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7.02 Converting Polar Coordinates

The polar and rectangular grids do overlap so that a location can take on coordinates from either system.

If you know r and θ , how do you calculate x and y ?

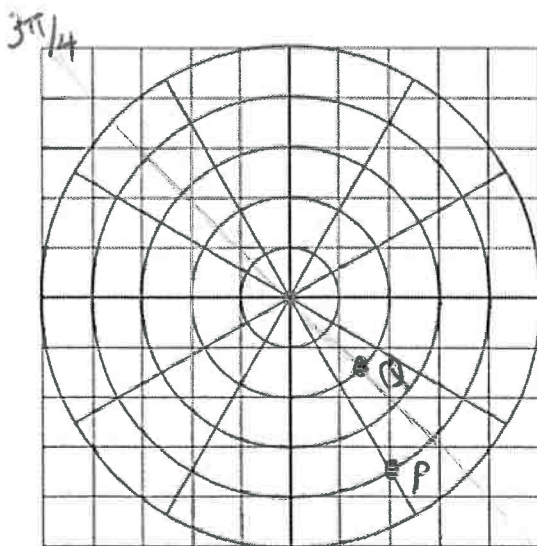
$$\cos \theta = \frac{x}{r} \rightarrow x = r \cos \theta$$

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

If you know x and y , how do you calculate r and θ ?

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

$$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \quad \theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$$



Example: Find the rectangular coordinates for each point given in polar coordinates.

1. $P(4, -60^\circ)$
 $r \quad \theta$

$$x = 4 \cos(-60) \quad y = 4 \sin(-60)$$

$$x = 4\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 2 \quad y = 4\left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)$$

$$P(2, -2\sqrt{3}) \rightarrow P(2, -3.464)$$

2. $Q(-2, \frac{3\pi}{4})$
 $r \quad \theta$

$$x = -2 \cos\left(\frac{3\pi}{4}\right) \quad y = -2 \sin\left(\frac{3\pi}{4}\right)$$

$$x = -2\left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right) \quad y = -2\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right) = -\sqrt{2}$$

$$x = \sqrt{2} \quad Q(\sqrt{2}, -\sqrt{2}) \rightarrow (1.41, -1.41)$$

Example: For each point given in rectangular coordinates, find four unique polar coordinates with $-2\pi \leq \theta < 2\pi$. $-6.28 < \theta < 6.28$

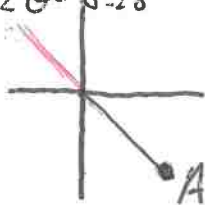
3. $A(2, -5)$
 $x \quad y$

$$r = \sqrt{2^2 + 5^2} = \sqrt{29}$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1}\left(-\frac{5}{2}\right) = -1.1071 + 2\pi$$

$$\theta = 5.093$$

- i) $(\sqrt{29}, 5.093)$
- ii) $(\sqrt{29}, -1.107)$
- iii) $(-\sqrt{29}, 1.951)$
- iv) $(-\sqrt{29}, -4.331)$



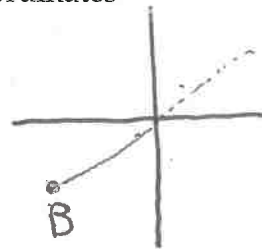
4. $B(-9, -4)$

$$r = \sqrt{9^2 + 4^2} = \sqrt{97}$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{-4}{-9}\right) = 0.418 + \pi$$

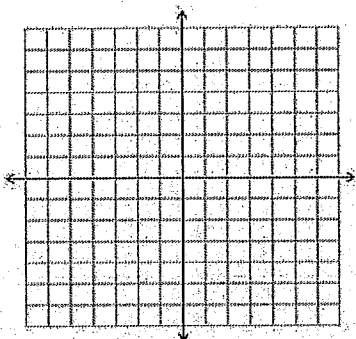
$$\theta = 3.560$$

- i) $(\sqrt{97}, 3.560)$
- ii) $(\sqrt{97}, -2.723)$
- iii) $(-\sqrt{97}, 0.418)$
- iv) $(-\sqrt{97}, -5.865)$



