

# Polar Integrals

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# Polar coordinates

- The coordinates are  $r$  and  $\theta$
- Converting to Cartesian and back is done by
  - ▶  $x = r\cos(\theta)$   $y = r\sin(\theta)$
  - ▶  $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$   $\theta = \arctan(\frac{y}{x})$

# Integrals in Polar Coordinates

- When doing area integrals we use the definition
  - ▶  $dA = r dr d\theta$
- as opposed to
  - ▶  $dA = dx dy$
- used in Cartesian coordinates