

Week 11: Coordinates and Transformations

Polar Coordinates

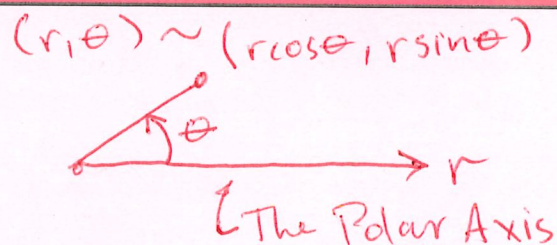
(M&T p. 52)

The point with polar coordinates (r, θ) has Cartesian coordinates $(x, y) = (r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta)$.

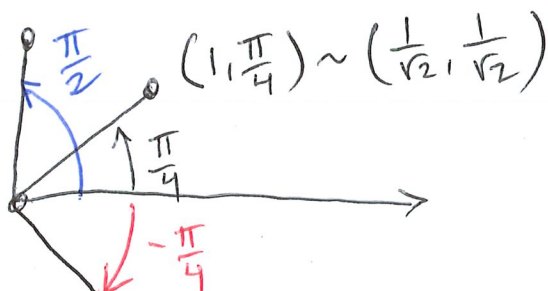
Example: Some Points in Polar Coordinates

Sketch the following points (r, θ) :

1. $(1, \frac{\pi}{4})$
2. $(1, \frac{\pi}{2})$
3. $(\sqrt{2}, -\frac{\pi}{4})$



$$(1, \frac{\pi}{2}) \sim (0, 1)$$



! Pairs of numbers are ambiguous.
Be careful to specify polar vs Cartesian.



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Example: Polar Coordinates are Ambiguous

Find three polar coordinate representations of the point $(x, y) = (1, 1)$.

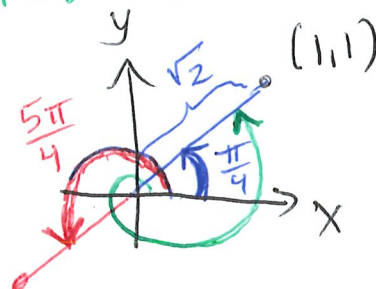
Warning: There are infinitely many!

Find a single polar representation

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

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

$$= (\sqrt{2}, \frac{\pi}{4} + 2\pi) \quad \textcircled{c}$$



- opposite direction and negative r
- 2π -periodicity

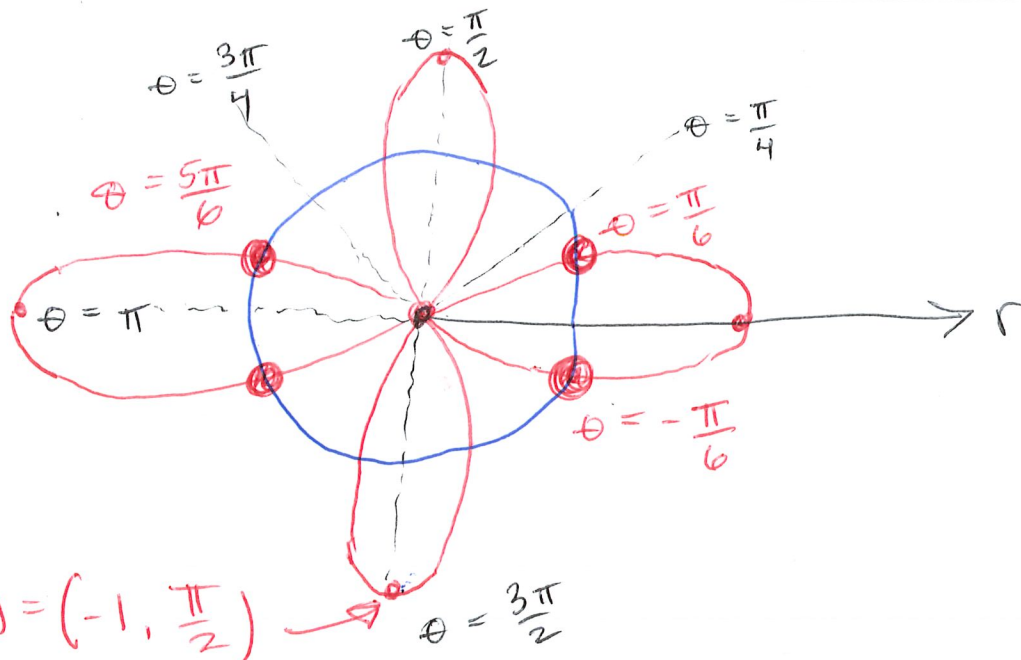
Example: Polar Curves

Sketch the polar following polar curves:

