

# Cartesian Coordinate Node

Documentation for the Cartesian Coordinate node available in the Unity Asset Store. This implementation is based on the example in How to Create a Custom Shader Graph Node (<https://gamedevbill.com/custom-shader-graph-nodes/>)

Online docs: <https://gamedevbill.com/cartesian-coordinate-shader-graph-node/>

## Description

This node for the Unity Shader Graph converts a 2D coordinates from Polar Coordinate form into standard UV Cartesian Coordinates. It is the reverse of the Unity-provided Polar Coordinate node <link:

<https://github.com/Unity-Technologies/ScriptableRenderPipeline/blob/master/com.unity.shadergraph/Documentation~/Polar-Coordinates-Node.md> >

Cartesian coordinates, also known as rectangular coordinates, involve representing a two dimensional point by an x and y offset. UV coordinates used for texture sampling are in this form. In Polar form, this point is instead represented as a distance from the center, and angle of rotation.

## Ports

Name	Direction	Type	Binding	Description
Polar Coordinates	Input	Vector 2	UV	Input coordinates in Polar form
Center	Input	Vector 2	None	Center reference point
Radial Scale	Input	Vector 1	None	Scale of distance value

Length Scale	Input	Vector 1	None	Scale of angle value
Out	Output	Vector 2	None	Output coordinates in Cartesian (or Rectangular) form

## Full Code

```
#ifndef CARTESIAN_INCLUDE
#define CARTESIAN_INCLUDE

//Code to reverse the effects of Unity's Polar Coordinate node:
//
https://github.com/Unity-Technologies/ScriptableRenderPipeline/blob/master/com.unity.shadergraph/Documentation~/Polar-Coordinates-Node.md
// more info at gamedevbill.com
void CartesianCoords_float(float2 PolarCoords, float2 Center, float RadialScale, float LengthScale, out float2 UV)
{
    // reverse the magic number division that occurs inside Unity's node
    float2 adjustedCoord = PolarCoords * float2(0.5, 6.28);

    // reverse the scaling factors (why is one called "LengthScale"? just copying Unity's name, not sure why they called it that)
    adjustedCoord = adjustedCoord / float2(RadialScale, LengthScale);

    // standard polar to cartesian math
    float2 result;
    result.x = sin(adjustedCoord.y) * adjustedCoord.x;
    result.y = cos(adjustedCoord.y) * adjustedCoord.x;

    //our polar coords had set 0,0 to be at "Center", and we need it to be at the corner instead.
    UV = result + Center;
}

#endif //CARTESIAN_INCLUDE
```