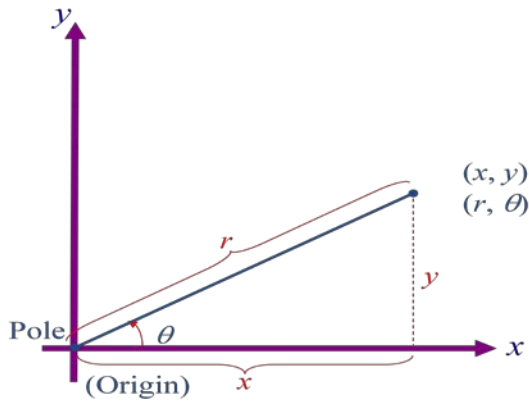


The relationship between rectangular and polar coordinates can be understood as follows.



The point (x, y) lies on a circle of radius r , so

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

Definitions of the trigonometric functions

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

Coordinate Conversion

The polar coordinates (r, θ) are related to the rectangular coordinates (x, y) as follows.

Polar-to-Rectangular

$$x = r \cos \theta$$

$$y = r \sin \theta$$

Rectangular-to-Polar

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

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

Example 1: Convert each point from polar to rectangular coordinates.

A) $\left(2, \frac{\pi}{6}\right)$

B) $\left(\sqrt{2}, \frac{\pi}{4}\right)$

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

Example 2: Convert each point to polar coordinates.

A) $(-1, 1)$

B) $(2, 2)$

C) $(-1, 0)$

Example 3: Converting Rectangular Equations to Polar Form

a) Describe the graph of the rectangular equation.

b) Find the corresponding polar equation.

A) $x^2 + y^2 = 16$

B) $y = 1$

C) $y = x$

Example 4: Converting Polar Equations to Rectangular Form

a) Describe the graph of the polar equation.

b) Find the corresponding rectangular equation.

A) $r = 1$

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

C) $r = \csc \theta$