# Calculus II Lecture 10

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# Outline

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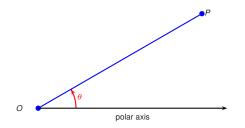
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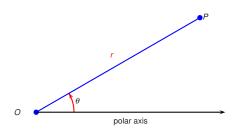


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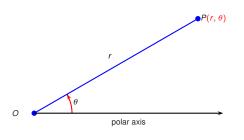
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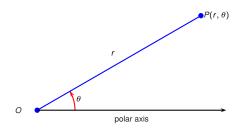


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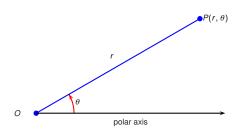
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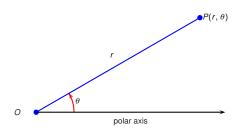
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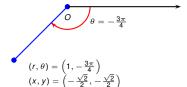
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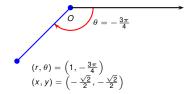
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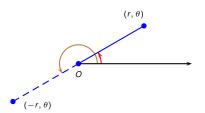
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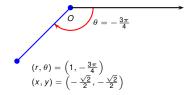


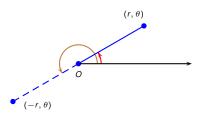


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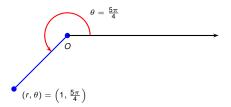
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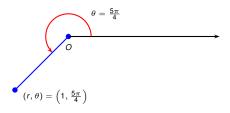


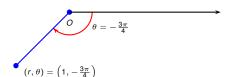


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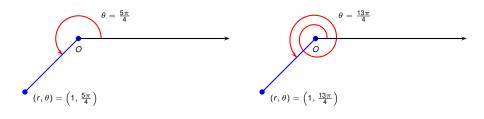


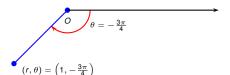
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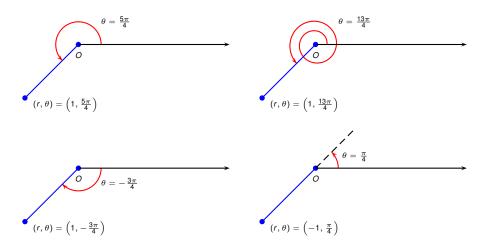


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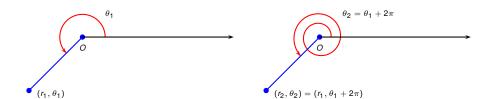
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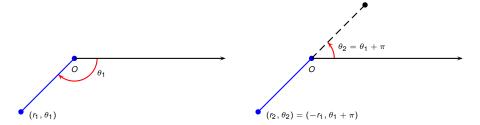


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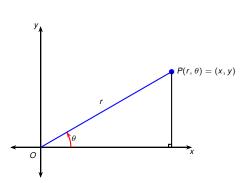
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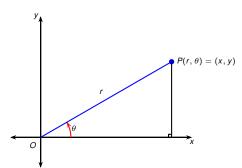


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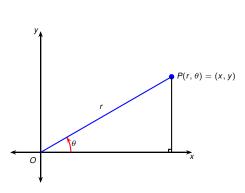
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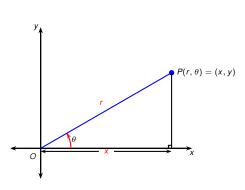
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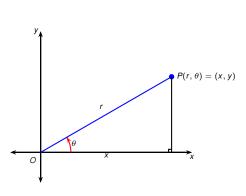


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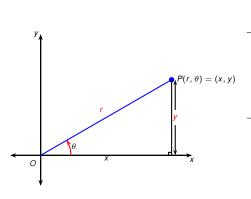
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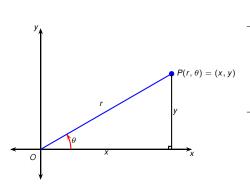
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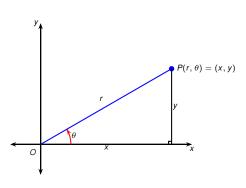
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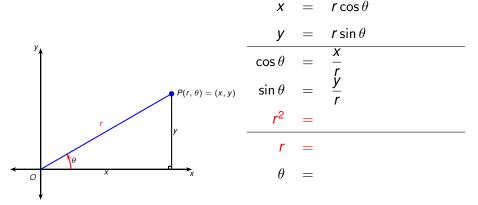
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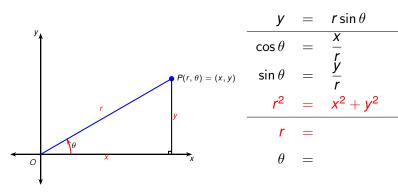
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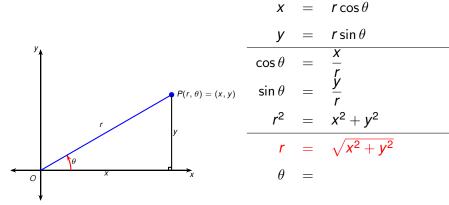
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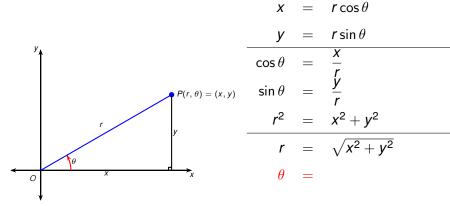
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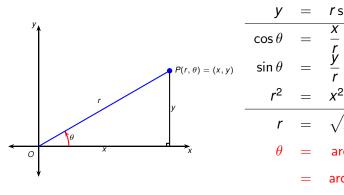
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- Of the two values above, only  $\theta = \frac{7\pi}{4}$  gives a point in the fourth quadrant.
- $\Rightarrow$  one representation of (1, -1) in polar coordinates is  $(\sqrt{2}, \frac{7\pi}{4})$ .
- $\left(\sqrt{2}, -\frac{\pi}{4}\right)$  is another.

$$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$
$$= \sqrt{1^2 + (-1)^2}$$
$$= \sqrt{2}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{y}{x}$$

$$= -\frac{y}{x}$$