• $r = 1/2$

→ nice simple circle

• $r = \cos(2\theta)$



$(r, \theta) = (-1, \frac{\pi}{2})$ → $\theta = \frac{3\pi}{2}$

Plot the curve $r = \cos(2\theta)$

θ	0	$\frac{\pi}{4}$	$\frac{\pi}{2}$	$\frac{3\pi}{4}$	π
r	1	0	-1	0	1

Find intersections

$$\cos(2\theta) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 2\theta = \frac{\pi}{3}, -\frac{\pi}{3}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi}{6}, -\frac{\pi}{6}$$

Example: Points of Intersection are Tricky!Find all the points of intersection between $r = \cos(2\theta)$ and $r = 1/2$.

Set curves equal

$$\cos(2\theta) = \frac{1}{2}$$

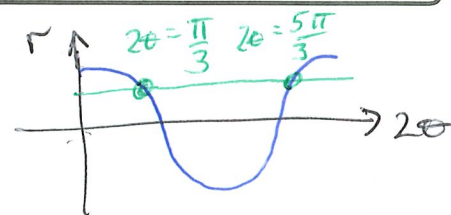
$$\text{Domain } \cos(t) = [0, 2\pi),$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 2\theta = \frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{5\pi}{3}$$

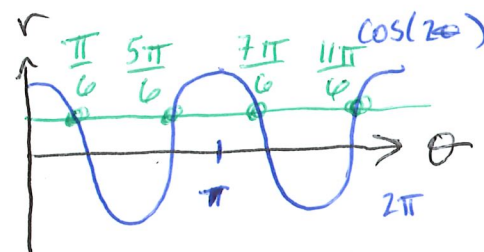
$$\text{where } 0 \leq 2\theta \leq 2\pi$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{5\pi}{6}, \frac{7\pi}{6}, \frac{11\pi}{6}$$

Oh no! we are still missing four points of intersection.

The additional four intersection points come from the circle $r = -\frac{1}{2}$ (which is equivalent to $r = \frac{1}{2}$).

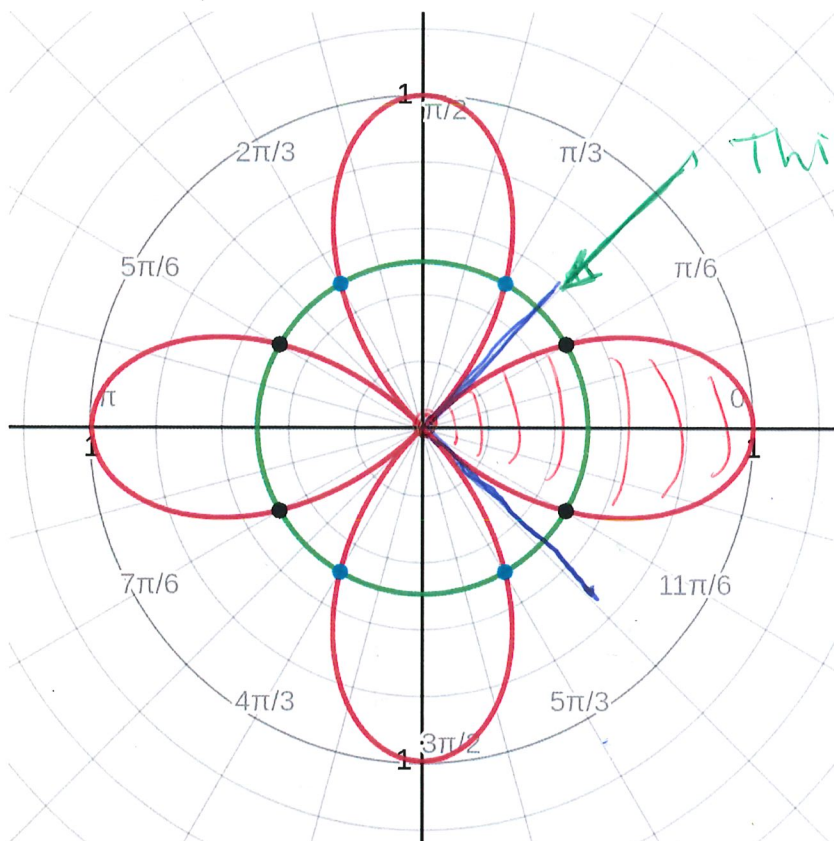
$$2\theta = 2\pi - \frac{\pi}{3} = \frac{6\pi - \pi}{3} = \frac{5\pi}{3}$$

