

3 a The trick here is to first multiply both sides of the expression through by $\cos \theta$ to get

$$r \cos \theta = 2$$

Since $r \cos \theta = x$, this equation simply becomes,

$$x = 2.$$

b Since $r = 2$, this is just a circle of radius 2 centred at the origin. Its cartesian equation will then be simply

$$x^2 + y^2 = 2^2.$$

c Here, for all values of r the angle is constant and equal to $\pi/4$. This corresponds to the straight line through the origin, $y = x$. To see this algebraically, note that

$$\frac{y}{x} = \tan(\pi/4) = 1.$$

Therefore, $y = x$.

d Rearranging the equation we find that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{4}{3 \cos \theta - 2 \sin \theta} &= r \\ r(3 \cos \theta - 2 \sin \theta) &= 4 \\ 3r \cos \theta - 2r \sin \theta &= 4 \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

Then since $x = r \cos \theta$ and $y = r \sin \theta$, equation (1) becomes

$$3x - 2y = 4.$$

4 a The trick here is to first multiply both sides of the expression through by r to get

$$r^2 = 6r \cos \theta \quad (1)$$

Since $r^2 = x^2 + y^2$ and $r \cos \theta = x$, equation (1) becomes,

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 + y^2 &= 6x \\ x^2 - 6x + y^2 &= 0 \\ \text{(completing the square)} \\ (x^2 - 6x + 9) - 9 + y^2 &= 0 \\ (x - 3)^2 + y^2 &= 9. \end{aligned}$$

This is a circles whose centre is $(3, 0)$ and whose radius is 3.

b The trick here is to first multiply both sides of the expression through by r to get

$$r^2 = 4r \sin \theta \quad (1)$$

Since $r^2 = x^2 + y^2$ and $r \sin \theta = y$, equation (1) becomes,

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 + y^2 &= 4y \\ x^2 + y^2 - 4y &= 0 \\ \text{(completing the square)} \\ x^2 + (y^2 - 4y + 4) - 4 &= 0 \\ x^2 + (y - 2)^2 &= 4. \end{aligned}$$

This is a circle whose centre is $(0, 2)$ and whose radius is 2.

c The trick here is to first multiply both sides of the expression through by r to get

$$r^2 = 2r \sin \theta \quad (1)$$

Since $r^2 = x^2 + y^2$ and $r \cos \theta = x$, equation (1) becomes,

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 + y^2 &= -6x \\ x^2 + 6x + y^2 &= 0 \\ \text{(completing the square)} \\ (x^2 + 6x + 9) - 9 + y^2 &= 0 \\ (x + 3)^2 + y^2 &= 9 \end{aligned}$$

This is a circle whose centre is $(-3, 0)$ and whose radius is 3.

- d** The trick here is to first multiply both sides of the expression through by r to get

$$r^2 = 2r \sin \theta \quad (1)$$

Since $r^2 = x^2 + y^2$ and $r \sin \theta = y$, equation (1) becomes,

$$\begin{aligned}x^2 + y^2 &= -8y \\x^2 + y^2 + 8y &= 0 \\x^2 + (y^2 + 8y + 16) - 16 &= 0 \\(\text{completing the square}) \\x^2 + (y + 4)^2 &= 16.\end{aligned}$$

This is a circle whose centre is $(0, -4)$ and whose radius is 4.

- 5** The trick here is to first multiply both sides of the expression through by r to get

$$r^2 = 2ar \cos \theta \quad (1)$$

Since $r^2 = x^2 + y^2$ and $r \cos \theta = x$, equation (1) becomes,

$$\begin{aligned}x^2 + y^2 &= 2ax \\x^2 - 2ax + y^2 &= 0 \\(x^2 - 2ax + a^2) - a^2 + y^2 &= 0 \\(\text{completing the square}) \\(x - a)^2 + y^2 &= a^2.\end{aligned}$$

This is a circle whose centre is $(a, 0)$ and whose radius is a .

- 6 a** The trick here is to first multiply both sides of the expression through by $\cos \theta$ to obtain,

$$r \cos \theta = a$$

$$x = a,$$

which is the equation of a vertical line.

- b** Let $y = r \sin \theta$ so that

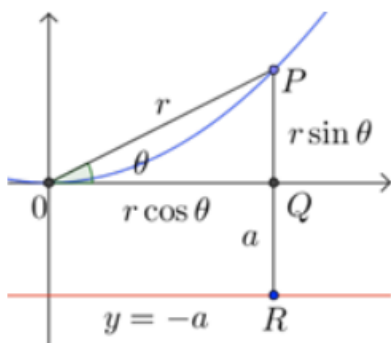
$$r \sin \theta = a$$

$$r = \frac{a}{\sin \theta}.$$

- 7 a** The distance from P to the line is

$$\begin{aligned}RP &= RQ + QP \\&= a + r \sin \theta.\end{aligned}$$

- b** Consider the complete diagram shown below.



Since we are told that $OP = RP$, this implies that

$$\begin{aligned}OP &= RP \\r &= a + r \sin \theta \\r - r \sin \theta &= a \\r(1 - \sin \theta) &= a \\r &= \frac{a}{1 - \sin \theta},\end{aligned}$$

as required.