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# THE CALCULUS OF CLOVERS

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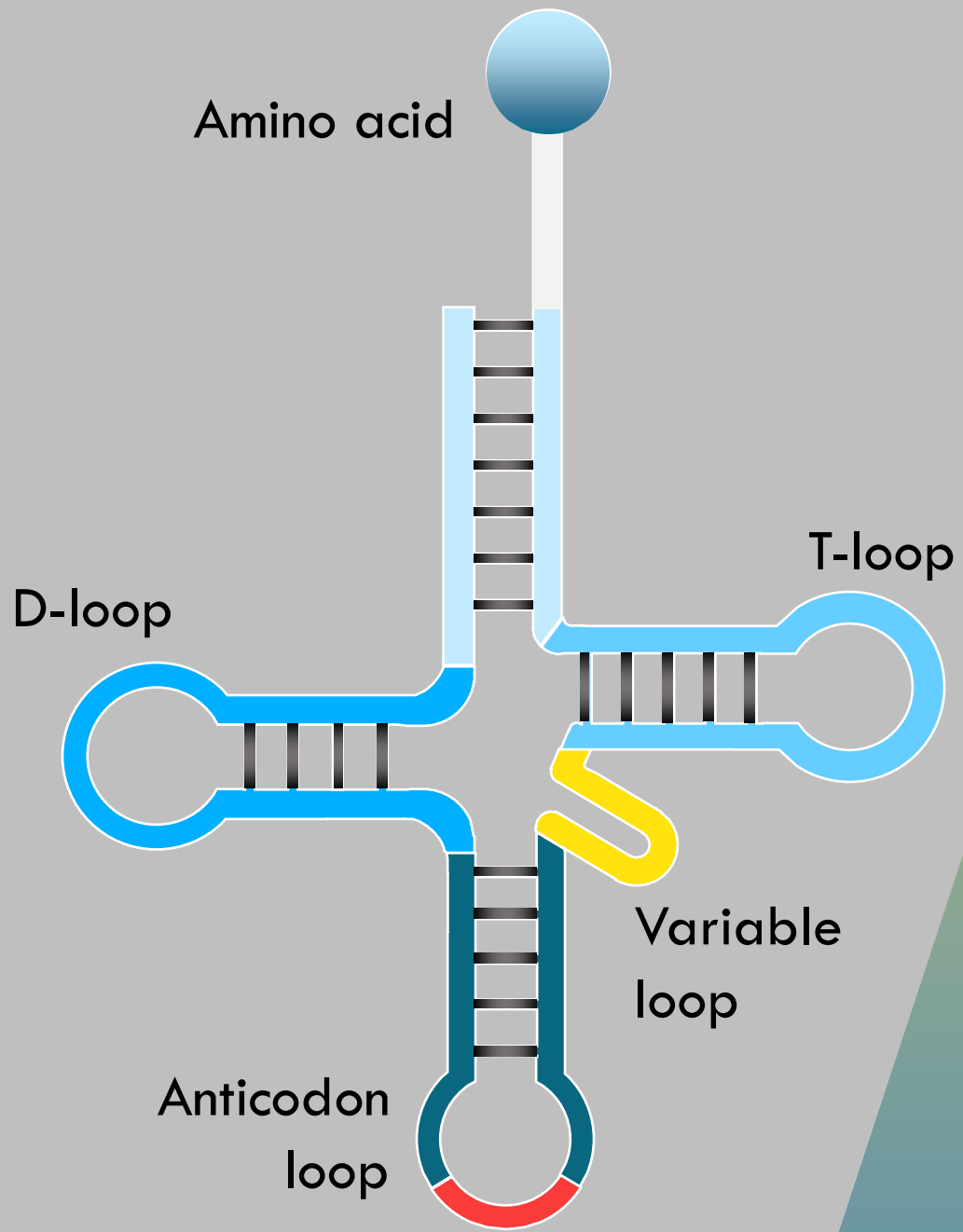
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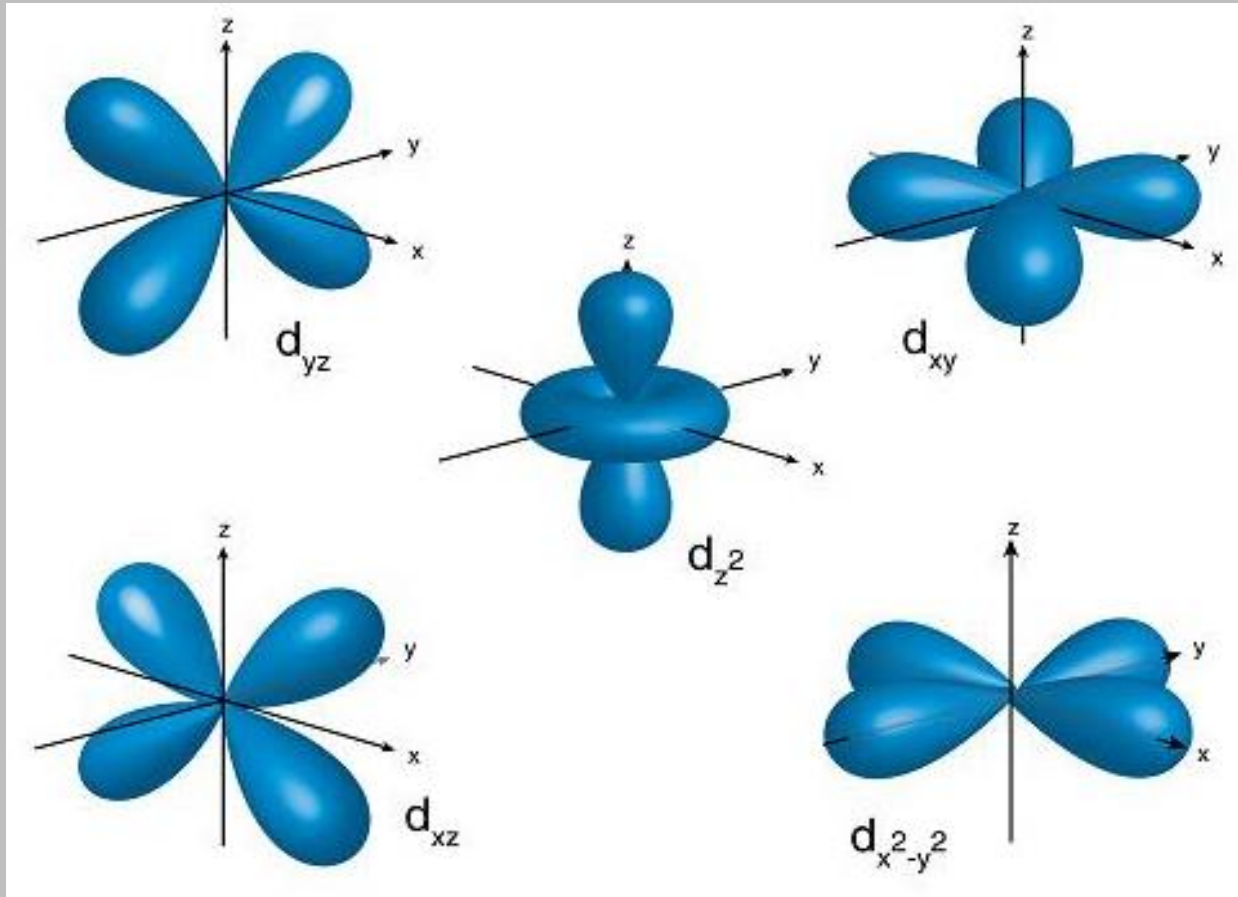
The clover-leaf is a fundamental shape that manifests often in nature.