Add π to get the next two

$$\cos(2\theta) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\cos(2\theta) = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$(r, \theta) = \left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{\pi}{6}\right), \left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{5\pi}{6}\right), \left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{7\pi}{6}\right), \left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{11\pi}{6}\right), \left(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{2\pi}{3}\right), \left(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{4\pi}{3}\right), \left(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{8\pi}{3}\right), \left(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{10\pi}{3}\right)$$

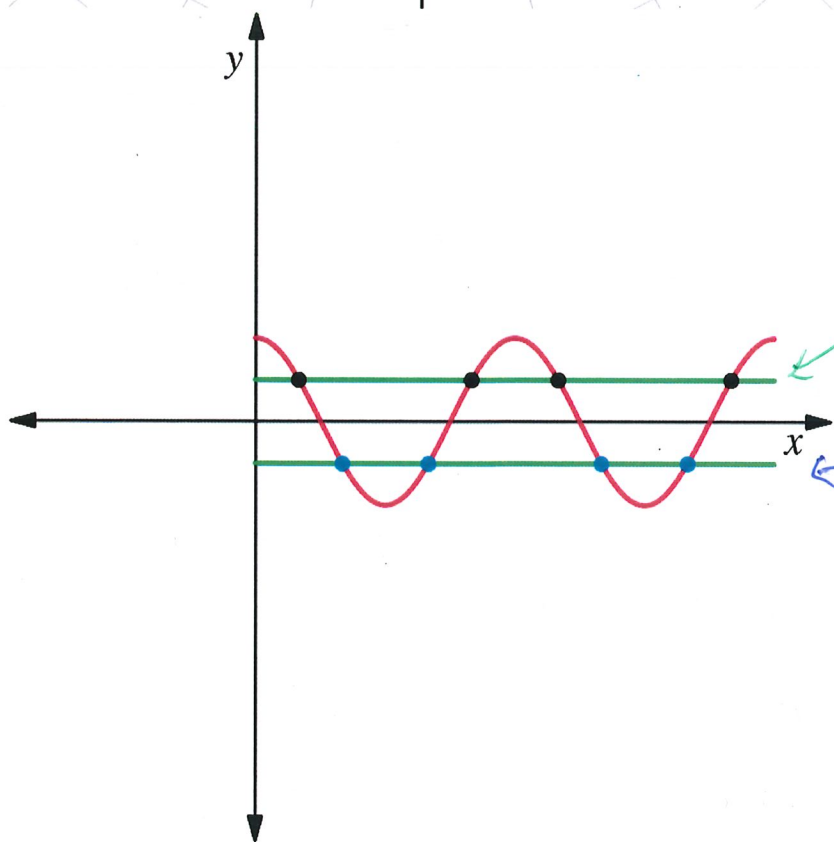


This circle is both
 $r = \frac{1}{2}$ and $r = -\frac{1}{2}$

Polar Coords

These allow us to
 build cylindrical and
 spherical coord.s.

