# Copy of a printed graph representing the geometry of a Cornu spiral referenced as "Cornu spiral"

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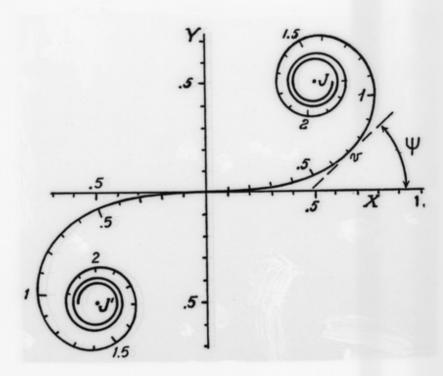
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Wellcome Collection 183 Euston Road London NW1 2BE UK T +44 (0)20 7611 8722 E library@wellcomecollection.org https://wellcomecollection.org is divided to increase in the control of the vibration polygon to a corresponding vibration curve. This vibration curve will prove to be a so-called "Cornu spiral."

We shall next define the Cornu spiral and then proceed to consider first the properties of this spiral from a purely mathematical point of view. The demonstration that the vibration curve is a Cornu spiral will follow later.

4. The Geometry of the Cornu Spiral.—Figure 46 represents the spiral. This is defined by the equation:



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X considered negative. Since either positive or negative values of v lead to positive values of  $\psi$ , there is an inflection at the origin. The curve is vertical