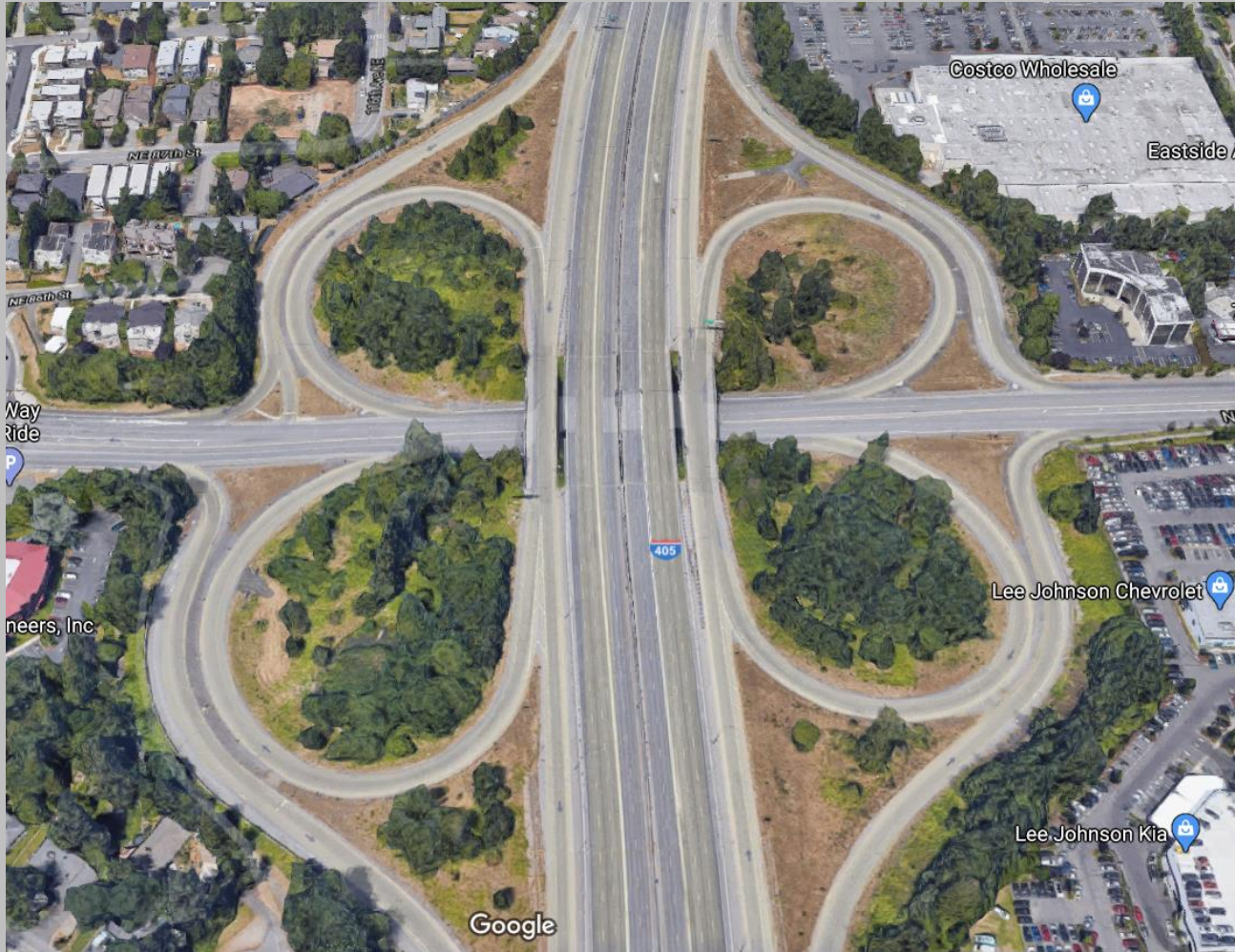


**Transfer ribonucleic acid (tRNA)** is a type of RNA molecule that helps decode a messenger RNA (mRNA) sequence into a protein and has a built in Cloverleaf structure.





The atomic d-orbitals have a three-dimensional clover leaf shape.

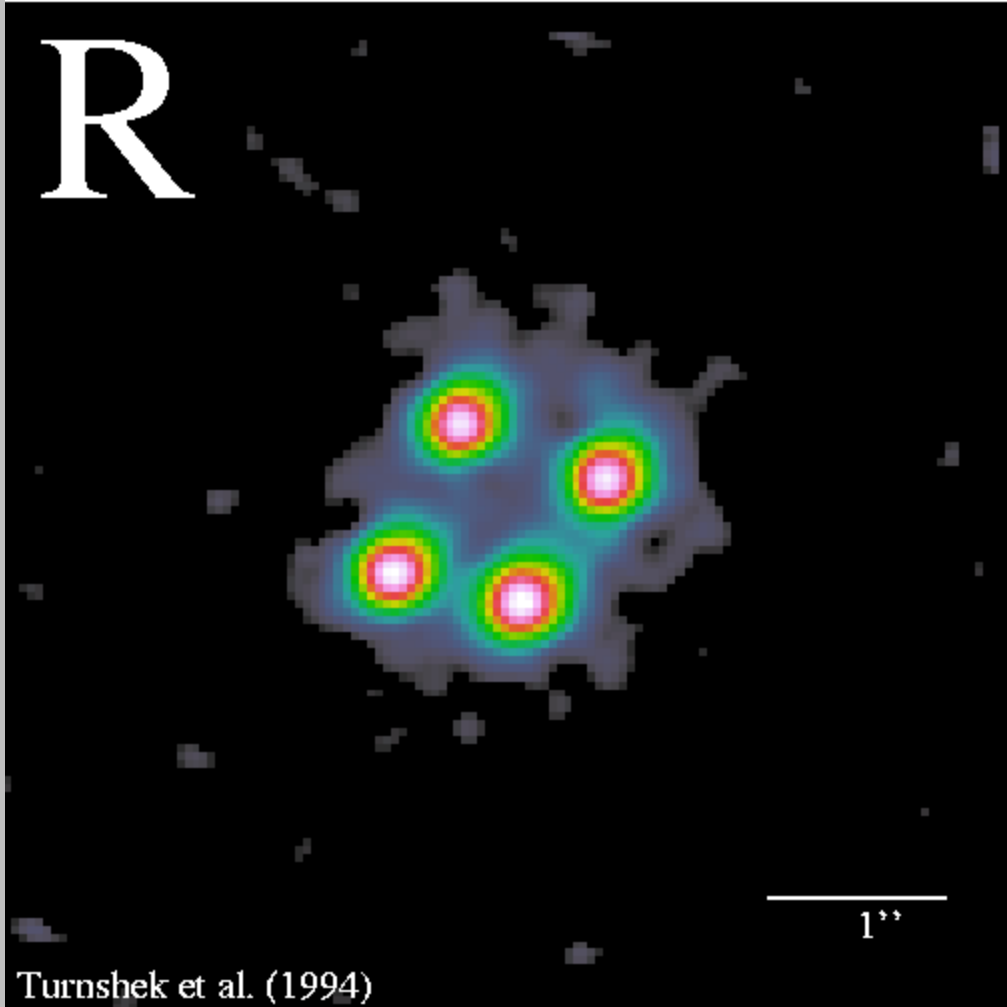


[Google.com/maps](https://www.google.com/maps)

We have a cloverleaf  
interchange at 85<sup>th</sup> Street  
in Kirkland



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Turnshek et al. (1994)

[chandra.harvard.edu](http://chandra.harvard.edu)

The Chandra x-ray observatory discovered exciting findings of clover-leaf quasars that provides evidence of large-scale star formation in the early universe.



