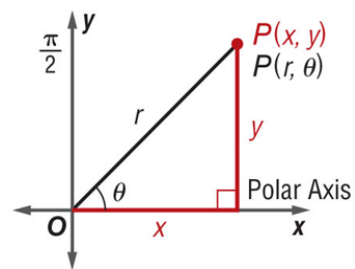


**KeyConcept** Convert Polar to Rectangular Coordinates

If a point P has polar coordinates (r, θ) , then the rectangular coordinates (x, y) of P are given by

$$x = r \cos \theta \quad \text{and} \quad y = r \sin \theta.$$

That is, $(x, y) = (r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta)$.



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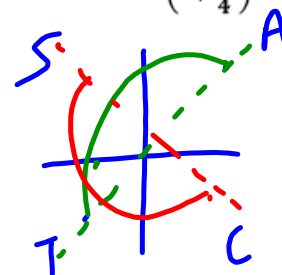
Polar and Rectangular Forms of Equations

Polar and Rectangular Coordinates If a point P has polar coordinates (r, θ) , then the rectangular coordinates (x, y) of P are given by $x = r \cos \theta$ and $y = r \sin \theta$. If a point P has rectangular coordinates (x, y) , then the polar coordinates (r, θ) of P are given by $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ and $\theta = \tan^{-1} \frac{y}{x}$, when $x > 0$, and $\theta = \tan^{-1} \frac{y}{x} + \pi$, when $x < 0$.

Example 1: Find rectangular coordinates for point P with the polar coordinates $(3, \frac{3\pi}{4})$.

For $P(3, \frac{3\pi}{4})$, $r = 3$ and $\theta = \frac{3\pi}{4}$. Use the conversion formulas.

$$\begin{aligned} x &= r \cos \theta & y &= r \sin \theta \\ &= 3 \cos \frac{3\pi}{4} & &= 3 \sin \frac{3\pi}{4} \\ &= 3 \left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \right) \text{ or } -\frac{3\sqrt{2}}{2} & &= 3 \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \right) \text{ or } \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{2} \end{aligned}$$



The rectangular coordinates of P are $(-\frac{3\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{2})$, or $(-2.12, 2.12)$ to the nearest hundredth.

Example 2: Find two pairs of polar coordinates for point R with the rectangular coordinates $(5, -9)$.

For $R(5, -9)$, $x = 5$ and $y = -9$.

$$\begin{aligned} r &= \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} & \theta &= \tan^{-1} \frac{y}{x} \\ &= \sqrt{5^2 + (-9)^2} & &= \tan^{-1} \frac{-9}{5} \\ &= \sqrt{106} \text{ or about } 10.30 & &= -1.06 \end{aligned}$$

One pair of polar coordinates for R is $(10.30, -1.06)$. To obtain a second pair of polar coordinates for R , you can add 2π to the θ -value. This results in $(10.30, -1.06 + 2\pi)$ or $(10.30, 5.22)$.

Exercises

Find rectangular coordinates for each point with the given polar coordinates.

1. $(20, -60^\circ)$

$$X = r \cos \theta$$

$$X = 20 \cos -60^\circ$$

$$X = 20 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$X = 10$$

$$Y = r \sin \theta$$

$$Y = 20 \cdot \sin -60^\circ$$

$$Y = 20 \cdot -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$Y = -10\sqrt{3}$$

$$(10, -10\sqrt{3})$$

4. $(3, \frac{\pi}{3})$

$$X = 3 \cos 60$$

$$X = 3 \cdot \frac{1}{2}$$

$$X = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$Y = 3 \sin \frac{\pi}{3}$$

$$Y = 3 \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$Y = \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

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

Find two pairs of polar coordinates for each point with the given rectangular coordinates if $0 \leq \theta < 2\pi$.

5. $(2, -2)$

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

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

$$r = \sqrt{8}$$

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

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} -1$$

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

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

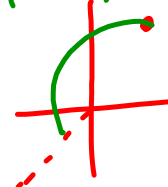
6. $(3, 5)$

$$r = \sqrt{3^2 + 5^2} \quad \theta = \tan^{-1} \frac{5}{3}$$

$$r = \sqrt{34} \quad \theta = 1.03$$

$$(\sqrt{34}, 1.03)$$

$$(-\sqrt{34}, 4.17)$$



9-3 Study Guide and Intervention *(continued)*

Polar and Rectangular Forms of Equations

Polar and Rectangular Equations You can also use the relationships $r^2 = x^2 + y^2$, $x = r \cos \theta$ and $y = r \sin \theta$, and $\tan \theta = \frac{y}{x}$ to convert between rectangular equations and polar equations.

