

Day 4 - Introduction to the Polar World ☺

Warmup

Convert into radians or degrees.

- a) 45° $\pi/4$
 b) $\frac{7\pi}{6}$ 210°
 c) -210° $-\frac{7\pi}{6} = \frac{5\pi}{6}$

Solve for θ .

$\theta = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$ $\theta = \pi/6$
 $\theta = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)$ $\theta = \pi/4$
 $\theta = \tan^{-1}(1)$ $\theta = \pi/4$

Find the exact value of:

- a) $\cos(30^\circ)$ $\sqrt{3}/2$
 b) $\sin\left(\frac{4\pi}{3}\right)$ $-1/2$
 c) $\cot(300^\circ)$ $-\sqrt{3}/3$

Solve for θ , where $0 \leq \theta < 2\pi$

$\sin \theta = \frac{1}{2}$ $\theta = \pi/6, 5\pi/6$
 $\cos \theta = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$ $\theta = \pi/4, 7\pi/4$
 $\tan \theta = 1$ $\theta = \pi/4, 5\pi/4$

The Polar Express

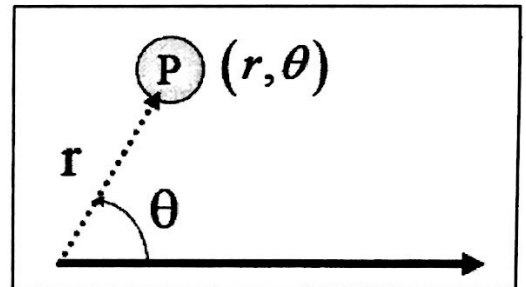
First we start with the pole or origin.
 Then we extend a ray to the right. This is called the polar axis.

Getting to the point...

The location of a point "P" is specified by: (r, θ)

1. Distance from the pole: r

2. Angle measure relative to the polar axis: θ

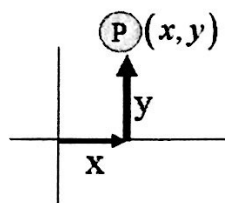


Compare

Cartesian

(x, y)

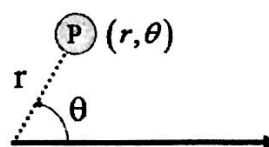
x = how far to go left or right
 y = how far to go up or down.



Polar

(r, θ)

r = distance from pole (radius)
 θ = the angle the radius makes with the polar axis



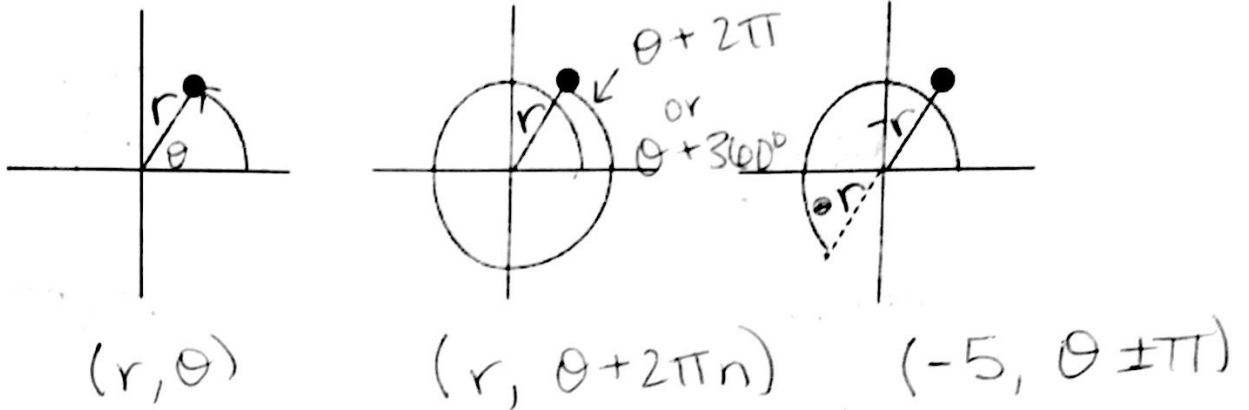
Cartesian vs Polar

Cartesian Coordinate System

A point is named by a unique ordered pair (x,y)

Polar Coordinate System

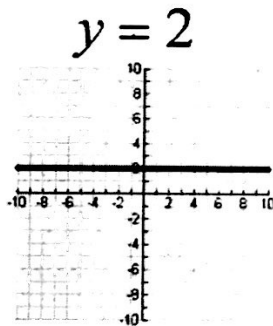
A point can be named by many different ordered pairs (r, θ) . Polar points are NOT unique!