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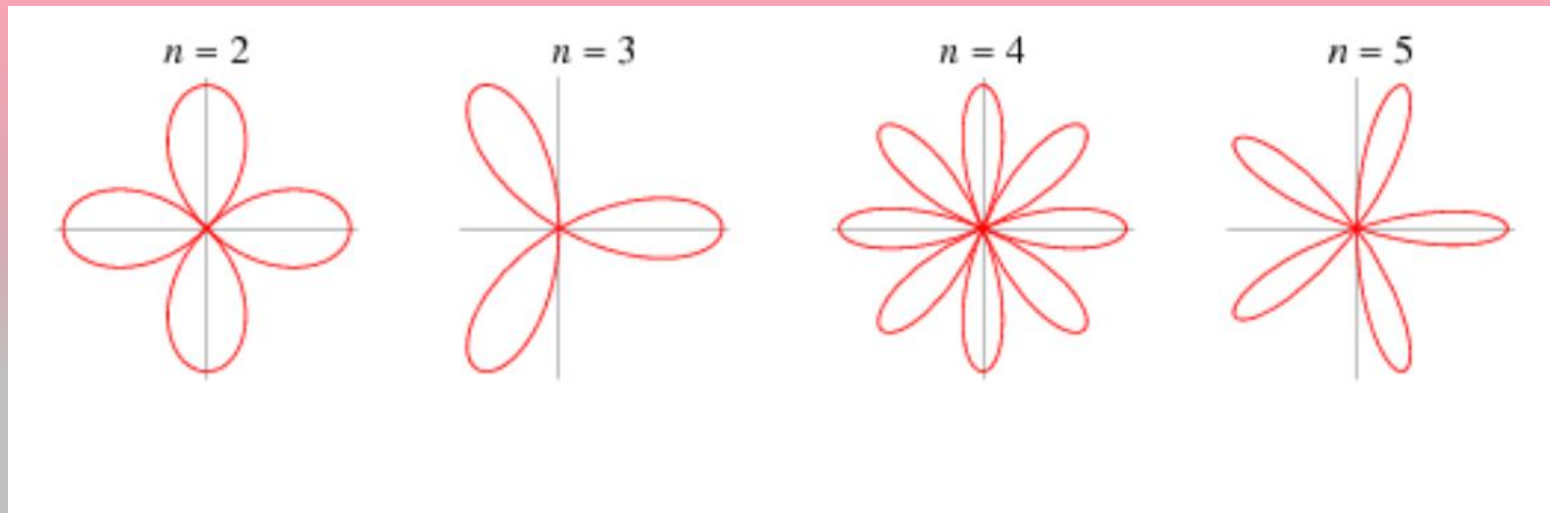
- Here, we developed Mathematical models.
- We have used multiple integration involving double and triple integrals in polar and cylindrical coordinates to calculate the areas and volumes of these shapes.



# MATHEMATICAL MODELS

A curve which has the shape of a petalled flower. This curve was named rhodonea by the Italian mathematician Guido Grandi between 1723 and 1728 because it resembles a rose (MacTutor Archive). The polar equation of the rose is  $r = a \cdot \sin(n\theta)$ .

If the  $n$  is odd, the rose is  $n$ -petalled. If  $n$  is even, the rose is  $2n$ -petalled.

