Problems: Polar Coordinates and the Jacobian

- 1. Let $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ and $\theta = \tan^{-1} \frac{y}{x}$. Directly calculate the Jacobian $\frac{\partial(r, \theta)}{\partial(x, y)} = \frac{1}{r}$.
- **2**. For the change of variables x = u, $y = \sqrt{r^2 u^2}$, write dx dy in terms of u and r.

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