Really, they set us up
 for the $\mathbb{R}^n$ analogue
 of u -substitution.



$$\cos 2\theta = \frac{1}{2}$$

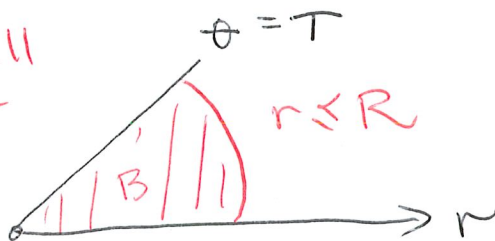
$$\cos 2\theta = -\frac{1}{2}$$

Activity: Generalize the Integral

- Sketch the region $B = \{(r, \theta) : 0 \leq \theta \leq T \quad 0 \leq r \leq R\}$.
- Calculate the area of B by comparing it to a circle of radius R .
- Write a Riemann sum for the area bounded by $r = f(\theta)$ where $a \leq \theta \leq b$.
- Write an integral formula for the area bounded by $r = f(\theta)$ where $a \leq \theta \leq b$.

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$\Delta\theta$ is a small change in the angle.



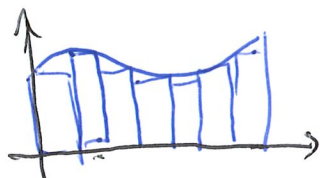
$$\begin{aligned} \text{Area}(B) &= \left(\text{portion of circle inside } B \right) \left(\text{total area of circle} \right) \\ &= \left(\frac{T}{2\pi} \right) \pi R^2 = \frac{1}{2} T R^2 \end{aligned}$$

Whoa!
The π cancels!



$$\frac{1}{2} [f(\theta_i^*)]^2 \Delta\theta$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \frac{1}{2} [f(\theta_k^*)]^2 \Delta\theta &= \int_a^b \frac{1}{2} [f(\theta)]^2 d\theta \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_a^b [f(\theta)]^2 d\theta \end{aligned}$$



$$y = f(x)$$

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} f(x_k^*) \Delta x = \int_a^b f(x) dx$$

$$f(x_i^*) \Delta x$$

Area of Rect.

Example: Find the Area Bounded by a Polar CurveCalculate the area bounded by one "petal" of the curve $r = \cos(2\theta)$.# Find self-intersections at $r=0$

$$0 = \cos(2\theta)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 2\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}, -\frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi}{4}, -\frac{\pi}{4}$$

Setup the integral

$$A = \int_{-\pi/4}^{\pi/4} \frac{1}{2} r^2 d\theta = \int_{-\pi/4}^{\pi/4} \frac{1}{2} [\cos(2\theta)]^2 d\theta$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\pi/4}^{\pi/4} \cos^2(2\theta) d\theta = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\pi/4}^{\pi/4} \frac{1 + \cos(2 \cdot 2\theta)}{2} d\theta$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \int_{-\pi/4}^{\pi/4} 1 + \cos(4\theta) d\theta = \frac{1}{4} \left[\theta + \frac{1}{4} \sin(4\theta) \right]_{-\pi/4}^{\pi/4}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \left[\left(\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{1}{4} \sin(\pi) \right) - \left(-\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{1}{4} \sin(-\pi) \right) \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \left[\frac{2\pi}{4} \right] = \frac{\pi}{8}$$

Thus, the area of one "petal" is $A = \frac{\pi}{8}$.

