

Close Tue: 10.3

Close Thu: 14.1, 14.3 (part 1)

Exam 1 will be returned Tuesday.

Read posted solutions, review exam, do not email about grading.

*Entry Task:* Plot these polar points

(1)  $(r, \theta) = (2, -\pi/4)$

(2)  $(r, \theta) = (1, 2\pi/3)$

(3)  $(r, \theta) = (-1, \pi/4)$

## 10.3 Polar Coordinates

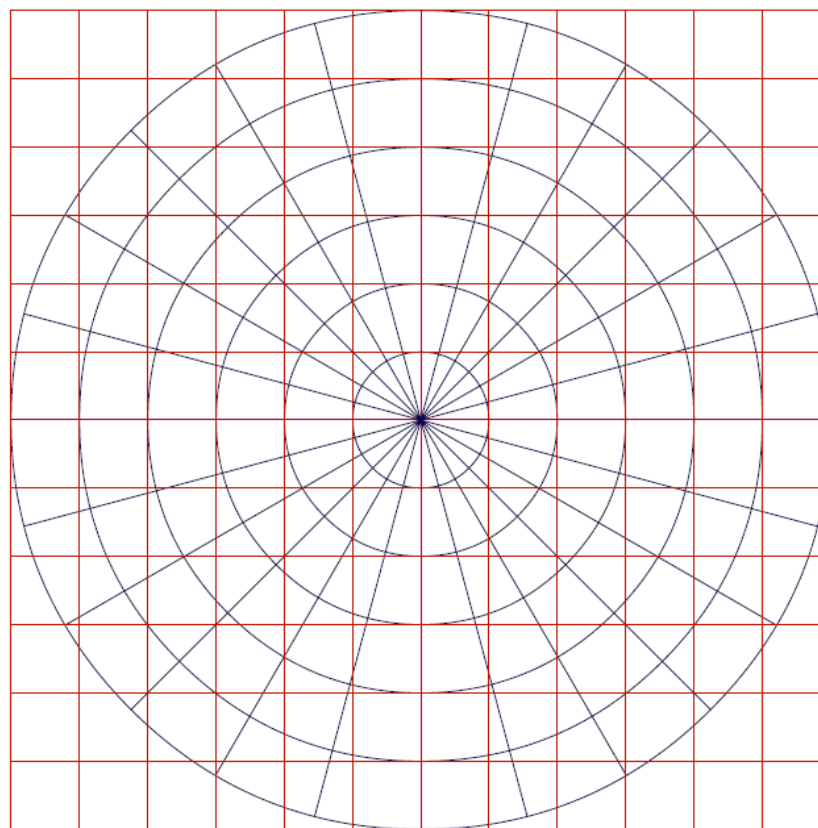
### **Polar**

Given  $(r, \theta)$

1. Stand at origin facing the positive  $x$ -axis.

2. Rotate by  $\theta$ .  
pos. = ccw,  
neg. = clockwise

3. Walk  $r$ -units in direction you are facing.  
pos. = forward  
neg. = backward



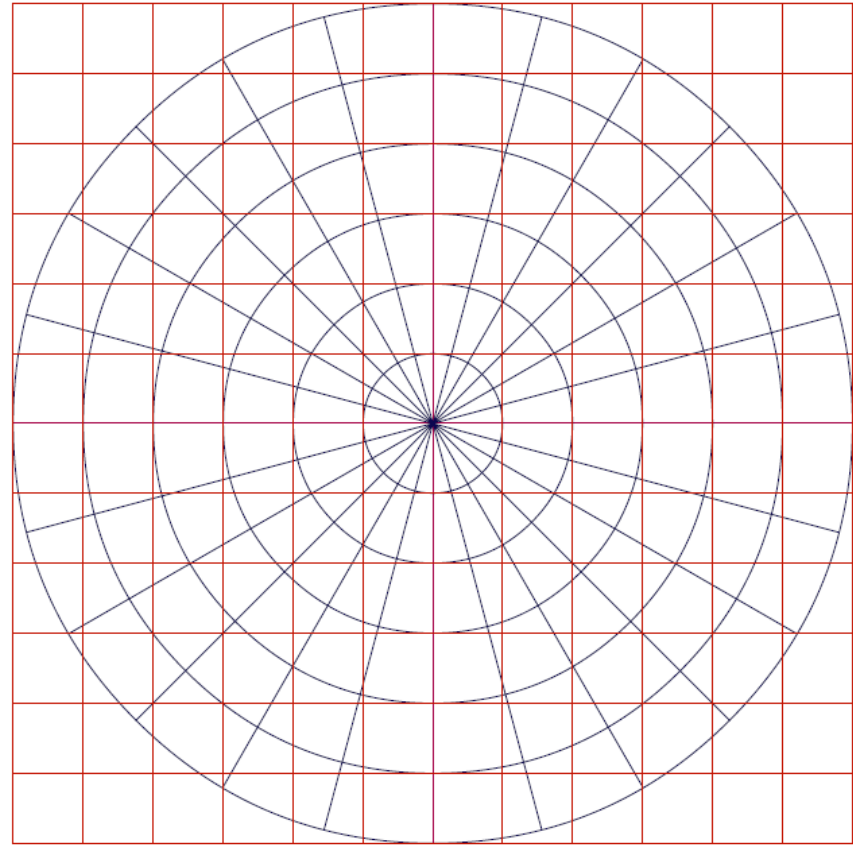