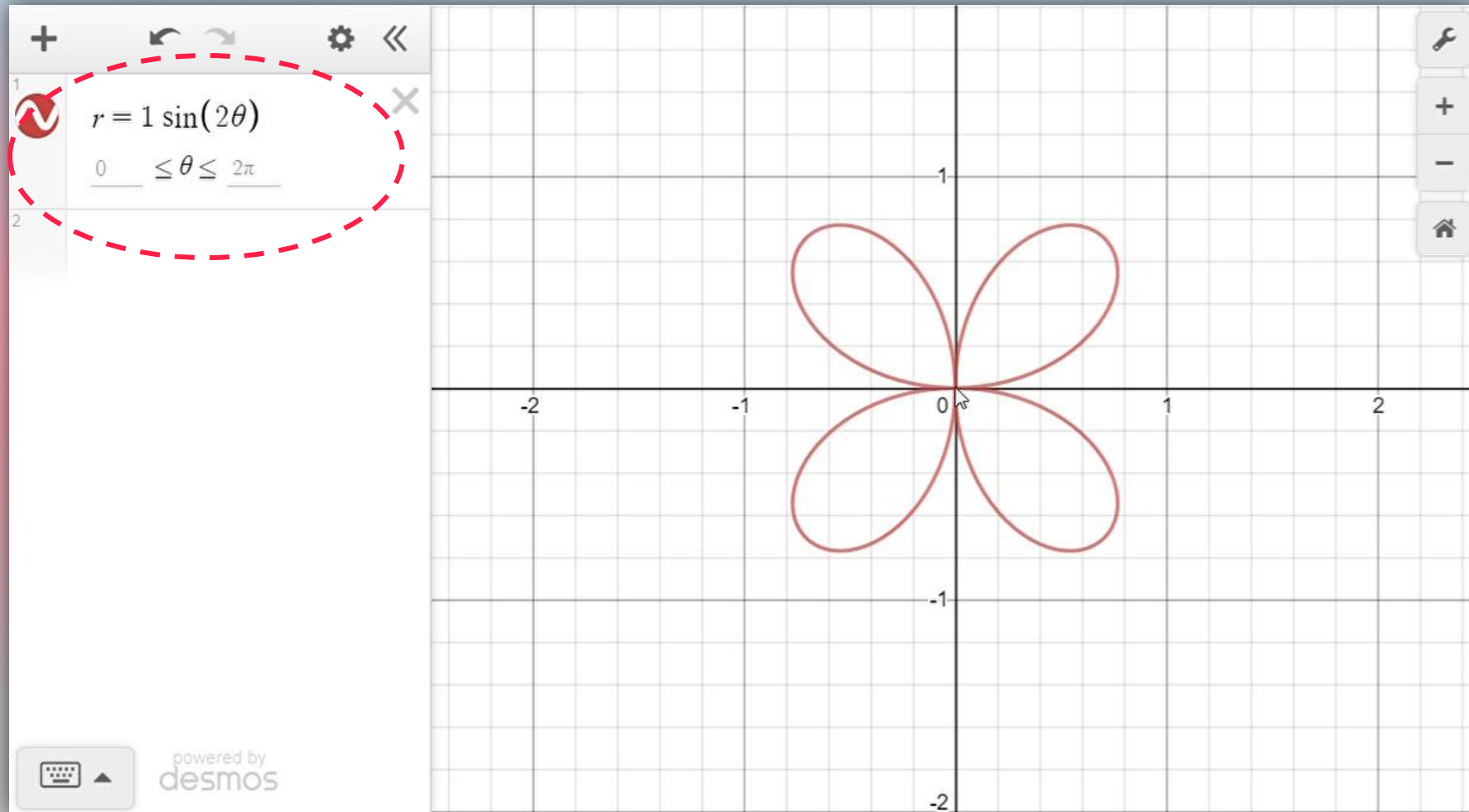


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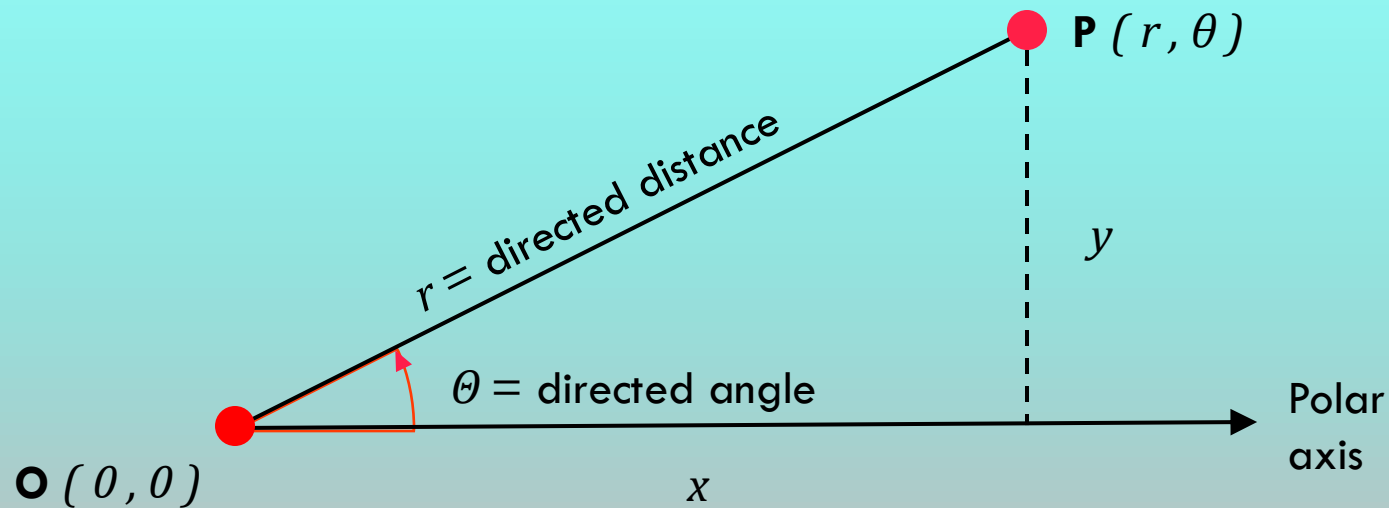


# Polar Coordinates

The **polar coordinate system** is formed by fixing a point  $O$  which is the **pole** (or **origin**).

The **polar axis** is the ray constructed from  $O$ .

Each **point  $P$**  in the plane can be assigned a **polar coordinate**  $(r, \theta)$ .



$r$  is the directed distance from  $O$  to  $P$ .

$\theta$  is the directed angle (counterclockwise) from the polar axis to  $\overline{OP}$ .

$$x = r \cdot \cos(\theta)$$

$$y = r \cdot \sin(\theta)$$

$$\tan(\theta) = \frac{y}{x}$$

$$r^2 = x^2 + y^2$$

To transform from Cartesian to polar coordinates, we need to evaluate the determinant of the **Jacobian** matrix.

$$x = r \cdot \cos(\theta)$$

$$y = r \cdot \sin(\theta)$$

$$\mathbf{J}_F(r, \theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial \theta} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial \theta} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta) & -r \cdot \sin(\theta) \\ \sin(\theta) & r \cdot \cos(\theta) \end{bmatrix} = r$$

The Jacobian determinant is equal to  $r$ . This can be used to transform integrals between the two coordinate systems

To transform from 3D Cartesian to Cylindrical Coordinates, we have to use the same procedure.

$$x = r \cdot \cos(\theta)$$

$$y = r \cdot \sin(\theta)$$

$$z = z$$

$$J_F(r, \theta, z) = \begin{vmatrix} \cos\theta & -r\sin\theta & 0 \\ \sin\theta & r\cos\theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = r$$