Cylindrical Coordinates

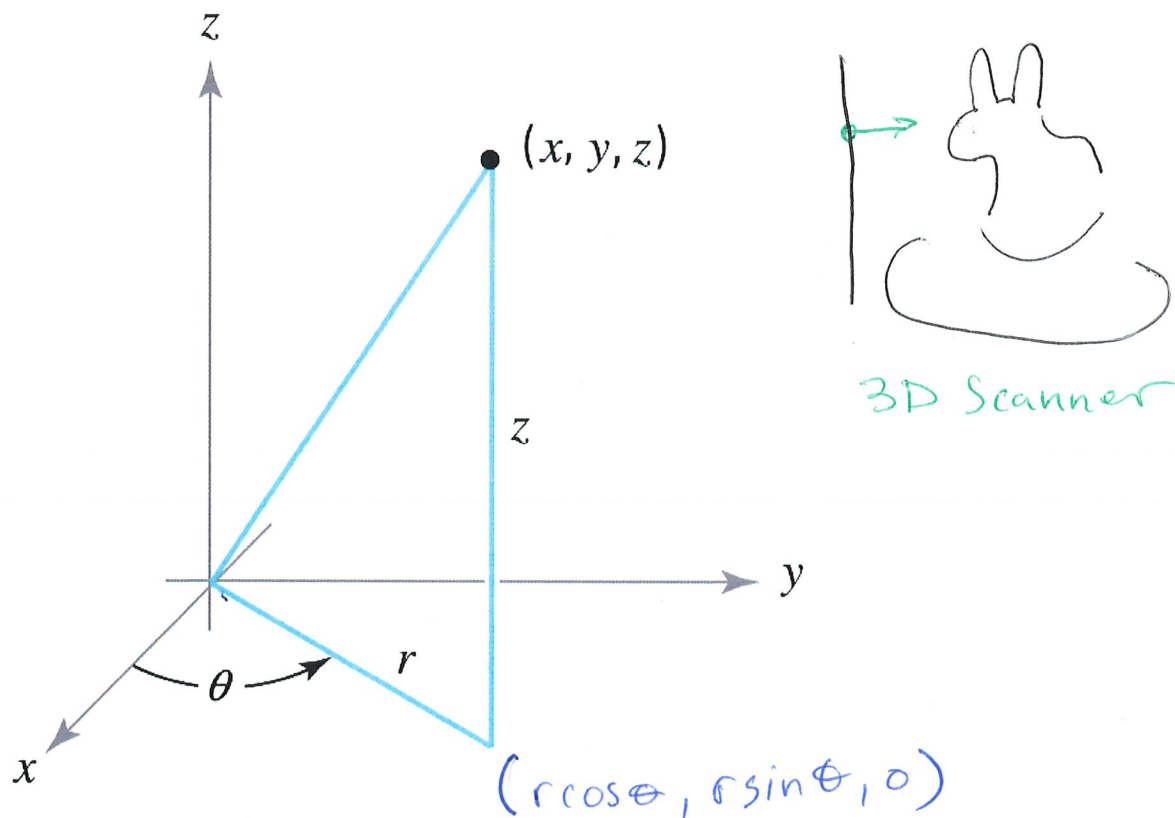
(M&T p. 52)

A point with cylindrical coordinates (r, θ, z) has Cartesian coordinates

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

Idea: Cylindrical coordinates are “polar $\times$ cartesian.” $\mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R}$

Figure 1.4.2 from M&T p. 53



Example: Point to Cylindrical

Convert the ~~point~~ following (cartesian) points to cylindrical coordinates:

1. $\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$

2. $(1, 0, 2)$

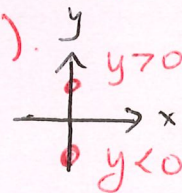
3. $(1, -1, 2)$

What happens when $x=0$ in cartesian?

Look at the point $(0, y)$.

$y > 0 \Rightarrow \theta = \pi/2$

$y < 0 \Rightarrow \theta = 3\pi/2$



Convert ①.

$$\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) \Rightarrow z = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}} = \sqrt{1} = 1$$

$$\theta = \arctan\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) = \arctan(1) = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

Thus, $(r, \theta, z) = \left(1, \frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$.

Convert ②.

$$(1, 0, 2) \Rightarrow z = 2$$

$$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} = \sqrt{1 + 0} = \sqrt{1} = 1$$

$$\theta = \arctan\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) = \arctan(0) = 0$$

Thus, $(r, \theta, z) = (1, 0, 2)$

Whoa! It is the same in cylindrical and cartesian!

Exercise: Convert ③

Example: Common Surfaces in Cylindrical

Convert the following surfaces to cylindrical coordinates:

Cone $z^2 = x^2 + y^2$

Paraboloid $z = x^2 + y^2$

Sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$

Convert the cone.

$$\begin{aligned} z^2 = x^2 + y^2 &= (r \cos \theta)^2 + (r \sin \theta)^2 \\ &= r^2 [\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta] = r^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow z^2 = r^2$$

Convert paraboloid.