From trig we already know:

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

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

*Exercise:*

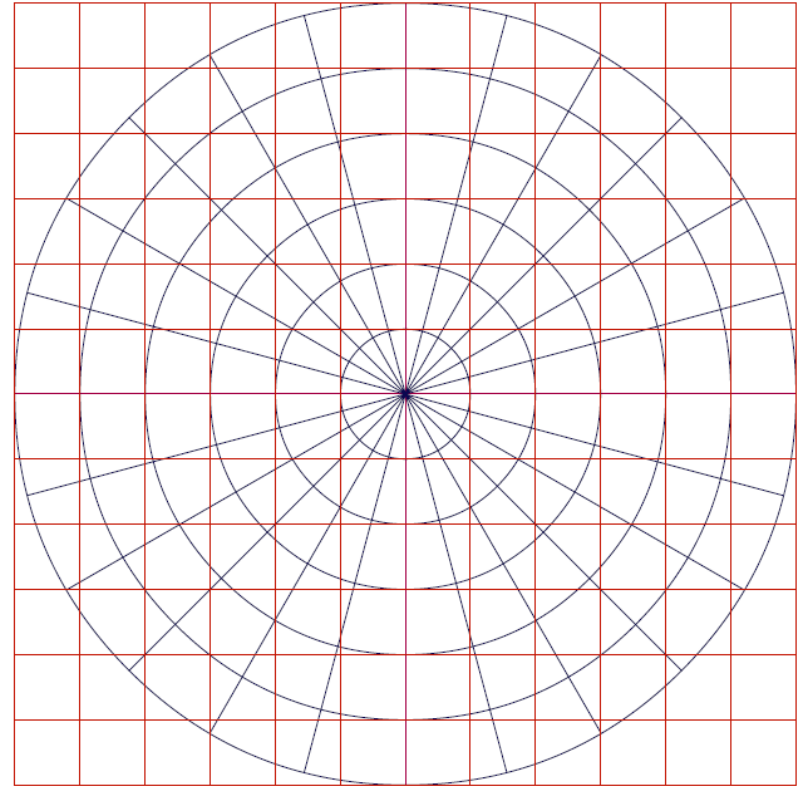
1. Describe all pts where  $r = 3$ .
2. Describe all pts where  $\theta = \pi/4$ .



## ***Polar Regions***

1. Describe all pts where  
$$-\frac{\pi}{4} \leq \theta \leq \pi \text{ and } 1 \leq r \leq 3$$

2. Describe all pts where  
$$0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi \text{ and } 0 \leq r \leq 2$$



## Plotting Polar Curves

*Option 1:* Try to convert to  $x$  and  $y$ .  
Then hope you recognize the curve.