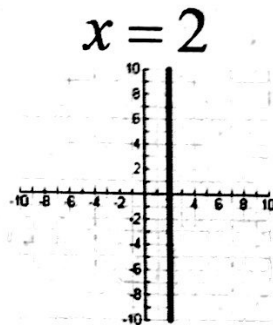
Let's turn to the last pages of our packet to practice plotting polar points!

Cartesian Coordinates

Single variable equations are special cases



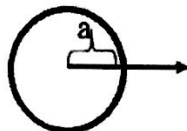
Horizontal line



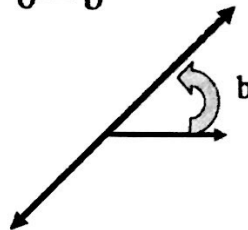
Vertical line

What happens when either r or θ is a constant?

$r = a$



$\theta = b$



Unit Circle Review/Polar Coordinates (Day 4 Homework)

Use the circle to answer the following.

1. At which point(s) shown is the cosine negative?

C, D, E

2. What is the positive radian measure of $\angle AHC$?

$2\pi/3$

3. What is the sine of the angle that would be at point G?

$-1/2$

4. Give the polar coordinates of E. $(2, 7\pi/6)$ OR $(-2, \pi/6)$

5. What is the counterclockwise angle measure, in radians, of $\angle AHG$? What is the clockwise measure of the same angle?

$11\pi/6$ $-\pi/6$

6. At which labeled point does sine=cosine? Give the degree and radian measure of this angle.

B, $\pi/4, 45^\circ$

7. Which point labeled on the circle corresponds to the angle of $-\frac{5\pi}{6}$?

$7\pi/6$ E

8. Which point labeled on the circle corresponds to the angle $\frac{7\pi}{2}$?

F

9. On the graph, plot the following and label:

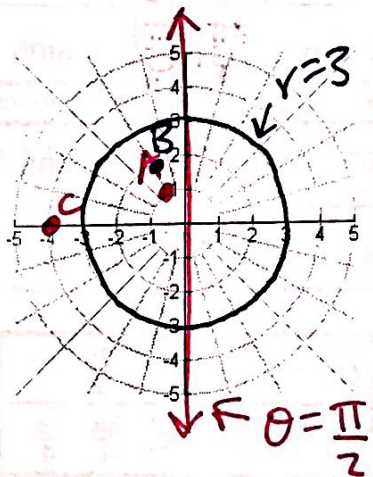
A) $(-1, -\frac{\pi}{3})$

B) $(2, \frac{2\pi}{3})$

C) $(4, 3\pi)$

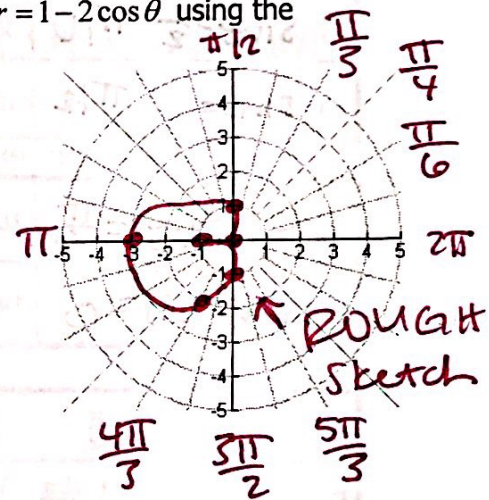
D) $r = 3$

E) $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$



10. On the graph, plot $r = 1 - 2\cos\theta$ using the following points:

r	θ
<u>-1</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>0</u>	<u>$\frac{\pi}{3}$</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>$\frac{\pi}{2}$</u>
<u>3</u>	<u>π</u>
<u>2</u>	<u>$\frac{4\pi}{3}$</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>$\frac{3\pi}{2}$</u>
<u>0</u>	<u>$\frac{5\pi}{3}$</u>
<u>-1</u>	<u>2π</u>



Values.

