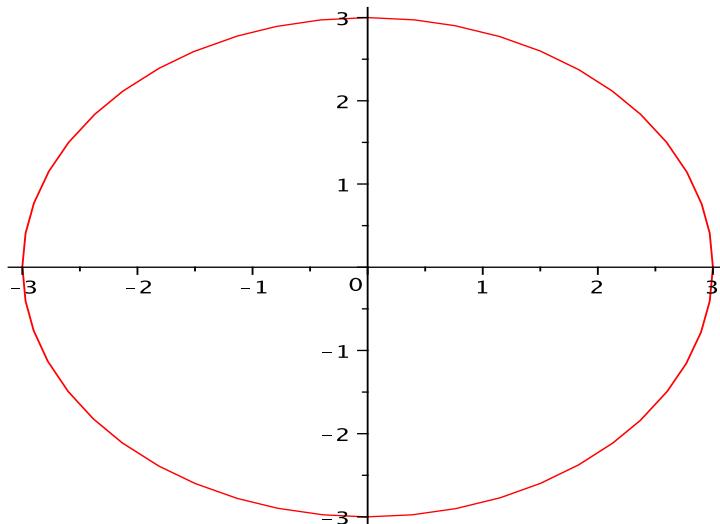
$$x=f(t), y=g(t), \text{ with } t \text{ in } [a,b]$$

We type the command:

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plot([f(t), g(t), t=a..b]);
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For example, to plot a circle of radius 3 centered at the origin, we type

```
> plot([3*cos(t), 3*sin(t), t=0..2*Pi], scaling=constrained);
```



To plot the polar equation

$$r=r(t), t \text{ in } [\alpha, \beta]$$

where  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are certain angles, we need to convert the given equation from **polar coordinates** to **rectangular coordinates** using the equations:

$$x = r \cos(t), y = r \sin(t)$$

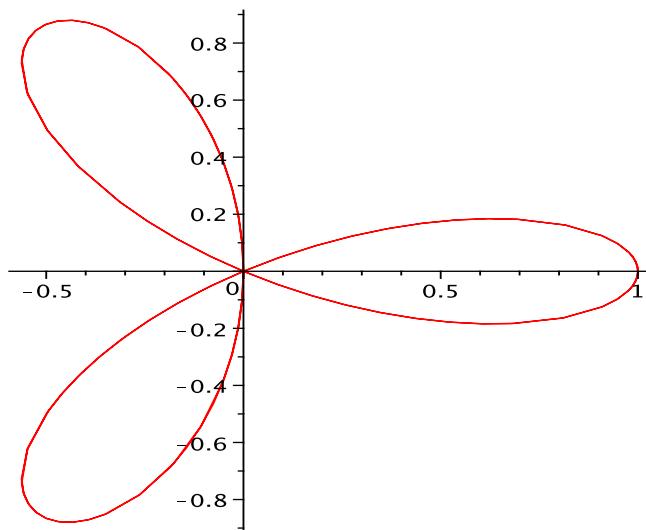
**Example:**

Plot the polar equation

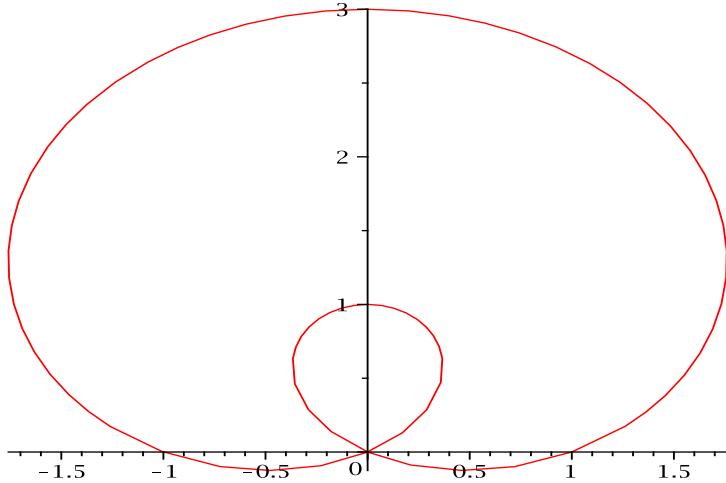
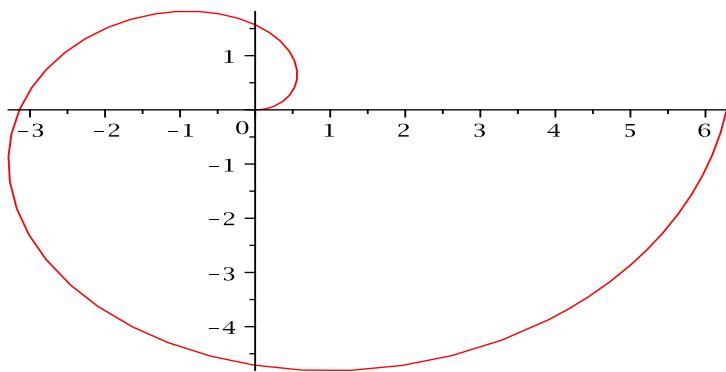
$$r = \cos(3t), \text{ where } t \in [0, 2\pi]$$

In maple format:

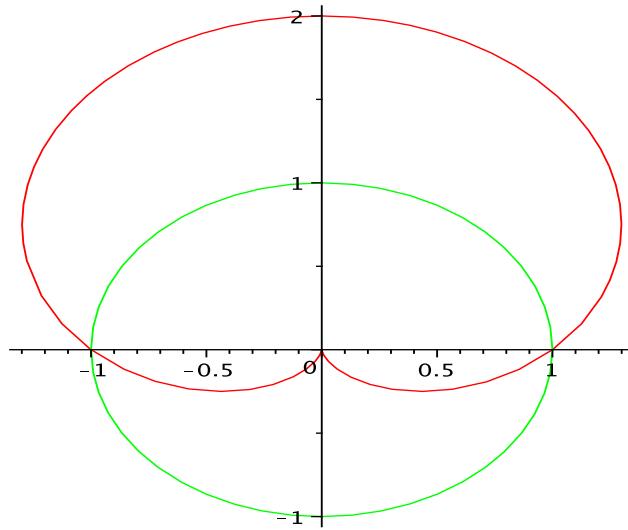
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> r:=cos(3*t): plot([r*cos(t), r*sin(t), t=0..2*Pi], scaling=constrained);
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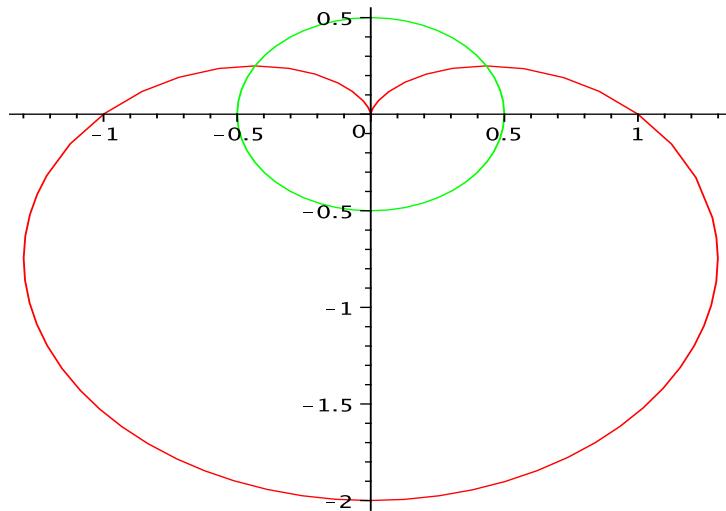
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> r:=t: plot([r*cos(t), r*sin(t), t=0..2*Pi], scaling=constrained);
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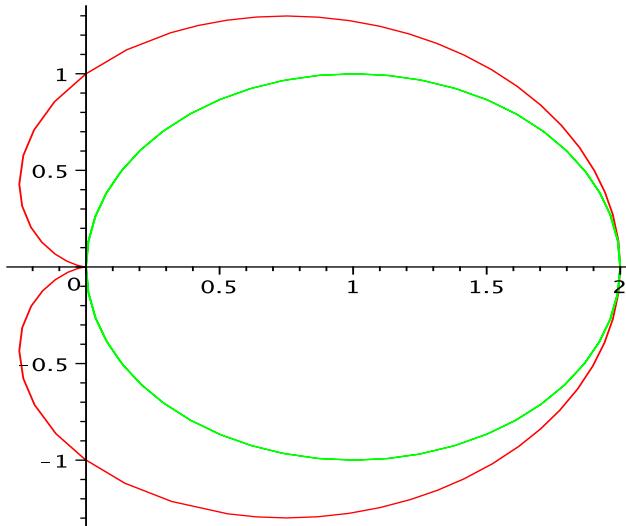
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> s:=1: r:=1+sin(t): plot({[s*cos(t), s*sin(t), t=0..2*Pi], [r*cos(t), r*sin(t), t=0..2*Pi]}, scaling=constrained);
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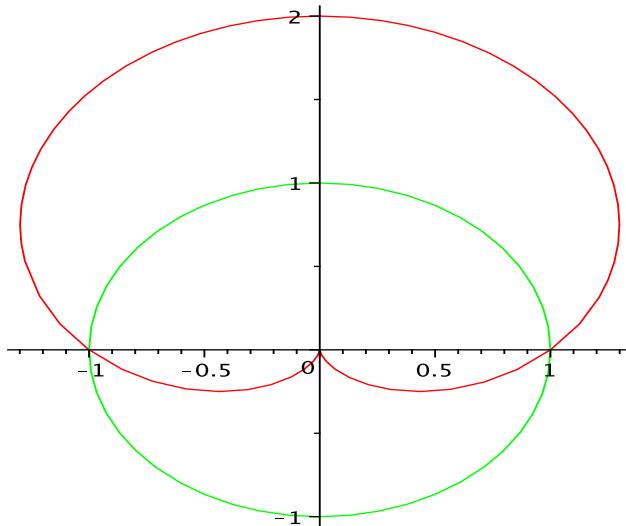
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> s:=1./2: r:=1-sin(t): plot({[s*cos(t), s*sin(t), t=0..2*Pi],
[r*cos(t), r*sin(t), t=0..2*Pi]}, scaling=constrained);
```



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> s:=2*cos(t): r:=1+cos(t): plot({[s*cos(t), s*sin(t), t=0..2*Pi],
[r*cos(t), r*sin(t), t=0..2*Pi]}, scaling=constrained);
```



```
> r:=1+sin(t): s:=1: plot({[r*cos(t), r*sin(t), t=0..2*Pi], [s*cos(t), s*sin(t), t=0..2*Pi]}, scaling=constrained);
```



**Homework:**

- 1). Using constrained scaling, plot the ellipse

$$x = 3 \cos(t) \text{ and } y = \sin(t)$$

- 2). Curves of the form:

equation1:  $r = a \sin(n*t)$  or equation2:  $r = a \cos(n*t)$  for "a > 0" and "n > 0" are called Roses. For "a=2" and "n=3" draw the graphs of equations 1 and 2, compare them and report your observations. Repeat this step for "a=2" and "n=4".

- 3). Curves of the form:

equation1:  $r=a+b \sin(t)$  or equation2:  $r=a+b \cos(t)$   
are called "limacons". Repeat the steps in problem(2) for this problem with  
"a=2 and b=3", "a=2 and b=-3" and

"a=2 and b=1". **4).**Graph each of the following equations.

**a).**  $r = \sin(2t)$

**b).**  $r = 2\cos(t) + 1$

**c).**  $r^2 = \cos(2t)$  **5).**Find the intersection points of the parabolas

$$r = 1/(1 - \cos(t)) \text{ and } r = 3/(1 + \cos(t))$$

Hint: To get a better display of the graphs restrict your plot to the window [-5, 5]x[-5,5]