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

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

Convert sphere

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$$

$$\Leftrightarrow r^2 + z^2 = 1.$$

All of these examples do not include θ .
Thus, the resulting graphs will be rotationally symmetric.

Eventually, our double integrals over these regions will be easy to evaluate.

$$(\rho, \theta, \phi) = (\text{rho}, \text{theta}, \text{phi})$$

Spherical Coordinates

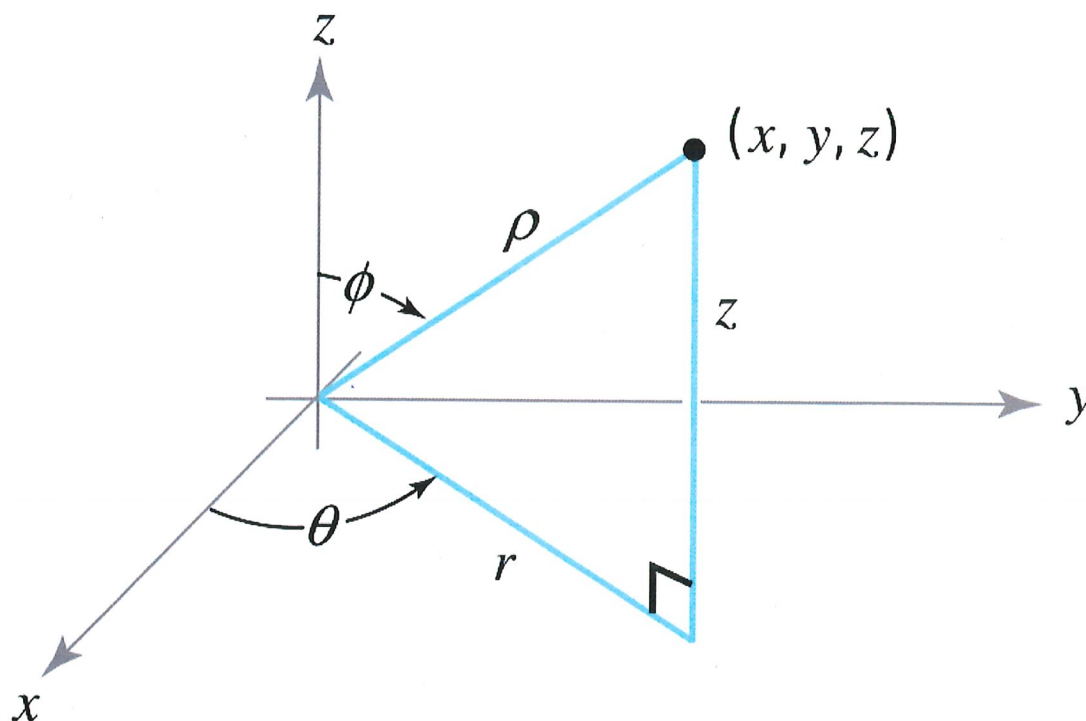
(M&T p. 54)

The spherical coordinates of a point with Cartesian coordinates (x, y, z) are (ρ, θ, ϕ) such that:

$$(x, y, z) = (\rho \sin \phi \cos \theta, \rho \sin \phi \sin \theta, \rho \cos \phi)$$

where $0 \leq \rho$, $0 \leq \theta < 2\pi$, and $0 \leq \phi \leq \pi$. *Mnemonic: ϕ is for z-axis and has a vertical line in it.*

Figure 1.4.5 from M&T p. 55



ϕ measures angle of point to z-axis.

$\phi = 0 \Rightarrow$ $(\rho, \theta, \phi) = (\rho, \theta, 0)$ "straight up"

$\phi = \pi \Rightarrow$ $(\rho, \theta, \phi) = (\rho, \theta, \pi)$ "straight down"

Example: Cartesian to SphericalConvert the following points (x, y, z) to spherical coordinates.