A. $-\frac{1}{2}$	E. $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$	G. $-\frac{1}{2}$	I. $\frac{1}{2}$	L. $-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$	M. -1	N. 1
O. $-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$	P. $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$	Q. $\sqrt{3}$	R. undefined	S. 0	U. $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$	T. $-\sqrt{3}$

PLUS
11 6 20 10

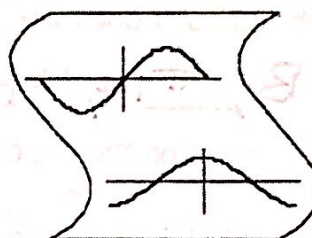
OR
17 14

MINUS
15 12 5 1 19

SINE
16 2 8 3

(± SIGN)
18 4 9 13 7

WHAT IS THE TITLE OF THIS PICTURE?



$\frac{5\pi}{6}$

Match each equation with a solution where $0 \leq \theta < 2\pi$.

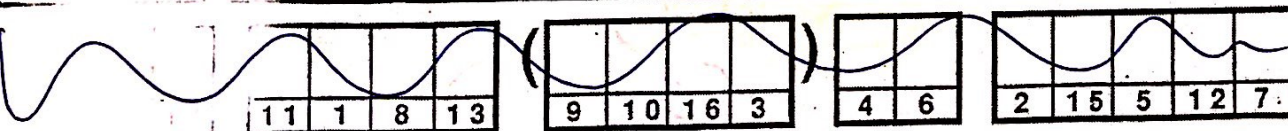
1) $\sin \theta = \frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{\pi}{6}$	2) $\cos \theta = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$ $\frac{\pi}{4}$	3) $\tan \theta = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$ $\frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{5\pi}{6}$	4) $\tan \theta = -\sqrt{3}$ $\frac{2\pi}{3}, \frac{4\pi}{3}$
5) $\sin \theta = 1$ $\frac{\pi}{2}$	6) $\cos \theta = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ $\frac{5\pi}{6}, \frac{7\pi}{6}$	7) $\tan \theta = -1$ $\frac{3\pi}{4}, \frac{5\pi}{4}$	8) $\sin \theta = -1$ $\frac{3\pi}{2}$

Match each expression with the angle θ as defined by the inverse trig function.

9) $\sin^{-1}(\frac{1}{2}) = \frac{\pi}{6}$	10) $\cos^{-1}(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}) = \frac{\pi}{4}$	11) $\tan^{-1}(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}) = \frac{\pi}{6}$	12) $\tan^{-1}(-\sqrt{3}) = -\frac{\pi}{3}$
13) $\sin^{-1}(1) = \frac{\pi}{2}$	14) $\cos^{-1}(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}) = \frac{5\pi}{6}$	15) $\tan^{-1}(-1) = -\frac{\pi}{4}$	16) $\sin^{-1}(-1) = -\frac{\pi}{2}$

Values.

A. $-\frac{1}{2}$	E. $\frac{\pi}{2}$	H. $-\frac{\pi}{4}$	I. $\frac{\pi}{4}$	G. $-\frac{\pi}{2}$	N. $\frac{3\pi}{2}$	S. $\frac{\pi}{6}$
O. $-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$	F. $\frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{5\pi}{6}$	N. $\frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{7\pi}{6}$	P. $\frac{5\pi}{6}, \frac{7\pi}{6}$	S. $\frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{7\pi}{4}$	T. $\frac{3\pi}{4}, \frac{7\pi}{4}$	U. $\frac{2\pi}{3}, \frac{5\pi}{3}$



It is good to have a Cartesian coordinate system AND a Polar coordinate system because some are easier in Cartesian and some are easier in Polar:

Polar

$$r \cos \theta = 2$$

$$r^2 \cos \theta \sin \theta = 4$$

$$r^2 \cos^2 \theta - r^2 \sin^2 \theta = 1$$

$$r = 1 + 2r \cos \theta$$

$$r = 1 - \cos \theta$$

Cartesian

$$x = 2$$

$$xy = 4$$

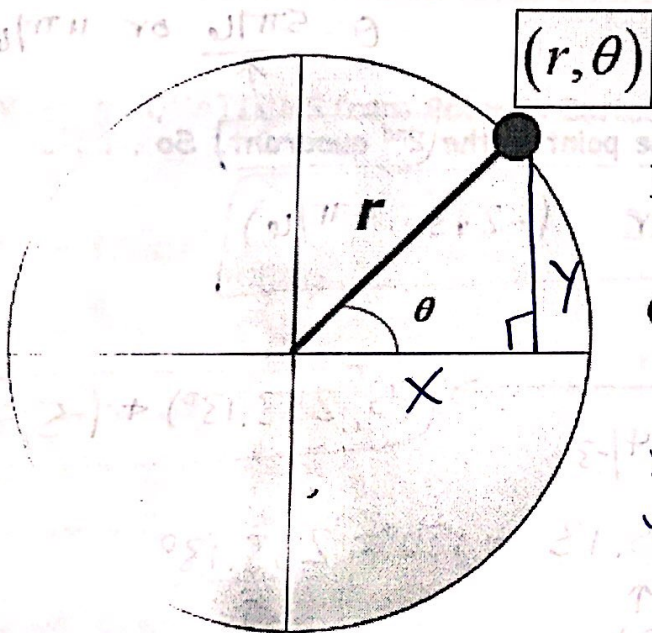
$$x^2 - y^2 = 1$$

$$y^2 - 3x^2 - 4x - 1 = 0$$

$$x^4 + y^4 + 2x^2y^2 + 2x^3 + 2xy^2 - y^2 = 0$$

Convert from Polar to Rectangular:

$$\begin{aligned} x &= r \cos \theta \\ y &= r \sin \theta \end{aligned}$$



Example:

Convert $\left(4, \frac{\pi}{6}\right)$ to Cartesian coordinates (x, y) :

$$x = 4 \cos(\pi/6) = 4(\sqrt{3}/2) = 2\sqrt{3}$$

$$y = 4 \sin(\pi/6) = 4(1/2) = 2$$

$$\left(4, \frac{\pi}{6}\right) = \left(2\sqrt{3}, 2\right)$$

Example:

1) $\left(4, \frac{\pi}{6}\right)$

2) $\left(-3, \frac{5\pi}{4}\right)$

$$x = -3 \cos(5\pi/4) = -3\left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)$$

$$y = -3 \sin(5\pi/4) = -3\left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)$$

$$\left(\frac{3\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)$$

3) $\left(-5, \frac{\pi}{6}\right)$

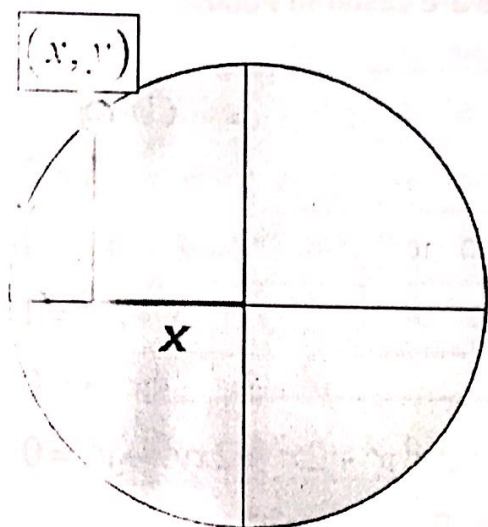
$$x = -5 \cos(\pi/6) = -5\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)$$

$$y = -5 \sin(\pi/6) = -5\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$\left(-\frac{5\sqrt{3}}{2}, -\frac{5}{2}\right)$$

Convert from Rectangular to Polar

$$r^2 = x^2 + y^2 \quad \tan \theta = \frac{y}{x}$$



Example:

Convert $(-3, \sqrt{3})$ to Polar Coordinates

Finding r: $r^2 = (-3)^2 + (\sqrt{3})^2$
 $r^2 = 9 + 3 = 12$
 $r = \pm \sqrt{12} = \pm 2\sqrt{3}$

Finding θ is more involved...

$$\tan \theta = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{-3} = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{-1/2}{\sqrt{3}/2} = \frac{1/2}{-\sqrt{3}/2} \leftarrow y$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{\sqrt{3}/2, -1/2}{-\sqrt{3}/2, 1/2}$$

$$\theta = \frac{5\pi}{6} \text{ or } \frac{11\pi}{6}$$

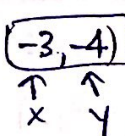
Now we have to pair up the r and θ ...

