

12.2: Polar Coordinates (Basics)

Announcements:

- MyLab Math outage this morning
- will give an extension on HW 31 and Quiz 10

Warm Up:

Find the power series of  $\int e^{-x^2} dx$

(a)  $C + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k x^{2k+1}}{k! (2k+1)}$

(b)  $C + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} \frac{x^{k+3}}{(k+3)}$

(c)  $C + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k x^{2k+1}}{(2k+1)}$

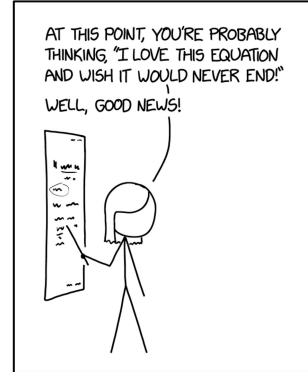
(d)  $C + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} \frac{x^{k+1}}{(k+1)}$

$e^y = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{y^k}{k!}$      let  $y = -x^2$

$$\int e^{-x^2} dx = \int \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-x^2)^k}{k!} dx = \int \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k x^{2k}}{k!} dx$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{k!} \int x^{2k} dx = \left( \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{k!} \frac{x^{2k+1}}{2k+1} \right) + C$$

TAYLOR SERIES



TAYLOR SERIES EXPANSION IS THE WORST. BEST XKCD

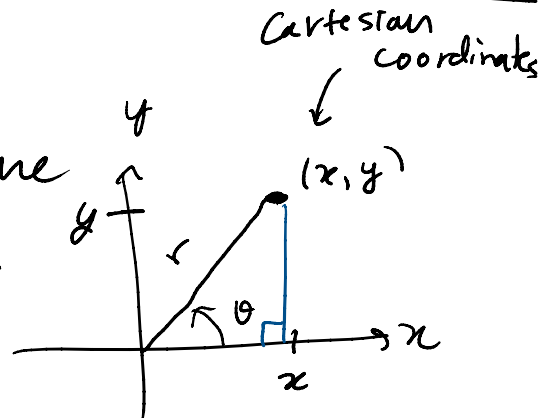
I. Polar Coordinates:

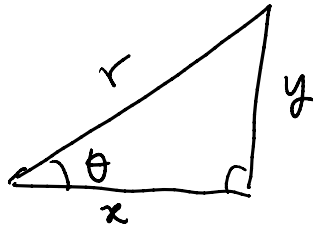
Given a point in the  $x$ - $y$  plane

can also write in polar coordinates

$(r, \theta)$  - polar

$(x, y)$  - Cartesian





Pythagorean Thm:

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

$$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$

Trig:

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

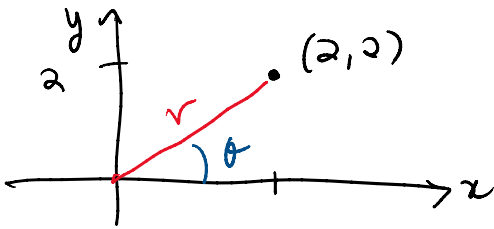
$$\theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$$

Converting between coordinate systems

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

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

Ex (1): Given  $(x, y) = (2, 2)$  in Cartesian plot and write this point in polar



$$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} = \sqrt{2^2 + 2^2}$$

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

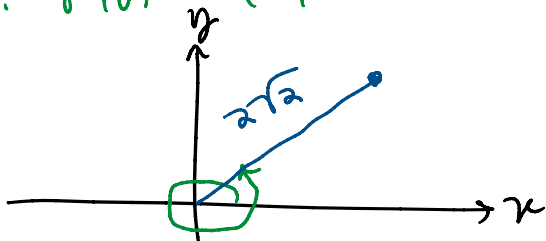
$$\theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{2}{2}\right) = \tan^{-1}(1)$$