1. $\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$

2. $(1, 0, 0)$

3. $(1, 1, 0)$

Convert ①

$$\rho = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}$$

Notice that $x=y=z$ for $(x, y, z) = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$.We guess: $\theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$ and $\phi = \frac{\pi}{4}$ ← oops!

$$\theta = \arctan\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) = \arctan(1) = \frac{\pi}{4}.$$

$$z = \rho \cos \phi$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{2}} \cos \phi$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} = \cos \phi$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \phi = \arccos\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)$$

Convert ③

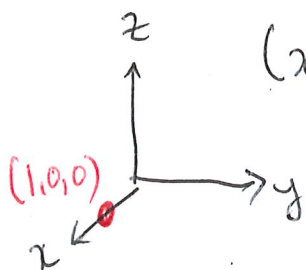
$(x, y, z) = (1, 1, 0)$

$\rho = \sqrt{2} = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$

$\phi = \frac{\pi}{2}$

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

Convert ②



$$(x, y, z) = (1, 0, 0) \Rightarrow \rho = 1 \quad \phi = \frac{\pi}{2} \quad \theta = 0$$

See reverse. →

Transformations

(M&T p. 308)

Let $D^* \subset \mathbb{R}^2$. A C^2 -function $T : D^* \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ is a transformation (or map) of the plane.
We write: $(x, y) = T(x^*, y^*)$ to distinguish the output (x, y) from the input (x^*, y^*) .

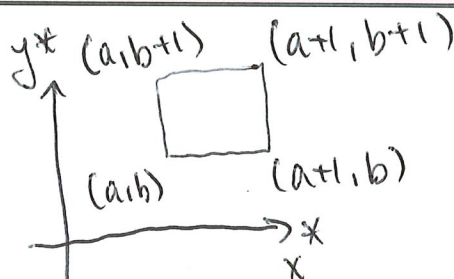
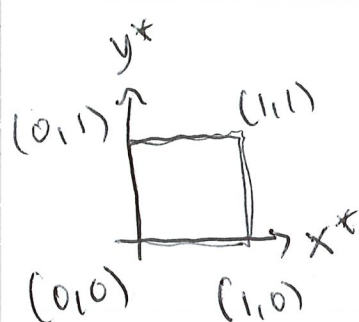
Example: Common Transformations

Translation For any $(a, b) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ we have a transformation given by $T(x^*, y^*) = (x^* + a, y^* + b)$.

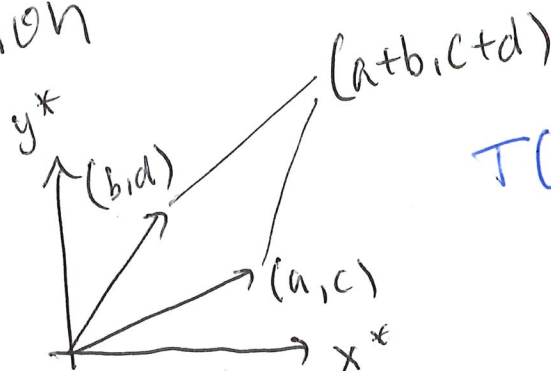
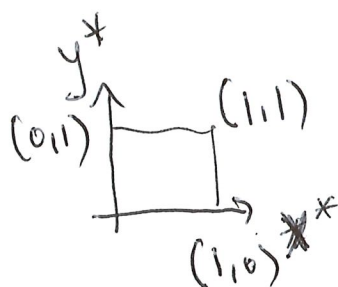
Linear Maps For a 2×2 matrix M , we get a transformation $T(x^*, y^*) = M \begin{bmatrix} x^* \\ y^* \end{bmatrix}$.

Polar to Cartesian We can transform polar coordinates (r, θ) in to cartesian coordinates:

$$T(r, \theta) = (r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta).$$

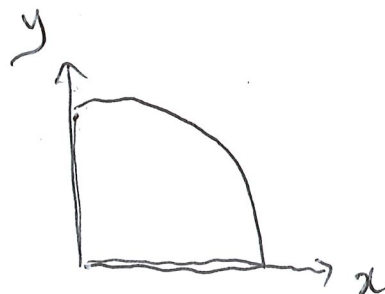
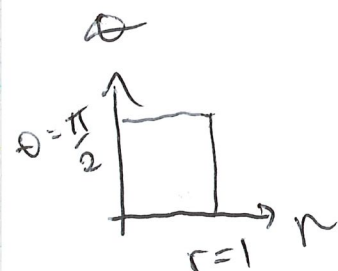


Translation



$$T(x^*, y^*) = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x^* \\ y^* \end{bmatrix}$$

Linear Maps



Polar Coords

! Here we use $[0,1] \times [0, \frac{\pi}{2}]$ to avoid terms like $\cos(1)$ and $\sin(1)$.