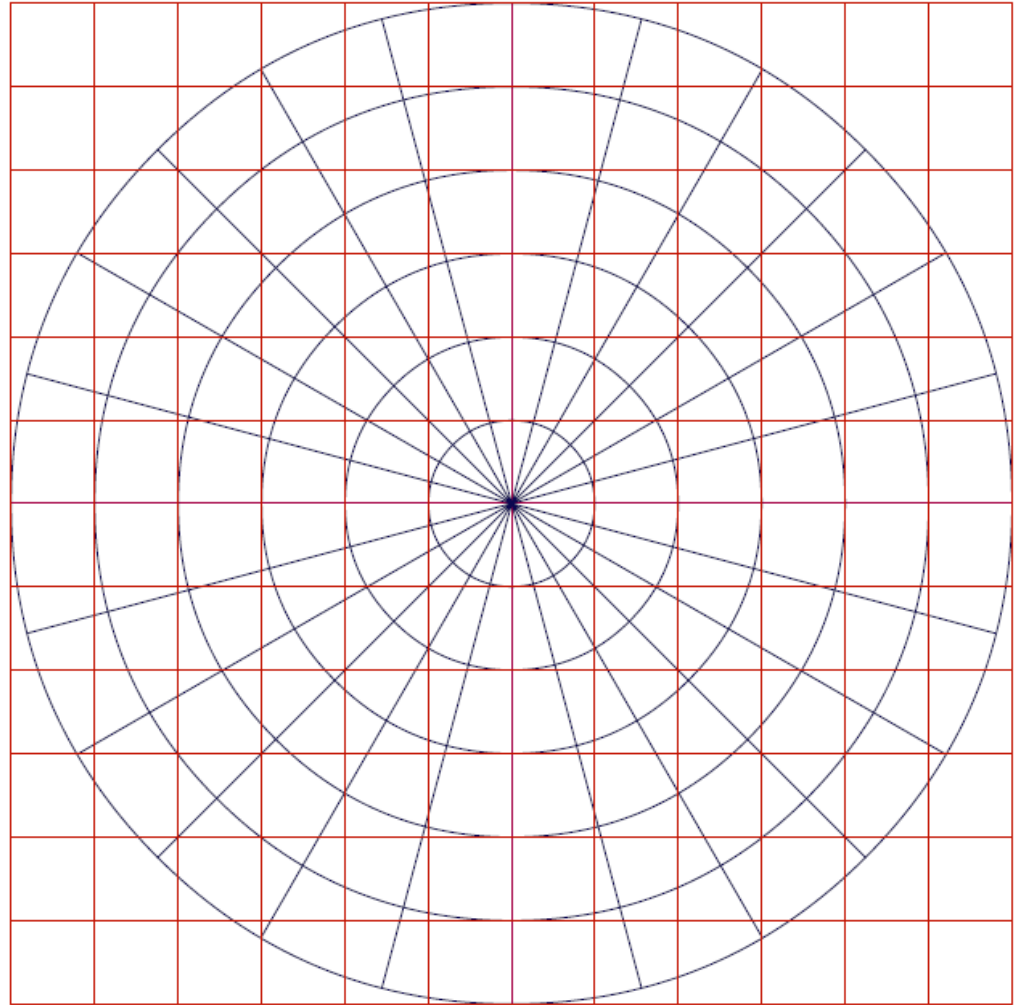
### *Option 2:* **Plot points!**

Start with  $0, \pi/2, \pi, 3\pi/2$  (intercepts).  
For more detail do multiples of  $\pi/6$   
and  $\pi/4$ .