Infinite options!! \rightarrow

The original Cartesian coordinates place the point in the 2nd quadrant. So.....

$$(2\sqrt{3}, \frac{5\pi}{6}) \text{ or } (-2\sqrt{3}, \frac{11\pi}{6})$$

Ex.: Convert $(-3, -4)$ to Polar Coordinates.



$$r^2 = (-3)^2 + (-4)^2$$

$$r^2 = 9 + 16$$

$$r^2 = 25 \rightarrow r = \pm 5$$

$$\tan \theta = -4/-3$$

$$\theta \approx \frac{53.13}{\text{Q1}} + 180^\circ = \frac{233.13^\circ}{\text{Q3}}$$

$$(5, 233.13^\circ) + (-5, 53.13^\circ)$$

More examples:

1) $(1, \sqrt{3})$

2) $(1, -1)$ \leftarrow QIV
 $(\sqrt{2}, \frac{7\pi}{4}), (-\sqrt{2}, \frac{3\pi}{4})$

$$r^2 = 1^2 + (-1)^2 = 2$$

$$r = \pm \sqrt{2}$$

$$\tan \theta = -1$$

$$\theta = \frac{3\pi}{4}, \frac{7\pi}{4}$$

$$\uparrow \text{QII} \quad \uparrow \text{QIV}$$

$(\sqrt{2}, -\sqrt{2})$ \leftarrow QIV
 $(2, \frac{7\pi}{4}), (-2, \frac{3\pi}{4})$

$$r^2 = \sqrt{2}^2 + (-\sqrt{2})^2 = 4$$

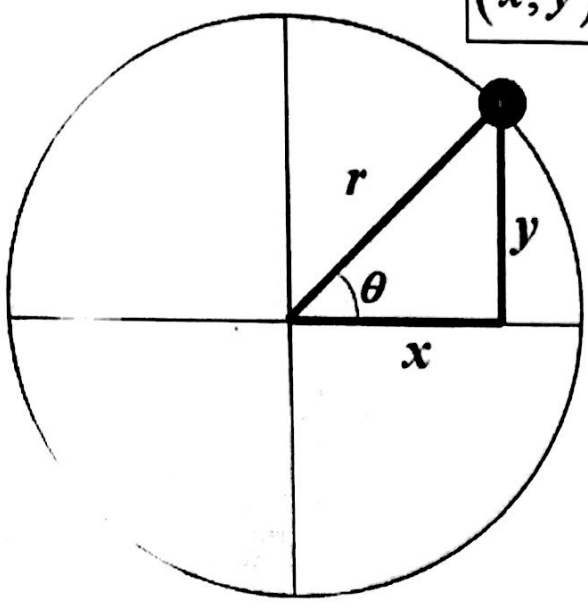
$$r = \pm 2$$

$$\tan \theta = -\sqrt{2}/\sqrt{2} = -1$$

$$\theta = \frac{3\pi}{4}, \frac{7\pi}{4}$$

Recap

(r, θ)
 (x, y)



Cartesian to Polar

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

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

Polar to Cartesian

$$\cos \theta = \frac{x}{r} \Leftrightarrow x = r \cos \theta$$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{y}{r} \Leftrightarrow y = r \sin \theta$$

Converting EQUATIONS from Polar to Cartesian

1. $r = -3 \sec \theta$

$$r = \frac{-3}{\cos \theta}$$

$$r \cos \theta = -3$$

$$\boxed{x = -3}$$

vertical
line !!

2. $r = \frac{5}{\sin \theta - 2 \cos \theta}$

$$\underline{r \sin \theta} - \underline{2r \cos \theta} = 5$$

$$y - 2x = 5$$

$$\boxed{y = 2x + 5}$$

line with slope
of 2 and
y-int. of (0, 5)