Derivatives Cheat sheet

How to write

Rect (x, y)Polar (r, θ)

Compass: r at θ

Polar Coordinates

$$\cos(\theta) = \frac{x}{r}$$

$$x = r * \cos(\theta)$$

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

$$\sin(\theta) = \frac{y}{r}$$

$$y = r * \sin(\theta)$$

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

 θ is counter-clockwise from the positive x-axis

 θ may need \pm 180 or π

Polar things can be represented many different ways

Compass Coordinates

 θ is clockwise from the positive y-axis and is always positive r and θ are both always positive visualize where it should be

Imaginary Numbers

$$\begin{aligned} a+bi &\to r(\cos(\theta)+i\sin(\theta)) = r*cis(\theta) \\ r &= sqrt(a^2+b^2) \\ \theta &= \tan^{-1}(\frac{b}{a}) \end{aligned}$$

Make sure in right quadrant

Multiplying

$$[r_1 cis(\theta_1)] * [r_2 cis(\theta_2)] = (r_1 * r_2) cis(\theta_1 + \theta_2)$$

Dividing

$$\frac{r_1 cis(\theta_1)}{r_2 cis(\theta_2)} = (\frac{r_1}{r_2}) cis(\theta_1 - \theta_2)$$

Raising to a power ($n \ge 1$ and positive integer)

$$[rcis(\theta)]^n = r^n cis(n * \theta)$$

Getting n^{th} root of

$$[rcis(\theta)]^{\frac{1}{n}} = r^{\frac{1}{n}}cis(\frac{\theta}{n} + \frac{360}{n}*k)$$

where k = 0, 1, 2, ..., n - 1