Example: Graph  $r = \sin(\theta)$

$\theta$	0	$\pi/2$	$\pi$	$3\pi/2$	$2\pi$
$r$					

$\theta$	$\pi/6$	$\pi/4$	$\pi/3$	$2\pi/3$	$3\pi/4$	$5\pi/6$
$r$						

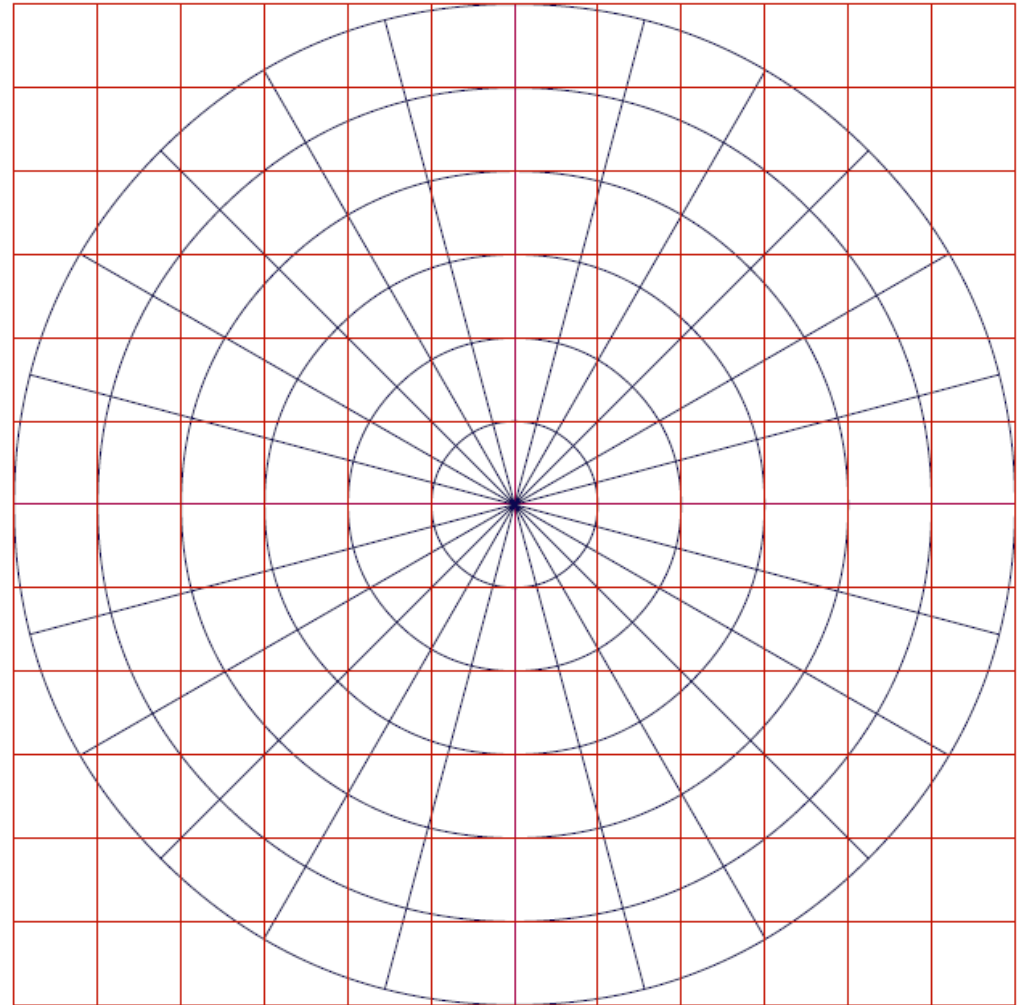


Example: Graph  $r = \cos(2\theta)$

$\theta$	0	$\pi/2$	$\pi$	$3\pi/2$	$2\pi$
$r$					

$\theta$	$\pi/6$	$\pi/4$	$\pi/3$	$2\pi/3$	$3\pi/4$	$5\pi/6$
$r$						

Question: Give “bounds” that describe “one loop”.



*An old exam question:*

The four polar equations below each match up with one of the six pictures. Identify which match.

1.  $r = \sqrt{\theta}$
2.  $r = 1 - 2\cos(\theta)$
3.  $r = 1 + \sin(2\theta)$
4.  $r = 9\cos(\theta)$