Distance between 2 Points in the Polar Plane

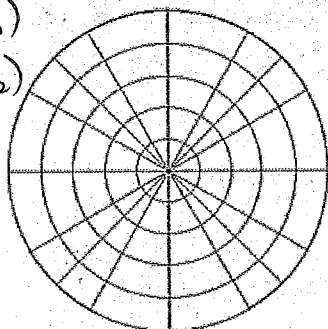
Review: How do we find the distance between two points in the Cartesian Plane?



$$d = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$$

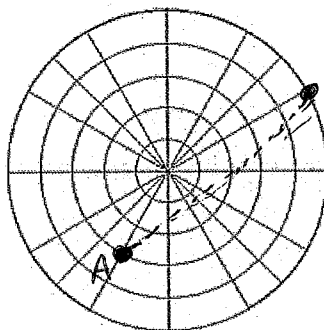
New method for distance using the Polar Plane:

$P_1: (r_1, \theta_1)$
 $P_2: (r_2, \theta_2)$



$$d = \sqrt{r_1^2 + r_2^2 - 2r_1r_2 \cos(\theta_2 - \theta_1)}$$

Example: Find the distance between the points $A(-3, \frac{\pi}{3})$ and $B(5, -\frac{11\pi}{6})$

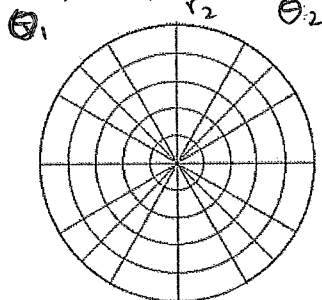


$$d = \sqrt{3^2 + 5^2 - [2(-3)(5) \cos(-\frac{11\pi}{6} - \frac{\pi}{3})]}$$

$$d = \sqrt{34 + 30(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2})}$$

$$d = \sqrt{34 + 15\sqrt{3}} \approx \boxed{7.745 \text{ units}}$$

Example: A radar detects 2 planes at the same altitude. Their polar coordinates are (5 miles, 310°) and (2 miles, 192°). How far apart are the planes?



$$d = \sqrt{5^2 + 2^2 - [2(5)(2) \cos(192 - 310)]}$$

$$\boxed{d = 6.196 \text{ mi}}$$

7.02 Practice: Complete the odd problems. $(r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta)$

Find the rectangular coordinates for each point with the given polar coordinates. Round to the nearest thousandth if necessary. (Example 1)

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|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. $(2, \frac{\pi}{4})$ | 2. $(\frac{1}{4}, \frac{\pi}{2})$ |
| 3. $(5, 240^\circ)$ | 4. $(2.5, 250^\circ)$ |
| 5. $(-2, \frac{4\pi}{3})$ | 6. $(-13, -70^\circ)$ |
| 7. $(3, \frac{\pi}{2})$ | 8. $(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{4})$ |
| 9. $(-2, 270^\circ)$ | 10. $(4, 210^\circ)$ |
| 11. $(-1, -\frac{\pi}{6})$ | 12. $(5, \frac{\pi}{3})$ |

1) $(2 \cos \frac{\pi}{4}, 2 \sin \frac{\pi}{4}) \rightarrow (2(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}), 2(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}))$

$(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{2})$

3) $(5 \cos 240, 5 \sin 240) \rightarrow (\frac{-5}{2}, \frac{-5\sqrt{3}}{2})$

5) $(-2 \cos(\frac{4\pi}{3}), -2 \sin(\frac{4\pi}{3}))$

$(-2(-\frac{1}{2}), -2(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}))$

$(1, \sqrt{3})$

Find 4 pairs of polar coordinates for each point with the given rectangular coordinates for $[-2\pi, 2\pi]$. Round to the nearest thousandth if necessary. (Example 2)

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|------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| 13. $(7, 10)$ | 14. $(-13, 4)$ | 15. $(-6, -12)$ |
| 16. $(4, -12)$ | 17. $(2, -3)$ | 18. $(0, -173)$ |
| 19. $(a, 3a), a > 0$ | 20. $(-14, 14)$ | 21. $(52, -31)$ |
| 22. $(3b, -4b), b > 0$ | 23. $(1, -1)$ | 24. $(2, \sqrt{2})$ |

