

In the Mathematica Worksheet Conics.nb or the online Geogebra visualization at GMM: Graphs in Polar Coordinates, you will examine a three parameter family of curves described by the polar equation

$$r(\phi) = \frac{\alpha}{1 + \epsilon \cos(\phi + \delta)}.$$

Describe in detail how the shape of the plot depends on the parameters α , δ , and ϵ . Pay particular attention to different values of ϵ .