## Area elements (dA)

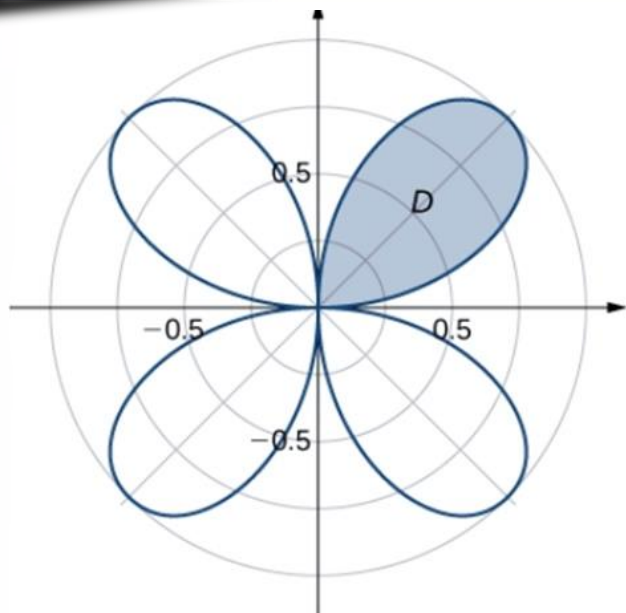
Cartesian	$dx dy = dy dx$
Polar	$r dr d\theta$

## Volume elements (dV)

Cartesian	$dx dy dz = dy dx dz = dz dx dy$
Cylindrical	$r dz dr d\theta$

OpenStax Calculus Volume 3, Problem 155

Find the total area of the region enclosed by the four-leaved rose  $r = \sin 2\theta$ .



The region bounded by the first branch is  $\left\{ (r, \theta) \mid 0 \leq r \leq \sin(2\theta), 0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2} \right\}$

$$\begin{aligned} A &= 4 \int_0^{\pi/2} \int_0^{\sin 2\theta} r \, dr \, d\theta \\ &= 4 \int_0^{\pi/2} \left[ \frac{r^2}{2} \right]_0^{\sin 2\theta} d\theta \\ &= 4 \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{(\sin^2(2\theta) - 0)}{2} d\theta \\ &= 2 \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{(1 - \cos(4\theta))}{2} d\theta \\ &= \left[ \theta - \frac{1}{4} \sin(4\theta) \right]_0^{\pi/2} \\ &= \frac{\pi}{2} - 0 - (0 - 0) \\ &= \frac{\pi}{2} \text{ units}^2 \end{aligned}$$

The clover shaped swimming pool has equation

$$r=10\sin(2\theta)$$

If the height in ft is given by

$z=f(x,y)=x+y$  ft, then setup integrals to solve

(i) Graph the swimming pool using DESMOS polar calculator

(ii) Find the volume of water in the pool,

(iv) Find the average height/depth of water in the pool.

**Use only the clover leaf portion of the pool shown.**




- Graph using DESMOS polar calculator

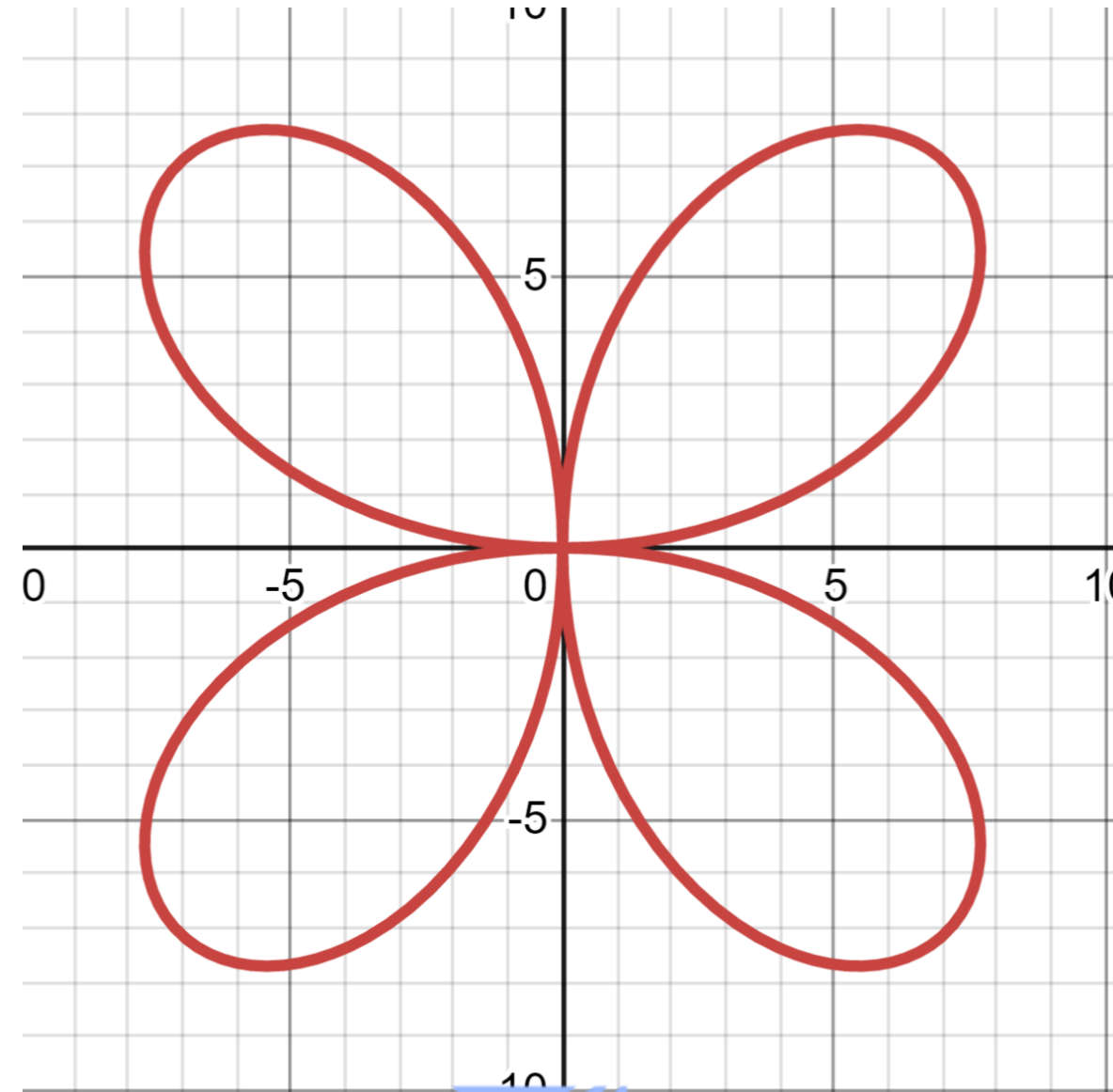
← → ↻ [desmos.com/calculator/ms3eghkkgz](https://desmos.com/calculator/ms3eghkkgz)