One-to-One and Onto

(M&T p. 310)

A map $T : D^* \rightarrow D$ is one-to-one (or injective) if $T(\mathbf{x}) = T(\mathbf{x}')$ implies $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}'$.

A map $T : D^* \rightarrow D$ is onto (or surjective) if for all $\mathbf{x} \in D$ there is $\mathbf{x}^* \in D^*$ such that: $T(\mathbf{x}^*) = \mathbf{x}$.

If a transformation is one-to-one and onto then we say that it is bijjective.

✶ Activity: Bijectivity for Linear Maps

When is a linear transformation $T(x^*, y^*) = M \begin{bmatrix} x^* \\ y^* \end{bmatrix}$ bijective?

If $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ then
 $\text{onto} \iff \text{one-to-one}$

If M invertible then T is bijective.

If $\det(M) \neq 0$ then T is bijective.

we will see det later
 when we do change of coordinates

Example: Translation is One-to-One and Onto

Consider a translation transformation $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ given by $T(x^*, y^*) = (a + x^*, b + y^*)$. Show that T is one-to-one and onto.

Show that T is one-to-one.

$$\text{Suppose } T(x_1^*, y_1^*) = T(x_2^*, y_2^*).$$

$$\text{This gives: } (x_1^* + a, y_1^* + b) = (x_2^* + a, y_2^* + b)$$

$$\text{Thus } \begin{cases} x_1^* + a = x_2^* + a \\ y_1^* + b = y_2^* + b \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x_1^* = x_2^* \\ y_1^* = y_2^* \end{cases}$$

$$\text{It follows } (x_1^*, y_1^*) = (x_2^*, y_2^*).$$

Show that T is onto.

$$\text{Pick } (x_2^*, y_2^*) \in \mathbb{R}^2.$$

← Pick an arbitrary point in co-domain.

$$\text{Consider } (x_1^*, y_1^*) = (x_2^* - a, y_2^* - b) \in \mathbb{R}^2$$

We have:

$$T(x_1^*, y_1^*) = ((x_2^* - a) + a, (y_2^* - b) + b)$$

$$= (x_2^*, y_2^*) \leftarrow \text{Map something to the point picked previously}$$

Therefore, T is one-to-one and onto.

Example: Polar Coordinates are Onto but not One-to-One

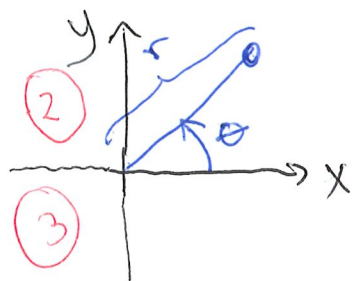
Consider a translation transformation $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ given by $T(r, \theta) = (r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta)$.
Show that T is onto but not one-to-one.

Show T is not one-to-one

$$(0,0) = T(0,\theta) \text{ for all } \theta.$$

For example, $(0,0) = T(0,0) = T(0,2\pi)$ but $(0,0) \neq (0,2\pi)$

Show that T is onto.



"Clearly, $(x,y) = (r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta)$."

If $x \neq 0$ then pick $\theta = \arctan\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$
and $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$

If $x=0$ then either $y \geq 0$ or $y < 0$.

When $y \geq 0$ we pick $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$ and $r = y$.

When $y < 0$ we pick $\theta = -\frac{\pi}{2}$ and $r = -y$.

Extend this to cover (x,y) in Quadrants 2 and 3.

and onto $\mathbb{R}^2$.

Follow-Up Question: What restricted domain $D^* \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ would make T one-to-one?

Pick $-\pi < \theta \leq \pi$ and $0 \leq r$

$$D^* = (0, \infty) \times (-\pi, \pi]$$

We set:

$$D^* = \{(0,0)\} \cup (0, \infty) \times (-\pi, \pi]$$

