

$$x = r \cdot \cos\theta \quad y = r \cdot \sin\theta \quad \tan\theta = \frac{y}{x}$$

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

Converting Equations (Polar/Rectangular)

Convert the following equation from its rectangular form to its polar form:

circle

$$x^2 + y^2 = 25$$

$$r^2 = 25$$

$$r = 5$$

centered at (0,0), r=5

1. solve for r
2. divide r

1. get rid of x, y  
2. r=!

↑ Polar form  
circle centered at pole, r=5

Convert the following equation from its rectangular form to its polar form:

$$(x - 2)^2 + y^2 = 4$$

Circle r=2, centered at (2,0)

$$x^2 - 4x + 4 + y^2 = 4$$

$$x^2 + y^2 - 4x + 4 = 4$$

$$r^2 - 4x + 4 = 4$$

$$r^2 - 4x = 0$$

$$r^2 - 4(r \cos\theta) = 0$$

$$\frac{r^2}{r} - \frac{4r \cos\theta}{r} = \frac{0}{r}$$

$$r - 4 \cos\theta = 0$$

$$r = 4 \cos\theta$$

Line vertically ↓

Convert the following equation from its rectangular form to its polar form:

$x = 5$

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

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

horizontal line →

Convert the following equation from its rectangular form to its polar form:

$y = -3$

$$\frac{r \cdot \sin\theta}{\sin\theta} = \frac{-3}{\sin\theta}$$

$$r = \frac{-3}{\sin\theta}$$

Convert the following equation from its polar form to its rectangular form.

r = polar!

$r = 5$

Circle, centered at pole, radius 5.

$r^2 = 5^2$

$r^2 = 25$

$x^2 + y^2 = 25$

$r \cdot r = 5r$

$r^2 = 5r$

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

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

$x^2 + y^2 = 25$

1. square both sides

2. multiply by r

, r = 5 !!



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Polar

Convert the following equation from its polar form to its rectangular form (hint: complete the square is needed)

$$r = 8 \cos \theta \quad \leftarrow \text{Circle}$$

$$r^2 = 8 \cdot r \cdot \cos \theta$$

$$x^2 + y^2 = 8x$$

$$x^2 - 8x + 16 + y^2 = 16$$

$$(x-4)^2 + y^2 = 16$$

Circle  
Centered at  
(4, 0)  $r=4$

Convert the following equation from its polar form to its rectangular form (hint: complete the square is needed)

$$r = 3 \sin(\theta) \quad r.$$

Circle  
↓  
r.

$$r^2 = 3 \cdot r \cdot \sin \theta$$
$$x^2 + y^2 = 3y$$

$$x^2 + y^2 - 3y + \frac{9}{4} = \frac{9}{4}$$

$$x^2 + \left(y - \frac{3}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{9}{4}$$

**Converting Polar and Rectangular Equations: Practice**

Write each rectangular equation in polar form.

1.  $x^2 + y^2 = 36$

2.  $x^2 + y^2 = 3y$

3.  $x = -2$

4.  $y = 6$

5.  $x^2 + (y + 3)^2 = 25$

6.  $x^2 + y^2 = 6x$

Write each polar equation in rectangular form.

7.  $r = 4$

8.  $r = 4 \cos \theta$

9.  $r = 5 \sin(\theta)$

10.  $r = 5 \cos(\theta)$

WRITE THE OTHER FORM OF THE GIVEN EQUATION

1.  $(x - 3)^2 + y^2 = 9$

2.  $x = 2$

3.  $r = 4\cos(\theta)$

4.  $x^2 + y^2 = 3$

5.  $r = 2\sin(\theta)$

6.  $y = -4$