☰ Polar Coordinates

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1   $r = 10 \sin(2\theta)$

0  $\leq \theta \leq$   $2\pi$





$$V = \int_{\theta_1}^{\theta_2} \int_{r_1}^{r_2} \int_{z_1}^{z_2} r dz dr d\theta$$

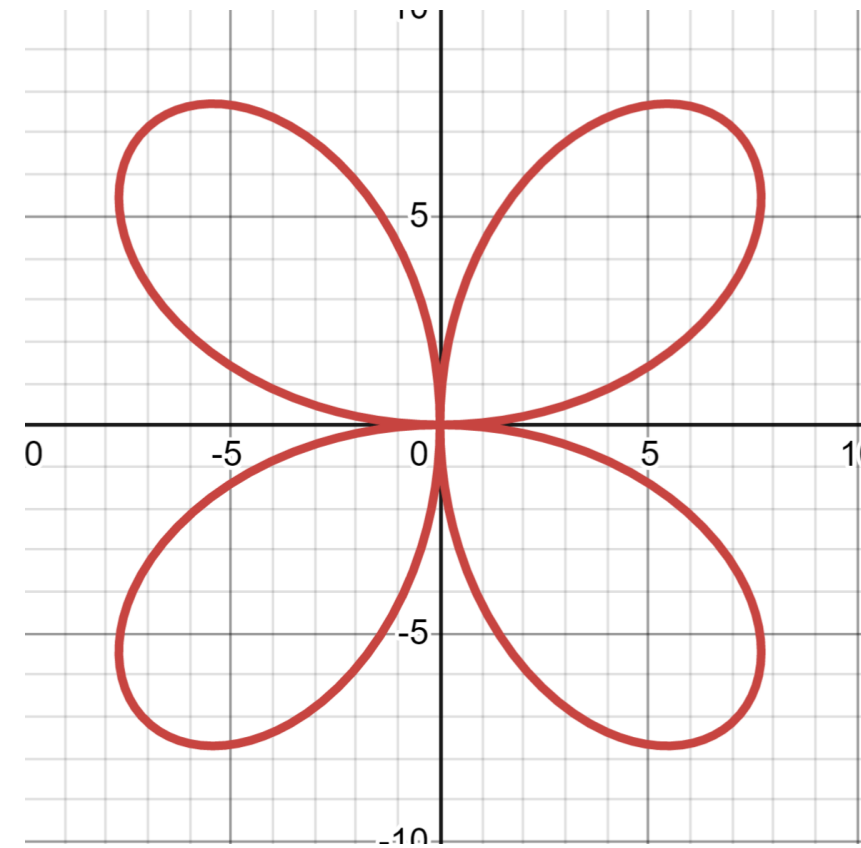
$$x = r \cos \theta \quad y = r \sin \theta \quad z = x + y$$

$$z = r \cos \theta + r \sin \theta$$

$$r = 10 \sin(2\theta)$$

$$V = 4 \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \int_0^{10 \sin 2\theta} \int_0^{r \cos \theta + r \sin \theta} r dz dr d\theta$$