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

$$(r, \theta) = (2\sqrt{2}, \frac{\pi}{4})$$

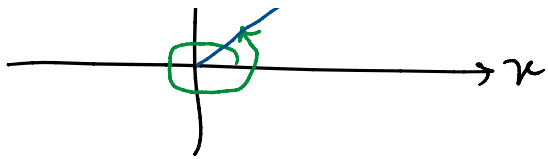
Q: Plot  $(r, \theta) = (2\sqrt{2}, \frac{9\pi}{4})$

$$\frac{9\pi}{4} = 2\pi + \frac{\pi}{4}$$



$(2\sqrt{2}, \frac{9\pi}{4})$  and

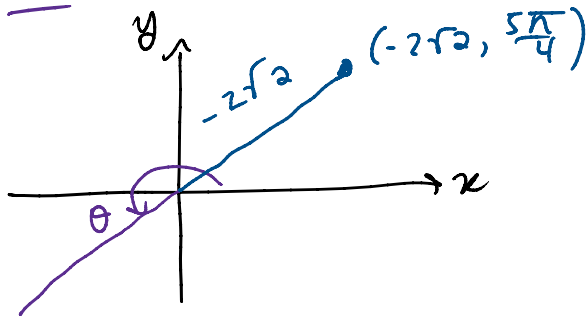
$(2\sqrt{2}, \frac{\pi}{4})$  represent



$(2\sqrt{2}, \frac{\pi}{4})$  represent the same point.

NOTE: radius  $r$  can also be negative

Q:  $(r, \theta) = (-2\sqrt{2}, \frac{5\pi}{4})$



same point again

$$= (2\sqrt{2}, \frac{\pi}{4})$$

$$= (2\sqrt{2}, \frac{9\pi}{4})$$

$$= (-2\sqrt{2}, \frac{5\pi}{4})$$

Equivalent points in Polar Coordinates:

$$(r, \theta) \equiv (r, \theta + 2\pi) \equiv (-r, \theta + \pi)$$

all represent the same point

HOTSEAT: Which of the following points are equivalent:

I.  $(2, \frac{\pi}{2})$

II.  $(2, \frac{3\pi}{2})$

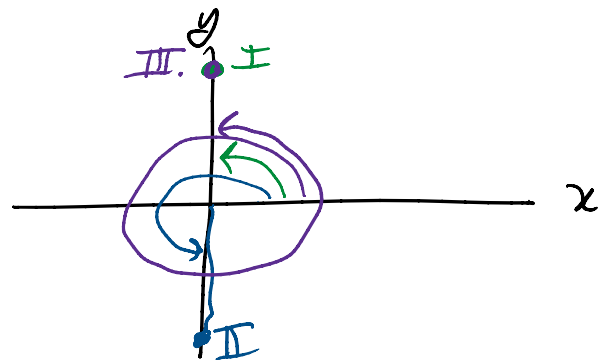
III.  $(2, \frac{5\pi}{2})$

(a) I, II, and III

(b) I and III only

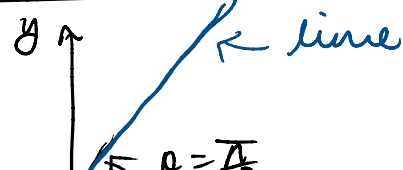
(c) I and II only

(d) II and III only

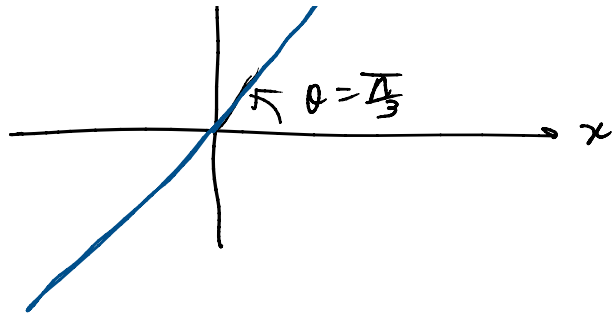


II. Basic Curves in Polar Coordinates:

①  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{3}$



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is a line



②  $r = \frac{5}{3\cos\theta + 4\sin\theta}$

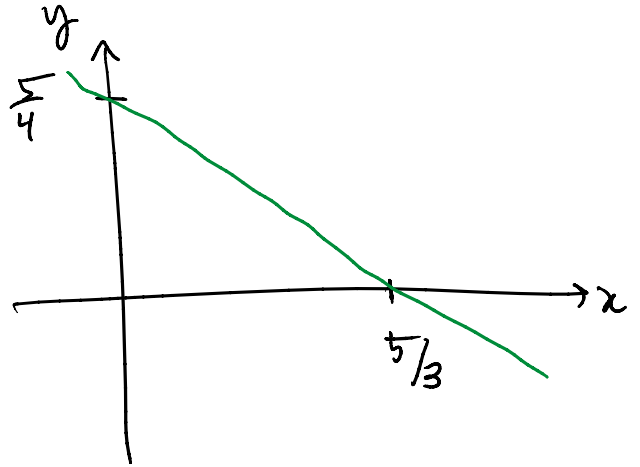
$$r(3\cos\theta + 4\sin\theta) = 5$$

$$\underbrace{3r\cos\theta}_x + \underbrace{4r\sin\theta}_y = 5$$

$$3x + 4y = 5$$

$$y = -\frac{3}{4}x + \frac{5}{4}$$

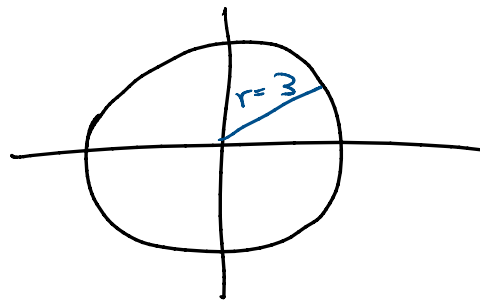
line



③  $r = 3$

circle

center (0,0)

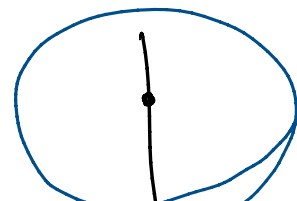


④  $[r = 2\sin\theta] r$

$$\underbrace{r^2}_{x^2 + y^2} = 2r \underbrace{\sin\theta}_y$$

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

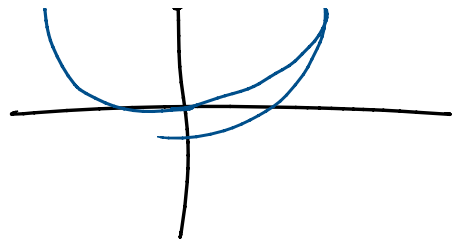
circle  
radius  $r = 1$   
center (0,1)



$$x^2 + y^2 = 24y$$

$$x^2 + y^2 - 24y + 1 = 0 + 1$$

$$x^2 + (y-12)^2 = 144$$



HOTSEAT: The equation  $r = 10\cos\theta + 24\sin\theta$  represents a circle. Find the radius  $r$  and center  $(x, y)$  of the circle

(a)  $r = 13$  and  $(x, y) = (5, 12)$

(b)  $r = 13$  and  $(x, y) = (10, 24)$

(c)  $r = 169$  and  $(x, y) = (10, 12)$

$$r^2 = 10r\cos\theta + 24r\sin\theta$$

$$(x^2 - 10x + 5^2) + (y^2 - 24y + 12^2) = 169$$

$$(x-5)^2 + (y-12)^2 = 13^2$$

center  $(5, 12)$  radius is 13

Equation of a circle:

$$r = 2a\cos\theta + 2b\sin\theta$$

has radius  $\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$   
center  $(a, b)$

III Cartesian to Polar:

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

Ex: Convert the equation to polar coordinates

$$y = x^2$$

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

Want:  $r = f(\theta)$

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

$$r = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos^2 \theta} = \left( \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} \right) \cdot \frac{1}{\cos \theta}$$

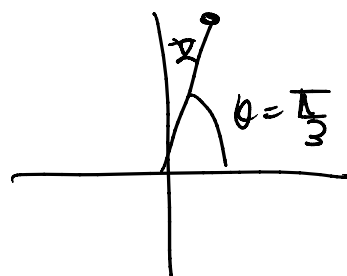
$$r = \tan \theta \sec \theta$$

Ex: Given  $(x, y) = (1, \sqrt{3})$  convert to polar  
 $(r, \theta)$

$$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} = \sqrt{1^2 + (\sqrt{3})^2} = \sqrt{4} = 2$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{y}{x} \right) = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\sqrt{3}}{1} \right) = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

$$(r, \theta) = \left( 2, \frac{\pi}{3} \right)$$



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