13) $r = \sqrt{7^2 + 10^2} = \sqrt{149}$

$\theta = \tan^{-1}(\frac{10}{7}) = 0.96$ (Q1) $\rightarrow +\pi$

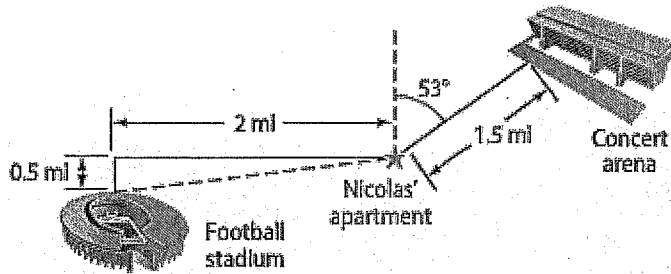
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| Q1 i) $(\sqrt{149}, 0.960)$ | Q2 iii) $(-\sqrt{149}, 4.102)$ |
| Q1 ii) $(\sqrt{149}, -5.23)$ | Q2 iv) $(-\sqrt{149}, -2.182)$ |

15) $\sqrt{6^2 + 12^2} = \sqrt{180}$ or $6\sqrt{5}$

$\theta = \tan^{-1}(\frac{-12}{-6}) = 1.107 + \pi \rightarrow \theta = 4.249$

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|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Q3 i) $(6\sqrt{5}, 4.249)$ | Q1 iii) $(-6\sqrt{5}, 1.107)$ |
| Q3 ii) $(6\sqrt{5}, -2.034)$ | Q1 iv) $(-6\sqrt{5}, -5.176)$ |

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- How many miles north and east will Nicolas have to travel to reach the arena?
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7.02 Homework: Page 557, #1 - 25 odd

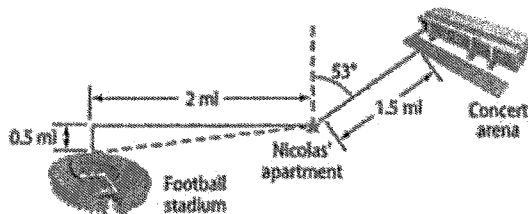
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5. $(-2, \frac{4\pi}{3})$ $(1, \sqrt{3})$
7. $(3, \frac{\pi}{2})$ $(0, 3)$
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11. $(-1, -\frac{\pi}{6})$ $(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$

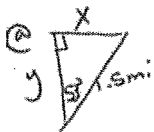
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$$\sin 53^\circ = \frac{x}{1.5}$$

$$x = 1.5 \sin 53^\circ = 1.198 \text{ mi E}$$

$$\cos 53^\circ = \frac{y}{1.5}$$

$$y = 1.5 \cos 53^\circ = 0.903 \text{ mi N}$$

b) $r = \sqrt{2^2 + 0.5^2}$
 $r = \sqrt{4.25}$
 $\theta = \tan^{-1}(\frac{-0.5}{-2}) + 180^\circ$
 $\theta = 174.036^\circ$
 $(\sqrt{4.25}, 174.036^\circ)$

13. $(\sqrt{149}, 0.960)$
 $(\sqrt{149}, -5.323)$
 $(-\sqrt{149}, -2.182)$
 $(-\sqrt{149}, 4.102)$

15. $(6\sqrt{5}, 4.249)$
 $(6\sqrt{5}, -2.034)$
 $(-6\sqrt{5}, 1.107)$
 $(-6\sqrt{5}, -5.176)$

17. $(\sqrt{13}, 5.300)$
 $(\sqrt{13}, -0.98)$
 $(-\sqrt{13}, 2.159)$
 $(-\sqrt{13}, -4.124)$

19. $r = \sqrt{a^2 + (3a)^2} = \sqrt{a^2 + 9a^2}$
 $r = \sqrt{10a^2} = a\sqrt{10}$
 $(a\sqrt{10}, 1.249)$
 $(a\sqrt{10}, -5.034)$
 $(-a\sqrt{10}, -1.893)$
 $(-a\sqrt{10}, 4.391)$

21. $(\sqrt{3665}, 5.746)$
 $(\sqrt{3665}, -0.538)$
 $(-\sqrt{3665}, 2.604)$
 $(-\sqrt{3665}, -3.679)$

23. $(\sqrt{2}, -\frac{\pi}{4})$
 $(\sqrt{2}, \frac{7\pi}{4})$
 $(-\sqrt{2}, \frac{3\pi}{4})$
 $(-\sqrt{2}, -\frac{5\pi}{4})$