$$V = 1219.05 \text{ ft}^3$$



$$\begin{aligned}
V &= 4 \int_0^{\pi/2} \int_0^{10\sin(2\theta)} \int_0^{r(\cos\theta + \sin\theta)} r dz dr d\theta \\
&= 4 \int_0^{\pi/2} \int_0^{10\sin(2\theta)} r z \Big|_0^{r(\cos\theta + \sin\theta)} dz d\theta = 4 \int_0^{\pi/2} \int_0^{10\sin(2\theta)} r^2 (\cos\theta + \sin\theta) dr d\theta \\
&= 4 \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{r^3}{3} (\cos\theta + \sin\theta) \Big|_0^{10\sin(2\theta)} d\theta = 4 \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{(10\sin(2\theta))^3}{3} (\cos\theta + \sin\theta) d\theta \\
&= \frac{4000}{3} \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^3(2\theta) (\cos\theta + \sin\theta) d\theta \rightarrow \sin^3(2\theta) = (2\sin\theta \cos\theta)^3 \\
&= \frac{32000}{3} \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^3\theta \cos^4\theta + \sin^4\theta \cos^3\theta d\theta \\
&= \frac{32000}{3} \int_0^{\pi/2} \underbrace{\sin^2\theta}_{(1-\cos^2\theta)} \cos^4\theta \sin\theta d\theta + \frac{32000}{3} \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^4\theta \underbrace{\cos^2\theta}_{(1-\sin^2\theta)} \cos\theta d\theta \\
&= \frac{32000}{3} \int_0^{\pi/2} (\cos^4\theta - \cos^6\theta) \sin\theta d\theta + \frac{32000}{3} \int_0^{\pi/2} (\sin^4\theta - \sin^6\theta) \cos\theta d\theta \\
&= \frac{32000}{3} \left[ \left( \frac{-\cos^5\theta}{5} - \frac{\cos^7\theta}{7} \right) \Big|_0^{\pi/2} + \left( \frac{\sin^5\theta}{5} - \frac{\sin^7\theta}{7} \right) \Big|_0^{\pi/2} \right] \\
&= \frac{32000}{3} \left[ \left( -\frac{1}{7} + \frac{1}{5} \right) + \left( \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{7} \right) \right]
\end{aligned}$$

$$V = 1219.05 \text{ ft}^3$$



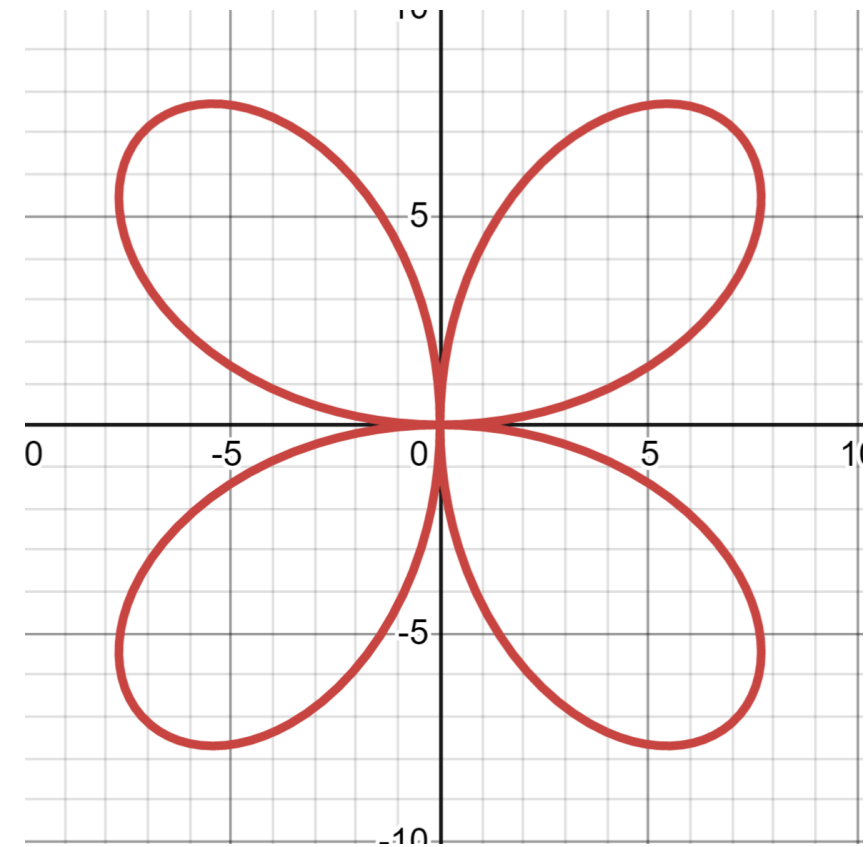
$$\text{Average height} = \frac{V}{A}$$

$$A = \int_{\theta_1}^{\theta_2} \int_{r_1}^{r_2} r dr d\theta$$

$$A = 4 \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \int_0^{10 \sin 2\theta} r dr d\theta$$

$$A = 157.08 \text{ ft}^2$$

$$\frac{V}{A} = \frac{1219.05 \text{ ft}^3}{157.08 \text{ ft}^2} = 7.76 \text{ ft}$$



$$A = 4 \int_0^{\pi/2} \int_0^{10 \sin(2\theta)} r dr d\theta$$

$$= 4 \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{100 \sin^2(2\theta)}{2} d\theta = 200 \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^2(2\theta) d\theta$$

$$= 100 \int_0^{\pi/2} 1 - \cos(4\theta) d\theta$$

$$= 100 \left[ \theta - \frac{1}{4} \sin(4\theta) \right]_0^{\pi/2} = 50\pi$$

$$A = 157.08 \text{ ft}^2$$



# Conclusion

- The calculus of clovers thus have many applications in fundamental sciences, engineering and transportation
- We show how multivariable calculus studies using polar and cylindrical coordinates help unravel the characteristics of these shapes.

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