Example 1: Identify the graph of the rectangular equation $y = -3x^2$. Then write the equation in polar form. Support your answer by graphing the polar form of the equation.

The graph of $y = -3x^2$ is a parabola with vertex at the origin that opens down.

$$y = -3x^2$$

Original equation

$$r \sin \theta = -3(r \cos \theta)^2$$

$x = r \cos \theta$ and $y = r \sin \theta$

$$r \sin \theta = -3r^2 \cos^2 \theta$$

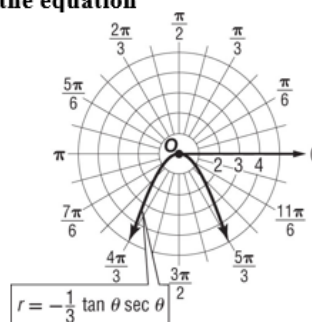
Multiply.

$$\frac{\sin \theta}{-3 \cos^2 \theta} = r$$

Divide each side by $-3r \cos^2 \theta$.

$$-\frac{1}{3} \tan \theta \sec \theta = r$$

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The graph of the polar equation $r = -\frac{1}{3} \tan \theta \sec \theta$ is a parabola with vertex at the pole that opens down.

Example 2: Write the polar equation $r = 5 \cos \theta$ in rectangular form and then identify its graph. Support your answer by graphing the polar form of the equation.

$$r = 5 \cos \theta$$

Original equation

$$r^2 = 5r \cos \theta$$

Multiply each side by r .

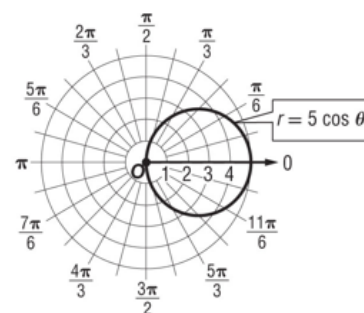
$$x^2 + y^2 = 5x$$

$r^2 = x^2 + y^2$ and $r \cos \theta = x$

$$x^2 - 5x + y^2 = 0$$

Subtract $5x$ from each side.

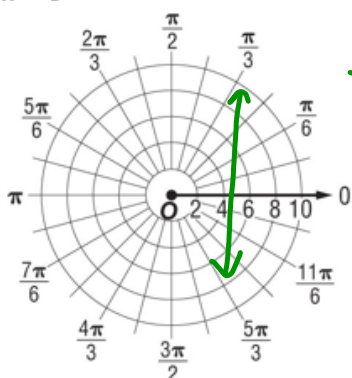
Because in standard form this equation is $(x - 2.5)^2 + y^2 = 6.25$, you can identify the graph of this equation as a circle centered at $(2.5, 0)$ with radius 2.5, as supported by the graph of $r = 5 \cos \theta$.



Exercises

Identify the graph of each rectangular equation. Then write the equation in polar form. Support your answer by graphing the polar form of the equation.

1. $x = 5$

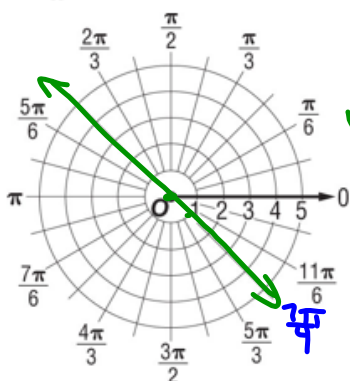


$$x = 5$$

$$\frac{r \cancel{\cos \theta}}{\cancel{\cos \theta}} = \frac{5}{\cos \theta}$$

$$r = \frac{5}{\cos \theta} = 5 \cdot \frac{1}{\cos \theta} = 5 \sec \theta$$

2. $y = -x$



$$\frac{r \sin \theta}{+ r \cos \theta} = \frac{-x}{+ r \cos \theta}$$

$$r \sin \theta + r \cos \theta = 0$$

$$r (\sin \theta + \cos \theta) = 0$$

~~$r = 0$~~

$$\sin \theta + \cos \theta = 0$$

$$-\cos \theta = -\cos \theta$$

$$\frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} = \frac{-\cos \theta}{\cos \theta}$$

$$\tan \theta = -1$$

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

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27, 33, 39, 45, 47

